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New England Angora RC — Beth Acker, 558 Gloucester Hill, New Gloucester, ME 04260.

Ohio St. Angora Club — Contact Dave or Linda Lewis. I don't have my book.

See you at convention.

So until we meet again

— Take care, Cindy

National Silver Fox Rabbit Club

By Mary Bethell, Secretary

Once again the Silver Fox will be represented in the Research Raffle at the National Convention. This year Dan and Gail Heiny from Wyoming will furnish the pair.

It looks like there will be several members attending the Tulsa show this year. Those that I have heard from include Lou and Janet Carter, Paul and Laverne Block, Dan and Gail Heiny, plus Floyd and Mabel Tobias and Bill and Mary Bethell. Of course Patsy Butcher will be judging the Silver Fox this year. There may be others attending the show that have not let me know yet.

This year again we share the booth with the Beveren Club, so Dani White and I will have a new banner and will do some magic things to "dress-up" the booth. Don't forget to bring or send your items for the booth raffle. They will be displayed and credit given to the donor.

When you check in your rabbits at the booth, there will be a sign up sheet so the exhibitors can choose the time that they want to "booth-sit". It is really an enjoyable and relaxing time to visit, sell raffle tickets, sign up new members and just make new friends. We hope all convention attendees will take the time to visit our booth.

The sweepstakes trophies are ordered and should be in the mail to the winners by the middle of August. The next "Footnotes" will have the complete listing of the winners.

All the show reports are in now, so that task can be completed. It looks like there will be a lot of new names on the winners list this year. In the next issue I will list the top three winners in all categories.

The changes in the Standard of Perfection has been completed and submitted to the ARBA committee for final approval. Not many changes were made, but those made were intended to clarify the wording of the text. Thanks go out to Cindy Wickizer, who worked on the initial draft a couple of years ago, and the committee (Leon Kartchner, Bill Bethell, Dan Brink and Darrell Butcher) and to all those members who contributed their advice and opinions. It was truly an effort of a lot of the members.

Get your Silver Fox ready for National Show and remember it feels good to get "FOXY". For more information contact Mary Bethell, 5081 Buck Road, Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

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Hotot Rabbit Breeders International Club

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary/Treasurer

As of the time of this report to the membership, in early August, I still have not obtained the funds, sanction and membership records, and other property belonging to Hotot Rabbit Breeders International.

Once all of that material has been delivered to me, I will provide a full report to all members of record over the past two years.

Our club will have a booth at the ARBA Convention in Tulsa, and we look forward to seeing many of our members and friends there.

Californian Rabbit Specialty Club

By S. Sazonick, Publicity Chairman

Summer weather has been more cooperative here in the SE this year — a little cooler, a little more rain. This has translated to more babies and fewer losses, so everyone should have a lot of nice ones to choose from for Tulsa.

With its central location, we hope to see some very good Californians. If you need breeding stock, be sure and attend the Californian Club Auction while you are at the Convention. Good animals are always offered at very reasonable prices. Half the money collected goes to the Club, too.

Congratulations to Howard Rynberk of Illinois on his BIS win with a Junior Doe at the Mississippi Valley RBA Show in Davenport, Iowa. Eighty-one Californians were shown.

One advantage to raising Californians is that they are a multi-purpose breed. In addition to being the show rabbit we all love, their large litter size, good mothering qualities, and the excellent meat qualities that our Standard calls for makes the Californian one of the top choices for the commercial grower as well.

Many primarily show breeders are able to offset their feed costs by selling their weanling culls on the fryer market. All Californian

breeders should therefore be concerned about the harm that the sale of imported rabbit meat is doing to our domestic fryer market.

In the last issue of *Domestic Rabbits*, several writers pointed the serious disease potential that imported rabbit meat presented to our herds. There are other economic concerns as well. We are fortunate that good quality pelleted feed is widely available in the U.S.A. It allows us to produce a higher quality fryer (anyone who has compared frozen, imported carcasses to domestically produced ones can see the difference.)

It also means a higher cost to the grower which must be offset by the price he receives at the market. Additionally, all USDA inspected processors must be (by the hour while they are processing) for an approved Inspector. Some sellers of imported rabbit meat have been able to reduce the cost that they pay to the grower and Inspector, allowing them to undersell our domestic product by 35¢ per lb. at the wholesale level.

What all this means to us is that it can be very difficult, especially in the summer months, for growers to sell their fryers. I think this is harming the rabbit industry in this country. So, as suggested in the last issue, write your Congressman!

National Federation of Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders, Inc.

By Roger E. Dent, Secretary

Now is the time for all Flemish Giant breeders to come to the aid of their club. Please send your ads for the 19th Edition of the Flemish Giant Guide Book to our Guide Book Chairman - Harold May, 2205 E. River Rd., Cortland, NY 13045. DO IT NOW!!

David B. Heaps has become a Life Member of the Federation. He is tireless in his efforts to promote the Universal Breed — especially in Utah. May he have many years of enjoyment within our club.

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