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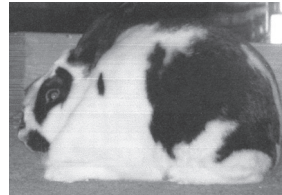
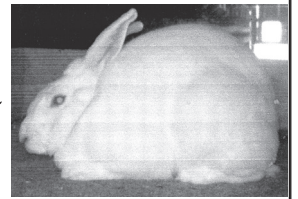
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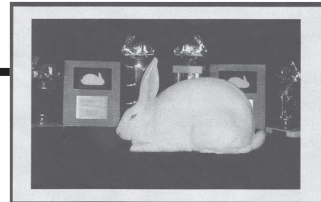


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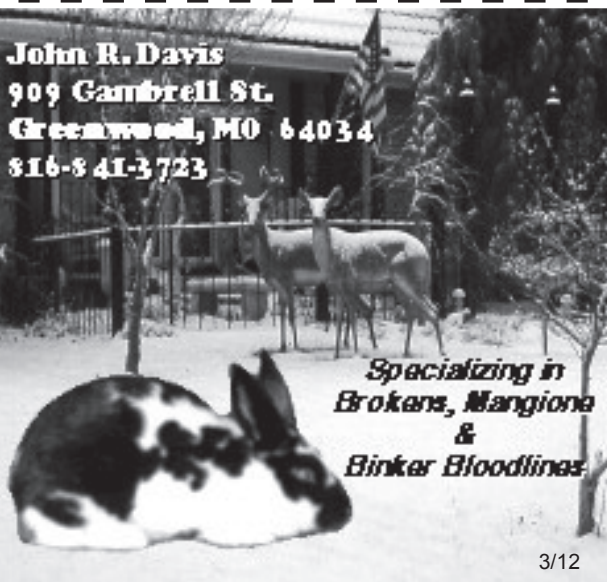
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President Report by Sue Borden

January is usually a fairly slow month for us here in the south raising rabbits. We take the time to plan the year's breeding schedule, cull any rabbits that do not come up to the standard we want, and move out the does and bucks in production that are not giving us what we had hoped they would. So it seems that January is one of the most important months we have on our rabbit calendar. Now we begin the show season and working those rabbits and getting them ready is top of the list in rabbit chores. There is no magic to getting rabbits ready for the shows, it all comes down to hard work and spending a lot of time in the barn. Let it be fun and you will enjoy your rabbit hobby more.

I have spent some time working on the Federation committees for the next year. Please note the list elsewhere in the Times. I talked with some of you, but if you are still on a committee that you were on last year and don't want to be there, just give me a call. Please know I would love to hear from any member that would like to serve the Federation on these committees. I especially need members willing to serve on our youth committees.

One of the committees that is working really hard is our judge selection committee. They are working to update our list through the year 2025. We discovered that if we don't get our judges committed now we may be short judges at future conventions. A lot of rabbit judges are hired through 2020. Our vice-president, Dave Mangione, is chairing this committee and is doing a great job in catching us up.

Now to the hardest part of this article for me to write.. Our loss of our beloved Fibber McGehee. Fibber was involved in all of our rabbit industry, but our New Zealand Federation claims him as one of ours first. A few years ago when Fibber finally had to give up raising New Zealands, he told me that the New Zealand rabbit was and always would be his first love. He raised many a good rabbit of other breeds but truly is responsible for why many of us raise this breed and love it. When we decided to dedicate this issue of the Times to Fib, we realized how

many breeders had special memories to share and tributes to give. Fibber had that ability to make you feel that you were important to him and this breed. He gave many of us advice and even rabbits to help us improve our New Zealands. Fibber knew when you were serious about raising better rabbits and encouraged and promoted this rabbit club till he left us.

Paul and I will be forever grateful that we had that last visit with Fibber in San Diego. Of course we didn't know that it would be the last visit and perhaps that was meant to be. Fibber was, as always, interested in just what the New Zealands at the convention looked like and was there for the judging. We mentioned in the last Times, the honor he was given by the San Diego convention committee. Many of the New Zealand breeders that attended the convention were there for that opening ceremony that honored Fibber and it was a very emotional time for all. There are many words that describe a man like Fibber and you may see many of them in this issue of the Times. These are just some, a man of integrity, competitor, judge, teacher and mentor and a master conditioner. He was also to many of us a caring and special friend. It has been our privilege to have had Fibber McGehee in our lives and he will be missed.

Hope to see all of you in April in Greenville, Ohio for our National Show.

Please call or e-mail me with anything for the good of this club.

Sue Borden

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Vice-President Report

by
Dave Mangione

Our judge's selection committee has been very busy confirming judges for years 2011 through 2020! Yes, I said 2020. I had no idea how far in the calendar that judges are booked for ARBA conventions. Our committee members can be found in this edition of the Times. I would like to encourage all members to contact myself or any member of the committee with recommendations for judges as we will be discussing and identifying judges for years 2021 thru 2025 at the Nationals in April. Your input is valued so please let us know with a phone call or e-mail.

By the time you receive this edition of the times, the Domestic Rabbit magazine should already be in hand and the showing of the broken variety New Zealands making a splash at your local shows. It has been an honor for me not only to have developed a new variety in a breed that is truly the BREED IN THE LEAD but to have the kind of support during the presentation process. I want to thank everyone for your support. I can't wait for the first showing of the broken variety at our National Show in Ohio this year! How fitting it is to have their first National showing in the state they were developed! I look forward to this new display of color in our show rooms across the country. Go Broken!!!

Eabert "Fibber" McGehee was in every definition of the words a true "Master Rabbit Breeder". His passing is not only a loss for us as breeders but more importantly we have lost a great leader and friend. I am thankful to have known Fibber as a friend and for having the opportunity to listen and learn from him. Fibber gave me great insight and encouragement during my development of the broken variety New Zealand. I remember sitting down to dinner the evening following my first presentation during the ARBA convention in Michigan. Fibber served as one our member judges evaluating the rabbits prior to recommending they go on to the standards committee for their review. During dinner Fibber and I talked about the broken variety New Zealand and the new ground

I was breaking in such a long standing traditional breed. Fibber guided me through the process with little hints and suggestions that made it possible for me to succeed. I will always be grateful for his guidance, support and wisdom. Fibber was a Master Rabbit Breeder and his success speaks for itself. Fibber was always paying forward, sharing his knowledge and providing leadership as a role model for breeders young and seasoned. Thanks Fibber! I will always remember you and hope that I can make the same impact as a breeder as you have during your time on this earth.

David A. Mangione

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Secretary-Treasurer Report by John Neff

This is a tough report to write with the loss of our Dear Friend Fibber. He will certainly be missed...

It has been a very busy time here with Federation business. I truly wish the members would pay attention to their membership expiration date that now appears on your "Times" mailing labels. We tried publishing the names, as memberships became due & now we are trying this. I know several other clubs that I belong to, use this method. We will still mail out reminders, when all else fails. This would save us quite a bit of time, but more importantly save the Fedrration a lot of money. Currently we have 535 members...

We still get some questions about Sweepstakes points. PLEASE, remember from the time you show, until we receive the reports & the results are calculated & published a great deal of time will go by. Be patient, the points will eventually show up on the website & in the Times... Also, if you want to show as partners, or youth want to show together. You MUST enter the show with these complete names each time you show.

Before you know it we'll be heading to Greenville. I am really looking forward to this National. As we all know the Ohio Group will do a great job & we'll have another sucessful National. The Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville is one of the nicest Old Fairgrounds & we are lucky to have our National there again.

Once we are done in Ohio, we will need to shift our attention to the ARBA Convention in MN. Please watch for details in the Times & on the website as they become available.

I am working on a complete and accurate list of our Hall of Fame members. Once I get this done, please watch the website for this updated information. Remember, you can nominate any member for future consideration...

Well, I guess it is time to bring this to a close.

Please have a safe trip to Greenville & I look forward to seeing you all...

John

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Director Report

by

Jean Harris, WA

*H*i New Zealand Breeders

Winter is here and with luck spring will be just around the corner. Fortunately in the northwest we have had a mild winter. Some really cold days in December, with snow. But January is providing us with a wet month with rain instead of snow. It seems like forever since we have had a show, but that will change this weekend with the Inland Empire Rabbit Breeders hosting their winter show. I understand from the show secretary there is a big New Zealand entry.

I can hardly wait until we can show our broken. It is really fun to look into the nest boxes to see those little guys (seems like that is all I get are bucks) and to see their markings. I like their growth and their temperament. It will be fun to have another variety to show.

The rabbit world lost a great rabbit icon with the passing of Fibber. My first contact with Fibber occurred about fifteen years ago. My herd needed a shot in the arm. A friend told me to call the best, so I did, I called Fibber told him I needed a good white buck. Well he said he didn't ship rabbits. So I thanked him and started thinking. I called a Silver Marten friend, Tex Thomas. Tex made it all happen. Fibber told me he had only one buck to sell, one that he planned on showing at Fort Worth Stock show but would sell him to me. He also sent me a Florida White buck for my Granddaughter Brooke. The next month we took the bucks to the next show. You might know, my white buck was Best In Show and Brooke's buck was Best In Show for the Youth show. His word of wisdom to me was "always breed the best to the best". He was a very special person.

See you all in Greenville in April.

Jean Harris



Director Report

by

Arnie Schmidt, IL

*H*i from Illinois,

Don't have much to write about as I haven't talked to anyone, we have not been to any shows since December.

Hope everyone had a nice holiday season. It has been a cold winter here with a lot of snow and cold. I am ready for spring.

I just started getting back out to the rabbits as I was in the hospital overnight, then because of the ice Sue wouldn't let me go out for fear of falling. Sue has been doing all the chores.

Been having a few litters, but having a lot of misses, or they have a large litter but only raise 2-3. Sue said that she has around 30-35 does bred for the 15th to the 23rd.

Be lucky if half of them take.

It's time to get your reservations in for Greenville, it should be a good show, it always is. Not sure if Pork Chop Charlie will be there I thought I heard that he retired.

We are working on getting some more blues for the presentation in Minnesota. Sure am hoping that we can get them passed there. Not sure if we will continue if they don't pass.

I haven't heard anything from Dick Gehr in regards to the 2011 national. We were hoping to have it in Bloomington again however the building has been sold so not quite sure what will happen. We have been in contact with the Satin club and they seem interested in have their national in conjunction with the New Zealands.

Better get this closed up and sent to Dick. Hope to see everyone in Ohio with some nice rabbits. Maybe even a Best-In-Show. Just keep thinking spring is just 6 weeks away.

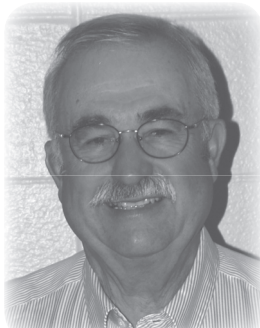
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Director Report

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Manuel Hidalgo, CA

This director's report of The Times is dedicated to two good friends, excellent judges and top-notch New Zealand breeders who recently passed away. Eabert

"Fibber" McGehee passed away on December 21, 2009 at the age of 83 in Tulsa, OK. Roger Wood passed away on February 1, 2010 at the age of 74 in Visalia, CA. They will be dearly missed and we pray that they rest in peace.

Fibber McGehee

My association and respect for Fib McGehee goes back to when I first started showing rabbits in 1975. I had looked up to him and admired his accomplishments long before I actually got to know him. It was at the Tucson ARBA Convention, in 1979, that we first met. Both he and Harry Rice judged the New Zealands that year. For me, the experience was like attending the Academy Awards and really hooked me on showing at the national level.

While much of the intellectual and conceptual design for the modern New Zealand can be attributed to Harry Rice, it was mainly Fibber who along with a handful of old-time breeders (that I'll mention later) built the modern high/hard, "depth equals width" New Zealand with a shorter, snappy coat.

The 1970s, 80s and early 90s were the "hey day" of New Zealands both at the convention and at local shows. Today, it is pretty much a certainty that all the prominent strains of New Zealands have Crawford in them. During the "hey day" all the important national strains went back to Fibber, Bagby, Leger and Harry Rice. Fibber McGehee won seven (7) Best of Breed (BOB) and three (3) Best in Show (BIS) at conventions with his New Zealands. Some years ago, I asked Fibber which of his competitors he feared most? Without hesitation- he answered Bagby! It is only fair to note that Bagby & Zahn also won seven BOB and three BIS with their New Zealands at the ARBA convention.

The New Zealand auction at the convention always generated a lot of excitement when Fibber donated a good one. I clearly recall,

to this very day, that at the 1980 Milwaukee convention he put up a beautiful white junior buck that went for \$500. Five hundred (\$500) in 1980 would be about \$1200 in today's dollars.

Fibber McGehee was much more than the top New Zealand breeder of his time. He was a kind and considerate person and- most of all he was a good sport, "win or lose". Like a lot of the old timers he was also a great storyteller.

We last saw and visited with Fibber at the recently concluded 2009 San Diego ARBA Convention. He looked great and it is hard for us to believe that only a little more than a month later he would be gone.

What I enjoyed most about seeing Fibber at conventions was the old fashion practice (it has almost died out now) of pre-judging and re-judging the rabbits back in the aisles. I know for certain that I learned more about New Zealands by listening and watching what went on in those back aisles than I ever have at the show table.

Roger Wood

Roger was from Oklahoma too and also happened to be a very close friend of Fibber's. After high school, Roger and his family moved to Visalia, CA. When he got out of the service he returned to college and completed a BS degree in Agricultural Education. He then worked for several years for the USDA. After many of the meat packing plants closed down in the LA area, Roger moved back to Visalia and started a landscaping business.

Roger, along with his wife Linda, and a few others rescued the Cal State RBA from deep financial debt and over the last 18 years was the guiding force for both the club and the state convention. During these years he also served as a mentor to many youth who would gain recognition both on the show table and at the royalty contests.

While Roger did not show at the national level he was nonetheless an excellent New Zealand breeder. He also raised some of the best Californians that I have ever seen. He was a respected no-nonsense judge whose knowledge of type was highly regarded.

Back in the 1980s, it was common to have more than 300 New Zealands at our club's annual January show in Santa Rosa. We had several good NZ breeders in CA back then. Roger would often come up north to our show. He thumped me pretty good, on more than one occasion, right in



my own back yard. About five years ago, or so, he won three consecutive BIS (at major shows) with a white senior buck.

Roger, along with Fibber, were the major sounding boards for me during the past few years while we were revising the New Zealand Standard. I could always depend on them for their expertise and honest opinions.

We will truly miss both of these fine gentlemen. This too represents the passing of an era and serves to remind us all of our own mortality. (I turned 70 this last October and am uncertain about how many more years I can continue to show at the national level.)

As I look back over my many years of breeding and showing New Zealands I feel that it is important to recognize those New Zealand breeders and judges who had the greatest impact on me. They helped to imprint what a good New Zealand was all about. They are: Fibber McGehee, Harry Rice, Roger Wood, Carl Earl, Wally Zahn and John Phillips. On reds I need to add Al Meier, John Jennings and Ron Meyer. It was Ray Bradway on blacks. There were non-better than Fibber, Bagby and Wendell Dunworth for conditioning a rabbit.

Manuel

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Director Report

by

Lisa Jennings, MO



*I*ts been wet and cold here in MO. I think the brokenes will be a big hit at the NZ NATS. We all will miss Fibber, he was a good judge, good man, a good friend. Iam so glad I got to see him at ARBA NATs last fall. If anyone has any good ideas for are raffles at nats please let Adam, Lori, or my self know. I would like to say thanks to Al he has worked on his blacks and to make them better. Its hard to beat the whites and Al has done it quite well. Nats are just around the corner so I guess dad and I will see everyone there.

Lisa.



Director Report

by

Tony Fortney, KY



We all lost a good friend with the passing of Fibber McGehee. He was one of the early poineers of perfecting the New Zealand rabbit we have today. He will be deeply missed.

Not much going on here in Kentucky. Watching a lot of college basketball (Go Big Blue). We had two weeks of single digit temperatures the first of January. Everybody living in the cold regions of the country knows what that means, frozen water bowls day in and day out not much fun.

We're a few months away before local shows start up in the area. I'm looking forward to the national this spring in Ohio. They always put on a great show. Hope to see all of you there.

Tony





Director Report

by

David Cardinal, WI

As most of you have already heard, we lost a Great Rabbit breeder Fibber McGehee. Not just a great rabbit breeder but a close and best Friend.

I knew Fibber since 1977, and he gave me knowledge that I will never forget. Fibber knew how to raise great New Zealands and other breeds as well. We would walk down rows and rows of New Zealands at nationals and he new which was good or not right from the cage, and would point out to me the good parts and the bad parts, and what to look for. Fibber even told me how to condition a good New Zealand. He once told me back in the day David, never bring a rabbit in molt or poor flesh condition, you are just wasting your money. Fibber was my mentor in rabbits and a great guy he was. He was my best Friend. I would like to share a couple memories of Fib.

At the ARBA Nationals in Houston Texas, the Judging was over and the New Zealand Rabbit auction was happening. I always check out to see if I needed any new stock to help me. I really became very good at choosing new stock, as Fibber said buy what will help you make rabbits better, not to buy to win with.

As I was checking out the rabbits I happen to find one that was good type and rock hard, I said to my self that is what I need, a rabbit that was hard and good type and this would help my herd out great, exactly what Fibber has always taught me,

I wasn't sure who owned it at that time. As the auction began, I waited patiently for that rabbit to come up for bid. They left that rabbit for last, and when time came for that rabbit to be bid on they mentioned that it was a Fibber rabbit. I said that was even better, a great type and rock hard rabbit and it was a Fibber rabbit. I had always wanted a Fibber rabbit

As the auction of this great rabbit went on, the price was getting very high and there was a few bidders involved. I guess that they liked the rabbit as much as I did. Finally the bidding stopped with me as the high bidder at \$250.00

dollars. I said wow I bought a Fibber rabbit. I thought to myself that was a lot of money, hope I can make it home.

After the Auction Fibber walked up and said David, what the hell you paying that much money for a rabbit? I thought I taught you better than that. I said Fibber I wanted that rabbit as it was great type and rock hard and I need that to help me get my stock better by breeding that rabbit. Besides it is a Fibber rabbit. I always wanted a Fibber rabbit.

Fibber said David I'll tell you what. I want to give you back two hundred dollars. I was just flabbergasted. Really Fib I said, and he said Yes and next time you want a rabbit from me just let me know. Over the course of the years Fibber had given me some New Zealands to help me out.

Fibber wasn't just a great Rabbit breeder he was a good Judge.

On different occasions I would be Judging with Fibber across the country. One time just after I received my Judging license I flew to Oklahoma and met up with Fibber and we drove together to a show and shot the breeze along the way. We talked about rabbits and personal things as well.

At this one show the club put us up at this run down hotel. It wasn't very nice at all. So I said Fibber I don't want to eat here at this hotel, and he agreed. We went to a nice restaurant and shot the breeze and we were joined by other fellow Judges. It was getting late and we went back to the hotel and found out they gave our room away. Fibber was upset and said what are you going to do about it? He told them the room was awful, and finally after they found us a different room, they told us that this one was a suite. So we took it, and the room wasn't much better than than last one, just a little larger.

About 2 am someone knocked on the door and Fibber asked who it was and nobody answered. So about 2:30 am some one pounded on the door, Fibber like a bantem Rooster jumps up and opens the door and yelled at this drunk to go pass out some where as he wasn't going to be disturbed anymore. We finallay went back to some type of sleep

The next moring when we got to the show room the show superintent asked how the motel was. Fibber as nice as he was said it was ok, and said the the only thing is that he chased some guy



away that was a nuisance. Fib said that David needed his sleep as he has to Judge all these rabbits and he needs to be fresh and ready to go, always a kiddier.

The rabbit world will miss old Fibber, And I will miss him more so, he was great friend,

I am just glad that we had some time together at the last ARBA Convention. But old Fib will always be with me in my heart and mind.

David



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Director Report
by
Mark Manglberger, TX

What a blow to the rabbit world this winter with the loss of great rabbit friends and judges.

Being from Oklahoma, Fibber McGehee was almost a permanent icon at some Texas shows since he was just a hop, skip and a jump away. When my children began exhibiting in youth, he was one of the first judge's names that they learned. Of course he took time to speak to the youth at the show table and educate them a little along the way.

I had the honor of meeting and working behind the youth table with Roger Wood during the 2009 ARBA Convention. His knowledge of the New Zealand Rabbit was very evident and he was a fantastic person to work with. I am honored to have known him, even if it was for a short time. I know that his close rabbit friends in California will miss him also.



I was standing in the crowd talking to Fibber McGehee during the judging of the Open New Zealand Whites at that same convention. He was filling me with tales of past conventions, and boy could he tell tales. I looked up and there came Roger to visit with Fibber. Standing there in amazement, I listened intently as the two veteran rabbit raisers shared stories of past shows and improvements in the rabbit industry. They spoke of days of showing rabbits in old fashioned show coops and the many changes that have happened since the early years. As their conversation continued, it became evident that a crowd was forming around them listening to every word they had to say. Dozens of people walked by and stopped to chat. It was obvious they were well known and liked.

After they went on their way, I could not help but think of all the knowledge those two men had and what a loss we would have if something ever happened to them. All their tips and "secrets" of the trade will now be lost forever and I am honored to have known both these great men.

On a much more cheerful note, I am making plans to trudge back north up the country to Greenville, Ohio for Nationals in April. I can't wait to see everyone again. It is always a pleasure to visit, swap rabbit tales, and enjoy friendly competition. Let's all bpek our show carriers full and go support the group from Ohio. I am sure it will be a fantastic show. I hope to see you there.

Mark

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From the Editor

*T*imes just fly when you are having fun !!!
(Get it?...Times....oh, well)

My job of putting the Times together and getting it published is indeed very enjoyable to me. However, there are issues like this one, with news that just devastates a club, that are a bit less than fun.

Anyone that has been around the rabbit hobby enough to know or meet Fibber McGehee, indeed experienced someone very special. Fib was the kind of guy that you could pattern your life after, and not have to worry about ever being off the right track.

There are a number of excellent tributes to Fib throughout the magazine in articles, pictures, and the Officers reports. You may just want to hold on to this issue, as it is truly a testament to a wonderful man, a true rabbit breeder, and a person that was indeed unique in every way.

We are also very saddened by the passing of Roger Wood. Another great rabbit individual and friend to many.

With that said, there are a number of items in this issue to check out. The Nomination Petition for election of officers is contained herein, we have the normal Sweepstakes Standings, Show Reports, Officers' Reports, some excellent articles, and more. Such a deal....getting the Times with your membership! You might just want to touch base with John Neff and pay for first class mailing so you get your issue sooner after it is printed. At just \$10.00 for an entire year, it is another great deal!

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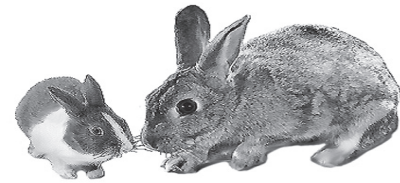
Gonna close for now and get back to filling the pages so I can get this to the printer. As usual, should you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or criticisms regarding the Times, please feel free to contact me at rwgehr@cbcast.com

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MEAT PENS

By Manuel Hidalgo- Judge #611

Presented at ARBA District #2 Judges Conference
Santa Rosa, CA- January 15, 2010

MEAT PEN ADVISORY FOR JUDGES, YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND 4H/FFA LEADERS

- Numbers are important. Have at least two breeding does but 3-5 is better. If purchasing your pen (3 rabbits), it is cheap insurance to buy a 4th as a backup.

- Most meat pen classes, (99.99%), in good competition, are won by either New Zealand Whites or Californians.

- In good competition, pens in the upper weight limits (4.5-5 pounds) tend to win. Breeding should be scheduled to have pens at the upper range of the age/weight limit. This means 8.5- 9 weeks of age for New Zealand Whites and 8.5-10 weeks for other breeds and varieties.

- Better development is obtained by using an 18% ration like "Doe & Litter", especially when the doe has a large litter. To slow down development or maintain weight switch to a lower protein feed.

- For New Zealand Whites and Californians, the approximate rate of gain, during the last two weeks, is about 3oz every two days.

- Having an accurate scale and weighing the pen regularly is critical.

- Pen rabbits should be handled frequently and posed both individually and as a group.

MEAT PEN JUDGING

Meat pens shall consist of three rabbit all of the same breed and variety. Broken pens must be the same variety. The pen does not need to come from the same litter. Age limit is 10 weeks. Minimum weight is 3 pounds each. Maximum weight is 5 pounds each.

Order of Importance:

1. Meat Type- 40 points: Compact, with well-filled and well- rounded bodies. No flat spots or angles. To be well balanced with good depth and width throughout the entire body. Order of importance: (1) hindquarters, (2) loin, and (3) fore-quarters. Having a wide, deep, firm loin is especially important.

2. Condition- 30 points: Fryers must be in prime condition, with firm tight bodies. Not show any signs of disease or neglect.

3. Uniformity- 20 points: Uniformity is a combination of all other factors and must be

present in weight, size, meat type, condition and fur.

4. Fur- 10 points: Should conform to breed standard and be uniform and prime in all 3 animals.

Disqualifications

All ARBA General Faults and Disqualifications apply to meat pens. If one rabbit is disqualified the entire pen is disqualified. Body smut on Californian pens and non-descended testicles on bucks are exceptions to the disqualification rules.



Inheriting Your Future

by David A. Mangione

Did you ever wonder why your eyes are blue, your hair color brown or why you are short or tall? Well, each of us inherits our blue print for life from our parents. Understanding the basic units of inheritance and the associated principles is important to us as rabbit breeders.

Chromosomes are the largest units of inheritance. In rabbit cells there are a total of 44 chromosomes; 22 from the buck and 22 from the doe. So many times, I hear breeders placing so much emphasis on a buck and say, "the buck is 50% of the genetics!" our fellow horseman and other renowned livestock breeders understand that the dam contributes just as much as the sire. In fact, top livestock breeders across the country build their genetic foundation using superior females.

Located on each of the chromosomes are genes; the basic units of inheritance. Each chromosome can carry hundreds even thousands of genes. Genes as well as chromosomes are inherited in pairs. The main function of a gene is to store information and they are actually blueprints, which ultimately determine the appearance and genetic makeup of an animal.

Another important piece to understand is the frequency of a gene meaning the degree to which it is rare or abundant. If the gene frequency is rarer, greater variation will be seen in the offspring. This can be found in the mating of unrelated parents. Introducing a new buck or doe into your breeding program can upset the frequency of genes in your breeding program and thus produce more variation in the subsequent offspring. Conversely, the mating of closely related individuals will enhance a more abundant or similar gene frequency and produce more uniformity of traits in a herd.



Two other terms that I want to introduce are genotype and phenotype. Basically what you don't see in an animal is called genotype or the genetic makeup of an animal. Phenotype refers to what the animal looks like; it's outward appearance. Just because a rabbit is black in coat color doesn't mean its genetic package or blueprint is truly black. The old saying "what you see is what you get" is not always the case when breeding two individuals together.

A rabbit inherits its future from both sire and dam. The uniformity of offspring in a breeding program is contingent upon the frequency or variations of genes (blueprint). As you design a breeding program, realize offspring inherit their future from their parents and those inherited units can be enhanced and/or limited by subsequent generations in their pedigree. The more closely related individuals are to each other the greater chance there is for uniformity of their offspring.

Breeding systems can affect the uniformity (homozygosity) and variation (heterozygosity) of a gene pool. Two breeding systems available to breeders are inbreeding and outbreeding. Inbreeding is a system of mating whereby the mates are more closely related. Mates in an inbreeding system are chosen to have a common ancestral (pedigree) background or relationship. For mild inbreeding (line breeding) the parents may be related only as second cousins, but intense inbreeding may involve the breeding of half brother and half sisters, mother and son or father and daughter. When related individuals are mated the offspring tend to become more homozygous. The term outbreeding means following a system in which matings are between animals less closely related where they have limited or no ancestors in common in the first four to six generations in their pedigrees. Outbreeding is the most common system used by breeders. Outbreeding systems are responsible for making marked changes in type and other characteristics. Simply, outbreeding brings about change in a herd while inbreeding brings about and maintains uniformity in a herd.

So how does all this mumbo jumbo work for you as a breeder of New Zealands? Well let's run through a scenario. You have a problem with weak shoulders in your herd and you would like to fix the problem. A breeder has shown you two bucks, both have excellent type with strong shoulders. But which buck has the best chance of passing his desirable traits on to his offspring? This is where you need to study the pedigree (the genotypic side of the animal) to see how closely related the rabbits are on his pedigree. Is this buck line bred 3 or 4 generations or is this

buck the result of an outcross with very few if any animals related in his pedigree. Line bred rabbits have a greater probability of passing on their traits than does a rabbit of non-related ancestors (outcross). So the best buck to buy is the one that can give you the highest probability of acquiring the trait(s) you are looking for and line bred rabbits invariably will have a greater opportunity of producing the kind of rabbits you are seeking in your herd.

Remember as you tighten your gene pool, you not only enhance the good traits, but the bad traits as well. There is a point when you as a breeder can get your herd so tight genetically that an infusion of a new gene pool is necessary. The more uniform or homozygous a gene pool becomes the greater chance for undesirable traits to surface as well as the desirable traits. As the gene pool becomes more homozygous, a greater emphasis must be placed on selecting individuals which express superior genetics for the various traits.

My final comments are related to trait heritability. Some traits are highly heritable such as growth, milk, and type and other traits are lowly heritable such as reproduction and health. Highly heritable traits are more easily passed on to the next generation while lowly heritable traits are more difficult to pass on to the next generation. Thus, trait selection is extremely important for the success of future generations.

The success of your breeding program hinges on your ability to line up the genetic blue prints in your herd in concert with strict trait selection criteria for growth, reproduction and health. Once you understand how animals inherit their future, you are then on your way to producing genetically superior rabbits.

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Mucoid Enteritis

by Dr Wendy Feaga

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I am seeing an unusual number of young rabbits dying with a jelly diarrhea. What is going on?

A number of rabbitries are reporting losses of 4-8 week old rabbits, some with no signs of illness, some with just a hint of diarrhea, but many with full blown mucoid enteritis with rapid weight loss (wasting), diarrhea and jelly stools. You may be lucky to lose one or two in the litter, or the entire litter may die over a period of a week. Generally the adult rabbits are unaffected, but this time we are seeing some adults dying especially nursing does.

In the 4-8 week olds, pretty much all that show signs of illness will die regardless of what you try. Rabbits over 3 months of age are more likely to survive. I have tried various medications on the babies with little success. One that survived only had pellets withheld and given just hay and water. Subcutaneous fluids are helpful in the older rabbits, but as I said before, little appears to save the 4-8 week olds.

Fecal exams may show coccidiosis, but treatment for coccidiosis is unsuccessful leading me to believe that there is an additional disease and not simply coccidiosis.

High protein feeds will aggravate the problem and should be avoided when the rabbitry is experiencing these losses. Although feeding hay is no guarantee of avoiding this current strain of mucoid enteritis, is the best recommendation to lessen your losses. Be sure to give fresh hay each day to nest box babies to insure their first meal is hay to establish the correct pH and microbes in their GI tract. In an out-break, I recommend giving fresh hay twice a day to does with litters over 3 weeks of age. Instead of full feeding these does and litters, feed pellets twice a day and limit the pellets so they are cleaning up each feeding in a couple of hours.

It's important to provide good sanitation by removing soiled bedding and cleaning the cage floors with a wire brush to remove visible manure, feeding hay on a regular basis, avoid over-crowding, and providing water in a closed water system (impossible in winter when freezing water forces us to use bowls). Before moving a new rabbit into a new cage, especially doe and litter, be sure to thoroughly clean and disinfect that cage and equipment. But the bottom line is that the rabbits need to develop and immunity to what appears to be a new infectious agent.

My hope is as this disease goes through a rabbitry that the stock which are exposed and survive will have immunity so that eventually this disease will run its course in a year. Also the normal evolution of an infectious disease is to become less virulent over time because when it is this virulent it dies with its host. A successful organism does not kill its host so it can continue to spread through populations.



Small Farm Field Day ~ June 2009

Small Farm Field Day

Dr. Valinda Slack is Whitley County, IN extension educator and also a Dutch rabbit breeder. Val organized an educational agriculture small farm field day tour in northeastern Indiana. Members of the tour were extension educators, classroom educators and a delegation from Poland, who was visiting this country.

Carolyn Shaffer (pictured), Dave Mills and Al Esterline, gave an hour presentation on raising rabbits commercially and for fun. Our operation is basically for showing, selling breeding stock and shipping meat rabbits to the east coast.

The New Zealand rabbit was specifically discussed for its top quality meat production, whether it is a 200 doe commercial operation or a backyard rabbitry for family meat production. All the New Zealand varieties were posed for observation. (White, Red, Black, Broken and Blues).

Covered in the last part of our presentation was the recycling of the byproducts. The next box material can be used as ground cover, around plants and in flower beds. Rabbit manure is an excellent organic fertilizer for flower beds and gardens. Rabbit manure is excellent food for red worms, in beds either under the pens or in the outside worm beds. A demonstration was given on raising and harvesting worms, showing how a



worm harvest machine can separate the worms from the castings. The worm's castings can be sold or used as potting soil.

This tour stop was very educational and fun for all of us. This gave us an opportunity to promote the New Zealand breed for commercial purposes.

Al Esterline

Commercial Committee Chair



My Pro's & Con's Of Nest Box Bedding

by Tony Fortney

Using the phrase of my good friend Donnie Hornback. In search or pursuit of the perfect rabbit. I'm kinda like that with nest box bedding. I keep looking for the perfect bedding material. We all use different types of materials for this purpose. Wood shavings (pine-aspen) straw, grasses (wheat-orchard) hay (timothy-alfalfa) coconut fibers, chopped corn cobs, shredded paper, wood pulp and even man made fiber mesh. The two most commonly used are probably wood shavings and straw. Here's a few pro's and con's I have experienced with each one.

(PRO'S) Wood shavings make a soft warm insulated nest. The way it packs down makes for a good dense layer which keeps the cold out. It absorbs moisture and odor well. Easy removal from nest box when cleaning. Used shavings can be spread over wet or damp areas in your rabbitry. Widely available to purchase at pet and farm supply stores. Coming tightly compressed from manufacturer makes for easy storage and space. Has an endless shelf life and reasonably priced.

(CON'S) As the young grow and move around more they tend to pulverize the bedding making it more like sawdust which may or may not cause respiratory problems for them. In sawdust form it packs tighter which makes it not dry out as quick. It stays damp longer which makes a ideal place for bacteria to grow.

(PRO'S) Straw makes a nice dry nest. Its good at absorbing moisture. Being hollow it dries out quicker and doesn't stay damp as long. It also makes for easy nest box cleaning. Fairly easy to find at plant nurseries or from local farmers. Storage life is good. One of the delights of using straw to me is watching the doe make her nest with it. Jumping in and out of the box with a mouth full of straw. Seems to make them happy.



(CON'S) Some bales of straw could be infested with fur mites according to my local veterinarian. They live inside the hollow blades. You will have to replenish it more often. Seems like they eat half of what you put in. It makes manure harder to shovel up. A little messy during storage unless kept in containers or large garbage bags. Left loose mice tend to make their homes in it.

Sometimes no matter which type of bedding we use or how hard you try to keep your boxes clean every so often one or two babies will end up with nest box eye which is very disheartening. I like to use a mixture of both shavings and straw myself. If any one has any good info or suggestions on this topic give me a call or better yet put it in the NZ TIMES so we all can gain a little knowledge. Whichever type you prefer keep those babies warm and dry.

Welcome New Members !!

New from last issue

<i>Zachary Weber</i>	<i>Jazzmyn Whittier</i>
<i>Nick Lipinski</i>	<i>Wilmer Yoder</i>
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<i>Walter Bink</i>	<i>Charles Johnson</i>
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AFNZRB Scholarship Winner

Kacy Shipe

Dear Members of the AFNZRBA,
I would like to give a big thank you for selecting me as a winner of the Federation's Youth Scholarship. I am currently attending Delaware Valley College, an agricultural school of science, as a freshman. My selected major is Small Animal Science, but there is a possibility I will switch to Large Animal Science. As for a career path, right now I am considering animal nutrition or animal husbandry, but still have a few years to figure it out.

I am currently involved in the college's collegiate FFA chapter and Animal Lifeline club. When I am not busy at school, I usually go home to work on the weekends. I work at a residence where they have a 6 run private kennel, and they breed long-haired collies. The family also adopts, fosters, and home-schools special needs children, and I help them keep up with their busy lifestyle around the house. When I'm not at work or hanging out with friends, I'll either be with my "sidekick" boxer pup, or attending to my goats or chinchillas.

Having grown up around the rabbit industry, my sister and I got our first trio of New Zealand Reds when I was in first grade, after having Dutch rabbits for three years. The Reds seemed to be a bit big for me at a young age, and I switched to raising Holland Lops. Since they have become such a popular, competitive breed, after 6 years of raising the Hollands, my dad convinced me to help promote the blacks. In my 9th grade year, I started raising black New Zealands and showed at numerous local shows, National Conventions, and New Zealand Nationals. Towards the end of my junior year, my dad and I started to incorporate the broken variety into our line, (which I'm very pleased to hear that they have been accepted!)

I belong to several other rabbit clubs, and was an active member and officer in my high school FFA and local 4-H Rabbit Club. Since being away at school, sadly enough, I decided to take a break from raising rabbits to also save my dad some work. He rebuilt our rabbitry this past spring, and it looks awesome, so hopefully post-college, he will be able to help me build one of my own!

Thanks again to everyone who has helped me along the way, it has been an awesome experience, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the shows in the future!

-Kacy Shipe



Not only did the Federation lose a great Ambassador with the passing of Fibber McGehee, we also lost another icon with the passing of Roger Wood.

Above Roger and Fibber posed at the Youth judging in San Diego with two of our outstanding Youth members, Holly Chestnut and Ashton Hosmann.

Roger was very well known for his involvement in the California area as a judge, mentor, and friend.

Roger and Fibber will indeed both be missed.



Eabert “Fibber” McGehee



REFLECTIONS ON TIMES WITH FIBBER

from Tex Thomas

It is with great sadness that I mourn the passing of one of my best friends, but I know that Fibber would have wanted me to remember him for all our good time together. His wins are legendary and I will forego a discussion of those to better remember the lighter side of Fibber and some of his other accomplishments in the rabbit industry.

As any New Zealand breeder knows, Fibber was an absolute advocate of depth in commercial rabbits. One of his favorite sayings was “Having too much depth on a rabbit is like having too much money in the bank”. He wasn’t the only proponent of emphasizing depth, but he was one of the earliest and strongest advocates. I can remember him saying “Anybody can produce a big wide flat rabbit, but what have you got when you do that?” If you will look at comparative pictures of winning New Zealands from the 1950’s as compared to today’s winners you will see a marked difference in the type profiles. Probably no single point of change is more obvious than the profiled depth of body. Fib, along with several other top New Zealand breeders, are the ones responsible for the evolution of the New Zealand into the animal you see today. I remember a show that Fib, Conall Addison, and myself were judging in Texas. We had met in Tulsa and driven down in Fibber’s van, and when we got to the motel room that night he tossed us the van keys and said “You boys go have a good time eating drinking and what ever. I just ask one thing of you---DON’T PICK ANY FLAT RABBITS TOMORROW.”

Conall, Fib, and I were doing another show in Texas. I had judged Mini Rex and picked a Broken with a beautiful coat of fur and great hindquarter, but she was just a bit shallow over the shoulders on her top line rise. Fibber picked best in show and made the Mini Rex best. Conall is sitting to the side watching and makes the mistake of commenting to Fibber that the Mini Rex looked a little flat to him. Well, you know Fib is never going to be involved in admitting something like he has picked a flat rabbit, nor am I going to leave Fib hung out since I judged it in breed. What ensued was a 400 mile drive back to Tulsa, with nobody sleeping, discussing how that Mini Rex wasn’t really flat, it was just an optical illusion because of the broken pattern.

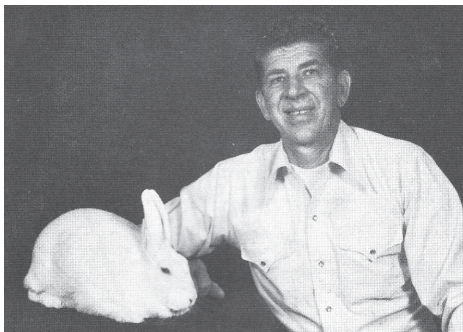
Judging shows in Texas and points west usually consisted of meeting at Fibs and all going together. Such trips were a learning session for new judges. I guarantee you that all the way to the shows there were going to be discussions about current rabbit topics, how to judge different breeds, what to look for when judging, what was going wrong with judging in general. I can remember so many young judges commenting that these trips taught them more about rabbits than they learned from working behind the table for their judge’s license. We sometimes forget how influential Fib was in the molding of the abilities of new judges, just by making a suggestion or comment. His mentoring influence will be a legacy which live many years past Fibber.

During one of these drives to a show, I look down between the seats on Fib’s van and see a set of pedigrees. Now anyone who ever knew Fib knows that paperwork was his bane. He would sell you a rabbit and let you know you were buying what you saw, not a pedigree. He dearly hated making out pedigrees, so I was surprised to see these pedigrees and had to ask Fib what was going on here. Well, it seems he had sold a trio to a youth and he wanted to be sure that the boy had papers on his rabbits. Of course that started the heckling and proceeded to something like---Fib, we can put these rabbits in the auction down here and probably get \$100 for the trio---or we can put the pedigrees in the auction by themselves and probably get \$500.



My final remembrance of Fib doesn't relate to rabbits. On our trips we were discussed many topics. As many of you know Fibber was a painter by trade. Just like rabbits Fib wasn't going to be involved in anything that wasn't done to the highest standard of excellence. He was commenting on a mansion that he was painting in Tulsa and I made some mention about the contract on the job. Fibber said "I have never signed a contract for any painting job I've done. If my word isn't good enough then I don't want them for a client." Well it turns out the painting job was for a prominent lawyer and when Fibber told him he would do the work based on only his word, the lawyer said go ahead, you're the man I want. Integrity knows no price and anyone who ever dealt with Fibber knew he was a man of his word. Perhaps that legacy is the one we should all strive to emulate, both in the rabbit world and outside.

A best friend is gone but will never be forgotten.



Memories of a Unique Individual

from Conall Addison

My first recognition of meeting Fibber "McGehee was at the local Tulsa Rabbit Breeders club meetings. The monthly meetings were held at the North Lewis Feed Store. My first glimpse of Fib's rabbitry was during a summer meeting. The Club held a Watermelon feed at Fib's house. I observed individuals being given tours of his rabbitry and it seemed like ever other individual was taking animals out to their vehicles. I was about 13 at the time.

As I got older and entered college, I use to return to Tulsa and visit Fib and his family and he would graciously take me through his rabbitry and bring out one fantastic animal after another for me to admire. In those early years he formed a partnership with Lyle Moore. One trait he had

was that on those weekends that he was not showing or judging he and Freda would have Lyle and his wife over to play cards on Saturday nights.

To me in those early years Fib seemed to know everyone who raised rabbits or judged rabbits. One major influence on Fib becoming a judge was Don Guthrie, who was an editor and publisher of Small Stock magazine and a noted judge from Iowa. He formed a close friendship with Don and even traveled to many shows together.

I was attending school at Oklahoma State University and Gordon Fry and I went on a tour of commercial rabbitry's in Southwest MO and Northwest AR. Two of note was Colonial Acres in Monnett MO and Small Stock Rabbitry in Pea Ridge, AR. On our return trip we stopped by Fib's and drank coffee from a never empty coffee pot and talked endlessly about rabbit topics. About 1:00 am Fib led us out to his rabbitry and we went through what seemed an abundance of wonderful New Zealands. I think anybody that had the good fortune of being hosted by Fib got the same treatment. He not only loved showing off his prize animals but I firmly believe that it was a way of getting his animals trained to be shown under many different individuals.

I was raising Standard Chins, Florida Whites, and New Zealands. Fib was judging a show one time and he seemed to be drawn to one of my Chin bucks and bought it. It was a flattery that he wanted to buy one of my rabbits. Now Fib was a believer in breeding the best together and crossing what ever it took to improve a breed. There was one time that he crossed a Black Satin with one of his Whites and got a Palomino. He gave that rabbit to the then Sect of the Pal Club. He always loved experimenting and was an excellent breeder. One outstanding trait was that whenever you went to Fib's he always had a rabbitry full of young. I always admired his ability to keep his does bred and young coming. It never mattered what breed he was raising he had them producing.

After I got my judges license I had the opportunity to travel with Fib and other Judges and one of those was Tex Thomas. We use to go to Texas together often and on those trips Fib would come up with memorable sayings. One of his famous was when we would get to our destination he would offer us his van to do what ever we wanted but he would share these bits of advice, "I don't care what you guys do tonight



but what ever you do tomorrow just don't pick a flat rabbit! ". That will stay with me forever. One time we were together judging and following a show as usual we would discuss our experiences on the way home. If I've got this right Fib picked the BIS and Tex had picked the BOB which was a Mini Rex.. They were talking about how good the animal was and I happened to say I thought it was a "Little" flat. You would have thought I drove a stake in their hearts. They tried to reason that if was the broken pattern that made it appear flat. We had 450 miles of stirring the pot. HA, HA!

Anybody that stayed with Fib and his wife were treated to some of the best hospitality anybody could receive. When you got up in the morning you were treated to a wonderful breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast, and coffee, made by Fib's soul mate Freda. She was always his supporter and helpmate. They raised 3 wonderful children.

Fib also was the spearhead and General Chairman for two National Conventions held in Tulsa. He also hosted several National shows in Tulsa. He loved competition. He got to the point that he breed for three shows during a year. One was the Spring National New Zealand or Florida White, The Colorado State Fair, and the ARBA National Convention. One National New Zealand show he went so far as to trained his entry to be handled by a left handed judge. He posed and handled them as if they were being handled by a lefty.

He took pride in his animals. He would have been a success in what ever animal endeavor that he wanted to try. He was an expert conditioner. He knew his rabbits inside out and they rewarded him. He had more practical knowledge about livestock than most people.

I had the opportunity to serve on the ARBA Board for thirty years. Fib was so well known that when certain challenges came up with the membership, because of his knowledge and ability to work with people and solve problems, several presidents employed Fib's talents to work out sensitive issues. Few people knew how valuable he was to the ARBA and his favorite breed, the New Zealands.

I feel very fortunate to have been acquainted with Fib and Freda along with his Family. I'm not sure that I've known a man so dedicated to his hobby, so loyal to his friends and so kind to people. When he walked in a show room everyone would run up to Fib to shake his hand

and say high and he made each feel like they were special. I need to close this article but I feel like I have not even scratched the surface. If everyone would write their experiences with Fib, we would have a heck of a book.

"So Long Old Friend, Thanks for enriching my life."



"Everybody knows Fibber."

from Caleb Thomas

I think that you could go to any show in the country and ask the exhibitors if they know "Fib" and not only would they know him, but they would speak of his fine judging, his outstanding show credentials, or quote one of his famous quotes. Of course, all of this is true, but I was fortunate enough to become such a friend of Fibs that he told my mom on several occasions that he considered me one of his kids, a compliment I never took lightly. So with that in mind, I'll leave the rabbit facts and figures to others to recite and I'll reflect on the Fib that I was fortunate enough to know.

As a young man I started my show career showing Black New Zealands so Fibber was a name that I knew by the time I was 15 or 16 years old. My first real encounter that I had with Fib came at the National New Zealand show in Alabama which I think was held in 1978. He was going to have fun with this young kid, (I was 20 at the time). Fib paid a waitress 5 bucks to come over and give me a kiss and embarrass me, which he accomplished.

From that point our relationship slowly grew until I got my judges license, and he hired me for a show in Tulsa. When he picked me up from the airport, the first place we went was by his old home place, and he started telling me about his family and many of the lessons his dad had taught him as a young man. This practice was repeated many times over the years, as he



picked me up we'd go by the old home place.

As the shows came and went, I got to get a real feel for who Fib the man was. His family was the central part of his life, and the love from him to his family was only matched by the love his family had for him. His wife Freda was one of a kind, and making Jean and I feel at home seemed to be second nature to her as she had a way with people that really made you feel at home.

You could tell that Fib and Freda had what it takes to raise children, as all three, David, Jerry, and Tammy are all fine individuals with many of the same traits that their parents had. I had many opportunities to be at the house when the grandchildren would come over and they would always go to Fib to get their hugs. You could tell that Fib was proud of his family the way that he talked about them, and he had a right to be, because, his family was the kind most people just wished they had.

When flying to most shows, judges are picked up, taken to a motel, picked up and taken to the show, when the show is over, taken to dinner, taken back to the motel, then picked up the next morning and carted back to the airport. Not so when going to Tulsa. I can't recount all the things Jean and I did with his family after shows were completed. Some of the things that come to mind are, horseback riding, coon hunting, watching his son Jerry, dirt track race, going on a haunted hay ride, touring some of the fine homes in Tulsa which included one owned by Mary Louise Cowan, and probably the one that was the most unusual was our trip to the cock fights.

My favorite time though was when we'd get back, usually close to midnight and we'd sit at the kitchen table and start talking rabbits. Our discussions rarely discussed our judging of each other's rabbits as I never handled one of Fib's rabbits on the show table, and only a few times Fib judged mine, but we talked for hours about his competitions with some of the greats in the New Zealand breed. He could recite the good ones that Harry or Bobby had, the shows that he showed against Wally and Dude, and the times he competed against Guy and Nate. He appreciated the good ones that they had, but I also know that his competitors appreciated the good ones he had. His stories were always enjoyable and he could bring life to the stories in such a way you felt like you were there.

His close friends always were included in his stories, men like Don Guthrie, a man I never met but felt like I knew, Tex Thomas, Conall Addison, Nathan Hawkins, Stan Pulliam, Dale Allison, one of his best and oldest friends Oren Reynolds, as well as many others. At some point in the early morning hours we finally would wander out to the rabbit barn. The New Zealands were always of superb quality, but his Florida Whites were and still are the best I've ever seen, with loins that were so wide and so deep that they defy description.

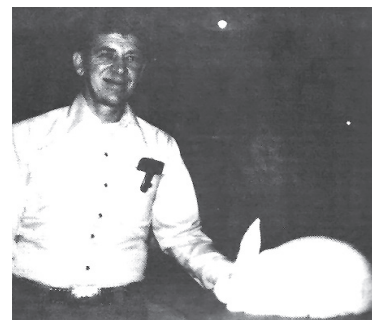
I was able to spend three nights with Fib this last year, and on my last trip to the rabbit barn, he showed me several very nice white Mini Satins, and the last rabbit he showed me was a Sr Doe near the back of the barn, a doe that was one of the finest if not the best Mini Satin I have ever had my hands on. No matter what breed, New Zealand, Florida White, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf and even the Mini Satin, Fib understood what it took to raise one and then was able to raise the rabbits of that breed that set the standard to beat.

Even though he never raised Palominos, he judged them enough in the Tulsa area, and two breeders, Deb Morrison and Sharon Pelham listened to the master teacher, and that as a result, in my opinion, backed up by the big wins, have the best Palominos in the country.

My friend is gone, his memories remain, and I will truly relish them. As a tribute to my good friend, I will always drive by his house when in Tulsa, just as he did his parents house when he picked me up from the airport.

Finally, I remember a time at the Ft Worth Stock Show, when Fib was showing, and his son came down to go to the rodeo. He came up to me and asked if I had seen Fibber. I asked David why he didn't ask me where his dad was, and he said, everybody doesn't know my dad, but,

"Everybody knows Fibber."



Hello Dear Friend Fib:

I know you are up there somewhere no longer suffering from life's woes and not down under where I've think some have gone! I write this to tell you how much I and so many others miss you and what you meant to us while we shared this world together.

To many you were a personal, close friend, always a gentle man, with a comforting smile, and compassion in your heart. Always willing to help and offer counsel no matter what the problem. You were also rightfully regarded and respected as the premier breeder and showman of rabbits, namely, New Zealands and Florida Whites, in the history of our American Rabbit Breeders Association. You were a fierce competitor always! When you showed up at a show no matter how large or small, all others knew they were competing with the best. Your show winning record is unparalleled and most likely will not be matched anytime soon.

You were considered by most that knew anything about judging rabbits, to be one of the best. You and I judged many shows together and always afterward you would discuss your work concerned that you did the very best that you could. Always humble, honest, and considerate of the task.

Of course, you already know all this and are most likely telling St. Peter this letter isn't necessary but it is as I want you to know how so many feel about you.

A personal reflection on our friendship and great times together. Remember when we served together on the very secretive Judge Test Committee back in the late '70's? That's when we really got to know each other pretty well. Grading all those tests and we couldn't tell a soul. Remember the National New Zealand Show in Texas back in the '80's when you came to me after a hard day judging and you said "what took you so long to pick that BOB? Dude, Wally, and I had it picked last night" That was a great compliment coming from the best. I really appreciated it.

Oh, the first time I visited your rabbitry. You began bringing New Zealands to your show table and you would ask my opinion on each one, one by one. By the time the last few came up, I had run out of superlative. I learned that you always brought the poorer ones to the table first and saved the best until last. None were poor just some better than others. You got a kick out of

testing me. I learned a lot and appreciated the learning session.

The second time I came to Tulsa and went to the famous cock fight. What an experience for a city boy! Afterward, we looked at your New Zealand. At the end of our session, the last rabbit to the table was a junior buck. I couldn't believe I was seeing such a beautiful, perfect specimen. He wasn't quite 6 months old and wasn't tattooed yet. I asked why you hadn't shown him at all. You replied "he wasn't ready"! Later you told me he was shown three times and won BIS three times. If ever there was a perfect New Zealand, on that day in your barn I could not find the most minute fault. In all my years as a breeder and judge I still consider that buck as one of the very best rabbits of all breeds I've ever seen!

In later years when the interest in the New Zealands was waning and Florida Whites became your passion. Once again you dominated the breed. I recall in 1995, in Hutchinson, Kansas I had the honor of judging the National Florida White Show. During the lunch break you came over to me and politely said I was doing a fine job. I teasingly said "you must be doin' okay." You said "not really, I haven't placed a rabbit but then I didn't expect to as I had a rough winter breeding and didn't raise many." Do you recall, Fib, that I had a class of 60 plus junior does that afternoon. I struggled for a couple of hours placing as the class was deep in quality. In fact at the end of the day, I selected the junior doe as BOB. You came to me and shook my hand and said "thank you for selecting my junior doe BOB", grinning as only you could, you said "in fact I had the top five in that class!" What a competitor and showman you were.

I could go on and on with memories of all the good times we had together but St. Peter is probably calling you to dinner, Texas barbecue ribs I bet!!

Well, Fib, I'm so privileged to have known such a wonderful friend like you whom I loved and respected. I was so very pleased that you were honored at the recent ARBA convention and that I got to share some time with you there. I miss you! Say "hi" to Oren for me.

Good bye!!

Glen



Eabert "Fibber" McGehee

from John Neff

How do you write a tribute to a man like "Fibber" and do him the justice he deserves?

"Fib" was an honest, humble, down to earth man; a great rabbit breeder, showman and just a wonderful person.

"Fib" became a very good friend & I am so proud to be able to say that... Quite a few years ago "Fib" & Tex where in Florida judging. At the time, Julie & I lived in Orlando by the airport, and many times would pick-up and deliver the judges to the airport. This one year they where both not due to go out until Monday morning. After getting them to their hotel, I asked them if I could take them to dinner after I took my rabbits home and got cleaned up. They both agreed, and we had the best evening just talking rabbits & enjoying our meal. "Fib" never forgot that and often mentioned how much he appreciated me taking the time to do this, it was my HONOR!!!

Some years back at one of the Conventions, "Fibber" came by my booth after just winning BOB & BOS Florida White to tell me that the awards that I made that year where the best awards that he had ever won. Needless to say, I was excited to hear that especially coming from someone who had won so many top awards....

But, that was just "Fibber"...

I am so glad that I got to see "Fibber" in San Diego, to see him once again to be honored by the ARBA & President Hayhow at the Opening Ceremony. What a thrill, never thinking that would be the last time I was to see "Fib"...

"Fibber" you will be missed & I am truly thankful that I had the chance to call Eabert Fibber McGehee a friend....

Rest in Peace



New Zealand Times

Eabert (Fibber) R. McGehee

Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 26, 1926 to December 21, 2009

from Dr Chris Hayhow, ARBA President

Eabert R. McGehee was best known to all of us as "Fibber or Fib." Fib brought his very first rabbit home in a burlap sack. He wasn't driving a car but he was riding a horse. Fibber raised many of the breeds of rabbits listed in our ARBA Standard of Perfection, but he was best known for his top of the line White New Zealand's and Florida Whites. Fib joined the ARBA on April 22, 1958; he obtained his registrars license in 1963; and his judge's license in 1966. Fibber has won Best In Show at four ARBA Convention and Show's. This is an amazing achievement as no other ARBA member has been able to approach this level of excellence.

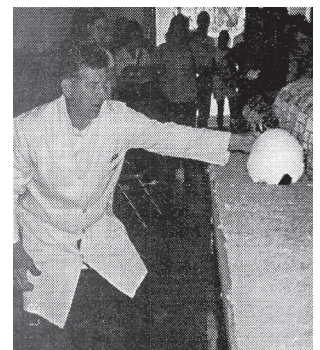
He was very well known for his willingness to promote the breeds that he raised, and for helping to improve the quality of the breeds by giving good stock to beginners just so they had quality animals to work with. In 1991, Fibber received the highest honor the ARBA can bestow on any member when he was inducted into the ARBA Hall of Fame. The "Fibber Cup" is a perpetual trophy awarded to each years Best in Show winner at our annual ARBA Convention and Show. The award is named after Fibber in honor of his extraordinary superiority as a showman. In October, at the 2010 ARBA Convention and Show he received the ARBA Living Legend award.

In his personal life Fibber owned a very well known painting company in Oklahoma. I would say it was well known since I was told that he recently painted two homes owned by country performer Garth Brooks!

Fibber was a true legend in the rabbit industry, and it was an extreme honor for me to call him a very dear friend! With his passing the ARBA lost a master rabbit breeder and tremendous friend. His many accomplishments are a standard for us all to strive to achieve. However, best of all he was a gentleman and class act.

We love you and salute you dear friend!

Rest in peace!



Master of Masters

from Al Esterline

Our family salutes the Master of Masters, the late Eabert "Fib" McGehee of Tulsa OK. It was the convention, 1981, in Syracuse NY, that we first had the opportunity to meet Fib, my son David saved money all summer and purchased from Fib, M1 Jr. Buck that was best opposite New Zealand for \$255.00.

M1, known as Sparky, completely changed our whole world in showing rabbits.

In the late 80's or early 90's I had the opportunity to sit and listen to the Masters, in a motel room in Sedalia MO. Dude Bagby, Wally Zohn, Fibber, Tex Thomas, Joe Combs and Ron Myers, talking about rabbits till early in the morning.

Just this past Fall I had the opportunity to visit with Fib a while at the 2009 ARBA Convention in San Diego, CA in the New Zealand area. It has been great pleasure to know and be amongst this man.



"Fibber"

from Marvin Wunderlin

As so many others have felt the loss of Fibber McGehee, I am among them. Fibber was foremost, a true gentleman.

Back in about 1970, I went to my first ARBA rabbit show. I had two fantastic, outstanding Red New Zealands. That was my entire rabbitry at that time.

When I put those two rabbits on the show table, I couldn't get to the other end of the table fast enough to remove them as they were the first off the table. I sure didn't understand how that judge couldn't see what great rabbits I was showing. That judge was Fibber McGehee.

I came home and told Carol I was not going to another --- ---- rabbit show. I told her they had some joker named Fibber as the judge.

Contrary to what I had said, I continued showing rabbits and all five of our children showed rabbits. It didn't take very long to find out just who Fibber McGehee was. I was so fortunate to get to know him personally and considered him one of my friends.



Fibber did so much for the ARBA and he sure knew how to breed and raise top notch rabbits. Fibber will be missed by so many people who were fortunate to have known him. I'm sure he and Oren are looking down on us to see if we're doing everything the way they would have.



My Friend Fibber McGehee

from Guy Leger

I first met Fib in 1952. I was showing Flemish and Dutch at that time. I couldn't help notice Fibber's beautiful New Zealand whites. It was about a year later I got my first New Zealand whites and have had them ever since. Fibber and I were competitors, judges and very dear friends. I remember how honored I was when Fib asked me to get his rabbits ready to go up on the table at one of the Columbus conventions. He was judging elsewhere and couldn't get them ready, and that he trusted me to do the job meant a lot to me. Fibber and I traded many rabbits over the years. Fibber was always generous with his good New Zealands and would help any breeder he thought was serious about improving the breed.

As the years passed our friendship continued with Fib visiting in Louisiana, anytime he was judging in the area and meeting at many national New Zealand shows and conventions. In later years we would visit once a year with our mutual friend, Don Hawkins, at his home in Arkansas. We had wonderful visits and I will miss our many quiet, friendly talks.

The rabbit world has lost one of our great contributors to this hobby. Fibber was one of the top two all breed judges the ARBA has ever had. On a personal level and most important I have lost a very dear friend and I will miss him.

Saying Goodbye to a Dear Friend

from Dean Benker

On Dec. 21, 2009 we were all saddened to hear that our dear friend "Fibber" McGehee had passed away. I am sure it struck each of us each differently, but for me it ended a special friendship which began in 1963 at the Colorado State Fair. It started knowing Fibber as a competitor. In 1966, during one of the first shows he judged at the Stock Show in Amarillo, Texas, he became that friend and mentor. It was at this show where I met his two sons, David and Jerry. I remember how they were proud they were of how fast their Dad drove to get to the show. It was after this show Fibber gave me a pair of animals he thought would help me, and he was right. One of my first recollections of Fibber was how he never put any of his animals on the table without being perfectly groomed and conditioned. While other exhibitors would visit during the show, Fibber was in the corner by his carrying cages grooming his animals.

"Fibber" had the eye for perfection with which few are Blessed, along with the dedication to get the most out of every animal he showed. This made him a very tough competitor. His real love was New Zealand Whites, and he was very proud of what the breed has accomplished. He was instrumental in breeding animals with depth, width equaling depth, and a fur with

flyback that maintained condition. As he judged each animal, he would drag his thumb over the backs to determine flesh condition, if they were rough off they went. It is doubtful if any breeder has ever influenced not only the New Zealand's, but, also, type in all commercial breeds.

"Fibber" was truly a valued mentor, when we decided to get back in the New Zealand's in 1988, he had a pair ready to get us started again. I always looked forward to having "Fib" evaluate the animals as I knew he would be honest. If he said it was a good animal, you knew he meant it.

His opinion was always truly helpful.

I know I feel an emptiness knowing that "Fibber" will no longer be at the next convention, and I will be unable to share with him in the future. This loss is not only for the New Zealand Breed, who lost a GIANT contributor of the breed, but to the entire rabbit industry. I do want to extend my heartfelt sympathies to his son's David and Jerry; daughter Tammy; their families and Grandchildren; also, his special friend Fern. He loved his family above everything and you saw that when he was with them. When I was talking to David, he shared that he and "Fibber" had gone fishing a month before his death and what a special time that was. Thank You "Fibber" for all of those "Special Times". You are missed.

History of the Fibber Cup



The Fibber Cup is named for the winningest showman of all time, legendary Eabert. R. "Fibber" McGeehee of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Fibber has won the honor 4 times in his showing career. The Fibber Cup made its debut at the 2001 San Diego Convention. The perpetual trophy was the concept of Kevin

Whaley and Randy Shumaker after noticing that the most prestigious win at the ARBA convention deserved an equally prestigious award. The hand-crafted silver-plated cup stands approximately 32" tall. The cup itself has a delicate pattern which was "chased" by hand. Chasing is a highly skilled method of decoration which has remained unchanged over the centuries and is now a very rare art form. It is mounted on a mahogany plinth which incorporates a silver plated plinthband which contains the name of every Best in Show winner in the modern history of the ARBA. The cup was made possible by a contributions from California Rabbit and Cavy Shows and Heinold Feeds of Kouts, IN.



Sweepstake Point Standings 7/1/2009-6/30/2010

updated 2/10/10

Point Standings Open White									
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows	BIS	BOB	BOS	BOV	BOSV
1	Rogers/Brown	OH	2866	17	3	9	9	13	12
2	Manuel & Linda Hidalgo	CA	2679	1	0	0	1	1	0
3	Wade & Katrina Dye	PA	1953.5	13	1	5	6	5	6
4	Cooper/Esterline	IN	1608	4	1	2	1	2	1
5	Robert & Peggy Crawford	NC	1593	1	0	1	0	1	0
6	Sonja Estep	TX	1586.5	10	0	8	8	10	8
7	Richard & Brenda Godfrey	PA	1579.5	13	0	6	7	6	7
8	Randy Stoen	IA	1522.5	6	0	2	2	2	4
9	Paul & Ann Grundtisch	NY	1496	4	0	3	2	3	2
10	David & Sara Klindt	IA	1323.5	8	0	6	6	6	5
11	Wendall Tisher	SD	1283	10	2	3	3	3	6
12	Bruce Himmelberger	PA	1270.5	6	1	2	2	3	2
13	George & Martha Hills	IL	1253	10	1	8	3	8	5
14	Mary Esther Betson	MT	1241	6	0	3	4	3	4
15	Scott Fruchey	OH	1193	6	0	3	2	3	2
16	Jim Gallander	AL	1172.5	6	0	6	6	6	6
17	Donald & Judith Paul	WI	1014	7	0	3	4	3	4
18	Jim Bounakes	MA	1011.5	5	5	5	3	5	3
19	David & Ellen Mangione	OH	948.5	3	0	1	1	1	1
20	Mark & Beth Manglberger	TX	840	5	0	2	2	2	3

Point Standings Open Red									
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows	BIS	BOB	BOS	BOV	BOSV
1	Wendall Tisher	SD	1471.5	12	0	0	3	9	9
2	Manuel & Linda Hidalgo	CA	1461	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Randy Embry	IN	890	7	0	0	1	4	6
4	David & Sara Klindt	IA	833.5	9	0	0	0	6	7
5	Scott Fruchey	OH	711	6	0	0	0	4	4
6	Carolynn Shaffer	IN	632	9	0	0	2	3	1
7	Randy Stoen	IA	621	6	0	0	0	4	4
8	Dr. Wendy P. Feaga	MD	585.5	7	0	2	0	6	5
9	Wade & Katrina Dye	PA	514.5	13	0	0	0	8	5
10	Fred Saputo	PA	286	7	0	0	0	1	1
11	Arnold & Sue Schmidt	IL	267.5	3	0	0	0	2	2
12	Rick Hutchinson	PA	218	2	0	0	0	1	0
13	Pleaz & Jane Kirby	KY	208	3	0	0	0	1	0
14	Donald & Judith Paul	WI	186	1	0	1	1	0	1
15	Rowbotham/Jennings	MO	162.5	3	0	0	0	1	1
16	Mike Cucchiara	CT	145.5	2	0	0	0	1	2
17	Gene Feinauer	MI	128	3	0	0	0	2	1
18	Jim Gallander	AL	111	5	0	0	0	4	0
19	Kevin & Vicki Bogan	OH	106.5	1	0	1	0	1	1
20	Meyer & Ritzma	IL	102	3	0	0	0	0	0

Point Standings Open Black									
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows	BIS	BOB	BOS	BOV	BOSV
1	Cooper/Esterline	IN	1650.5	5	0	1	0	4	4
2	Max & Darlene Reeser	IL	928.5	5	0	0	2	4	4
3	Wendall Tisher	SD	912	12	1	4	2	6	9
4	Rogers/Brown	OH	794	17	2	4	2	10	6
5	Larry & Kathleen Lunz	OH	777.5	11	0	0	0	6	4
6	Jean Harris	WA	743	6	0	1	2	4	5
7	Randy Stoen	IA	680.5	6	0	1	2	5	4
8	Fred Saputo	PA	619.5	7	0	0	1	2	6
9	D.R. Slavik	IA	530	6	1	1	2	5	3
10	Donald & Judith Paul	WI	496	7	0	1	0	3	6
11	Bruce Himmelberger	PA	471.5	6	0	1	0	5	1
12	Steve Shafer	OH	425	1	0	0	0	0	0
13	Tony & Edith Folker	PA	423	3	0	0	0	1	0
14	Robert & Janelen Swartz	OH	408.5	7	0	0	1	3	4
15	Jeff & Hazel Everetts	OH	392.5	10	0	0	2	3	4
16	Rowbotham/Jennings	MO	377.5	3	0	2	0	2	1
17	Denise Konzek	WA	355	4	0	0	0	0	0
18	Arnold & Sue Schmidt	IL	288.5	4	0	0	0	1	1
19	John & Donna Schomaker	OH	205	2	0	0	0	1	0
20	Judy Currie	BC	192.5	6	0	0	2	3	1

Point Standings Youth White									
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows	BIS	BOB	BOS	BOV	BOSV
1	Hannah Means	OH	2707	13	2	8	3	8	3
2	Jared Casto	WV	2469.5	9	4	7	6	7	6
3	Caleb Taulbee	OH	2004.5	4	0	1	3	2	3
4	Alexandra Reau	MI	1719.5	9	1	4	4	5	5
5	Holly Chesnut	CA	1683	5	0	3	2	3	4
6	Nicole Mudrack	IN	1498	8	2	4	2	4	2
7	Bailey Lick	WI	1453	10	0	3	2	6	7
8	Rose Reible	WI	1071	8	0	0	0	1	1
9	Lucas Lindsey	IL	855.5	5	1	2	1	2	2
10	Julie Thornton	OK	825.5	7	3	4	1	4	3
11	Courtney Beer	MN	776	4	1	3	3	3	3
12	Ryan Effling	SD	743.5	8	0	4	3	4	4
13	Katealynn Schali	CA	593.5	7	0	1	1	2	1
14	Mallory Munster	IL	544	6	0	0	0	0	1
15	C & K Vierck	WI	507.5	6	0	1	3	3	3
16	Kelsey Adams	CA	402	1	0	0	0	0	0
17	Kameron Millice	OH	396	7	0	1	2	2	2
18	Allison & Joshua Morgan	OH	361.5	3	1	1	1	1	1
19	Tara Parker	OK	325	3	1	3	1	3	2
20	Taylor Ramsey	OH	321.5	5	1	1	1	1	1

Point Standings Youth Red									
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows	BIS	BOB	BOS	BOV	BOSV
1	Holly Chesnut	CA	358	5	0	0	0	5	5
2	Cheyenne Snider	TX	168	6	0	1	2	4	2
3	Lucas Lindsey	IL	117	4	0	0	1	4	4
4	Sara Carter	CA	96	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Bailey Lick	WI	70	6	0	0	0	6	0
6	Brock Hadley	IN	63	4	0	0	1	3	1
7	Charlie Snider	TX	49.5	6	0	0	0	2	4
8	David DeFrain	OR	39	2	0	0	0	2	2
9	Emily Casarez	MI	28	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashton Hosmann	CA	12	4	0	0	0	0	0
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Point Standings Youth Black									
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows	BIS	BOB	BOS	BOV	BOSV
1	Bailey Lick	WI	1418.5	11	1	7	4	11	8
2	Shayna Bolen	IL	1007	12	0	3	3	6	5
3	Becca Miller	OH	927	13	0	4	3	10	10
4	Kameron Millice	OH	755.5	7	0	1	1	6	4
5	Mallory Munster	IL	518	6	0	0	1	1	1
6	Ashton Hosmann	CA	492.5	5	0	0	0	2	4
7	Bryce Neer	IA	474.5	7	0	2	1	4	4
8	Jessica Rose Flores	NM	269.5	1	0	0	1	1	1
9	Holly Chesnut	CA	165	5	0	0	0	0	0
10	Tim Werner	PA	145	5	0	1	0	4	4
11	Travis Akehurst	OK	142.5	3	0	0	2	3	3
12	Julie Thornton	OK	80	4	0	0	0	1	1
13	Katealynn Schali	CA	68.5	4	0	0	0	2	1
14	Bryant Miller	OH	62	2	0	0	1	0	2
15	Ryan Effling	SD	50	8	0	0	0	2	0
16	C & K Vierck	WI	54	6	0	0	0	1	0
17	Hannah Means	OH	15	7	0	0	0	2	0
18	Victor Zerby	OH	15	1	0	0	0	1	1
19	Faith Blankenship	OH	14	2	0	0	0	0	0
20	Juliann Dickey	IA	8	1	0	1	0	1	0



Above the Best of Breed

Best In Show ~ Open

SD	D.R. Slavik	Black	9/12/2009
MI	George & Kathy Carpenter	White	9/26/2009
MD	Al Roland	White	9/26/2009
IN	Cooper/Esterline	White	10/2/2009
IN	Gregory Hobbs	White	10/3/2009
MI	George & Kathy Carpenter	White	10/3/2009
PA	Bruce Himmelberger	White	10/10/2009
OH	Rogers/Brown	Black	10/18/2009
MA	Jim Bounakes	White	11/15/2009
IA	Wendall Tisher	White	11/27/2009

Best In Show Reserve ~ Open

WI	David Cardinal	White	9/27/2009
TX	Sonja Estep	White	10/3/2009
IN	Pleaz & Jane Kirby	White	10/10/2009
LA	Wallace Fontenot	White	11/21/2009

Best In Show 2nd Reserve ~ Open

OH	Rogers/Brown	White	9/27/2009
IA	David & Sara Klindt	Red	10/18/2009

Best 6 Class ~ Open

SD	Ryan Effling	White	9/12/2009
OH	Rogers/Brown	White	10/3/2009
OH	Rogers/Brown	White	10/3/2009
IL	George & Martha Hills	White	10/4/2009
SD	Wendall Tisher	Black	10/10/2009
SD	Wendall Tisher	Black	10/10/2009
SD	Ryan Effling	White	10/10/2009
WI	Donald & Judith Paul	White	10/11/2009
IA	Wendall Tisher	White	10/29/2009
MD	Richard & Brenda Godfrey	White	11/8/2009



Best In Show ~ Youth

WI	Bailey Lick	Black	9/26/2009
AR	Julie Thornton	White	9/27/2009
IN	Nicole Mudrack	White	10/2/2009
IN	Nicole Mudrack	White	10/3/2009
OH	Jared Casto	White	10/3/2009
OK	Julie Thornton	White	10/10/2009
OK	Julie Thornton	White	10/11/2009
KS	Claire Carlson	White	10/17/2009
OH	Hannah Means	White	11/1/2009
OH	Jared Casto	White	11/7/2009
OH	Hannah Means	White	11/22/2009
OK	Tara Parker	White	11/28/2009
CA	Jeremiah Schali	White	11/28/2009

Best 6 Class ~ Youth

IL	Shayna Bolen	Black	10/4/2009
WI	Bailey Lick	White	10/10/2009
OH	Jared Casto	White	11/7/2009
WI	Bailey Lick	Black	11/14/2009

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Sweepstake Point Standings 7/1/2009-6/30/2010

updated 11/19/09

Point Standings Open Meat Pen						
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows		
1	Basgil/Borden	TX	348	1		
2	Ed Boutwell	OH	104	2		
3	Rowbotham/Jennings	MO	27	1		
4	Randy Stoen	IA	24	1		
5	Brian & Carol Swaney	OH	12	2		
6	Gregory Hobbs	IN	6	1		
Point Standings Open Single Fryer						
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows		
1	Randy Stoen	IA	90	1		
2	Wendall Tisher	SD	58.5	1		

Point Standings Youth Meat Pen						
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows		
1	Caleb Taulbee	OH	168	1		
2	Taylor Ramsey	OH	144	3		
3	Jared Casto	WV	99	1		
4	Blayne & Brandon Vogel	MO	60	1		
5	Hayden Fisher	MO	20	1		
6	Casey Swanson	OH	12	1		
7	Lucas Lindsey	IL	12	1		
10	Becca Miller	OH	6	2		
Point Standings Youth Single Fryer						
#	Exhibitor	ST	Points	Shows		
1	Caleb Taulbee	OH	376	1		
2	Mallory Munster	IL	78	3		
3	Lucas Lindsey	IL	72	3		



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- Canada 11/21/2009 OB647 Ontario Provincial NZRBA - Judge: Richter, John # shown: 71 - BOV: Black - Carver - Kellogg Int. - BOSV: Black - Carver - Kellogg Int. - BOV: Red - Kat Luna - BOSV: Red - Kat Luna
- CT 10/18/2009 OB757 Northeastern Connecticut RGA - Judge: Jurgelonis, Paul # shown: 30 - BOB: White - Richard Tomaszewski - BOS: White - Richard Tomaszewski - BOS: Black - Mike Cucchiara - BOSV: Black - Mike Cucchiara - BOV: Red - Mike Cucchiara - BOSV: Red - Mike Cucchiara - BOV: White - Richard Tomaszewski - BOSV: White - Richard Tomaszewski
- GA 10/10/2009 OB787 Georgia State R&CA - Judge: Albright, Jeff # shown: 16 - BOB: White - Jim Gallander - BOS: White - Jim Gallander - BOV: White - Jim Gallander - BOSV: White - Jim Gallander
- GA 11/21/2009 OB642 Decatur RBA - Judge: Green, Jamie # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Jim Gallander - BOS: White - Jim Gallander - BOV: White - Jim Gallander - BOSV: White - Jim Gallander
- GA 11/21/2009 OB913 Decatur RBA - Judge: Lynch, Catherine # shown: 15 - BOB: White - Jim Gallander - BOS: White - Jim Gallander - BOV: Red - Jim Gallander - BOV: White - Jim Gallander - BOSV: White - Jim Gallander
- GA 11/21/2009 OB641 Decatur RBA - Judge: Westhoff, Rusty # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Jim Gallander - BOS: White - Jim Gallander - BOV: Red - Jim Gallander - BOV: White - Jim Gallander - BOSV: White - Jim Gallander
- IA 10/18/2009 OB460 River Bend RBA - Judge: CARDINAL, DAVID # shown: 19 - BOB: White - David & Sara Klindt - BOS: White - David & Sara Klindt - BOV: Red - David & Sara Klindt - BOSV: Red - David & Sara Klindt - BOV: White - David & Sara Klindt - BOSV: White - David & Sara Klindt
- IA 10/29/2009 OB919 Upper Midwest Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Mixdorf, Eric # shown: 35 - BOB: White - Wendall Tisher - BOS: White - Randy Stoen - BOV: Black - Randy Stoen - BOSV: Black - Randy Stoen - BOV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: White - Randy Stoen
- IA 11/27/2009 OB225 North Central Iowa RFA - Judge: Dickerson, Randy # shown: 86 - BOB: White - Wendall Tisher - BOS: Black - Randy Stoen - BOV: Black - Randy Stoen - BOSV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Randy Stoen - BOV: White - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: White - Wendall Tisher
- IL 10/3/2009 OB784 Monroe County RBA - Judge: Gendren, William # shown: 13 - BOB: White - George & Martha Hills - BOS: White - George & Martha Hills - BOV: White - George & Martha Hills - BOSV: White - George & Martha Hills
- IL 10/3/2009 OB785 Monroe County RBA - Judge: Grebner, Walt # shown: 13 - BOB: White - George & Martha Hills - BOS: White - George & Martha Hills - BOV: White - George & Martha Hills - BOSV: White - George & Martha Hills
- IL 10/4/2009 OB264 Metroeast RBA - Judge: Brad, Boyce # shown: 11 - BOB: White - George & Martha Hills - BOV: White - George & Martha Hills
- IL 10/4/2009 OB266 Metroeast RBA - Judge: Naragon, Todd # shown: 11 - BOB: White - George & Martha Hills - BOS: White - George & Martha Hills - BOV: White - George & Martha Hills - BOSV: White - George & Martha Hills
- IL 11/15/2009 OB437 Peoria Area RBA - Judge: Berger, Tom # shown: 81 - BOB: Red - Donald & Judith Paul - BOS: Red - Donald & Judith Paul - BOSV: Red - Donald & Judith Paul
- IN 9/26/2009 OB735 Wabash Erie Canal RC - Judge: Schultz, Donyelle # shown: 5 - BOV: Red - Carolynn Shaffer
- IN 10/2/2009 OB752 Wabash County 4H RC - Judge: Young, Michael # shown: 102 - BOB: White - Cooper/Esterline - BOV: Black - Cooper/Esterline - BOSV: Black - Cooper/Esterline - BOSV: Red - Randy Embry - BOV: White - Cooper/Esterline
- IN 10/3/2009 OB635 State of Indiana NZRB - Judge: # shown: 100 - BOB: White - Gregory Hobbs - BOS: White - Cooper/Esterline - BOV: Black - Cooper/Esterline - BOSV: Black - Cooper/Esterline - BOV: Red - Randy Embry - BOV: White - Gregory Hobbs - BOSV: White - Cooper/Esterline
- IN 10/10/2009 OB849 Rolling Hills RBA - Judge: Gendren, William # shown: 13 - BOB: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby - BOSV: Black - Paul Bickel - BOV: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby - BOSV: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby
- IN 10/10/2009 OB848 Rolling Hills RBA - Judge: Price, Bob # shown: 13 - BOB: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby - BOS: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby - BOSV: Black - Paul Bickel - BOV: Red - Pleaz & Jane Kirby - BOV: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby - BOSV: White - Pleaz & Jane Kirby
- IN 10/17/2009 OB417 N. C. Indiana RBA - Judge: Wilson, Carla # shown: 7 - BOS: Red - Carolynn Shaffer - BOV: Red - Carolynn Shaffer - BOSV: Red - Carolynn Shaffer
- IN 10/24/2009 OB846 Golden Prairie RBA - Judge: Hauser, David # shown: 66 - BOB: White - Dean Sindors - BOS: White - Dean Sindors - BOV: Red - Randy Embry - BOSV: Red - Randy Embry - BOV: White - Dean Sindors - BOSV: White - Dean Sindors
- IN 11/14/2009 OB876 Fayette County RP - Judge: Schultz, Donyelle # shown: 26 - BOV: Red - Randy Embry - BOSV: Red - Randy Embry
- IN 11/14/2009 OB874 Whitewater Valley RBA - Judge: # shown: 42 - BOV: Red - Randy Embry - BOSV: Red - Randy Embry
- IN 11/28/2009 OB878 Pike Gibson RBA - Judge: Price, Bob # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Tony & Diane Fortney - BOS: White - Tony & Diane Fortney - BOV: White - Tony & Diane Fortney
- KS 10/17/2009 OB707 Kansas State RBA - Judge: Tuntland, Dereck # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Larry Snavelly - BOS: White - Tom Little - BOV: White - Larry Snavelly - BOSV: White - Tom Little



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- KY 7/11/2009 OB574 Western Kentucky RC - Judge: # shown: 8 - BOS: Black - Paul Bickel - BOSV: Black - Paul Bickel
- KY 11/7/2009 OB612 Kentucky State RBA - Judge: Green, Thomas # shown: 8 - BOB: White - Richard & Judy Krebs - BOS: White - Jessica & Jerry Parsley - BOV: White - Richard & Judy Krebs - BOSV: White - Jessica & Jerry Parsley
- KY 11/7/2009 OB611 Kentucky State RBA - Judge: Kingsbury, Brad # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Tony & Diane Fortney - BOS: White - Tony & Diane Fortney - BOV: White - Tony & Diane Fortney - BOSV: White - Tony & Diane Fortney
- LA 10/17/2009 OB732 Central Louisiana RBA - Judge: Gillispie, Sue # shown: 13 - BOB: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOS: White - Wallace Fontenot - BOV: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOSV: White - Wallace Fontenot
- LA 10/17/2009 OB731 Central Louisiana RBA - Judge: MCCracken, KEN # shown: 17 - BOS: White - Wallace Fontenot - BOV: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOSV: White - Wallace Fontenot
- LA 11/21/2009 OB883 Acadiana Area RC - Judge: Franke, Michael # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOS: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOV: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOSV: White - Ford & Edna Eastin
- LA 11/21/2009 OB882 Acadiana Area RC - Judge: Terry, Mary Jo # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Wallace Fontenot - BOS: White - Ford & Edna Eastin - BOV: White - Wallace Fontenot - BOSV: White - Ford & Edna Eastin
- MA 11/15/2009 OB579 Tri County RC - Judge: Benoit, Lindsay # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Jim Bounakes - BOS: White - Jim Bounakes - BOV: White - Jim Bounakes - BOSV: White - Jim Bounakes
- MD 9/26/2009 OB670 Delmarva R&CBA - Judge: Branham, Tim # shown: 21 - BOB: White - Al Roland - BOS: White - Al Roland - BOV: Red - Dr. Wendy P. Feaga - BOSV: Red - Dr. Wendy P. Feaga - BOV: White - Al Roland - BOSV: White - Al Roland
- MD 9/26/2009 OB672 Delmarva R&CBA - Judge: Frizzell, Robert # shown: 22 - BOB: White - Al Roland - BOS: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOV: Red - Dr. Wendy P. Feaga - BOSV: Red - Dr. Wendy P. Feaga - BOV: White - Al Roland - BOSV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey
- MD 9/26/2009 OB671 Delmarva R&CBA - Judge: Keller, Howard # shown: 21 - BOB: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOS: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOV: Red - Dr. Wendy P. Feaga - BOSV: Red - Dr. Wendy P. Feaga - BOV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOSV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey
- MD 11/8/2009 OB748 Carroll County RCBA - Judge: Engel, Lee # shown: 19 - BOB: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOS: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOSV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey
- MD 11/14/2009 OB127 Baltimore & Howard Co. RCBA - Judge: Easton, Stacy # shown: 24 - BOB: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOS: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey - BOSV: White - Richard & Brenda Godfrey
- MI 9/26/2009 OB557 Ann Arbor RBA - Judge: Covert, Doug # shown: 10 - BOB: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOS: White - Steve Pott - BOV: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOSV: White - Steve Pott
- MI 9/26/2009 OB555 Ann Arbor RBA - Judge: Marshall, Joel # shown: 19 - BOB: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOS: White - Steve Pott - BOV: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOSV: White - Steve Pott
- MI 10/3/2009 OB697 Hop 2 It RBA - Judge: Covert, Molly # shown: 10 - BOB: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOS: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOV: White - George & Kathy Carpenter - BOSV: White - George & Kathy Carpenter
- MI 10/17/2009 OB815 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Hauser, David # shown: 33 - BOB: White - Scott Fruchey - BOS: White - Scott Fruchey - BOV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOV: White - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: White - Scott Fruchey
- MI 10/17/2009 OB816 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Soper, John # shown: 47 - BOB: White - Scott Fruchey - BOS: White - Scott Fruchey - BOV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOV: White - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: White - Scott Fruchey
- MI 10/18/2009 OB819 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Berger, Tom # shown: 7 - BOS: White - Edward Carpenter II - BOSV: White - Edward Carpenter II
- MI 10/18/2009 OB820 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Schultz, Donyelle # shown: 7 - BOS: White - Edward Carpenter II - BOSV: White - Edward Carpenter II
- MN 9/27/2009 OB814 Minnesota St. Rabbit Breeders - Judge: Avesing, Mike # shown: 49 - BOB: White - Randy Stoen - BOS: White - John McBride - BOV: Black - Randy Stoen - BOSV: Black - Randy Stoen - BOV: Red - Randy Stoen - BOSV: Red - Randy Stoen - BOV: White - Randy Stoen - BOSV: White - John McBride
- NC 10/3/2009 OB798 Greater Appalachian Alliance - Judge: Adams, Mike # shown: 12 - BOB: White - Tim & Kay Bowman - BOS: White - Tim & Kay Bowman - BOV: White - Tim & Kay Bowman - BOSV: White - Tim & Kay Bowman
- NC 10/3/2009 OB799 Greater Appalachian Alliance - Judge: Humphries, Josh # shown: 12 - BOB: White - Tim & Kay Bowman - BOS: White - Tim & Kay Bowman - BOV: White - Tim & Kay Bowman - BOSV: White - Tim & Kay Bowman
- NY 10/3/2009 OB788 New York RCBA - Judge: Keller, Howard # shown: 19 - BOS: White - William Gardhouse - BOV: Black - Stephen Coats - BOSV: Black - Stephen Coats - BOSV: White - William Gardhouse
- NY 10/4/2009 OB791 New York RCBA - Judge: CARDINAL, DAVID # shown: 82 - BOB: White - Paul & Ann Grundtisch - BOS: White - Carver - Kellogg Int. - BOV: Black - Bruce Himmelberger - BOSV: Black - Fred Saputo - BOSV: Red - Mike Cucchiara - BOV: White - Paul & Ann Grundtisch - BOSV: White - Carver - Kellogg Int.



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- NY 10/4/2009 OB790 New York RCBA - Judge: STEWART, T ERIC # shown: 60 - BOB: White - Carver - Kellogg Int. - BOS: White - Bruce Himmelberger - BOV: Black - Bruce Himmelberger - BOSV: Black - Fred Saputo - BOV: White - Carver - Kellogg Int. - BOSV: White - Bruce Himmelberger
- OH 9/27/2009 OB763 Sandusky Valley RB - Judge: Patrick, William # shown: 19 - BOV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: Red - Robert & Janellen Swartz - BOSV: Red - Robert & Janellen Swartz
- OH 9/27/2009 OB762 Sandusky Valley RB - Judge: Petras, Ron # shown: 19 - BOB: White - Rogers/Brown - BOS: White - Rogers/Brown - BOV: Black - Robert & Janellen Swartz - BOSV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: Red - Robert & Janellen Swartz - BOSV: Red - Robert & Janellen Swartz - BOV: White - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: White - Rogers/Brown
- OH 10/3/2009 OB864 Jackson Co. RC - Judge: Allebach, Richard # shown: 12 - BOS: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: White - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: White - Rogers/Brown
- OH 10/3/2009 OB623 Blennerhassett RC - Judge: Bogan, Kevin # shown: 13 - BOB: White - Rogers/Brown - BOS: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: White - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: White - Rogers/Brown
- OH 10/4/2009 OB781 Cuyahoga County RBA - Judge: Keller, Howard # shown: 28 - BOS: White - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOV: Red - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOSV: Red - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOSV: White - Wade & Katrina Dye
- OH 10/18/2009 OB518 Tuscarawas Cty. RBA - Judge: Petras, Ron # shown: 25 - BOB: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOS: White - Rogers/Brown - BOV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: White - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: White - Rogers/Brown
- OH 11/1/2009 OB828 Springfield RCBA - Judge: Hooper, Kevin # shown: 38 - BOS: White - Larry & Kathleen Lunz - BOV: Black - Larry & Kathleen Lunz - BOSV: Black - Jeff & Hazel Everetts - BOSV: White - Larry & Kathleen Lunz
- OH 11/1/2009 OB713 Springfield RCBA - Judge: Swartz, Bob # shown: 31 - BOB: White - Ed & Rose Landon - BOS: Black - Jeff & Hazel Everetts - BOV: Black - Jeff & Hazel Everetts - BOSV: Black - Larry & Kathleen Lunz - BOV: White - Ed & Rose Landon - BOSV: White - Buddy & Ida Ganger
- OH 11/7/2009 OB742 Medina County RBA - Judge: Shaftoe, Bob # shown: 60 - BOV: Red - Wade & Katrina Dye
- OH 11/7/2009 OB743 Medina County RBA - Judge: Berger, Tom # shown: 57 - BOB: White - Scott Fruchey - BOS: White - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOV: White - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: White - Wade & Katrina Dye
- OH 11/14/2009 OB095 Ohio State NZ RBA - Judge: Carr, Glen # shown: 339 - BOB: White - Robert & Peggy Crawford - BOS: White - Donnie & Tina Hornback - BOV: Black - Tony & Edith Folker - BOSV: Black - Larry & Kathleen Lunz - BOV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOSV: Red - Scott Fruchey - BOV: White - Robert & Peggy Crawford - BOSV: White - Donnie & Tina Hornback
- OH 11/22/2009 OB082 Lancaster Tri County - Judge: Humphries, Josh # shown: 64 - BOB: White - David & Ellen Mangione - BOV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: Black - Jeff & Hazel Everetts - BOV: White - David & Ellen Mangione
- OH 11/22/2009 YB084 Lancaster Tri County - Judge: Humphries, Josh # shown: 48 - BOB: White - Hannah Means - BOS: White - Caleb Taulbee - BOV: Black - Hannah Means - BOV: White - Hannah Means - BOSV: White - Caleb Taulbee
- OH 11/22/2009 YB083 Lancaster Tri County - Judge: Patrick, William # shown: 51 - BOB: White - Hannah Means - BOS: White - Caleb Taulbee - BOV: Black - Hannah Means - BOV: White - Hannah Means - BOSV: White - Caleb Taulbee
- OH 11/22/2009 OB081 Lancaster Tri County - Judge: Patrick, William # shown: 64 - BOB: White - Rogers/Brown - BOS: White - David & Ellen Mangione - BOV: Black - Larry & Kathleen Lunz - BOSV: Black - Rogers/Brown - BOV: White - Rogers/Brown - BOSV: White - David & Ellen Mangione
- OK 10/10/2009 OB709 Tulsa State Fair - Judge: Thomas, Tex # shown: 19 - BOB: White - Morgan Blair - BOV: White - Morgan Blair - BOSV: White - Morgan Blair
- OK 10/11/2009 OB691 Tulsa RBA - Judge: Thomas, Tonna # shown: 19 - BOB: White - Morgan Blair - BOV: White - Morgan Blair
- OK 11/27/2009 OB866 Stephens Co. RBA - Judge: Holtmeyer, Zach # shown: 27 - BOB: White - Sonja Estep - BOV: White - Sonja Estep - BOSV: White - Sonja Estep
- OK 11/28/2009 OB868 Stephens Co. RBA - Judge: Caldwell, Robert # shown: 27 - BOB: Single Fryer - Sonja Estep
- OK 11/28/2009 OB869 Stephens Co. RBA - Judge: Vogts, Victor # shown: 27 - BOB: White - Sonja Estep - BOS: White - Sonja Estep - BOV: Black - W.H. "Bill" O'Haver - BOV: White - Sonja Estep - BOSV: White - Sonja Estep
- PA 10/10/2009 OB808 Lebanon Valley RBA - Judge: Burdick, Bonnie # shown: 78 - BOB: White - Bruce Himmelberger - BOS: White - Donald & Brenda Lengel - BOV: Black - Bruce Himmelberger - BOSV: Black - Fred Saputo - BOV: Red - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOV: White - Bruce Himmelberger - BOSV: White - Donald & Brenda Lengel
- PA 10/10/2009 OB809 Lebanon Valley RBA - Judge: Kyle, Paul # shown: 69 - BOB: White - Bruce Himmelberger - BOS: White - Bruce Himmelberger - BOV: Black - Bruce Himmelberger - BOSV: Black - Bruce Himmelberger - BOV: Red - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOSV: Red - Fred Saputo - BOV: White - Bruce Himmelberger - BOSV: White - Bruce Himmelberger
- PA 10/25/2009 OB836 Tri County RBA - Judge: Berger, Tom # shown: 52 - BOB: White - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOS: Black - Fred Saputo - BOV: Black - Fred Saputo - BOSV: Black - Fred Saputo - BOV: Red - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOV: White - Wade & Katrina Dye - BOSV: White - Al Roland



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- SD 9/12/2009 OB711 Heartland RC - Judge: Addison, Conall # shown: 47 - BOB: White - Ryan Effling - BOS: Black - D.R. Slavik - BOV: Black - D.R. Slavik - BOSV: Black - D.R. Slavik - BOV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOV: White - Ryan Effling - BOSV: White - Ryan Effling
- SD 9/12/2009 OB712 Heartland RC - Judge: Dickerson, Randy # shown: 47 - BOB: Black - D.R. Slavik - BOS: White - D.R. Slavik - BOV: Black - D.R. Slavik - BOSV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOV: White - D.R. Slavik - BOSV: White - D.R. Slavik
- SD 10/10/2009 OB778 South Dakota RBA - Judge: CARDINAL, DAVID # shown: 31 - BOB: White - Ryan Effling - BOS: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOV: White - Ryan Effling - BOSV: White - Wendall Tisher
- SD 10/10/2009 OB777 Fair City RC - Judge: Holtmeyer, Zach # shown: 34 - BOB: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOS: White - Wendall Tisher - BOV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: White - Wendall Tisher
- SD 10/10/2009 OB776 Fair City RC - Judge: Johnston, Eugene # shown: 31 - BOB: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOS: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOS: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOS: White - Ryan Effling - BOV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Black - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: Red - Wendall Tisher - BOSV: White - Ryan Effling
- TN 10/24/2009 OB812 Middle Tennessee RBA - Judge: Burkhalter, Wade # shown: 26 - BOB: White - Jim Gallander - BOS: White - Jim Gallander - BOV: Red - Jim Gallander - BOV: White - Jim Gallander - BOSV: White - Jim Gallander
- TN 10/24/2009 OB811 Middle Tennessee RBA - Judge: Rice, Bill # shown: 26 - BOB: White - Jim Gallander - BOS: White - Jim Gallander - BOV: Red - Jim Gallander - BOV: White - Jim Gallander - BOSV: White - Jim Gallander
- TX 9/26/2009 OB717 Southwest RBA - Judge: Caldwell, Robert # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Sonja Estep - BOS: White - Sonja Estep - BOV: White - Sonja Estep - BOSV: White - Sonja Estep
- TX 10/3/2009 OB695 State Fair of Texas - Judge: Addison, Conall # shown: 7 - BOB: White - Sonja Estep - BOS: White - Sonja Estep - BOV: White - Sonja Estep - BOSV: White - Sonja Estep
- TX 10/17/2009 OB587 San Antonio RBA - Judge: Dickerson, Randy # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Mark & Beth Manglberger - BOS: White - Mark & Beth Manglberger - BOV: White - Mark & Beth Manglberger - BOSV: White - Mark & Beth Manglberger
- TX 10/17/2009 OB586 San Antonio RBA - Judge: KRALL, GAIL # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Mark & Beth Manglberger - BOS: White - Rickey & Alice Rogers - BOV: White - Mark & Beth Manglberger - BOSV: White - Rickey & Alice Rogers
- VA 10/3/2009 OB693 State Fair of Virginia - Judge: # shown: 10 - BOB: White - Mike & Diane Taylor - BOS: White - Mike & Diane Taylor - BOV: White - Mike & Diane Taylor - BOSV: White - Mike & Diane Taylor
- WI 9/12/2009 OB512 Wisconsin St. RB - Judge: Rice, Brent # shown: 34 - BOB: Black - Donald & Judith Paul - BOV: Black - Donald & Judith Paul - BOSV: Black - Donald & Judith Paul
- WI 9/27/2009 OB486 Fox Valley - Judge: Underberg, Josh # shown: 23 - BOB: White - David Cardinal - BOV: White - David Cardinal
- WI 10/10/2009 OB758 Tri County RBA - Judge: KOCH, ROBERT A # shown: 31 - BOS: White - Donald & Judith Paul - BOV: Black - Donald & Judith Paul - BOSV: Black - Donald & Judith Paul - BOSV: White - Donald & Judith Paul
- WI 10/11/2009 OB760 Tri County RBA - Judge: Burkhalter, Wade # shown: 34 - BOB: White - Donald & Judith Paul - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOSV: Black - Donald & Judith Paul - BOV: White - Donald & Judith Paul
- WI 11/29/2009 OB779 Wisconsin NZ Club - Judge: CHRISTEN, THERESA A # shown: 60 - BOB: White - David Cardinal - BOV: White - David Cardinal

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- AR 9/27/2009 YB741 Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair - Judge: Gillispie, Gene # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Julie Thornton - BOV: Black - Julie Thornton - BOSV: Black - Julie Thornton - BOV: White - Julie Thornton - BOSV: White - Julie Thornton
- CA 11/14/2009 YB872 The Rabbit Club - Judge: Stacy, Ray # shown: 35 - BOB: White - Katealynn Schali - BOS: White - Holly Chesnut - BOV: Black - Ashton Hosmann - BOSV: Black - Ashton Hosmann - BOV: Red - Holly Chesnut - BOSV: Red - Holly Chesnut - BOV: White - Katealynn Schali - BOSV: White - Holly Chesnut
- CA 11/14/2009 YB873 The Rabbit Club - Judge: Tuntland, Dereck # shown: 34 - BOB: White - Holly Chesnut - BOV: Black - Ashton Hosmann - BOV: Red - Holly Chesnut - BOSV: Red - Holly Chesnut - BOV: White - Holly Chesnut - BOSV: White - Holly Chesnut
- CA 11/28/2009 YB931 California Rabbit & Cavy Shows, Inc. - Judge: Stacy, Ray # shown: 11 - BOB: White - Patrick Hinde - BOS: White - Patrick Hinde - BOV: Black - Katealynn Schali - BOV: White - Patrick Hinde - BOSV: White - Patrick Hinde
- CA 11/28/2009 YB932 California Rabbit & Cavy Shows, Inc. - Judge: # shown: 7 - BOB: White - Jeremiah Schali - BOS: White - Patrick Hinde - BOV: Black - Katealynn Schali - BOSV: Black - Katealynn Schali - BOV: White - Jeremiah Schali - BOSV: White - Patrick Hinde



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- IA 10/29/2009 YB920 Upper Midwest Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Steinberg, Richard # shown: 30 - BOB: White - Fallon Vauble - BOS: White - Fallon Vauble - BOSV: Black - Fallon Vauble - BOV: White - Fallon Vauble - BOSV: White - Fallon Vauble
- IA 11/27/2009 YB226 North Central Iowa RFA - Judge: Mixdorf, Eric # shown: 43 - BOB: Black - Bryce Neer - BOV: Black - Bryce Neer - BOSV: Black - Bryce Neer
- IL 10/3/2009 YB782 Monroe County RBA - Judge: Gendren, William # shown: 46 - BOB: Black - Bryce Neer - BOV: Black - Bryce Neer - BOSV: Black - Bryce Neer
- IL 10/3/2009 YB783 Monroe County RBA - Judge: Grebner, Walt # shown: 46 - BOV: Black - Bryce Neer - BOSV: Black - Bryce Neer
- IL 10/4/2009 YB265 Metroeast RBA - Judge: Brad, Boyce # shown: 30 - BOB: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOS: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOV: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOSV: Black - Shayna Bolen
- IL 10/4/2009 YB267 Metroeast RBA - Judge: Naragon, Todd # shown: 43 - BOB: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOS: Black - Bryce Neer - BOV: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOSV: Black - Bryce Neer
- IL 11/15/2009 YB438 Peoria Area RBA - Judge: Berger, Tom # shown: 39 - BOS: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOSV: Black - Shayna Bolen - BOV: Red - Lucas Lindsey - BOSV: Red - Lucas Lindsey - BOSV: White - Rose Reible
- IN 9/26/2009 YB736 Wabash Erie Canal RC - Judge: Raisor, George # shown: 16 - BOB: White - Nicole Mudrack - BOV: White - Nicole Mudrack
- IN 10/2/2009 YB753 Wabash County 4H RC - Judge: Zaruba, Steve # shown: 35 - BOB: White - Nicole Mudrack - BOV: Red - Brock Hadley - BOV: White - Nicole Mudrack
- IN 10/3/2009 YB636 State of Indiana NZRB - Judge: # shown: 25 - BOB: White - Nicole Mudrack - BOS: White - Nicole Mudrack - BOV: Red - Brock Hadley - BOV: White - Nicole Mudrack - BOSV: White - Nicole Mudrack
- IN 10/24/2009 YB847 Golden Prairie RBA - Judge: Brad, Boyce # shown: 49 - BOSV: White - Taylor Heaton
- IN 11/14/2009 YB877 Fayette County RP - Judge: Schultz, Donyelle # shown: 14 - BOB: White - Brooke Heaton - BOV: White - Brooke Heaton
- IN 11/14/2009 YB875 Whitewater Valley RBA - Judge: # shown: 15 - BOB: White - Brooke Heaton - BOV: White - Brooke Heaton
- IN 11/22/2009 YB851 Manitou Tippy Canoe RCA - Judge: Waggoner, Randy # shown: 25 - BOS: White - Nicole Mudrack - BOSV: White - Nicole Mudrack
- KS 10/17/2009 YB708 Kansas State RBA - Judge: Tuntland, Dereck # shown: 15 - BOB: White - Claire Carlson - BOV: Black - Claire Carlson - BOV: White - Claire Carlson
- MI 9/26/2009 YB556 Ann Arbor RBA - Judge: Covert, Doug # shown: 12 - BOB: White - Alexandra Reau - BOS: White - Alexandra Reau - BOV: White - Alexandra Reau - BOSV: White - Alexandra Reau
- MI 10/3/2009 YB698 Hop 2 It RBA - Judge: Covert, Molly # shown: 21 - BOV: Black - Becca Miller - BOSV: Black - Becca Miller
- MI 10/17/2009 YB817 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Rohrig, Ron # shown: 49 - BOSV: Black - Becca Miller - BOSV: White - Alexandra Reau
- MI 10/17/2009 YB818 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Woollet, Phil # shown: 43 - BOS: White - Alexandra Reau - BOSV: Black - Becca Miller - BOV: White - Alexandra Reau - BOSV: White - Alexandra Reau
- MI 10/18/2009 YB822 Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy - Judge: Havlicek, Don # shown: 11 - BOB: White - Alexandra Reau - BOS: White - Alexandra Reau - BOV: Black - Becca Miller - BOSV: Black - Becca Miller - BOV: White - Alexandra Reau - BOSV: White - Alexandra Reau
- OH 9/27/2009 YB764 Sandusky Valley RB - Judge: Patrick, William # shown: 14 - BOS: Black - Becca Miller - BOV: Black - Becca Miller - BOSV: Black - Becca Miller
- OH 9/27/2009 YB765 Sandusky Valley RB - Judge: Petras, Ron # shown: 15 - BOB: Black - Becca Miller - BOV: Black - Becca Miller - BOSV: Black - Becca Miller
- OH 10/3/2009 YB865 Jackson Co. RC - Judge: Allebach, Richard # shown: 25 - BOB: White - Jared Casto - BOS: White - Jared Casto - BOV: White - Jared Casto - BOSV: White - Jared Casto
- OH 10/3/2009 YB624 Blennerhassett RC - Judge: Bogan, Kevin # shown: 30 - BOB: White - Jared Casto - BOS: White - Jared Casto - BOV: White - Jared Casto - BOSV: White - Jared Casto
- OH 10/18/2009 YB519 Tuscarawas Cty. RBA - Judge: Petras, Ron # shown: 17 - BOB: White - Jared Casto - BOS: White - Jared Casto - BOV: White - Jared Casto - BOSV: White - Jared Casto
- OH 11/1/2009 YB829 Springfield RCBA - Judge: Hooper, Kevin # shown: 87 - BOB: White - Hannah Means - BOV: Black - Kameron Millice - BOSV: Black - Kameron Millice - BOV: White - Hannah Means
- OH 11/1/2009 YB714 Springfield RCBA - Judge: Swartz, Bob # shown: 84 - BOB: White - Hannah Means - BOS: White - Dakota Brown - BOV: Black - Kameron Millice - BOV: White - Hannah Means - BOSV: White - Dakota Brown



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- OH 11/7/2009 YB745 Medina County RBA - Judge: Berger, Tom # shown: 33 - BOB: White - Jared Casto - BOS: White - Jared Casto - BOV: White - Jared Casto - BOSV: White - Jared Casto
- OH 11/7/2009 YB744 Medina County RBA - Judge: Shaftoe, Bob # shown: 33 - BOB: White - Jared Casto - BOS: White - Jared Casto - BOV: White - Jared Casto - BOSV: White - Jared Casto
- OH 11/14/2009 YB096 Ohio State NZ RBA - Judge: Swartz, Bob # shown: 135 - BOB: White - Caleb Taulbee - BOS: White - Hannah Means - BOV: Black - Kameron Millice - BOV: White - Caleb Taulbee - BOSV: White - Hannah Means
- OK 10/10/2009 YB710 Tulsa State Fair - Judge: Thomas, Tonna # shown: 29 - BOB: White - Julie Thornton - BOV: Black - Travis Akehurst - BOSV: Black - Travis Akehurst - BOV: White - Julie Thornton
- OK 10/11/2009 YB692 Tulsa RBA - Judge: Caldwell, Robert # shown: 15 - BOB: White - Julie Thornton - BOS: Black - Travis Akehurst - BOV: Black - Travis Akehurst - BOSV: Black - Travis Akehurst - BOV: White - Julie Thornton - BOSV: White - Travis Akehurst
- OK 11/27/2009 YB867 Stephens Co. RBA - Judge: Mersiovsky, Donald # shown: 22 - BOB: White - Tara Parker - BOS: White - Tara Parker - BOV: Red - Cheyenne Snider - BOSV: Red - Charlie Snider - BOV: White - Tara Parker - BOSV: White - Tara Parker
- OK 11/28/2009 YB871 Stephens Co. RBA - Judge: Blackman, Cheryl # shown: 18 - BOB: White - Tara Parker - BOV: Red - Charlie Snider - BOSV: Red - Cheyenne Snider - BOV: White - Tara Parker - BOSV: White - Tara Parker
- OK 11/28/2009 YB870 Stephens Co. RBA - Judge: Michaud, Sara # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Tara Parker - BOS: White - Julie Thornton - BOV: Red - Charlie Snider - BOSV: Red - Cheyenne Snider - BOV: White - Tara Parker - BOSV: White - Julie Thornton
- PA 10/10/2009 YB810 Lebanon Valley RBA - Judge: Burdick, Bonnie # shown: 12 - BOS: White - Merideth Lengel - BOV: Black - Tim Werner - BOSV: Black - Tim Werner - BOSV: White - Merideth Lengel
- WI 9/12/2009 YB513 Wisconsin St. RB - Judge: Dapper, Anna # shown: 56 - BOB: Black - Bailey Lick - BOS: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOSV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Red - Bailey Lick - BOV: White - Rose Reible - BOSV: White - Bailey Lick
- WI 9/26/2009 YB485 Fox Valley - Judge: Michaud, Sara # shown: 25 - BOB: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOSV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Red - Bailey Lick
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- WI 9/27/2009 YB487 Fox Valley - Judge: CARDINAL, DAVID # shown: 20 - BOB: White - Bailey Lick - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOSV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Red - Bailey Lick - BOV: White - Bailey Lick
- WI 10/10/2009 YB759 Tri County RBA - Judge: KOCH, ROBERT A # shown: 43 - BOB: White - Bailey Lick - BOS: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOSV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Red - Bailey Lick - BOV: White - Bailey Lick - BOSV: White - Bailey Lick
- WI 10/11/2009 YB761 Tri County RBA - Judge: Burkhalter, Wade # shown: 40 - BOB: White - Bailey Lick - BOS: White - Bailey Lick - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: Red - Bailey Lick - BOV: White - Bailey Lick - BOSV: White - Bailey Lick
- WI 11/14/2009 YB917 Central Wisconsin RBA - Judge: Burkhalter, Wade # shown: 14 - BOB: Black - Bailey Lick - BOS: White - Bailey Lick - BOV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOSV: Black - Bailey Lick - BOV: White - Bailey Lick - BOSV: White - Bailey Lick

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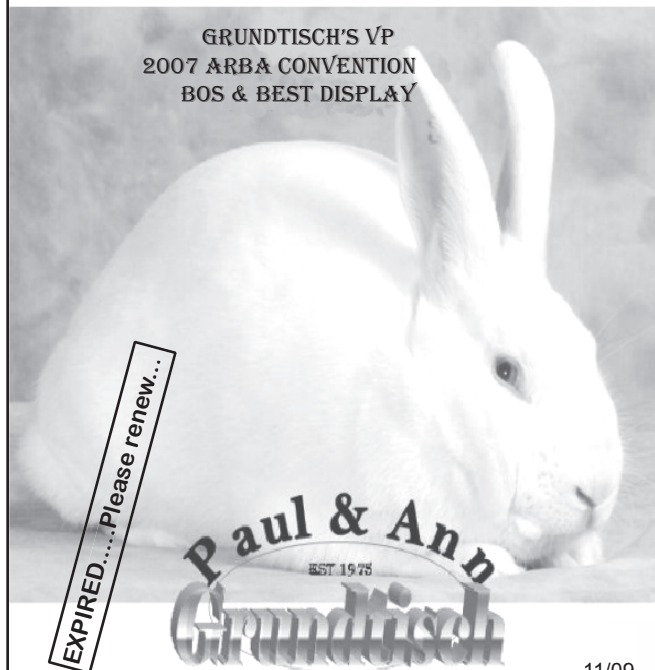
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Officer Nominating Petition

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Each signer may sign only as many petitions for each office as he or she can vote for and no more.

To have candidate's name on the ballot, ten members in good standing must sign the petition below. It is better to obtain more than you will need in case someone is not current on their dues.

We the undersigned, all of whom are members in good standing of the American Federation of New Zealand RBA, have signed no other petition inconsistent here in , petition the Secretary of the Federation to place the name of:

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Who is a member in good standing, on the Official Ballot for the office of _____

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American Federation of New Zealand Rabbit Breeders Application for Membership

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