



42nd ANNUAL OHIO CLASSIC RACE



Sponsored by the Independent Homing Club

From Vincennes, IN

Open to any flyer in the state of Ohio who flies a minimum of 300 miles from Vincennes, IN, without going farther east than the Ohio border or farther south than the Ohio River.

Overall 1st Place = 6000 Points

All Remaining Prizes Split North & South (based on band sales)

NEW! Out-of-Area Prizes: 1st = 500, 2nd = 300, 3rd = 200

Shipping Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026 (6:30 PM-8:00 PM)

Release Date: Friday, October 9, 2026 (Weather Permitting)

TOP 15 BIRDS OVERALL WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF, WITH A SPLIT OF 1/3 TO BREEDER, 1/3 TO FLYER, AND 1/3 TO IHC

LOCAL FLYERS

- Bands: **\$25.00** / each
Contact: Steve Zurcher
440-752-6542
northerntrailercenter@gmail.com
- Make checks payable to IHC
- Send money to Steve Zurcher
49995 Telegraph Road
Amherst, OH 44001

MUST BE PAID BY JULY 1, 2026!

OUT-OF-AREA FLYERS

- Use your own bands for race & auction
- \$25.00 entry fee per bird
- Ship all birds to IHC Committee:
Attn: Steve Zurcher
25400 Royalton Rd.
Columbia Station, OH 44028
440-752-6542
- Birds Accepted from April 1 - May 15

**ENTRY FEES MUST BE RECEIVED
WITH BIRDS!**

AUCTION RACE

Get 2 free auction bands when you buy 5 • 4 free when you buy 10 or more

Auction Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1:00PM

Starting bid is \$50.00 • All prizes based on sales

ALL AUCTION BIRDS MUST BE AT THE AUCTION!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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42nd ANNUAL OHIO CLASSIC RACE 2026 RULES



1. Race will be shipped from the IHC Club Rooms at 25400 Royalton Road (Rt. 82) in Columbia Station, Ohio, 44028.
2. All flyers must supply us with their loft latitude and longitude measurement. We are using the GPS system.
3. **All flyers must use electronic clocks.** Any questions contact a committee member. No changing of chips on shipping night.
4. **All local bands must be paid for by July 1st, 2026 - NO EXCEPTIONS! Out-of-Area entry fees must be received WITH the birds.**
5. All birds must be shipped to IHC club 25400 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station, OH 44028. Attn: Steve Zurcher 440-752-6542. Any birds not entered into the records will be disqualified. **No birds accepted before April 1st or after May 15th.**
6. NO LIMIT on number of birds placed in one loft for out-of-town birds.
7. Local flyers must purchase 5 bands to be able to handle out of area birds.
8. Local flyers must use designated bands for race and auction birds. Out-of-area flyers may use their own bands for both. Auction birds are not accepted until the week of the auction (April 21 - 24, 2026).
9. If clock stops, contact Race Secretary Terry Finnerty - 440-477-1154
10. Must use Special OCR Entry Sheets.
11. There will be a Loft Fee of \$2.00 and Shipping Fee of \$3.00 per bird.
12. Reporting Time to be determined on shipping night and will be held at the IHC Club Rooms.
13. Trophies are awarded to the 1st Place winner and 1st Place Out-of-Area winner.
14. The race shall remain open for a total of 3 days in the event of a Smash Race. After 3 days, any remaining prizes will be divided equally among the birds that have been reported and the race will officially be closed.
15. All prizes are to be split 50/50 for the regular and auction races.
16. Any and all auction birds MUST be present at the auction. If they are not, they are no longer eligible for the OCR Race or Auction and cannot be activated in any way. Breeder has the first bid of \$50 on each bird. Birds must be between 25-30 days old.
17. All decisions made by the OCR Committee are final.
18. **Drug testing will be performed on the first bird clocked on the top 3 lofts. This will be done on the day of return. The birds must be brought to the IHC Club Rooms.**
19. W-9 & 1099 forms will be used for winnings over \$599.00.
20. These are the rules for the Ohio Classic Race and must be abided by. If you have any questions, contact Steve Zurcher (440-752-6542 or northerntrailercenter@gmail.com) with any questions.

All information can be found on the IHC website

www.aupigeonportal.com