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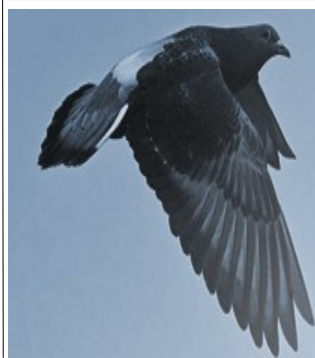
Merritt Nicola Valley R.P.C. Recognizing our Future



From left to right: Ben Hume, Fred Ware, Gordon Ware, Cierra McIvor, Melody McIvor

It was smiles all around, at this years M.N.V.R.P.C. AGM and banquet. The wins were spread out quite evenly as competition was fierce with a large number of birds clocked by the juniors generally within a short number of minutes, as the results show. The Merritt Club would like to congratulate all the Juniors on a job well done.

Way to Go Boys and Girls!



BENZING CLOCKING SYSTEMS

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The Other Aspect of the Hobby



Corresponding with Clint a few weeks ago, I was asked if I would write an article on the transition from showing birds to racing birds. Lately, I have not been writing much due to time restrictions, but I think this subject warrants coverage beyond what's currently out there. Recently, as far as I can remember at least, very few articles have been written covering the breadth of this very interesting and nuanced subject.

After nearly five decades of focusing solely on show birds, specifically Komorner Tumblers, I made the transition to racing in 2006. Show birds had allowed me to traverse North America as I visited and often won most major shows across the continent. The trophies and plaques from six consecutive NPA Nationals and fifteen consecutive Woodstock Specialty Shows still inhabit various corners of my homestead, but reflecting on forty-five years of showing pigeons leaves me appreciating the bonds created and friendships forged more than any tangible reward.

In almost accidental fashion, the transition to racing birds was fueled by curiosity. My wife Tracy and I acquired some white racing homers for weddings and other event releases in 2005. While training, I found myself fascinated by their uncanny ability to find their way home regardless of distance or direction. My interest was piqued and in 2006, I took a leap of faith and dove into the world of racing homers. My lofts had long been configured for show birds, so the first step was to make the necessary configuration changes and then purchase a clock.

In my first year of racing, I was blessed with limited success. I won several prizes, but my primary goal was ensuring that all my birds came home. In the fall of 2006, I attended our federation meeting and seminar for the first time. While I was being introduced, a gentleman approached me and said verbatim, "You will see how hard racing is compared to showing." My interest in pigeons was instantly rejuvenated. My previous success in show birds meant almost nothing. I'd essentially traveled back in time to my earliest days with show birds. Before the championships and genetic cache, I was just an unknown with youthful exuberance and a competitive edge. If all went well, my racing homers would return home with the forcefulness and purpose that these qualities found their way back to me after so many years.

Since then, all has gone well. I've topped the combine nine times, won opens, finished first in the 2008 Empire Classic and was recently awarded the club's King Bird Flyer for the first time in 2011. Yet, viewing my journey as a summation rather than a weekly digest fails to truly portray the difficulty, disappointment and frustration associated with the incredibly humbling experience that is racing pigeons.

The way that I see it, a pigeon is a pigeon. If you keep it healthy, in top condition, and in the proper environment, it will do whatever you ask of it; be that confirmation and markings or finding its way home from five-hundred miles away. The key to success, regardless of arena, is looking after the birds and genuinely seeing what you are looking at. The pigeons will tell you how they feel and how they will perform for you. The ability to spot and interpret their signals absolutely separates the ordinary pigeon person from the successful one. It's not a talent than can be taught or



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WANTED

Someone to adopt my 2012 young birds for around April, Around 30 birds will be available.

Good for beginners or great addition to your current racing team!

See my results in the Sudbury Club Young Bird 2009 / Old Bird 2010 / Young Bird 2011

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The Other Aspect of the Hobby

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learned, it's a talent accrued through time spent with the birds. Almost through osmosis, you begin to absorb the requisite knowledge that allows you to recognize the patterns associated with winning birds and to sift through the minutia connected to them. After the little things are looked after, the larger goals like winning races or shows often fall into place without a concerted effort. Like I mentioned earlier, condition and health, along with the dedication required to maintain them, are the main contributors to success: proper perches, a variable feeding schedule depending on time of the year, appropriate ventilation and a clean loft are of the utmost importance.

If you decide to try racing and are ready to acquire stock, forget the big names and expensive birds. My best birds are the ones that were gifted to me or were purchased at minimal cost from local flyers. It's impossible to quantify, but the exquisite genetics that accompany expensive birds still only account for fifty percent of your possible success. You, and the conditions that provide for the birds, account for the remaining fifty percent. It's imperative to remember that a top bird in poor condition will get beat by mediocre birds in top form every week of the year. In other words, the difference between average and greatness lies not in the pedigree but literally in your hands as the breeder and loft manager.

When you decide to enter a new foray, be that racing pigeons, showing pigeons or even life, it's important to set attainable goals that you can build upon while throttling your expectations. You probably will not win in your first year as you undertake the same learning curve that every other club member underwent. Setting small expectations, just as I did in my first year when I originally celebrated the return of all of my birds to their loft, allow you to build your confidence and acquire precious knowledge from club veterans. Through trial and error and almost excessive documenting, you'll be presented with the information required to succeed. As I mentioned earlier though, making use of that information is about seeing what you are looking at. The birds are intellectually malleable little creatures, so adapt them to your management style. You are the boss, so make it as simple and convenient as possible for both you and the birds. Flying, feeding and cleaning schedules are all at your discretion to set, but the timing must be constant.

In 2008, after two years in racing, I slowly transitioned out of show birds by selling all of my stock. With the blessing of the buyer, I left myself a handful of eggs which I hatched under my racing homers resulting in an operation that was on a much smaller scale. While I've said that a pigeon is a pigeon and listed the numerous similarities between both racing pigeons and show pigeons, the hobbies themselves are remarkably different. The competition, the people, and the gratification are inherently different in almost an inexplicable manner. To say that I haven't missed the show aspect of the hobby would be an understatement and as such, I'll be returning to the Woodstock Specialty Show this fall. After not showing for a handful years, I won't be vying for my 16th consecutive championship, but I will have gained an appreciation for both hobbies and the people that make them enjoyable; an appreciation that I sincerely hope that I've imparted on you through the sharing of my experience.

Yours in the sports,

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IRON WING LOFTS – 519-403-8964

For Sale:

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-1 Loft – Widow Hood

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- Handlers may enter birds but will not handle their own
- All handler entries will be placed on a rotation basis....no designation allowed
- No more than 50% designated birds in any loft – call your handlers early to reserve perches!

Birds accepted from March 15th to May 15th

Shipping will be held at the Windsor Sportsman's Club October 5, 2012

Race will be flown from Fowlers Corners on Saturday, October 6, 2012

There will be two set up races from Georgetown and Stouffville

Pooling will be available (100% payout - no deductions)

POOLING BREAKDOWN WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE

Breeder and handler loft auctions on shipping night

Food and refreshments will be available at our club!

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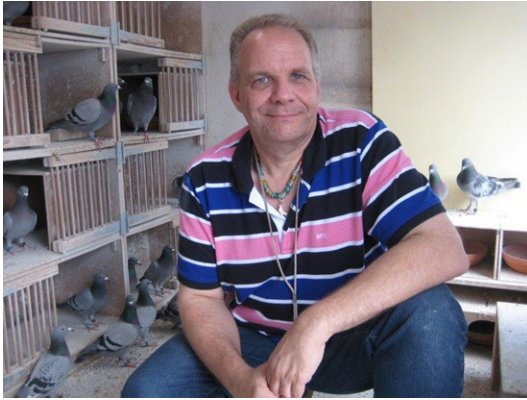
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Train to Success: Platform 1



All of us have chances given to us, if you can read this you have been given a chance and you will receive more of them. The biggest problem for many of us is that we don't always grab a firm hold of the opportunities handed to us.

Opportunities in the pigeon sport are in front of all of us, it doesn't matter if you have only just begun your pigeon racing career or if you have been at it for a while. Take hold of the opportunities that are presented and do something with them. The train to success can begin for you now; we are standing on platform 1. Will you step in or will you watch the train leave the station?

Platform 1: Good Pigeons

What is the most important aspect of the pigeon sport? Is it good pigeons? Is it the system? Is it the climate? Is it the loft? Or is it you the trainer, coach, manager and overseer of your flock and lofts. We will deal with all of these aspects, all

the platforms to success will be looked at and explained and you will have a chance to get on board.

What does a good pigeon look like?

Jos van Limpt (alias de Klak) once explained that a good pigeon always wears his Sunday best and we absolutely agree with him. He meant that a good pigeon always looks smooth and tight; it doesn't show any weaknesses and always seems to be in super condition (form). But what else do we look for? What do to-days good pigeons look like? In the pure short distance pigeons sometimes we can find average vents, wings that are a bit too short and a flat eye (colour), but it does have the right stuff between its' ears, it does have intelligence. But, if you race your pigeons further than 100 km or so and want to ship them to a race where it has to fly 5 hours or more...then we have to have pigeons that are good in the hand.

Super pigeons (pigeons that race at the top in Nationals) don't have serious faults. We won't find vents so open that you could park a bike between them. We won't find long back wings and surely we won't find any chicken wings. In real toppers we don't see any pigeons that feel like they are made up of two parts, they don't have large pupils giving them that dull look, they don't look like they are looking backwards. No, super pigeons are perfect pigeons with swollen muscles that vibrate like a woman's vibrator. Super pigeons have a nice jump up from the back wing to the flights and have good ventilation between the ends of the last four flights. Super pigeons lay easy in your hand, they are balanced, they have soft feathering (they may have a marked or distorted feather). Super pigeon always have small pupils that react easily to light and they have a "mad look about them". All pigeons that are not good enough in the hand, those that don't conform to the outward appearance of a top pigeon anno 2011 have to be removed. You can still race them; they will come home and they can even fly a prize...but, not a top National prize.

Does that mean that all pigeons that lay easy in your hand will become a super? No, of course they won't. We can't see what's in its head; we don't know how much the fancier will motivate it. We don't know how healthy it will be next year and we don't know what the loft climate will be next summer or the fanciers management skills etcetera. But we do know that a pigeon that does not meet the outward appearance of the modern type will never become a top pigeon at the national level. (That is Dagfond= one day long distance 500/750 km). If you only fly the short races than use the basket to select, but if you are an all-round or one day long distance flyer than evaluation or judging in the hand must become a very important selection tool.

Good pigeons come out of good pigeons!

Now, in 2010, we regularly see that the modern type of sport pigeon is making the difference. Various fanciers the last 2 or 3 years have obtained new pigeons and all of a sudden they are again the champions they used to be. Modern racing pigeons, those that are perfect in the hand with that "mad look" about them, who are out of the successful lines, are what separate the amateurs from the pros.

If you want to take the train to success than you have to begin with the modern type of racing pigeon! Where can we get these pigeons? From fanciers who in 2011 are winning. That means scouring sites such as www.gps-auctions.com www.selectpigeons.com and www.pipa.be . And this is very important! Search for offspring in the first or second generation of the topper itself, NOT out of its brother or uncle. Toppers must be obtained out of Johan Cruijff (Soccer Super Star) himself or out of his children, not out of Hennie Cruijff, his brother.

Train to Success: Platform 1




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The last race result for 2010 at the Beute and Son loft from Wilhelminaoord for the Friesland-South Section against 3064 pigeons from Isnes was 1,2,3,4,5 etcetera, 21 prizes out of 26 shipped and what was very interesting: it was 5 youngsters bred out of perfect parents, out of perfect lines anno: NOW!

Gert-Jan Beute

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2011 Convention Draw Winners!

<p>Tom Loyen Ottawa ON The Gert-Jan Beute</p>	 <p>"Super Rooite" ♂ NL09-1652996 Beute & Sons The Netherlands</p>
<p>Brian Sears Nanaimo BC The G & S Verkerk</p>	 <p>"Son Hummer's Halle Berry" ♂ NL10-1681899 VERKERK PIGEONS Coverd & Scholten, Yorkport The Netherlands www.verkerk-pigeons.com info@verkerk-pigeons.com</p>
<p>Alex Crane Kakabeka Falls ON The Hans & Evert-Jan Eijerkamp</p>	 <p>"BLAUWE 169" Grandson of the "Star" NL-11-1344169 www.eijerkamp.com EIJERKAMP Hans & Evert-Jan Eijerkamp Cornelislaan 12, 1 6271 JG, Sassenheim, The Netherlands www.eijerkamp.com</p>

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The Train to Success: Platform 1 (Part 2)



In this Part 2 of the first Platform, I am going to come back to good pigeons. This is one of, if not the most important aspect of the racing pigeon sport. When I visit some extreme long distance fanciers I see a percentage of very poor pigeons (in the hand). Many of these men and women, whose first love is the distance races, keep everything they breed. They enter all they have on the long races and hope for a lucky shot.

About 3 years ago, 50 youngsters from a very well know distance fancier, went through my hands and more than 50% were not worth keeping. But, like most long distance fanciers he was stubborn and he kept them all. Now 3 years later of all those soup birds with chicken wings, open vents and two part tails, there is not one left over. "Well yeah", he said, "they didn't make it home from the 800/1000 km races or they didn't win a prize" (and that is something for a long distance racer to say, because for them a 1249th prize on a National St. Vincent is considered a super performance).

You would assume that such a fancier would be able to pick out the poor youngsters, but no, the following year he again entered 80 and if they win 22 prizes he believes that he has flown a super result...well pfff. People think it through! At the extreme distance you shouldn't enter pigeons with major defects; they won't win a prize in the first 50 positions on a National race. Isn't that what we are after? An early pigeon isn't that what it's all about? Aren't those the ones we want.

If you select your young birds for health and then fly all of them, whether it is now or on the natour or taartvluchten (races in October for young birds), that's up to you. Then take the knife through them, you aren't going to bet or spend dollars on pigeons that can't fly a prize in the top 10% at the extreme distance are you? Get rid of all that baggage. It's difficult enough to fly in the top 10 with pigeons that are supers in your hand because, amongst them there are enough that don't have the intelligence or will power. It isn't quite that easy eh!

Then why can a poorly build pigeon do well on the short and faster races? Because a pigeon also has an intelligence and a temperament! If the pigeon is strongly motivated and it has the will to win (go home quickly) than it is easy to understand why a poorly build pigeon can win an early prize on a short race. You must understand that these won't be consistent pigeons, because if they come up against a 1,000 m/m race at a distance of 300km....that we are already asking too much of the bird.

As you may know I spend many evenings judging yearlings in the hand for others. I feel, squeeze and look at them and I can truthfully say that 90% of the time my predictions are right. But, yes there is that famous but again.

1. There can be perfect pigeons flying from a less than average loft for a less than average fancier.
2. There can be pigeons having a less than average build flying from a super loft and for a super fancier, here they can fly above expectations.
3. Sometimes I hear Beute you were really wrong this time, because that bird you gave a 6 won 10 prizes as a yearling, you really don't know what you're talking about. When I look at what happened than usually they only flew the pigeon at the short distances and they were 10 prize in the top 20% not really what you would call early prizes (these kind we shouldn't keep.....6's).

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For Sale

Two (2) Young Bird Kits for 2012

Blood Lines

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6 for \$250.00

Unikon Clock, 2 pads and cables \$850

One Pigeon Loft 10 x 16 \$750

Contact Sam: 519 284 1524

Train to Success: Platform 1 (Part 2)

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When clubs have a Beute competition than the yearlings must fly at the Dagfond (one day distance 400/700 km) at least 4 or 5 times. That's when the higher scoring birds rise to the top, the real good pigeons at the National level.

To summarize: a pigeon scoring a 6 in the hand may very well win prizes on the short races, but I would rather gamble on a pigeon scoring an eight (8) and fly it on the One-Day Distance races! The best part is that the modern one-day distance pigeon can also fly early prizes on the short races and even on the Natour races.....so, which would you chose? Eights (8) and become a champion, or keep the 6's and keep hoping for a lucky shot.

Comparing good pigeons from the past and now

When I look back at our own loft, I have to say that fortunately we have always had good pigeons. Naturally we have had average years, usually because of uncontrollable circumstances like my father's illness and later when he passed away and also the theft of our pigeons. But, we have always had good pigeons and we have always won first prizes.

The last few years, the pigeon sport, has evolved tremendously. Pigeons that earlier were super pigeons are still good but now sometimes are not good enough, not super anymore. We had fantastic years during the 60's and 70's on our lofts, the 80's were less so, due to the illness of both father and mother Beute. In 1987 the performances again took an upward line, we were still flying the pure Janssen (Klak) pigeons which at that time we obtained from Eppo Bodde Jr. During the 1990's we kept searching for better pigeons and the biggest boost came when we got pigeons from the lofts of Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp (94-2521155). We were already friends back then. This hen bred out of a son of Archibald x de Merckx 05, whose mother was the 88-943 (inbred 05 Camphuis).

The line of the two hens out of the Oude Merckx of 1967 was an enormous step forward for the Eijerkamps'. In 1973 Hans Eijerkamp acquired the 092 and 093 out of the Oude Merckx from the Janssen Bros. He paired them to the best pigeons of that time which were the 05 Camphuis brothers and the pigeon sport at the Eijerkamp lofts improved greatly.

But let's come back to our own lofts, the 155 hen is the foundation of the 063 line and what the 063 offspring have done around the world is unbelievable. You can see that the best of 80's brought us a turbo boost. Again we had a super boost in 2002 when we brought in the Superschaly from Eijerkamp and Sons. The Superschaly had as grandparents the super cracks of the 90's, Jonge General x daughter Rocky and Flits x daughter Romario. This Superschaly has since 2003 brought us to new heights in the pigeon sport. Up to 2006, we had a problem. We didn't want anything but pure Janssen pigeons in our lofts. Back in 1988 Hans Eijerkamp had already told my father and later he told me the same thing: Cross with new blood Beute!!!! But we didn't listen eh! Not then anyway.

Ever since 2006 I don't really look for them anymore (Janssen). Now it doesn't matter where the pigeons come from. They can come from the planet Mars for all I care. As long as they are super pigeons in the hand, as long as they have eyes like hawks, they have to look like they are really mad, they have to vibrate and they have to come out of modern day winners.

In 2008 I purchased two youngsters from Gerard Koopman, Vanity and Mercy. I paired these two with Eijerkamps' (Triller 313 Eijerkamp x 387 Vanity) and to the super 063 line (611 Son 2 x 322 Mercy) and in 2010 and 2011 we all saw the race results for our loft, the old 063 line x modern day winning pigeons from Eijerkamp and Koopman produced first prize winners and Ace Pigeons.

My train to the future began in 2006. Will yours begin in 2012?

Come on get on board!

Gert-Jan Beute

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Dispersal sale for Dimension Loft

On January 28, 2012, at the Hamilton Central Club House

Viewing starts at 11.00 AM Sale starts at 1.00 PM

After 36 years in the pigeon sport I have decided that is time to quit due to mobility problems. I have been a member of the Waterloo-Wellington and the Oxford Racing Pigeon Club. Also was president of the East Course Racing Pigeon Combine for several years. Over the years I have build up a family of pigeons that can compete anywhere. My primary families are Janssen based from Fountainhead in England, Campbell Strange of the USA. Also mixed in are some Bandits.

After some consideration I have decided to have a few sales. Above-mentioned sale will be the first sale of 80 birds where all my best birds will be sold.

These birds are all proven birds; several of them are 4-500 mile winners. Several of their off-spring will also be in this sale. Check the results for Dimension Loft and Hamilton McIntyre (earlier) in the CU Yearbook since 1975. Sales catalogue will be available at the sale.



Also at the sale will be a Unikon Champ electronic clocking unit. It was purchased just before the young bird season in 2011. Appr. 100 electronic bands and a number of nest bowls will also be sold.

For further information contact the owner at 519-463-5801

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The heart of the BENZING M 1 is a “state-of-the-art” high performance processor, which gives these clock heretofore unattainable capabilities. As a result, a single BENZING M 1 is capable of administering and evaluating up to 1,000 pigeons and 47 different races all at the same time. It can handle up to 64 PLB antennae and 4 independent fanciers, all in one unit. This clock can time pigeons so fast that it can shave fractions off of seconds, and time many pigeons on one drop with ease. It can perform functionality tests on itself, on the connected antennae, and even on the rings, making it easy to assess the status of the clock and its connected devices.

The motto of the BENZING M 1 is “USER FRIENDLY.” The designers wanted “No more little buttons,” so the BENZING M 1 offers a specially designed layout with only a few “easy access” rubberised keys, an extra-large LED display and a revolutionary “self-help” user guidance system that even the computer novice will find easy to use. For the technically advanced, there is a USB interface, which opens the door for bountiful data evaluation through direct connectivity with a PC or printer. The front foil is interchangeable, allowing each fancier to customize the look of his/her clock.

Facts:

- High performance, “state-of-the-art” 32 bit processor with 16Mbytes of RAM
- Unique and simple user guidance system
- Extra-large display for clear legibility
- Management of up to 1,000 pigeons

- Connection of up to 64 PLB antennae
- USB interface allows convenient transfer of statistical data at the fancier's home PC
- Plug & Play of all linked components
- Convenient pigeon and pooling management
- Pigeon velocity on display
- Possible extensions with docking station
- Possible battery operation with two standard batteries (AA)
- Individual design of front foil



A Completely Interconnecting System

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The **BENZING "PLB" antennae** belong to the second generation of electronic antennae and are technological leaders in the pigeon sport. No matter where the pigeon lands, it is always timed immediately, even twice for greater security. The overlapping integrated antenna fields guarantee that there are no "blind spots" on the antenna. Based on state-of-the-art electronics and provision of up to twelve antenna coils the pigeons can be clocked precisely and reliably.

Installation of the PLBS is quite simple. They are extremely flat and available in two sizes. Up to 64 antennae can be connected per system (compatible with BENZING M 1), and can be wired in a "star" configuration or in series. They are resistant to water splash and allow cable lengths of well over 100 yards.

The **BENZING Chip Code Ring** is one of the fastest electronic chip rings on the market with an extremely high performance. It also offers enormous reliability and a large read/write range. Patented manipulation protection guarantees during each basketing process a new secret code number to be written in the 128-bit memory, and there is also space for important fancier information. And BENZING is the ONLY manufacturer offering chip code rings in three colors. This means that different groups of pigeons (e.g. old or young birds or cocks and hens) can be simply color-coded.

Fast and precise - the BENZING Club System

The BENZING club system is designed for quick operation in the club. The club system consists of the club antenna, the Club Point and various cables.

The club system is capable of being connected to an Atomic clock, which is used for synchronising all fanciers' clocks each time a race is started.

The BENZING Club Point is new and extremely easy to use, and allows simultaneous connection of all components and devices needed in the club: club antenna, BENZING M 1, atis TOP or EXPRESS, PC, atomic clock and printer. Of course, matrix, inkjet and laser printers from different manufacturers can be used with the equipment.

The Advantages:

- Modern design with CAN and clubPOINT in a single unit
- Large time and date display
- Support for a radio clock and GPS clock
- Keys to manually set the date and time
- Additional USB port for the PC



- Easily accessible connections
- Loud acoustic signals
- Improved and faster reading/writing of the electronic chip rings
- Easy software download
- Support for the new BENZING Pro chip rings



Connections:

- 1x DB25(F) parallel printer interface
- 1x DB9(M) for PC
- 1x USB for PC
- 1x DB9(M) for the radio or GPS clock
- 2x PMDIN plugs for the clocks
- 1x DB9(F) expansion plug
- 1x Power connection

The Next Generation EXPRESS clock – BENZING Express G2

After the large success of the EXPRESS clocking system, we did totally overhaul its design and created the next generation clock BENZING Express G2. It is the ideal solution for all smaller pigeon lofts or newcomers in the pigeon sport, as it comes with all the important features in the highest technological version, but remains at the same time focussed on the essentials, so it can score in the market with the best price.

The Advantages:

- Exceptional value for money
- Memory for 250 pigeons und 8 simultaneous races
- Supports up to 100m (300 feet) of cable between the antennae
- High clocking speed (20 pigeons per second)
- Compatible with existing Express antenna (up to 8)
- Full graphic display of all the information
- Use of a modern, powerful CPU
- Easy and ergonomic handling
- Portable unit for table or wall mounting

Optional emergency power supply for up to 6 hours (BENZING Express G2 DOC)

Connections:

1x DB9(F) for the BENZING Antenna Controller

The BENZING G2 Antennas



Antenna for extension of the BENZING Express G2 System:

EXPRESS antenna with tunnel

BENZING G2 Antenna

BENZING G2 Tunnel-Set

Facts:

- Suitable for use with BENZING Express G2 and BENZING M1
- Flat and water-resistant
- Arrangement side by side
- Maximum clocking speed
- Status display LED
- Wide reading range
- Up to 50m connecting cable

Docking Station for BENZING Express G2

Clocking without any gaps, even in the event of a power surge or outage. Guaranteed by the BENZING Express G2 DOC, especially designed as an emergency power supply for our clocking system. In the event of a power outage or fluctuations, the power is supplied for at least another 5 hours. So the BENZING Express G2 can even be used in lofts that have no mains supply at all.

Additionally the docking station is equipped with a USB interface, for convenient transfer of statistical data to the PC at home.

The Advantages:

- Elegant and small housing
- Back-Up power protection up to 5 hours
- Integrated rechargeable battery
- USB connector for convenient transfer of statistical data to the PC at home

Possibility for future upgrades/add-ons

Connections:

- 1x DB9(F) for the BENZING Antenna Controller
- 1x USB for the PC

1x power connection



CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATION
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday Oct. 2, 2011
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBUR ONTARIO

Present: Nick Oud, Shannon Beadow

Conference: Oscar DeVries, Ron Hastie, Dan Archibald

Absent: John Stevenson, Mike van der Jagt, Ken King

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by the chairman Vice-President Oscar DeVries.

The minutes of the Directors meeting held on August 7, 2011 were read.

Ron Hastie moved that the August 7, 2011 Board of Director minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by Dan Archibald

Carried

Finance

Nick Oud moved that the General Account of the CRPU beginning April 1, 2011 with cheque number 4429 and ending August 31, 2011 with cheque number 4529 totalling in the amount of \$140,684.67 be approved and paid.

Seconded by Ron Hastie

Carried

After a short discussion on next years (2012) anticipated cost increases and future commitments of the CRPU Nick Oud moved:

“That for the 2012 membership year the membership fees be set at \$50.00 taxes included and that the Family membership be set at \$75.00 taxes included.”

Seconded by Dan Archibald

Carried

Bylaws:

Chairman Ron Hastie reported no outstanding issues.

Awards:

Chairman Oscar DeVries reported that the Old Bird National Awards were being processed on the database and should be available soon.

Close to 80 clubs and combines uploaded their Old Bird race results and although not all clubs uploaded results he quite happy with the amount of participation.

Nominations for Volunteer of the year and Executive of the year were sent out in the last Newsletter. The deadline has passed and there was no response from the membership. We will try again next year.

Rules:

No outstanding issues reported. One request as to the positioning of and ETS antenna in an aviary was received. The request was answered.

Promotions:

Chairman Dan Archibald reported that he is in the process of updating the Fledgling Racer Program. Dan wanted to emphasize the at the club level we should be treating the sport as a team sport. We need each other and every effort should be made to work together.

Youth Initiative Committee:

No report

Race Program:

Chairman Ron Hastie reported that there were no problems reported with the Winbird software.

Health:

Chairman Nick Oud reported that there did not seem to be any abnormal health problems at the present time.

It is again time to vaccinate the birds for PMV. Even though the Newcastle vaccine has proven to be effective in the prevention of PMV outbreaks in the past, it should be understood that it is a poultry vaccine and is being used of label when vaccination pigeons. The manufacturer will not be liable if PMV outbreaks occur after using the Newcastle vaccine. If anyone intends to export birds out of the country, government health certificates will not be issued for pigeons vaccinated with the Newcastle vaccine.

That being said the large bottles of Newcastle vaccine are again available and can be obtained from the office.

It is important to understand that when vaccinating young birds one dose does not offer full protection and that the manufacturer recommends a booster shot after the first shot. Problems with partial protection, after only one dose, have been reported in California and it is strongly advised that members follow the manufacturer instructions and recommendations.

PMV in pigeons is a reportable disease by law. If your pigeons come down with the virus you are obliged by law to report the outbreak to your vet. Protect yourself and the sport by vaccinating your birds for PMV.

Old Business:

Yearbook layout was discussed and the format of the race results will be changed. The Old Bird results for each club/combine will be followed immediately by their Young Bird Results. This should make it more convenient when looking through the clubs results. They will all be in the same place.

The 2011 Convention was discussed. As there did not seem to be any interest by the membership in the proposed show, it was decided to drop it. All other convention matters are on schedule and is going smoothly thanks to the convention conveners: Enna Oud and Shannon Beadow.

The draw tickets for the birds donated by Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp, Gerard and Bas Verkerk and Gert-Jan Beute are ready for sale and order forms will be included in the October newsletter. Tickets can also be purchased online from the CRPU website.

The CRPU has reserved and paid for a booth at the Royal Winter Fair which is coming up in November. We will ask for volunteers in the next newsletter. To date no one has stepped forward.

New Business:

Shannon Beadow reported that there were several nominations for the upcoming BOD elections received at the office:

President: Nominations for Oscar DeVries and Dave Booth

Vice-President: Nomination for Terry Humberstone

Treasurer: Nomination for Nick Oud

Secretary: Nomination for Steve Walsh

Director: Nomination for Dan Archibald, Ken King and Paul Finch

As there are two nominations for President a ballot for this position will be sent out. All other positions are acclaimed.

Nick Oud moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Dan Archibald

Carried

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday December 15, 2011

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: Shannon Beadow, Terry Humberstone, Nick Oud, Steve Walsh

Conference: Dan Archibald, Oscar DeVries, Paul Finch, Ken King

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 20:07 by President DeVries.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. President DeVries requested Item #9 be moved forward to be dealt with next.
- b. S. Beadow requested that Item 11 be amended to include 10.2 Honourary Memberships.

Motion: to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: P. Finch CARRIED

3. Read and Sign Documents

- 8.1 Oath of Confidentiality
- 8.2 Conflict of Interest

S. Walsh explained both documents and the need for the members of the CRPU Board of Directors to review date and sign these documents annually.

Motion: the Oath of Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest documents be accepted as official CRPU Governance documents to be reviewed dated and signed annually by the members of the CRPU Board of Directors.

Moved by: D. Archibald

Seconded by: T. Humberstone CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Director Finch advised the Board of Directors that he had a conflict of interest to declare with respect to the Action Items List; the Mitchell and District Racing Pigeon Club.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion: the minutes of the Board of Directors last meeting dated Sunday October 2, 2011 be accepted as written.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: D. Archibald CARRIED

6. Action Items List:

- 6.1 Request to form new club – Heinz Goeckel – Mississauga Central Racing Pigeon Club.

Motion: the CRPU will accept a new club to wit: The Mississauga Central Racing Pigeon Club upon payment of the prescribed fee effective January 1, 2012.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: D. Archibald CARRIED

6.2 Request to form new club – Bill Sowden/Murray Smith – Mitchell and District Racing Pigeon Club.

Motion: the CRPU will accept a new club to wit: The Mitchell and District Racing Pigeon Club upon completion and submission of the proper documents and payment of the prescribed fee effective January 1, 2012.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: T. Humberstone CARRIED

7. Financial

7.1 Motion to pay accounts

Motion: that the General Account of the CRPU beginning September 1, 2011 with cheque number 4530 and ending November 30, 2011 with cheque number 4606 totalling in the amount of \$35,299.49 be approved and paid.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: D. Archibald CARRIED

N. Oud advised that as of November 30, 2011 our general account balance was \$58,603.60.

Our account signing authorities are being changed to reflect our new Executive.

S. Beadow, N. Oud and T. Humberstone will be our signing authorities for the CRPU.

Our Office Manager Shannon Beadow is working on the year to year comparisons. I will circulate them to everyone as soon as they are ready for everyone's perusal.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be turning their accounts over to the CRPU in the near future; the new signing authority for this account will be the same previously identified individuals.

8. Grant Updates

8.1 JCP Program, Ontario Trillium Foundation, New Horizon's for Senior's Fund.

There is nothing further to report at this time. We await word if we were successful in acquiring new grant funding.

9. Presidents Report

O. DeVries wished to identify our Committees for next year to-night.

By-Law Committee – S. Walsh / P. Finch

Awards Committee – N. Oud / O. DeVries

Promotions Committee – D. Archibald / K. King

Rules Committee – N. Oud / T. Humberstone

Web Site – S. Walsh

Motion: that the Board of Directors approves the new committees for 2012 as recorded.

Moved by: D. Archibald

Seconded by: K. King CARRIED

10. In Camera – was not required.

11. Other Business

10.1 Next Board Meeting Date

O. DeVries and S. Walsh will get together to come up with some possible meeting dates in the not too distant future.

10.2 Honourary Members

We have a written request from a member asking that he be recognized as a Honourary member. The BOD has no authority to recognize an individual as a Honourary member. This recognition must come from the floor at a properly constituted meeting of members for election.

S. Walsh will write to the member and advise what he must do to be recognized as a Honourary Member as per our Constitution.

10.3 The Cover of the 2011 Year Book

Motion: that the cover of the 2011 CRPU Year Book be photographs of the best overall Old Bird and Young Bird for 2011 AND the 2010 birds be recognized within.

Moved by: N. Oud

Seconded by: P. Finch CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn

Moved by: S. Walsh

Seconded by: P. Finch CARRIED