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## Message from our new Vice President

Frank Bailey

First and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for the vote of confidence in my appointment to the honorable position of vice president of our USC. I am truly honored, and I will do my sincere best in assisting your other officers in bringing you the latest information from both here in the USA as well as abroad.

The feedback regarding the Purebred Pigeon Swallow Special from so many of you in our USC group, as well as others outside our breed was very positive. For all of you who submitted material or placed an advertisement in order to support this opportunity, I'd like to thank you for your contribution. I remain confident that this publication will become a collector's item.

The first week of April, I spent some time in sunny Southern California and had a great time visiting with Bill Griebel, Leon Stephens, Mike Cobb, Tom McCaig and Steve Brice. As usual, I was extremely impressed with the quality of Swallows and Color Pigeons found at Bill and Leon's. These two gentlemen continue to breed and exhibit birds that make us proud here in America.

On January 7, 8 & 9 of 2011 many of us in the USC have already booked or are in the process of booking flights bound for Germany in order to attend two annual shows being held at the very same time. It is my understanding that these two shows are located about 160 km apart. The European Thüringer Wing Pigeon "Swallow" Show [http://www.thueringer-farbentauben.de/html/thuringer\\_schwalbentaube.html](http://www.thueringer-farbentauben.de/html/thuringer_schwalbentaube.html) and our sister club in Germany, The Saxon Swallow Club, will host their annual Show in Zwönitz <http://www.taubenperlen-aus-sachsen.de/>. I am really looking forward to seeing old and dear friends and taking an abundance of photos to share in our future USC bulletins. If anyone would like more information in regards to these two shows or have an interest in attending them please feel free to contact me.

## Message from the President

Perry Mueller

If you don't subscribe to Purebred Pigeon Magazine, you will wish that you did. The March and April issue is devoted to Swallows. This is a terrific issue! My thanks go to all who sent in articles and ads. I've heard a lot of comments that this was one of the finest issues published. Congratulations to the USC for sponsoring this special.

It's time to nominate our Annual Show site and judge. When nominating, make sure that there will be a club member going to the show who can be in charge of it. On the subject of shows, if you want to have a District Meet in your area, contact your District Director to let him know. We welcome as many District Meets as possible. The club should also be able to help out with awards.

Just a reminder, please update your address and phone number with Elliott. I've tried to contact members in the past and there is no phone number or e-mail address. It can get frustrating. So, if you don't mind, please get your current information to Elliott.



Beautiful pair of yellow spangle Fairy Swallows from Cor Van der Post in Holland

## Message from our Secretary/Treasurer Elliot Yeske

**We are sold out of the muffed size bands but still have some 8mm clean leg bands available.**

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*September 2008 lawn show at Griebel's*

## **The show season begins! Nominations are open for Annual Meet location & judge**

United Swallow Club is currently seeking nominations for this year's (2010) annual meet location. Nominated locations will be put on a ballot later in the year for the membership to vote. In addition to the meet location the judge of the meet is also determined by nominations and voting.

Send your nominations for meet locations and judges to:

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**Please have your nominations in by July 15**

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### Jesse Espinosa Announces **The Big Sun Classic Show**

It will be held December 10 and 11, 2010 at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness, Florida. Entry fee will be \$3.50, with a \$1.00 per bird rebate to our swallow club. Swallow Judge will be Stephen Ripper. Entries must be postmarked by December 1.

Contact Jesse Espinosa 130 Lincoln St., St. Augustine, Florida 32084 Cell #1-904-377-0477

Our annual meet is often held in conjunction with the National Pigeon Association's Grand National Show. That show will be held this coming January 2011 in San Diego. Other locations are also used by the USC including: Iowa State Pigeon show usually held in early December at Des Moines, The Los Angeles Pigeon Club's "Pageant of Pigeons" usually held mid November in San Bernardino. (this year the Pageant will not be held in lieu of the National show in San Diego in January).

Members are encouraged to help arrange regional shows and district meets. Please contact the district director for your area and or USC president for more information.



*Yellow WB Fairy Swallows breeding at Cor Van der Post's*

## Perry Mueller's New Loft

I had some time this spring and some space left in the back yard so I thought I'd build a new loft. My intent was to tear down the 4x8 I have now and build two twin 8x8's. One for breeding 12 pair of red and yellow clean legs and one for their young. I got the young bird pen built now and I may re-think the breeding loft. These lofts take time and money. Also, I'm up to about 50 pair of Swallows and Archangels and it's starting to turn into work to keep things clean and maintained. Included are some photos and I hope you find them interesting and helpful.

When building, I always use 2' increments, plywood, and siding comes in 4x8 pieces so there is little waste. I construct the floor with 2x4 or 2x6 joists with  $\frac{3}{4}$  plywood. It is supported with 4, 4x4 posts cemented 30" in the ground. The walls are constructed with 4x8 weather proof siding nailed to 2x4 studs. Ten-foot 2x4's work great for a shed roof on an 8x8. It will give you 6" overhang on the back and 18" or so in front. I changed the roof style on this one; the loft looked too tall so I did some modifications.



Notice the vent on the side. I've found this works great. I close it in the winter along with putting plastic over the door. In the spring, the plastic comes off the door. By summer the lower vent is opened letting dust flow out and fresh air in. I like making the doors small to help prevent the birds from escaping. Nailing 1x6 boards, together works great. I believe fly pens are a must. I use 2x2's painted three times, then covered with hardware cloth and chicken wire. This lasts five

or ten years then I take them down, repaint and make new ones. For perches I cut a 3" or 4" circle and nail it to a 1x2 board 12" long. I fasten them to the 2x4 studs right over the top of each other. I don't have a problem of them soiling each other. Nesting boxes can vary. I've used 12"x24"x12" high, 2'x2'x2' high with a shelf and even 12"x12"x12" high. They all work fine. I suppose the style depends on the breed.



*Details of the ventilation: closed, and open*



*Inside views, details of the perches*



## Pictures from Frank Bailey



Frank Bailey says, "I have been crossing Mike Swanson's beautiful blue white barred Fairy's into my blue white barred Saxon Fullhead Swallows. I have bred several over the past three season and here is one that I bred last fall that doesn't look too bad and should assist me next season. It is a young cock - not great but they are getting better and I will put it back into the pure Fullhead's next year".



Above is another of Frank's red white bar Saxon Fullhead Swallows that is looking quite nice.

## Below are pictures Frank took at the loft of Leon Stephens



Nice pair of red spangle Fairy Swallows



Red Saxon White tail



Leon's Ice Pigeons



Leon's pen of black and blue Saxon Monks



## German Internet Videos of Swallows

If you have access to a computer you should visit this site: <http://muensta.de/home.htm> Click on any of the three YouTube videos you will see below. On the right are a couple of stills from the videos. They feature Swallows and Color Pigeons. A little English translation is provided.



Hauptsonderschau Gunzenhausen - Teil 1



Hauptsonderschau Gunzenhausen - Teil 2



This video features several club members looking over some fine color pigeons and discussing the fine points of the birds



Each video features close up shots of many color pigeons. This is a red white barred Saxon Field Pigeon.

## More News from Germany

Courtesy of Andreas Reuter and the German Swallow and Shield Club. Andreas is their clubs website manager and also their photographer. (Left to right) – Meet Heinz Mosig, Reinhard Rothe, Klaus Hentschel and Manfred Schulz.

Each month they have a general meeting that offers updates in club news and activities. Often birds are brought in and exhibited in order to critic their fine points as well as identifying faults that need to be avoided. At this meeting there were approximately forty (40) club members in attendance.

These four breeders this past Sunday May 2nd received an "Honor Award" for their long and successful breeding and show room achievements with in the German Swallow and Shield Club.





# German Swallow Club's Annual General Meeting 2009 in Wiesenburg Germany

*Photos and written by Andreas Reuter*

Our president Klaus Burkhardt welcomed the members from different regions of Germany in the Wiesenburg hall.

Jörg Pötzsch from Lichtenstein is a new member of the club. He breeds Saxon Fullheads in black white bars.

The committee of the club decided that Kurt Melzer and Christoph Prager should become honorary members of the club because of their great commitment and successful breeding over many decades.

Klaus Burkhardt appealed to all breeders to present their birds not only at the shows in the region of the Erz Mountains but also in other federal states of Germany. Due to the variety and elegance of our fantastic Saxon swallows we expect to gain friends and new breeders in the future.

Like last year we will be presenting the swallows in aviaries at the German Masters VDT in Leipzig. Klaus Hentschel will present Saxon Fullheads in red white bars, Christoph Prager will show Saxon Silesian Swallows in blue black bars, Wendelin Heidrich Saxon Silesian red checkered and Reiner Wolf Saxon Shields in red white bars.

The leader of the club's Group North-West, Friedrich Schröder, was excused and so Herbert Wohlfeil reported on the work from the group.

This year we have also had an election in our swallow club. Klaus Burkhardt as the president, Mario Doehler as the treasurer and Wendelin Heidrich as committee member were confirmed.

After the election the president talked about the coming show season. Reiner Wolf reported from the last meeting of the European Poultry Organization.

We got a new standard for the Saxon Shields and this standard is valid throughout Europe.

The board of the next European Show from our Saxon birds presented its poster and the breeder Günter Kühnert donated the flag for this show. Breeders around the world are welcome to this big event.

The biggest part of the meeting was the discussion about the youngsters from 2009 and the preparation for the show season. Our special judges Franz Oppl, Reiner Wolf, Wilfried Metzner and Jörg Kühne evaluated the pigeons and gave the breeders some proposals for the show and the breeding next year. The judges especially talked about the color, the body form and the muffs. Included are some pictures of the meeting.



## Color Pigeons/Swallows for Sale from Jessie Espinosa

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Birds I have for sale: silver spangle Starlings, blue whitebar and spangle Starlings, dun whitebar and Kaki Starlings, gold blue wing white bar and spangle, white flight Archangels, Copper blue check and blue barless Archangels, Yellow Suabians, 12 pair blue and silver barless, bar and check Silisian Swallows, 9 pair red and yellow whitebar and spangle cleanleg Spot Swallows, blue, silver white bar and spangle Fairy Swallows, must sell!!!

## Available from Frank Bailey

Saxon Shields - Silesian Swallows - Saxon Swallows

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