

Record Fly

June 21 2025 - Day I will remember for rest of my life.

Hello CFTC,

As you all know “us” pigeon fancier who likes to fly birds in endurance competition, it can be a big day for us. From getting kit ready to

double doubting everything in our minds to keep checking birds to ensure you are doing everything in power to getting birds ready for long day fly. With this all-cocks old bird kit, I started training with 5 cock birds in mid-April and unfortunately just in first week one bird was hit by cooper hawk. And was taken out of flying kit because of missing feathers in its wing and tail. So, I was down to 4 cock birds. Luckily this kit of 4 cocks made it through 2 weeks of initial training and stayed the course. All 4 birds were trained in night fly as young birds so That was easy part this year, but daytime flying was a challenge because of falcon attacks and cooper hawk. Once birds got their reps in, back to normal flying conditions I felt cooper hawk left them alone. Falcon attacks were different story. Specially in middle 2 weeks of June. In last training flight before long day competition birds were attacked 3 times in 3 hours by falcon which made me cut there last training flight to just 5 hours just because I didn't want to lose any more birds from this kit.

As for long day competition day.

As this weekend approaches i decided just one week earlier i should fly this kit one for time for best possible time i can do this year. Because Same kit flew 16 hour 20 on June 1st 2025, on honor system and i was so impressed with birds on that i decided to fly them again in week on following weekend as official system and boy oh boy birds did not disappoint. Birds flew 17 hours on June 08 2025 and that was my personal best time so i was proud of myself as well but i still felt birds could give more. Then after birds recover by next day looking back i felt bird could even do more and i had feeling i had nothing to lose now after doing my personal best time. So, after discussing with few of my fellow pigeon



fanciers i decided to fly same kit again third time but this time give them extra week to rest. Fly them on long day fly.

As long day fly weekend comes. I see the temperature rise with weather network showing heat warning. With temperatures going 30+ But since kit was already on feed up. Just had to make few small changes in feed up for last two days, after I decided to I'm just going to fly the birds, doesn't matter how they do. Plus, i wanted to test how actually tipplers fair in this weather. And the did not disappoint. As my timer came at 4:45am on Fly Day morning checked rings band of flying kit of 3. birds were released at 5:01am to calm and cool perfect weather around 18 degrees but by 8 am weather was already 26 degrees. Birds were doing well. And by 1pm it was 30 degrees feeling like 35 degrees as shown on weather network, but birds pushed it through with strong winds helping them as in evening approaching dusk birds were feeling fatigue from heat and strong winds. and sharing videos and update with club members on our CFTC WhatsApp group how birds are doing throughout the day. One thing i knew for sure was this kit of 3 kit of cock birds was they were strong condition of droppers so i knew they will wait for dropper signal until end. As i kept pushing them into the night and they kept waiting for my dropping signal. As birds go into night winds guest really picked up to 50km/h i felt one of the cock bird was more fatigued then other two at that time and was lagging little behind in a step to other so decide to give dropping signal at 11:22pm and first bird was down at 11:24pm and last bird kit landing at 11:38pm after last bird landing and getting kit trapped and confirming kit band number by timers. I felt so proud of birds but so relieved for myself because i been trying for this moment from last 10 years and finally it happened and i felt so relieved but excited for next challenge in endurance flying.

Total time of 18 Hours 21 minutes

Official New Canadian and North American Record of old birds

Thanks to CFTC members for being so supportive of all flyers.

I want to thank all my timers as well on this very special day for me and all the other people that visited during fly.

Thank you

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