



American Racing Pigeon Union

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SUMMER IS HERE!

Are you ready for summer? It is here! Summer is the perfect time to spend with friends and family.

This is also a time to interact with your birds. Perhaps you would have friends over to enjoy summer activities. Be sure to let them observe your birds.

The American Racing Pigeon Union has literature to share with people, regardless of age, that might be interested in participating in the hobby. Please let us know if you would like us to send flyers and pamphlets to you to share with others.

We also have literature that should be helpful to you as pigeon fanciers. We have several brochures available. We have one set of pamphlets that contain information regarding breeding, young bird racing, old bird flying and feeding. Another part of this set of six pamphlets discusses health care. Maintaining a healthy loft and healthy birds is the key to success in racing.

In the August edition of *Pigeon Tracks*, we will share an update on the national youth race. For those that are entered, please stay in touch with the handler, Lou Gurino (352-895-4420). He is as excited about the youth race as we are.

We wish you an enjoyable and safe summer.

Karen Clifton, AU Executive Director



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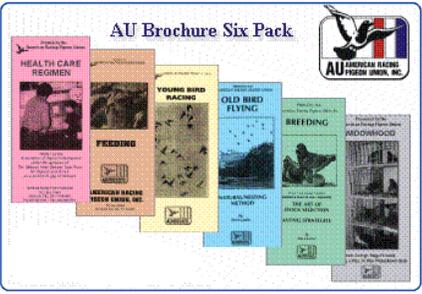
Over 90 Years of Excellence!



PROMOTION MATERIAL AVAILABLE FROM THE AU OFFICE

We hope this edition of Pigeon Tracks finds all AU junior members doing well and preparing for a successful and fun racing season.

**Need to promote your hobby?
We've got you covered!
Here a sample of some of the literature.**



AU Brochure Six Pack

- HEALTH CARE REGIMEN
- FEEDING
- YOUNG BIRD RACING
- OLD BIRD FLYING
- BREEDING
- WINDHOOD

FACT SHEET

FASCINATING...

- In the mid 1800's, the Reuters News Agency operated a live tele service using Homing Pigeons.
- There are nearly 1 million pigeon fliers around the world today.
- The ancient Greeks used Homing Pigeons to carry messages 5,000 miles ago.
- Homing Pigeons race from 80 to 600 miles at speeds of 40 to 60 mph over terrain they have often never seen before.
- Homing Pigeons were used extensively as a highly reliable method of communication in remote corners during the two World Wars and the Korean War. The saved thousands of lives with its military service.
- Homing Pigeons were introduced to the United States in the mid 1800's. In the 1880's, the first 500-mile race took place in this country.
- Some international races award large cash prizes. In the United States, most races are held for good, clean family fun.

FAMOUS FANCIERS:

Walt Disney loved pigeons so much that for many years he released a flock of white Homing Pigeons as part of daily ceremonies at Disneyland and Disney World.

Tony Bradshaw, former Pittsburgh Steelers' Quarterback, breeds pigeons.

Ray Price, country singer, enjoys breeding Homing Pigeons.

Actors Yul Brynner and Roy Rogers raised pigeons.

Public Figures, who also raised Homing Pigeons, named his daughter "Helen" "Speed" for speed.

Boating champion, George Foreman, maintains a loft and breeds Homing Pigeons.

Actress Joanne Woodward raised fancy breeds of pigeons.



WORD SEARCH

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EXPERIENCE THE HOBBY OF A LIFETIME!

The Chattanooga Racing Pigeon Club invites you to learn about the sport of **RACING PIGEONS** their athleticism and unique ability to return to their home lofts.

Visit with area pigeon enthusiasts and find out how easy it is to join the nearly 10,000 Americans who already raise and race pigeons.

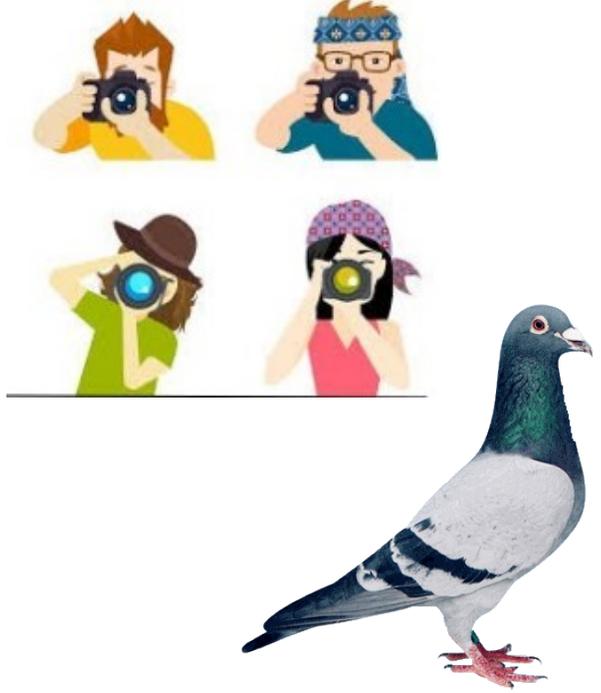
Contact: Don Snow 423-718-8108

Member of the American Racing Pigeon Union

The American Racing Pigeon Union was founded in 1910 and now represents 10,000 members in 18 states. National headquarters are located in Oklahoma City.

405-848-5801 www.pigeon.org

**Let us know what you need.
405-848-5801
aupromo@aol.com**



Photographs

Do you have a photograph you would like to share of you and your favorite bird? Write a couple of sentences why its your favorite.

Send to aupromo@aol.com or American Racing Pigeon Union P.O. Box 18465 Oklahoma City, OK 73154

Youth Scholarship Program needs to be postmarked by June 1, 2024

AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The AU Youth Scholarship Program has been established to assist members or relatives of members pursue their educational goals.

AU members and their relatives are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Criteria is listed below:

- Must be 23 years old or younger
- Must have a minimum B average
- Must be an AU member or relative of an AU member
- Must submit a **signed application, bio, proof of GPA & photo by no later than June 1**
- Bio will include educational & professional goals, work experience & community service involvement. Tell us how you work within the community (service programs, clubs, scouting, church, etc.) Be sure to include any certificates of acknowledgement or achievement and letters of recommendation. Supporting letters from educators are important.

Applications **must be postmarked no later than June 1 each year**. Applications and bios will be reviewed by the AU Youth Scholarship Committee. The top three essays (with the above information) will be selected. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,000.00 to assist toward fulfilling their educational goals. Those that have already received an AU scholarship are not eligible to apply.

Award recipients will be notified. Upon receipt of proof of enrollment for the Fall semester, a check will be issued.

Scholarship winners will be announced each year in the AU *Yearbook*.

MAIL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS TO:

**ARPU
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
PO BOX 18465
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73154-0465**

AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Complete ALL questions & return with bio & a current photograph postmarked no later than 6/1

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING IN THE FALL: _____

COLLEGE LEVEL: FRESHMAN__ SOPH__ JUNIOR__ SENIOR__ GRADUATE__

FIELD OF STUDY: _____

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GPA (as of the completion of the last semester – provide proof) _____

HOBBIES/CLUBS/COMMUNITY PROJECTS _____

HONORS RECEIVED (not required - include copies of certificates, etc.): _____

DESCRIBE FINANCIAL NEED: _____

ARE YOU AN AU MEMBER OR RELATED TO AN AU MEMBER? INCLUDE AU ID NUMBER _____. IF RELATED TO AN AU MEMBER, EXPLAIN: _____

SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A BRIEF BIO/ESSAY WHICH INCLUDES:

- EDUCATIONAL GOALS
- PROFESSIONAL GOALS
- WORK EXPERIENCE
- COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT – HOW DO YOU GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY?
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

MUST HAVE A MINIMUM B AVERAGE & BE 23 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Candidates previously awarded a scholarship are not eligible.

Northern Indiana RPC

4-H Club takes to the Air with Pigeon Racing

Mike Parrish (Northern Indiana RPC) has started a Pigeon Racing program for 4-H youth in Jasper County.



4-H'ers Looking Good!

Ronnie Shumaker, AU SE Zone Director, has been working with AU member, Mike Parrish, as he establishes a new 4-H group focused on pigeons. In the photo below, you will see the 4-H kids in Indiana proudly holding the baskets they made with the help of volunteers.

Ronnie tells us that the Southeast Louisiana Combine has pledged around 30 birds for this project.

Thanks to all those helping to make sure this is a successful group. Special thanks go to 4-H leader/ AU member, Mike Parrish!



Carlina Low Country enjoyed sharing the sport with Daisy Elementary students

South Carolina – Carolina Low Country Club had a Show and Tell at Daisy Elementary School. It was an enjoyable day while spending time with the kids and staff at Daisy Elementary school in Loris, SC. Ray Lebrun and David Neal, members of the Carolina Low Country Club in Loris, SC spear-headed the event which was a career event for the students that day. We can see how excited the kids were about viewing some racing pigeons and the setup that was displayed. Information about the American Racing Pigeon Union was available by the AU office and flyers were given out. It's always about exposing the pigeons in a positive way while also showing the public the enjoyment one can have in their own backyards. As we all know, without exposure and talking about the great sport, many have no idea that we even exist. Article Submitted by Eddie Ortiz



John with Indianapolis RPC shared his Hobby at a Home School Event

Indiana – Jeff and Tammy Hierholzer hosted a home school event about racing homers. John Mcquithy with the Indianapolis RPC was the speaker. There were 22 adults and 30 children in attendance. Lots of questions and answers were provided. The youngsters all got instructional flyers supplied by the AU office. Pigeons were released at the close of the class. The pigeons were 15 miles from home. John received a phone call from his sister, Billie, confirming their arrival. They made it in 15 minutes with a good tail wind. What a great way to promote the sport.

