

American Helmet Association

Helmet Happenings

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Well show season is finally here. I attended the NYBS in Louisville. It was smaller than usual but had many quality birds. It must have been hard for Steve Petito to pick the winners but he did a good job and picked some fine birds. Congratulations to all the winners. I was impressed by John Roposo's birds. John had some really nice birds there. He has taken a big leap forward with the quality of his birds the last couple of years. I think we'll see more of him in the top spots in the future. The show was different for me since I didn't have any birds ready to show. It was a much less hectic pace. It was great to see the old faces and meet some new people.

At the NYBS I purchased three birds. Two of them were Mookee's from one of the top breeders in the US. The Wednesday after the show I went into the loft to find one of the Mookee's neck bent down and twisted in typical PMV fashion! It would struggle to lift its head and then stagger around until its head dropped again. Fortunately I had put all three in quarantine as I do with all new birds. I previously hadn't thought about the quarantine situation too much. I assumed keeping them separate from the flock would suffice. Since PMV is a virus that is spread through the air, keeping them in the loft but separate still left the other birds vulnerable to catching it. The sick one disappeared and the other two went into the garage. It has been 20 days since the show now and there is no indication of anything in any other birds so it looks like I escaped a possible disaster. Lesson learned. Keep new birds totally separate from other birds for at least two weeks.

Congratulation to those gaining spots from the election. It looks like we have a real good lineup to promote our breed. Congrats also go to Chuck Dwight for gaining member of the year.

The proposed Standard changes are in the bulletin for the second time. A ballot to vote on them will be in the next bulletin for you to mail in, or you will be able to email a vote to Chuck.

Please send in district reports, show reports, articles etc so I have something for the next bulletin.

Paul McRae

From the President

I want to thank everyone for committing to club positions, and those who submitted their names for judging at our next National to be held in Lancaster, Pa. I talked to Chuck and got the results of the elections. The club will have good leadership to move forward. These results will be in the bulletin. Thank you Chuck.

IN THE LOFT

All young birds are beginning to show their true colors - maturing nicely. I believe my breeding program showed improvement this year in MFC, SFC, & PH. I have not been actively showing this year. I've been to one show so far, my second show will be the winter show on Thanksgiving weekend.

Since I started a new job this year, it's not as easy to get time off as it was when I was self-employed. I'll miss the Western Sectional held in Utah this year. It was always fun meeting with the Utah AHA members with good competition in the show room. The next show I'll miss is the Great California Pageant of Pigeons. I enjoy this show because Leonard Patito does a great job with the help of the rest of the AHA members in that district. I'll be particularly sorry for missing this show come breeding season, as Leonard allows me to go through his Plain Head loft to pick Reds or Yellows to take home to improve my family of Plain Heads.

The show I will compete in, will be our District 2 Winter Helmet Meet, held Thanksgiving weekend. This is our last show in District 2 before the National. It's always a good turn out to help select what will be chosen for National entries.

NATIONAL - LANCASTER PA.

With the expense of shipping our boxes containing our show birds, will we see any more big entries at the Nationals, if not located in heavy pigeon areas, such as the eastern portion of the US, California, or Iowa, representing the Midwest..? I'm hearing \$500 to ship our carriers. This will certainly keep many breeders from attending Nationals, when air travel is the only way to attend. This will be my first year of shipping my team of Helmets through the US mail. I'll be cutting back on the number entries I would normally send. We'll see how this works out. I was hoping our NPA would be able to work with Delta Air Lines. You certainly have to ask yourself just how bad this Air Line is hurting when there doesn't appear to be much interest in accepting our pigeons. If there's no turn around in shipping expense, we could begin to see smaller numbers at our National Helmet meets.

Hope to see you at the next Helmet meet.

As ever.....
Dennis Bray

50th ANNIVERSARY PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM		COST (each)
Button		\$ 1.50
Embroidered Ball Cap		\$ 12.00
T-Shirt		\$ 10.00
SHIPPING		
ITEM		COST
Button		\$ 2.00
Ball Cap		\$ 4.00
T-Shirt		\$ 4.00
Ball Cap and T-Shirt		\$ 7.00
<p>These items will also be for sale at the following: National Young Bird Show, Sectional Shows and the National Show</p>		

District 7 Report By Bob Bollinger

The show season has started here in Pennsylvania and there are a lot of promising youngsters out there. Hopefully they will generate a lot of excitement at the shows.

I am really encouraged by the energy and motivation that folks are showing. Harold Strawniak and Ray Kolinski coordinated a great meet at the Western PA Pigeon Club show in Uniontown. I understand that more information and the results of that show will be here in the bulletin. Ray and Harold should be commended for spearheading this event and calling around to all the local guys to drum up support for the show. This just goes to show what can happen when members talk and work together!

I am also encouraged by the number of calls and emails I am getting from helmet folks trying to plan their upcoming show season, meets, etc. It is good to see people looking forward to the shows and working to make them better.

One of the more notable events here in PA was the York Fair which was held in the beginning of September. I have written about this before but it is worth noting again. The fair is huge and attracts 10's of thousands of visitors. There is always excitement in the animal areas and pigeons had a nice showing of about 850 birds. There were well over 50 helmets shown, including 4 previous National Champions. The best pigeon (overall) in the fair was a blue MFC bred and shown by Mike Crawford. This was a 1999 bird and he was still looking very sharp. One thing that was a bit different this year was the fact that the organizers encourage exhibitors to list their birds for sale at the fair. Many pigeons were sold to fair goers and I really think that it helped to promote the hobby! I would encourage everyone to support their local fair!

See you all at the shows!

**Show Results Included in this Bulletin
by Bob Bollinger**

Show results for the NYBS, EHPC Fall Show, and Reading Young Bird Show are attached to this bulletin. It's good to see helmet showing activity at so many places.

The bird counts were down at both the EHPC and Reading YB shows. Much of this can be attributed to the early dates of the shows and their proximity to the NYBS. Many guys chose to forgo these shows and focus on the NYBS.

The NYBS was most noteworthy. There we were able to tabulate and publish our results concurrent with the judging. The MFP results were published and posted on the web even before the MFC judging started. By late afternoon both final line-ups and color class results were posted on the web for the world to see!

Secretary's Report

By Charles Dwight

Show season is finally here. As I am writing this I am getting ready to go to the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, KY. This is a show that I would go to even if I was not showing any birds, which I am not this year. (not enough feathers.) Just a chance to meet many of the great friends I have met over the years.

Our election is over and we will have many changes in our officers for the coming two years. Some of our new officers are going to need some help and guidance from our experienced officers and members. Let's help them all that we can. Election results are in this bulletin. Voting turnout was better than in the past. About 30%

I have heard from several members in the last few weeks. Some have had a very good breeding season and some, a very bad one. I am in the last group. I only have three young that I have not culled.

Our membership is still going down. We have lost 15 members in the last 6 months. Most of the reasons I am hearing are that our birds will not raise their young, and the high cost of feed. I know that my feed has gone up nearly 75% in the last 6 months.

You will soon be asked to vote on two new standard changes. They are in this bulletin for the second time. Please vote!

Hope to see a lot of you at the shows. Remember, we need to support the small shows as well as the big ones or we will not have any shows to go to. Here in Ohio we only have one pigeon club left.

Treasurer's Report
Aug-Sept 2008
By Charles Dwight

Income

Dues	\$45.00
Bands	\$29.75
Band Postage	\$4.00
Total	\$78.75

Expenses

Postage	\$13.33
Supplies	\$38.47
Mar/April Bulletin printing	\$87.63
Mar/April Bulletin postage	\$47.77
Total	\$187.20

Totals

Starting Balance	\$2285.30
Income	\$78.75
	Balance \$2364.05
Expenses	\$187.20
April Ending Balance	\$2176.85

New Members

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Stephen Combs
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St Thomas, PA 17252
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Your Dues are Due

District 8- Brandy & Mindy Bingham, Curtis Hogan, Terrell Stone

Proposed Standard Changes

Proposal A: Spread Ash Red and Yellow

Spread Ash Red – altered by spread which brings about a uniform ashy coloration to the plumage in our Helmets. While this can vary in shades from a very soft pastel blue to an almost lavender like appearance the most points should be awarded to birds with clear non-smutty lavender coloration and matching head and tail.

Spread Ash Yellow is the dilute description being creamy yellow, uniform color matching head and tail.

For 8 Against 0

Proposal B: Making points available for Muff Helmets Master Breeder Points to be the same as the SF-PH points.

For 8 Against 0

Proposed by: Dennis Bray, Myron Berger, Dennis Manning
Both proposals passed by the Board of Directors.

District 10 Report by Paul McRae

Everyone had a good breeding year. Gary Parsons and I were late in starting. Gary ended up with his normal number of young ones but I only got about half of what I usually do. Of course Giulio Marcoccia bred some good birds this year as shown by his MFC win at the NYBS. Gary Parsons had a real nice blue cock at the NYBS. It got second reserve and it wasn't even finished off yet! It was still developing crest and mane. If it finishes off well we can expect to see its band number in the top lines of future editions. John Hoekstra reports some real nice reds so I think we can expect to see some heavy competition at the upcoming shows.

Since the AHA has sanctioned the Canadian Helmet Club shows I can report on them now and will include show reports in future editions.

The CHC young bird show is late this year. Normally positioned the week before Louisville it will be held Nov 15th. There is normally a good turnout for this show. Unfortunately my birds were so late and are still finishing and I can't see anything in the coop worth showing yet and the show is only a week away. Almost for sure I will be working anyway. The Canadian Pigeon Fanciers Association (NPA equivalent) is having its Specialty Breeders Show (National equivalent) at the end of November in Woodstock, ON. This show usually has around 3,000 birds and is the CHC top show. Last year there were 200 helmets shown. We can expect to see a good turnout there also.

I believe all 4 members from this area are planning to attend the National in Lancaster. If the NYBS is any indication there will be some real good competition and I am looking forward to it.

See you there

Election Results

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member</u>
President	Bob Bollinger
Western Vice President	Hank Ebbelaar
Central Vice President	Don Phy
Eastern Vice President	Giullio Marcoccia
Secretary Treasurer	Charles Dwight
Publicity Director	Bob Bollinger
Points Director	Harold Strawniak
Bulletin Editor	Paul McRae
District 1 Director	Mike LaCom
District 2 Director	Dennis Manning
District 3 Director	Open
District 4 Director	Don Phy
District 5 Director	Steve Petito
District 6 Director	Charles Dwight
District 7 Director	Ray Kolinski
District 8 Director	James Jenson
District 9 Director	Pavel Lutsenko
District 10 Director	Paul McRae
District 11 Director	Jim Bean
District 12 Director	Raul "the trained eye" Delgado
District 13 Director	Open
District 14 Director	Victor Kline
Member of the Year	Charles Dwight

National Judges

Medium Face Crested	Don Phy
Medium Face Plainhead	Mike Crawford
Short Face Crested	Victor Cardillo
Short Face Plainhead	Victor Cardillo
Muffed	Vic Eshpeter

AHA Show Report

Show / Club: EHPC Fall Show Medium Face Crested
Location: Waynesboro, PA
Date: October 12, 2008
Judge: Bob Bollinger
District Director: Victor Cline
District: 14
Number Shown: 19 **Total in Event:** 21
Number Exhibitors: 3 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1536	Black	OH	Victor Cline bred by Mike Crawford	
2	1431	Black	OC	Galen Goshorn	
3	1826	Red	OC	Galen Goshorn bred by Steve Combs	
4	138	Red	OH	Galen Goshorn	
5	506	Yellow	OH	Steve Combs	
6	1264	Black	YH	Victor Cline	
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<u>Exhibitors:</u>		<u>Districts:</u>		<u>Exhibitors:</u>	
Galen Goshorn		7		Bob Bollinger	
Steve Combs		7		Victor Cline	
				14	

Show / Club: EHPC Fall Show Medium Face Plainhead
Location: Waynesboro, PA
Date: October 12, 2008
Judge: Bob Bollinger
District Director: Victor Cline
District: 14
Number Shown: 2 **Total in Event:** 21
Number Exhibitors: 1 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	860	Blue	YH	Danny Garling	
2	821	Yellow	YC	Danny Garling	
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<u>Exhibitors:</u>		<u>Districts:</u>		<u>Exhibitors:</u>	
				Danny Garling	
				14	

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Medium Face Crested

Red YH - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1428	Mike Crawford
2	1009	John Raposo
3	143	Giulio Marcoccia
4	171	Giulio Marcoccia
5	1014	John Raposo
6	15	Don phy
7	1212	Wes Pfadenhauer

Blue YH - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	2	Gary Parsons
2	91	Giulio Marcoccia
3	153	Giulio Marcoccia
4	1311	Bob Bollinger
5	1332	Bob Bollinger

Red YC - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	205	Giulio Marcoccia
2	203	Giulio Marcoccia
3	154	Giulio Marcoccia
4	9	Don Phy
5	171	Gary Parsons
6	18	Gary Parsons
7	2797	Raul Delgado
8	1310	Bob Bollinger
9	2808	Tony Patti
10	1420	Mike Crawford
11	1001	John Raposo
12	2004	Bob Lein

Blue YC - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	16	Gary Parsons
2	19	Don Phy
3	12	Gary Parsons
4	1328	Bob Bollinger
5	155	Giulio Marcoccia
6	81	Giulio Marcoccia

Black YH - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	11	Don Phy
2	1041	John Raposo
3	1	Don Phy
4	182	Giulio Marcoccia
5	1264	Victor Cline
6	107	Victor Cardillo

Yellow YH - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	74	Giulio Marcoccia
2	207	Giulio Marcoccia
3	5	Gary Parsons
4	146	Giulio Marcoccia
5	19	Gary Parsons
6	1313	Bob Bollinger
7	1306	Bob Bollinger
8	1333	Bob Bollinger
9	1017	John Raposo
10	2001	Bob Lein
11	2005	Bob Lein
12	2807	Tony Patti

Black YC - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1019	John Raposo
2	183	Giulio Marcoccia
3	18	Don Phy
4	2798	Raul Delgado
5	32	Don Phy
6	8	Gary Parsons
7	1042	John Raposo
8	127	Victor Cardillo

Yellow YC - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1327	Bob Bollinger
2	2809	Tony Patti

Silver YH - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	11	Gary Parsons

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Dun YC - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	99	Giulio Marcoccia

Ash Red YH - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1205	Wes Pfenauer

AORC YC - MFC

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	136	Giulio Marcoccia

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Medium Face Plainhead

Red YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	415	Joe Granger

Yellow YC - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1422	Mike Crawford
2	514	Harold Strawniak
3	821	Danny Garling

Red YC - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	520	Harold Strawniak
2	516	Harold Strawniak
3	748	John Hoekstra
4	104	Victor Cardillo
5	121	Victor Cardillo
6	246	John Hoekstra

Silver YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1410	Mike Crawford
2	254	John Hoekstra

Black YC - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	2816	Tony Patti
2	509	Harold Strawniak
3	2840	Tony Patti
4	409	Joe Granger

Dun YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	508	Harold Strawniak
2	2849	Tony Patti

Ash Red YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	525	Harold Strawniak

Blue YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	241	John Hoekstra
2	402	Joe Granger
3	405	Joe Granger
4	860	Danny Garling

Ash Red YC - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	103	Victor Cardillo
2	294	Bob Bollinger

Blue YC - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1307	Bob Bollinger
2	235	John Hoekstra

AORC YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	549	Harold Strawniak

Yellow YH - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	1309	Bob Bollinger
2	2826	Tony Patti
3	284	John Hoekstra
4	565	Harold Strawniak

AORC YC - MFP

Place	Band	Exhibitor
1	517	Harold Strawniak
2	515	Harold Strawniak

AHA Show Report

Show / Club: NYBS Medium Face Crested
Location: Louisville, KY
Date: October 18, 2008
Judge: Steve Petito
District Director: Chuck Dwight
District: 6 **Event:** National Sectional District
Number Shown: 62 **Total in Event:** 102
Number Exhibitors: 12 **Number Districts:** 8

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	74	Yellow	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	39.50
2	11	Black	YH	Don Phy	29.63
3	16	Blue	YC	Gary Parsons	23.70
4	1428	Red	YH	Mike Crawford	19.75
5	205	Red	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	15.80
6	1019	Black	YC	John Raposo	11.85
7	2	Blue	YH	Gary Parsons	9.88
8	99	Dun	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	7.90
9	136	AORC	YC	Giulio Marcoccia	5.93
10	11	Silver	YH	Gary Parsons	3.95
11	1327	Yellow	YC	Bob Bollinger	1.98
12	1205	Ash Red	YH	Wes Pfadenhauer	1.58
	207	Yellow	YH	Giulio Marcoccia	Brought back 2nd to champion

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
Don Phy	4	Mike Crawford	7
John Raposo	5	Gary Parsons	10
Giulio Marcoccia	10	Tony Patti	12
Wes Pfadenhauer	3	Bob Lein	11
Raul Delgado	12	Bob Bollinger	7
Victor Cardillo	7	Victor Cline	14

AHA Show Report

Show / Club: NYBS Medium Face Plainhead
Location: Louisville, KY
Date: October 18, 2008
Judge: Don Phy
District Director: Chuck Dwight
District: 6 **Event:** National Sectional District
Number Shown: 34 **Total in Event:** 102
Number Exhibitors: 8 **Number Districts:** 5

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	520	Red	YC	Harold Strawniak	27.50
2	1307	Blue	YC	Bob Bollinger	20.63
3	1422	Yellow	YC	Mike Crawford	16.50
4	1410	Silver	YH	Mike Crawford	13.75
5	517	AORC	YC	Harold Strawniak	11.00
6	508	Dun	YH	Harold Strawniak	8.25
7	525	Ash Red	YH	Harold Strawniak	6.88
8	241	Blue	YH	Joe Granger	5.50
9	103	Ash Red	YC	Victor Cardillo	4.13
10	2816	Black	YC	Tony Patti	2.75
11	1309	Yellow	YH	Bob Bollinger	1.38
12	415	Red	YH	Joe Granger	1.10
13	549	AORC	YH	Harold Strawniak	0.83
	516	Red	YC	Harold Strawniak	Brought back 2nd to champion

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<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>		
Joe Granger	6	Victor Cardillo	6		
Harold Strawniak	7	John Hoekstra	10		
Tony Patti	12	Danny Garling	14		
Bob Bollinger	7	Mike Crawford	7		

AHA Show Report

Show / Club: NYBS Short Face Crested
Location: Louisville, KY
Date: October 18, 2008
Judge: Victor Cardillo
District Director: Chuck Dwight
District: 6 **Event:** National Sectional District
Number Shown: 3 **Total in Event:** 102
Number Exhibitors: 2 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	2829	Dun	YH	Tony Patti	
2	237	Red	YH	John Hoekstra	
3	238	Red	YC	John Hoekstra	

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<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>		<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
Tony Patti	12		John Hoekstra	10

AHA Show Report

Show / Club: NYBS Medium Face Crested Muffed
Location: Louisville, KY
Date: October 18, 2008
Judge: Victor Cardillo
District Director: Chuck Dwight
District: 6 **Event:** National Sectional District
Number Shown: 3 **Total in Event:** 102
Number Exhibitors: 2 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	246	Blue	YH	John Hoekstra	
2	234	Black	YH	Jacob Shuster	
3	203	Red	YH	Jacob Shuster	

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<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>		<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
John Hoekstra	10		Jacob Shuster	6

2009 NPA Lancaster National

January 8th – 10th

SHOW RULES

1. **Failure to recognize or abide by these show rules will exclude participation and forfeit entry fees.**
2. **ENTRY FEE** is \$5.00 per bird for entries posted marked by **Monday December 8th, 2008**. **LATE ENTRY FEE** is \$6.00 per bird for entries postmarked **AFTER Monday December 8th, 2008**. **NO entries will be accepted with a postmark AFTER Monday December 22nd, 2008**. Make checks and money orders payable to the Reading Pigeon Assoc. No entries will be accepted over the phone. Each individual exhibitor needs to submit his/her own entry form. Please make additional copies of the entry form as needed.
Send all entries to **Barry Wagner, 925 Wood St, Mount Joy, PA 71552**
Early entries are appreciated. Once entries are submitted, hold all substitutions until check in at the show.
3. **All exhibitors** need to check in at the LANC NAT desk to get your personal entry list, a map indicating the show hall that there breeds are in, and banquet tickets. **DUE TO HAVING ONE BIG SHOW HALL, WE HAVE TO SPLIT THE SHOW BETWEEN 2 SHOW HALLS.**
4. This show recognizes all seamless bands of a reputable banding organization and approved affiliated clubs. All birds must be seamless banded and within one size for that breed. Please give letters preceding the band number (ex AND 8691) when completing the entry form.
5. Reliable and competent judges have been selected by the specialty clubs and their decisions may be appealed only upon written protest to the Executive Committee of the NPA, together with a protest fee of \$25.00 which will be forfeited if the judges decision is sustained. Appeal must be filed within 12 hours of the disputed decision.
6. Each exhibit entered must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and be shown in its natural condition. The right is reserved to disqualify all unworthy specimens. Proper trimming and preparation is considers as natural condition.
7. The show management will not be responsible for the loss of birds. However, there will be security. Clean water and feed will be provided.
8. An NPA Yearbook listing exhibitor's names and placings to one past half the class will be printed and mailed to all NPA members exhibiting at the show for \$20.00.
9. All birds will be individually cooped.
10. No substitutions will be made prior to check-in to the show. Exhibitors must make all changes on the coop cards and give those changes to the specialty club secretary prior to judging as the appropriate changes can be made on the judging sheets. Open class substitution will be permitted only when made in the same class, color, age and sex as the original entry. Substitutions show with specialty clubs will be allowed as the individual specialty club allows.
11. Representative of the LANC NAT reserve the right to reject all unhealthy or diseased specimens received for exhibition. If sickness develops, diseased birds will be removed from the show hall at the discretion of the

Representatives of the LAN NAT. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE WILL BE SINGED AT THE SHOW UPON CHECK IN.**

12. The NPA LANC NAT officially opens on Thursday January 8th at 7:00 AM. Birds may being to be cooped at NOON on Wednesday, January 7th. All birds must be cooped NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2009. BIRDS WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE SHOW HALL AT 5:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th 2009, after all exhibitors have verified that all of these birds are in their possession.

13. A NPA Grand Champion Certificate will be awarded to each breed exhibited where there are 15 or more birds shown by two or more exhibitors.

14. Where there is no specialty club agreement if effect, classes will be provided for Young Hen, Young Cock, Old Hen, Old Cock.

15. Specify specific homer breed the entry form. (Show Type, American Show Racer, Giant, German Beauty, etc) **ALL RACING HOMERS WITH BE SEX CLASS ONLY...NO COLOR CLASSES.** Specify specific roller breed on the entry form, (Birmingham, Flying, Show Type, Parlor, etc.)

16. No birds will be allowed in the show hall on which an entry fee has not been paid. Entered birds may be sold, but must remain in the show hall until all birds have been released. **NO BIRD SALES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARKING LOTS.**

17. There will be **No sale birds** at the LANC NAT. We just don't have the room.

18. All mail birds must have return postage paid with entry fee or enclosed in the box along with a copy of their entry in a zip lock bag, or the birds will not be returned. Due to the LANC Post Office closing at **2 PM Saturday January 10th, 2009.** The mail birds entered in the show will be boxed at **12 NOON, unless other arrangements are made, notice must be made in writing to the show secretary.**

19. **ALL** carrying cases will be removed from the show hall upon cooping your birds, there will be trailer to lock your cases in. **NOTHING** will be allowed under the tables.

20. The use of shaving will **NOT BE ALLOWED**, the HOST won't let us. We will be using corrugated paper in the cages.

21. A violation of these rules will result in a partial or total loss of rebate to the specialty clubs involved and under contract for this show. A consideration of the loss of exhibiting privileges may also be considered by the NPA Board. Then NPA Board's decision in these matters is final.

22. Dismantling of the show will begin at 5:00 PM on Saturday January 10th after all judging is over and all birds are accounted for. Members of specialty clubs should dismantle their own section; pull coop cards, and empty food and water cups.

23. For additional information or questions on the entries or show. Contact Barry Wagner LANC NAT Show Secretary, (717-653-6146) or Email adn8691@yahoo.com. All venders interested in renting table contact Eric Kooker at (215-536-8753)

The 2009 NPA Grand National site is

The Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center

2300 Lincoln Hwy East

Lancaster, PA 17602

January 8, 9, & 10, 2009

***Room rates are \$79 plus \$8.69 for taxes for a total of
\$87.69***

Reservations

M-F 9am-8pm Sat-Sun 9-5

1-800-233-0121

When you call, if using a credit card...they will take your information, BUT will not run your card till 30 days before the show. If you cancel within 48 hours of the room reserved, you will be charged one nights stay.

The banquet is buffet style and will be Friday Jan 9th at 7pm. The cost is \$36.50 per person. There will be entertainment by a magician after the NPA Awards presentations. Come honor your fellow NPA members and have an enjoyable evening of entertainment and good fellowship!

2009 NPA Grand National information is listed on the Reading Pigeon Association Website. at: <http://www.readingpigeonassoc.com> Look for Show Rules and the Entry Form there.

Friday Jan 9th there will be a 5 hour Amish tour. Cost is \$32.00 per person and reservations must be made on entry form.

More information will be posted as it becomes available. Be sure to check the Reading Pigeon Association Website at: <http://www.readingpigeonassoc.com> or the NPA site at www.npausa.com

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AHA Order Form

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 City, State ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____
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2009 NPA LANCASTER
GRAND NATIONAL

Exhibitor: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Phone: _____
 Check If Jr Exhibitor: _____
 I make all entries below subject to the rules of the show
 Signature _____

January 8th, 9th, and 10th
 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED
 Monday DECEMBER 8th, 2008
 Entry Fee \$5.00 per Bird
 LATE ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED
 Monday DECEMBER 22ND, 2008
 Entry fee \$6.00 per Bird

Check here if you are
 sending birds by mail _____

NOTE: Do not use YEARLING unless your breed specifies
 that it judges YEARLING classes.
 ALL birds banded in 2008 are YOUNG BIRDS
 for the NPA LANCASTER NATIONAL

Breed	Color	Band #	Old Cock	Old Hen	Yrly Cock	Yrly Hen	Yg Cock	Yg Hen

JUNIOR COMPETITION BIRDS ONLY

SEND ENTRIES TO:
 Barry Wagner
 925 Wood St
 Mount Joy, Pa 17552-1925
 Phone: (717) 653-6146
 Email: adn8691@yahoo.com

Bird Entries @ \$5.00 per Bird
 Late Entries @ \$6.00 per Bird
 NPA Banquet @ 36.50 per Person
 NPA Yearbooks \$ 20.00 each

American Show Racers must
 be cooped by 12: Noon on
 Thursday Jan 8th, Judging
 to start at 1:pm Thursday.

NPA Annual Membership Dues
 (\$20.00 Adult; \$5.00 Juniors; \$25.00 Family)
 5 hour Amish tour Friday
 Jan 9th \$32 Reservations
 Required.

Quantity	Total
Birds	
Birds	
Tickets	
Yearbooks	
TOTAL REMITTANCE	