

American Racing Pigeon Union

PIGEON TRACKS

Youth Races Update

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For those entered in the 2018 AU National Youth Race, your birds are doing well and have been trained out to about 40 miles. Training will continue until the time of the big event. Race day will be on October 19, 2018. The Chicago Convention committee has indicated they will have their inventory listed soon (<https://www.greaterchicagocombine.com/inventory>).

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITGI153etMpa-f5lnqZFGYxo64QloVeE2ZbUKsi-gxJ0/edit#gid=0>

Be sure to scroll down until you see Gary Heindel as the handler. Gary has done a tremendous job keeping kids and their parents updated.

We wish you all the best of luck and we wish you a successful and fun young bird season!

All participants will receive a certificate or plaque. The winner will receive a plaque, trophy and will be invited to attend the 2019 convention in Utah as our guest.

All junior members that are participating in the 2018 Midwest Racing Pigeon Association Youth Race are in for a great event as well. The Midwest youth race will be held on October 12. The handler, Gary Heindel, has been busy training and the birds have been out to about 50 miles. Their inventory is listed at

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Winners

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The applicants were all remarkable, which made selecting three that stood out that much more challenging. The individuals that submitted applications are all relatives of pigeon flyers. Applications were reviewed and rated based on need, leadership, academic achievement and community involvement. All applicants must also provide proof of at least a B average. Each recipient receives a \$2000 scholarship.

We encourage those not selected to resubmit next year. Please watch for the applications that appear in the quarterly newsletters and be sure to submit by June 1.

Please help us congratulate the scholarship recipients. We wish all the applicants the very best of luck as they pursue their educational and professional goals!

Emerson Lee

Emerson Lee, is the son of AU member, Rung Lee, from Missouri. At an early age (7 years old), Emerson knew he wanted to become a doctor. True to his dream, he has graduated Harvard and is now preparing for the beginning of medical school at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine this Fall.



Emerson has an interest in music, cooking, art, and basketball. He has volunteered at the Harvard College Alzheimer's Buddies, Team HBV, Mass General Hospital and served as a Teaching Assistant at the Harvard Department of Statistics. Emerson has received the National Merit Scholar, Presidential Scholar Semifinalist, and National AP Scholar awards. He also received the Harvard Certificate for Distinction in Teaching.

Feeling helpless as his beloved grandmother was battling Alzheimer's, he was inspired to action to help those left behind by the health care system. Emerson's goal is to help transform the medical field to solidify healthcare as a universal human right and, ultimately, seeing that others can enjoy healthy lives with the ones they love.



Ethan Bonn

With a goal of becoming an aerospace engineer and securing employment with a company such as NASA, SpaceX or Blue Origin, Ethan Bonn is committed to his studies. He will be attending Purdue University due to their notoriety for having an outstanding and very specialized aerospace program.

Ethan's father, Joe Bonn, an AU member, is the Vice President of the Camas Prairie Club in Grangeville, ID.

While attending high school in Grangeville, Ethan has been listed on the Honor Roll since his freshman year and is a member of the National Honor Society. He was also the Valedictorian of his class and received awards for academic excellence in math and science.

When Ethan is not studying or working to help offset the cost of his college education, he assists Veterans groups to coordinate fundraisers and has been a member of Knowledge Bowl. He participates in soccer, cross country, baseball and basketball.

Cierra Ruybal



Pursuing a career in the biomedical sciences field, Cierra Ruybal (daughter of Andrew Ruybal, AU member in Pueblo, CO), will be attending Colorado State University this Fall.

Cierra will be studying cellular and molecular biology, anatomy, and physiology. The Biomedical Sciences Program offers research in specialty areas such as endocrinology, molecular genetics and pharmacology. This, hopefully, will lead the path to medical school.

Cierra has been very active in her community assisting with food drives, charity fundraisers, mentoring other students, working with residents at a local nursing home and in the local animal shelter.

She has received numerous academic honors, which include being named a member of National Honor Society and CHSSA Academic All-State, as well as receiving Academic Letter (2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017).

CHER AMI 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It has been a century since the heroic pigeon delivered vital messages that saved lives during World War I. Please join us in celebrating this amazing bird and his legacy.

The American Racing Pigeon Union (AU) announces the celebration of the year in Washington D.C. The AU's lobbyist, Greg Smith, is taking the lead in coordinating this event. The celebration will tentatively include representatives from the AU, IF, and the Smithsonian. The Smithsonian has indicated they would be interested in displaying pigeon memorabilia for public viewing.

Local pigeon fanciers will be invited to assist by providing birds for an impressive release. We also hope to include veterans, several embassies and possibly the 77th Division. As details are confirmed, we will provide updates so that all may join us in this most important commemorative event.

As presented in the Smithsonian: http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/search/object/nmah_425415

Cher Ami was a registered Black Check cock carrier pigeon, one of 600 birds owned and flown by the U.S. Army Signal Corps in France during World War I. He delivered twelve important messages within the American sector at Verdun; on his last mission, October 4, 1918, he was shot through the breast and leg by enemy fire but still managed to return to his loft with a message capsule dangling from the wounded leg. The message Cher Ami carried was from Major Charles S. Whittlesey's "Lost Battalion" of the Seventy-seventh Infantry Division that had been isolated from other American forces. The message brought about the relief of the 194 battalion survivors, and they were safe behind American lines shortly after the message was received.

For his heroic service, Cher Ami was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm. He was returned to the United States and died at Fort Monmouth, N.J. on June 13, 1919, as a result of his wounds. Cher Ami was later inducted into the Racing Pigeon Hall of Fame in 1931, and received a gold medal from the Organized Bodies of American Pigeon Fanciers in recognition of his extraordinary service during World War I.



Showcase Lofts

We would love to see your lofts. Email your pictures and a little background about yourself and the loft to promo@aol.com. We will feature your loft on the AU website.

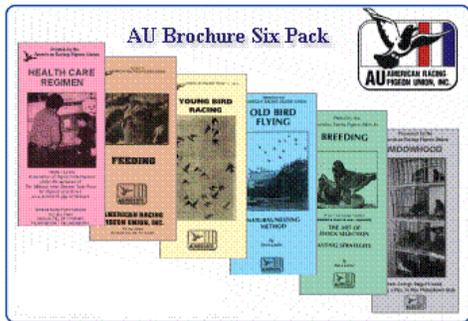


2016 AU loft contest winner.

Calling all junior members! Would you like to serve as an AU Youth Ambassador? Your work would be featured in AU publications. It's a great way to get acquainted with other juniors and clubs across the country.

If you like to visit and you like to write, this is a perfect "gig" for you!

With school starting, do you need to promote your hobby? We've got you covered!



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
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Member of the American Racing Pigeon Club
The American Racing Pigeon Club was founded in 1910 and serves approximately 10,000 members in 48 states. National headquarters are located in Oklahoma City.
405-848-2815 www.pigeon.org

Pigeons & Veterans.
Our Racing Pigeon Club invites you to learn about the sport of

RACING HOMING PIGEONS
their athleticism and unique ability to return to their home lofts.

Discover the peace the pigeons can bring to those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression and Suicide thoughts.

WHAT PEACE THE PIGEON BRINGS
One veteran, Bubba, has been racing pigeons for over a decade. These birds can find their way home from hundreds of miles away. They use magnetic fields, photographic memories and an incredible sense of smell.

But Bubba doesn't just race his birds, he shows them from the time they hatch. He says these birds have helped him deal with post-traumatic stress disorder from fighting in the country.

"If there are people in this world who come 'Homeless', I can't help but say that I would be here if I weren't for my birds."

Bubba loves his birds and his birds definitely love him back.

Race Horses of the Sky!

Racing Homers
Thoroughbreds of the Air

I just never heard of "National Dog Day" myself. You ever?



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4-H Flying Clovers At The Fair



Mike Netzky initiated a new 4-H Flying Clovers RPC in Michigan. The newly formed group braved the county fair with a fun pigeon promotion display. Mike said the first day of the fair was one of his most memorable days. His neighbor, Fern Law, spent the whole day. The Peter's family was there bright and early and helped set up booths. Meghan, Ben, and Ellie spent the whole day helping. Isaac and Sam Paga and Nat Bentley were a huge help, also. Ellie made some super posters along with so many other super things. Ben, Sam, and Isaac talked with the public and helped band the birds with the messages underneath the



messages to be delivered. Mike personally had 14 messages come home with his birds. The Pagas, Bentleys, and the Peters also had messages come with their birds which were released.

So far, so great!!!



bands. Mike said credit goes to so many other acts of goodness from these folks making the first day a huge success.

They had two bird releases, one at 11:30 and the other at 2:30 which were cheered on by a large crowd each time. The birds carried messages on their legs which were forwarded to the addresses on the messages. The generous public paid \$1.00 each for their

