

Specialty Club Reports

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spun"; and Sandy Kelly and Barbara Arthur for "plyed with other fiber." Best Overall went to Nola Phegan.

These extracurricular events, although not essential to a rabbit show, are a great way to educate and interest the general public about our wonderful Angoras, and also provide a way for members who aren't interested in showing rabbits to take an active part in club activities.

The Northern California Angora Guild puts out a very informative newsletter. They have some great articles planned for future issues. Voting memberships accepted from California, Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona. Out of area memberships accepted as associate membership and will receive newsletter. Dues: adult \$7.00, husband/wife \$10.00, youth \$5.00, family \$12.00, associate \$5.00. Make check payable to Northern California Angora Guild and send to treasurer Mary Ellen King, P.O. Box 2157, Martinez, CA 94553.

A new club is forming in Colorado, the Intermountain Angora Rabbit Club. Because they are still in the process of chartering with ARBA, a local all-breed club sponsored an Angora Specialty Show for them on May 26. For more information on this new club, contact secretary Theresa Heany, 19646 Weld Co. Rd. 8, Hudson, CO 80642.

The list of Angora Best in Shows is growing, and I am sure I don't get all of them reported. I don't have details, but want to congratulate Erin Allison for a recent Best in Show. Joyce Simmons' chocolate junior doe took Best in Show May 5 at the Uncompahgre R.B.C. Show in Montrose, CO. This doe was bred by Theresa Heany, and is a daughter of her hand raised "Touch-N-Go," also a Best in Show winner. I also took home Best Fancy and Best in Show from the Delaware, Ohio show on May 20 with a blue agouti junior doe judged by Glen Carr.

There is going to be a "Fiber Fest" held in conjunction with the Summer Fest in Hastings, MI, August 25 & 26. The Fiber Fest will include an Angora rabbit show, Angora goat show, and many booths for buying, selling, and demonstrating all kinds of fibers, spinning and weaving equipment, fiber producing animals (mainly Angora rabbits, Angora goats, and sheep). For complete information, write to: Fiber Fest '84, 115 S. Jefferson, Hastings, MI 49058. If you want a booth, write today!

The New England Angora Rabbit Club held a spring show and meeting on May 5 at Madison, CT. Prior to the meeting, Judge Louis McGuire discussed what he looks for when judging Angoras. Helen Ouelette, animal health technician, gave a lecture on wool block. Elsie Szczepanek, ARBA director, brought words of welcome from the New England show circuit. And special guest, Joyce Gwartz, president of the NARBC, gave a very inspiring talk.

The ARBA National Convention in Orlando

is coming up very soon. Hope to see a lot of fellow Angora breeders there.

American Satin RBA

By Roger Hassenpflug

It's fair time again when the night air is full of diesel fuel from the tractor pull and missing persons reports are filed saying, "Last seen in a cloud of mosquitoes." Fairs are a good time to promote your Satins. A general audience of fairgoers strolls by the rabbit exhibit and many an eye is caught and held by our fancy from that experience.

A good rabbit man from Minnesota, John Malzahn, used to take his rabbits to this gosh awful hot tin county fair building where his rabbits sat for a week in cages that would cramp mice, and each early evening he'd throw a chunk of carpet on a table in the rabbit barn and let a couple hop around to the delight of the gathering crowd.

I tried it a couple times myself, and I swear I've never been dealt so many rookie questions in such a short span of time. Let the kids pet 'em. You don't have to use your best. Try it — you'll like it.

Our National All Satin Spring Classic is history — and a big one it was! Five hundred fifty in open with G&D Palm of Ohio taking Best Satin with a black doe, and lovely Susan Moessner of Michigan lugged a Chin in for Best Opposite. The auction at Ohio netted over \$500.00 for the sponsor of our 1985 National: Raleigh, North Carolina. Be thinking Raleigh in the spring of '85 and collect some of that cash for yourself.

Hats off to our donors: Jeff Jackson, Daly's, David Freels, John Douglas, Doug Swingley, Palm's, Jim Wahls (who let him attend this?), Ralph Jaeger, Charles Clarke, Leo Collins, Al Lunde, and Randy Stoen. These folks make the auction go by donating rabbits that are hard to part with.

And hats off to our buyers who part with the cash that pays the bills for the next national: Bill Wilkinson, Robert Basinger, Michelle Engel, Sue Moessner, Jerry Liek, Bob Parilla, Tom Walsh, James Halford, Paula Rice, Al Lunde, and Kyle Cunningham. Thank you. And thanks to the Buckeyes for having the interest and the follow-through to put a good one on.

Brokeners are in and the weight proposal is out, I guess. I'm going to have to go back to school so I can figure out why that one was voted down. Such is democracy — so dependent on information and participation. Thanks to those who took the time to vote. I ran into a guy who was using broken Satins to improve his Checkers. Better break into those buggers.

Wise up and join us. Now is a wonderful time — before our dues get hiked. This month's Satin News had the National Satin Show results, ideas on breeding brokeners, sweepstakes to 90 places, Satin "Spotlights" on Fred Hulderman, John Hoblitzell, Gary Mohr, and Al Lunde; and proposed standard changes for membership review. Do you know

what fibre optics are? Fred Hulderman does. These "Spotlights" are interesting. See our ad elsewhere in the *Domestic Rabbits* magazine and get on board.

Anybody out there? What do you want to see in this column? Ideas for additions or deletions will be reviewed by a secret committee of one. Reject suggestions will be fed to my hamster and the good ones will become my idea and appear here. (Roger Hassenpflug, 246 Lorraine Ave., Eagle Point, Oregon 97524.)

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street

Rabbit affairs take a back seat when health problems present themselves, and I suppose that there is no way to make adequate arrangements for someone else to cover things when a specialty club secretary runs into that predicament.

To folks who were inconvenienced when I was out of commission earlier this year, I apologize.

Hotots are still in short supply around the U.S., especially when you consider that more than half of the states in our entire country have no Hotot breeders. The great majority of our club members lives west of the Mississippi, with Texas and California at the forefront.

We welcome inquiries about our breed, the all-white rabbit with the alluring black eye bands. If you are looking for a rabbit that still has room for improvement, and a club with a small membership, where the opportunities are what you make of them, you've found it with Hotots and H.R.B.I.

Start planning now for your Hotot entry at Orlando. We need a B-I-G turnout so more folks can see what our rabbits are all about.

Sanction requests and membership inquiries may be sent to C.M. Street, 852 Colbrook Rd., Fredericksburg, Va. 22405.

The American Chinchilla Rabbit Breeders' Association

By Randy Borne

In many parts of the country the summer means fair show season. These shows are a lot of fun, and I hope many of our breeders take advantage of them.

The next major event is the national convention. We still need specials in the youth and open division. If you have not sent yours in, please do so in the near future.

Linda Eddins has accepted the position of newsletter editor. This is a very demanding position. She will need everyone's help in order to put out a good newsletter. Submit your article and comments to Linda Eddins, 218 Sandbury Lane, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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