

AESRC President, Francis Barnum, OH. Congratulations to both of you!! In Youth only 17 Spots were entered. Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex were won by Brothers and Sisters Rabbitry - Platt Children, IN.

Our election of officers for 1986 is finalized: President - Francis Barnum, OH; Directors: David Carpenter, CA; Billy Terhune, KY; and John Platt, IN.

The sweepstakes race is coming to a close. Show secretaries please send in any outstanding show reports. Final totals will be printed next issue. Until then, we wish everyone the best of health and happiness in 1986.

## Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Encouraging things are happening within our club. As of early December, we have candidate petitions for president, vice-president and director. Elections should be near at hand. Then it will be on to other business.

Correspondence from member Sharon Johnson of Fairfield, Iowa, which appeared in the December issue of *Hotot International News* sure gave Hotot breeders a lot to think about. Her point well made: a number of breeds aren't without their share of breeding problems, so why not rise to the challenge? Don't throw in the towel on Hotots, because too much is at stake. Just dig in and work a little harder and a little smarter.

David and Barbara Carpenter of Salinas, California took BOB honors with a junior doe at the National Convention in Houston. Your reporter, from Virginia, took BOS with a 6-8 buck. We were the only exhibitors, showing a total of 14 animals ably judged by Oren Reynolds. Number one question on our minds: "Where were all of the Texas Hotots?" (The breed started out there after being imported from France in 1978.) Not a single Hotot breeder exhibited from Texas, which for some time boasted the largest membership in H.R.B.I.

As we look to the convention this fall in Columbus, we'd better do some heavy recruiting of breeders who will exhibit there. After all, what's the "Hot Spot for Rabbits" without Hotots?

## Lop Rabbit Club of America

By Dave Larson

Congratulations to JoAnna MacDonald of California for winning BOB and to Don Hoeft from Ohio for winning BOS in French Lops at the National Convention.

Jay and Marge Lawton of Ohio won BOB in the English Lop show with David Kabel of Texas winning BOS.

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In the Youth Show, Stephen Thoemmes, from Nevada won BOB in English with Jerome Lang of California winning BOS. In the French showing, Gwynne Welch from Colorado won BOB, and Stacey Heal from Ohio won BOS.

Everyone I talked to seemed to enjoy themselves as they usually do. We had a lot of rain as a result of the hurricane in the Gulf, but it didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirit.

We held our stock auction following the completion of judging on Tuesday. We had three French and three English Lops auctioned off. The six rabbits brought a grand total of \$530.00. \$265.00 went to the LRCA, and \$265.00 went to the sellers.

A big thank you to both the buyers and the sellers for making this a successful auction.

We had a nice banquet at the Look Restaurant in Houston. After the meal and awards presentation, we had an auction of the items donated by LRCA members.

Thanks to generous members in attendance, we raised over \$2000.00 from this auction. This money will be used for next year's specials.

## National Federation of Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders

By Roger Dent, Secretary-Treasurer

Audrey and Bob Thomas had their names added to the Flemish Giant Honor Roll for many years of devoted efforts in promoting, breeding and exhibiting of all seven colors. Congratulations!

Tom and Bobbie Barker took BOB at the Houston Convention with their very nice Sandy 6/8 doe. Harold May's Senior Sandy buck (WM393) — "Bruiser" was BOS. Judge Glenn Carr is to be commended for his outstanding job. It was a pleasure to watch his handling, along with precise comments, of the Universal Breed. Complete reports on the convention were printed in the November newsletter.

We are now soliciting donations for the Columbus Convention. Please send your check (or pledge) as soon as possible. Our judges will be Phil Macy of Ohio and Fred Cremer of California. Flemish Headquarters will be the Cross Country Inn - North Columbus on Sinclair Rd. Get your reservations in early. There are no single-bed rooms left. Please send a 22-cent stamp along with your request. Check the November newsletter for rates. We are also raffling off a room again this year for the convention. Send your \$1.00 donation per chance to the Secretary, ASAP. Drawing will be in early May.

Our Membership Contest will end on March 31, 1986. Leaders are Dan Brink, MI-6, and Alvin and Verly Guilbeaux, LA-5. Promote your Federation; get a new member.

Anyone reading this — who took rabbits to Houston on an airplane — please send a brief summary of your trials and tribulations of how the airlines "handled" your animals to Harold May, 2205 E. River Rd., Cortland, NY 13045. He's planning on sending a report to the ARBA about problems that arose and desires any input.

Sweepstakes Series leaders as of early December, 1985 were Harold May, NY - 2110; and Michael McCannon, GA - 2009. Series will end June 30, 1986. Good luck at the spring shows.

The Texas FGRBA held the final All Flemish show of 1985 on December 14. 137 were exhibited and BOB was won by Lyle and Cora Daugherty with a Sandy 6-8 doe and BOS went to a Sandy 6-8 buck owned by Jack and Hazel Langley. A nice ending to a "Giant" year in Texas.

The Flemish Giant RC of California will hold their spring show once again at Fred Cremer's in Bakersfield, CA on April 13. The Ohio FGRBA will be back in Greenville, OH, May 4, hosting the "Granddaddy" of Flemish shows. The Eastern States FGRBA are planning another triple-header in Meadville, PA on May 24-25.

Michigan FGRBA will have a picnic show in June. The Northwest FGRB and Louisiana State FGRBA are planning shows (no dates yet). Support your Flemish Giant Specialty Clubs.

1985 was an excellent year for the Flemish Federation. My thanks to all that participated. I appreciate your efforts.

1986 should be another Giant year. Do what you can to "make it so!"

Enjoy your Flemish!

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