

As I write this, so many of us are in the midst of the Summer Fair season. I know from all of my friends and acquaintances on the social networking sites, that many of you have been participating in fairs as judges, exhibitors, showmanship judges, etc. These venues always present a good opportunity to promote the HLRSC and the Holland Lop. Make sure to let people know the great benefits that come with joining HLRSC. Not only do you join a vast network of breeders who are passionate about the breed but you also receive valuable information through our Guidebook and through our excellent official publication "The Hollander."

By the time you read this, the ARBA Convention in San Diego will be right around the corner, have come, and gone. I look forward to reporting on what I know will be a very successful Convention. Until next time, please send me any news you wish to include in this column!

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

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Hello Everyone! The club has discussed making a donation to the ARBA library in memory of Bob Whitman since he dedicated a lot of expertise and guidance toward making the ARBA library what it is today. Bob Whitman is the man behind the Blanc de Hotot breed in the United States. He was the founder of our breed and in his honor we would like to make contribution to ARBA

library in his memory. If you a member of the Blanc de Hotot Breeders International and would like to also make a contribution, please contact the club secretary for information about this donation.

The Blanc de Hotot breeder's website on geocities will be closing in October. Geocities has announced their free service will be closing so a new website has been established and is under construction. Please go to www.HRBI.org for the newest most up to date forms and information. David Loucks has kindly offered to construct the new website and has done an awesome job!

Next year, 2010, the Blanc de Hotot Breeders International would like to have a first ever Blanc de Hotot National show. The club is actively taking several venues into consideration. It would seem a majority of breeders are on the West Coast or in the Upper Midwest. We have agreed to look into those areas and rotate the location each year to give breeders in each area of the country an opportunity to host Blanc de Hotot Nationals. If you believe you have a show that would work well to host the Blanc de Hotot Nationals, please contact the club secretary. Ballots will be sent out with the next newsletter and can be e-mailed or mailed in. I hope to see a great turn out at our first ever national show and if any judges read this, let me know if you would like the honor to judge our first Blanc de Hotot National show.

Lop Rabbit Club of America

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Fall greetings Lop Friends! Hope everyone has had a great summer and has a lot of new junior lops to show this fall. The show season is once again upon us and it's time to see each other and make new friends at the tables. If there are any of you that would like to join our fabulous lop club, here is our website address: <http://www.lorca.us>

You will find information on our French and English lop rabbits, as well as club news. We are always willing to help new breeders get into the lop rabbit habit! It certainly becomes a hobby that we all enjoy, raising those lop eared companions.

The 2009 ARBA Convention is just around the corner. I hope you have already made your plane and hotel reservations. The California rabbit breeders put on an awesome convention and it will certainly be one you don't want to miss. Please check the Convention website, which is: <http://theendlesssummer.org/> There, you will find all the information needed for your upcoming travels to California. Remember to order your convention catalog, so you will have all the latest updates and rules for a most enjoyable time. Online entry will again be available. Please remember to check the lop club website in early Oct. as there will be club information about convention posted there.

Condolences go out to Ginny Hahn's family in Texas, as she recently lost her courageous battle with cancer in August. She had been a member of our club for many years. Also, condolences go out to Bob Whitman's family in Texas, as he too lost his battle with cancer this summer. We hope those of you who have been ill, are on the mend, and we will look forward to seeing you once again at the shows.

On a brighter note, Congratulations go out to our club member and ARBA Judge, James Murray, who has now become the District 4 ARBA Director. We look forward to your great accomplishments James.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you lop friends at the beach in San Diego in another month. Travel safely to Convention and see you there!

Greetings from Indiana!

We have several specialty shows coming up:

National Federation of Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders

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Eastern States FGRBA 9/12 & 9/13 Cortland, NY; Michigan FGRBA 9/27 Reading, MI; Iowa FGRBA 11/14 Colfax, IA; Texas FGRBA 11/21 Fort Worth, TX

The ARBA National Convention in San Diego

promises to be a good time. Kathy Rynard and Joanne Walker have worked hard to get the best arrangements for the club.

Our Flemish Giant headquarters hotel and banquet will be the Guesthouse International Inn on the beach in Oceanside, CA. It is located one block from the freeway and 20 minutes from the fairgrounds. It features ocean and harbor view rooms at very reasonable rates. The hotel accepts no pets, but Kathy and Joanne have negotiated an exception for rabbits in carriers, so you can bring your "for sale" rabbits. There is a block of 34 rooms. Phone: 1-800-214-8378.

Show sanction fees: Open \$10.00 Youth \$10.00 Open & Youth \$18.00 combined, but must use one secretary.

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