

# Massachusetts Association of Performing Rollers Newsletter

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## Let's roll on

by Paul Dernier

Hi Mark and Joe,

Good start on the bulletins and the invite to participate in showing what we've got. I'm looking forward to the competition flies, and the fellowship of other members in the club to be. As you know I've been raising rollers for 20 years or so. You have challenged me to demand and execute more of my time and effort in training of my stock siblings to show what WE are made of. These birds I have raised, breed cursed, loved, and disposed of, will be ready for judgment come fall. Enough tough talk.

I look forward to communicating with new and old roller breeders because we all experience the same thing. I wrote an article to the N.B.R.C. which I have been a member of for years that was titled FREINDS IN COMMON. The message of the article was we don't always have the time to write or visit each other but an occasional communication either way supports the cause. Do not give up on a person if he doesn't have the time or acts like he doesn't care, the game of being a roller fancier is quite complex. Routines are kept among most roller people and when someone new or old interrupts that routine it is difficult to explain how to get started, get through and finish satisfactorily.

I feel excitement in the air for this club to succeed, I've had a lot of visits this year from people who are beginners, novice and experts, who

want to see the brotherhood or fellowship of roller fancier come together on common ground. In repeating myself I've enjoyed this phenomena for a good part of my life of what makes a roller tick and it's quite

challenging and look forward to sharing and understanding with others.

Enough for now guys good luck and I will see you at the end of May for your first get together.

Paul M. Dernier

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# Ten Thousand Rollers Ago

by John Dushinski

In the past few months, I've had the pleasure to visit a few roller lofts in the general Boston area, with my friends Joe Testa & Mark Thompson of Lunenburg, Mass. It brought me back to that Sunday morning in 1943, I skipped Mass. to go and buy a few rollers from Jake Zussman, a pigeon dealer on Watt St. in Chelsea Mass. for 25 cents apiece. To give you an idea how much pigeon action was around, Chelsea had (2) dealers, the above mentioned, and Vets Pigeon Exc. & Quincy was represented by Mr. Peterson on Bates Ave. Believe me, you could never forget Mr. Peterson's loft. He had a mouse subway system. Has anyone seen an Oriental Roller in the past 25 years? These rollers had 16 to 18 tail feathers, tail pointed up with dropped wings. All solid color red, dun, yellow & black. Outstanding pearl eyes only, strong fliers, and solid performers.

It looks like Mass. Assoc. of Performing Rollers, is really "Rolling". Sixteen members already. Some big names in the roller hobby, Charlie and Steve Hickey, Paul Dernier, Steve Buonopane, Joe Testa Pres, and up and coming Mark Thompson Sec. Good job guys!

Finally, how I met Joe Testa. In 1974, I flew a kit of rollers that had a red cock I called Henry, who could really burn some oil. For some reason he would always land on Joe's house & pay him a visit. I went down to pay Joe a visit, introduced myself and found him to be an amiable guy. From then on, it was pigeon patrol at every chance. Well, it's time to land.

When I think of all of the rollers I had from the best, Perry, Dr. Sanger, Miller,

Polinski, it's nice to see what's happening at the Mass. Assoc. of Performing Rollers. Like the old days.

The best from J.F. Dushinski

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## Pigeon Breeder vs Hawks

by Paul Dernier

Well, here it is 1990, another year has gone by and it's time to put the breeding sequence in motion. This year may be promising, if the human aspects of this sport unravels, so we in the Massachusetts area have some competition fly's I want to thank you gentlemen Mark and Joe for the effort set forth. I hope the dedication is there to accomplish the task. My goals for this year are to fight off the &\*%\$\* hawks and start to fly two kits, young and old. Eventually, the hawks will disperse and the quality of flying rollers will prevail, no matter how discouraging it may seem.

Maybe this problem isn't as big as it seems, My first year battling the enemy is hopefully minor. I guess my first step is to learn as much about hawks as possible. I've learned something about hawks from the city newspaper this year, a picture was published of a red tailed hawk sitting under a tree devouring a pigeon for dinner. The caption said, "A red tailed hawk has found a supermarket of pigeons" *(Breeder vs Hawks continues next page)*

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near the Word of God Church at the corner of Perkins and Main street." Did I say minor? "GOD"? "CHURCH"? "SUPERMARKET"? What am I in for?! Is this accomplishment bigger than I anticipate?

Either way, The next year will prove to be interesting at the most. I've dedicated myself to promoting and raising rollers for 1990, soon to be the best performers of the utmost excellence.

At this point of the year my kit appears to be a group of hero's to withstand hawk attacks for twelve months or so. as I said in the beginning, I hope the human aspects of the sport, as well as the flying competitiveness, exists come fall when the work really begins for true roller fanciers.

To all members involved with this sport, good luck this year and let the breeding begin. Roll all over,

Paul Dernier

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## Constructive Comments

First of all, I'm inserting a letter I wrote prior to our meet, which I enjoyed and from the majority of the people I have talked to, feel the same. I would like to thank Mark and Joe for making a commitment and following through with it. I think you have a sincere group, with some differences with the same purpose in mind. The next step is to get organized and recruit new members. I will do what I can do at this end to make that happen.

Here comes the comments on the rules which I believe will be altered before fly time. Remember, This constructive not destructive in commenting. In order as the competition score card indicates.

### 1. NO COAXING AFTER RELEASE.

Agree to the point where the owner has control once his or her kit is liberated (is in kit formation) and has called time in to start judgement.

There should be a reasonable time considered within a one to five minutes time limits. If an open view in all directions is available, then the time by the flyer will be called within the beginning time period. When obstructions are in view, the liberator may use more time (within the five minutes time limit). If the liberator feels he or she needs more time, then the judging group will try to find a position to best judge the kit. This should be worked out ahead of time with a plea.

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(AGREE: 3 to 5 minute release period J.T.-M.T.)

### 2. DEDUCT 3 POINTS FOR EACH BIRD NOT KITTING.

No bird should be flying outside the kit, except after a roll has been executed in which again a time should be allowed (two minutes maybe) long time.... But I agree with the rule for beginning.

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(Definitely, a bird will be given ample time to get back to the kit. After a good spin. J.T.)

### 3. DEDUCT 5 POINTS FOR ANY BIRD

*(Constructive continues on page 4.)*

## LANDING BEFORE KIT.

This raises a question of how long is the judging time. 20-30 minutes should be adequate. Allowing for time called out for birds to recover from things like hawks, planes, other birds/homers etc... Again I agree with the rule, once a time limit is established.

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(Fly time for young birds should be 35 minutes and maybe longer. That will be discussed with all the members at our next meeting J.T.)

4. POINT SYSTEM OK. 5. AGREE, but must so flight action. 6. Agree, incentive idea. 7. Agree. 8. Agree. 9. Agree. 10 Agree

Paul Dernier

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## Medic Corner

J. Testa & M. Thompson

Overcrowding, is the fancier's worst enemy. Crowded birds never have the general good health of uncrowded birds, nor they will perform to their potential in the competitions.

Competition Roller flyers, should and usually do, put more time and effort into the health and well being of their birds. Let's look at.

Preventive health care with  
diagnostics.

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Vaccinations, done four to eight weeks before mating or competition.

- A. Paramyxovirus, use oil emulsion vaccine approved for pigeons.
- B. Paratyphoid
- C. Pox, young birds

competition begins, paratyphoid or paramyxovirus may also be used at this time. Youngsters may receive first vaccinations at weaning. Give boosters at recommended times after initial inoculations. Keep in mind. If you paid top dollar for your stud of Rollers, Protect your investment. Prevent a disaster, vaccinate.

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## Mark's Hints

by M. Thompson

If you use louse powder on your birds, well here's a nice hint for those who use the powder that comes in a great big can. Get a large salt shaker with a lid on it. Fill it with the louse powder. Now it's much easier to dust your birds with shaker instead of handling that big can. Please label the shaker LOUSE POWDER and KEEP IT OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN M.T.

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## Pigeon Show Calendar

July 22

Maine Pigeon Association

Buy, Sell, And Swap Day at Norman  
Duchano's Residence. Stockbridge Rd.  
Alton, NH 03809

Nov 17-18

Little Rhody Pigeon Fanciers  
at Rhode Island Racing Homer Club Bldg.  
Pawtucket, RI

Dec 1

Worcester County Pigeon Fanciers  
at Worcester Homing Pigeon Club Bldg.  
Burghadt St., Worcester MA

The newsletter will be printing a series of old articles, from and about. The late Bill Pensom. Some dating back 30 Years. I strongly advise members to save these papers. Not only do they contain information concerning, our wonderful bird, The Roller. But they also make good reading. We would like to thank Frank Lavin and Charlie Hickey. For supplying this hard to come by material. Our First article is:

## Simpson takes issue with Pensom 1945

In the may issue you printed a letter from W.H. Pensom which I Read with interest but also with amazement. I live among very enthusiastic roller fanciers and have breed, exhibited and judged roller for about twenty years. I have judged them in many competitions for flying and performance, as well as in the show pen. In both fields there are, in my opinion, no better rollers anywhere than we have here in Vancouver. Some of them are the Pensom strain.

I believe that we in Vancouver were the first to formulate a detailed show standards for the Birmingham Roller. This was some twenty years ago, and we have revised our standards every few years for better interpretation in line with majority opinion as to what constitutes the ideal.

Mr. Pensom states that type is the most important characteristics of a Birmingham Roller. I agree heartily with what this seems to mean, but feel that the subsequent discussion is not consistent with the statement. He refers to pictures of three birds, belonging to Mr. Mayson (which by the way I have had the pleasure to judge), and a third which is his own. Mr Pensom says his own bird is perfect, and the other two are unlike Birmingham Rollers. One of these is said to have perfect bodily structures, which I take to mean body type, but is too heavy in the head. It would appear that Mr. Pensom judges a roller solely by the head, a practice which I thought was discarded many many years ago. The letter discuss birds that rolls when dropping on their loft and states that the fancier is at fault, but that such faults are also hereditary; therefore birds favoring such ambitions should not be bred from, for then the danger of dangerous rolling pigeons will be eliminated. Now it is the fancier in whom these should not be bred from? I believe Mr. Pensom would include among dangerous rolling pigeons those which roll down. But he mentions in one paragraph the pictured hen rolled down, and he gave her to another fancier for stock purposes. Before he had bred from her a youngster which also rolled down, though he does not put it that way. His explanation is that the bird during the course of flight rolled and dislocated its neck while in the air, the being dead before reaching the ground. I should like to know how this conclusion was reached. Perhaps some of my so called rolldowns did not die from their necks, etc. Now I come to the theory that rollers are definitely epileptic. Why do they have epileptic fits while on the wing and how can a kit of birds be trained to have their fits simultaneously?

After years of mating Epileptic to epileptic, why haven't rollers disappeared from the earth instead of prospering? Personally, If I thought rolling was caused by epilepsy, I should never again breed rollers. I should consider it a crime to perpetuate a terrible illness in our fine feathered friends.

Ronald Simpson, British Columbia

# Tom Mayson replies to W.J. Pensom

July 1945

Not having had any correspondence with this fellow fancier, I am at a loss to find words to reply to Mr. Pensom's comments in the May issue of the Pigeon Loft. He thinks that his Blue Badge hen is the Ideal type of Roller. On the other hand, some of the admirers of the birds that he sent out disagree with him; they maintain that their birds are of the right type too. Moreover when one has man's strain of birds- be it rollers or rabbits- been accepted as a standard or the ideal the world over? There are literally dozens of most excellent strains of Rollers bred here and elsewhere. To be sure they may look different than Mr. Pensom's birds; Nevertheless, they are proven performers and would give an excellent account of Themselves in competition with any other strain. I, as well as a good many other breeders of Rollers, have such performers, and needless to say, I value them highly, regardless of what W.H. Pensom thinks. For birds which cannot fly, kit and perform I have no use whatever. I demand much more from them than that- they must show good self control and so eliminate faulty takeoffs. I know that the depth of a bird has really nothing to do worth its true quality. Rollers are individualists- they do not reproduce themselves in the way we should like them to. Mr. Pensom mistakes my red saddle hen 597-42 for a cock, and one of my cock birds for a hen. Local fanciers and judges, likewise, have mistaken some of our hens for cocks. Possibly I am at fault for breeding the type of bird that confuses many people. It makes a little difference to me, however for I have always been independent in thought and deed. So far at Rollers are concerned, my aim has always been to breed birds which would suit my individual needs. Let us look at record of that miserable specimen 597-42, for a moment. She was one of 16 third-round young birds- all I had left to fly and to help put the championship cup on the Mayson mantelpiece. None of these birds was too deep, none over 25 feet, but all 25 feet easily. When a club is able to put up \$5000.00 or less for a pigeon fly, it behooves yourself and your birds to make that extra effort. Doesn't it?

Years ago, I knew a man called Jas. Counter of Exton in Cleveland, Yorkshire. Jimmy, who was a swell chap, once did me a favour of flying a pair of birds for me which were not the type Jimmy like. Strange to say, one of the birds I doublebanded broke some kind of English record, winning for Jimmy the tidy sum of L125 (\$625)- that was back around 1906 if he cares to look it up. Mr. Pensom will find this bird's likeness pictured in the London Racing Pigeon. Now a few words of praise for some old time Birmingham fanciers who worked rollers years ago, as, for instance, Val Tansley, one of the two brothers whom Mr. Pensom may remember. They had some fine Tortoise shells. And if my memory serves me right, there is Tom Brown in Scotland, no mean roller breeder. Back home, we have Bud Howard of the old School with his lookers and Billy Hamill who imported Rollers into Toronto fifty years ago. Maybe he never dreamt that many years later a novice in British Columbia would have to take up the pen in defense of a bird whose ancestors were imported into Canada years ago. Many of us fanciers over here are proud of the performances which our birds have given us in stiff competition year in, year out- birds which from Mr. Pensom's viewpoint are second raters. Now I have to go down to the photographer and see if I can get a good picture to show Mr. Pensom what can be done breeding for profile and performance.

Tom Mayson, Vancouver, B.C.

# A visit with Charlie Hickey

by J. Testa

Dedicated roller fancier, breeder of top quality rollers for well over thirty years has given the roller hobby his effort, time, and talent. In pursuing the never ending battle of maintaining that little ball of fury, excitement, wonder, "The Birmingham roller."

In a recent visit with Charlie. Steve "Mr. Birmy" Buonopane, Joe Bahosh, and I, sat and had a candid conversation about rollers, jazz, and tall tales. There were all the ingredients of a good time, especially the part where Charlie's wife Rose, put the food on the table. Thank you Rose for putting up with us. Steve still talks about the apple pie.

Charlie Hickey Started in rollers at the age of twelve, growing up in Arlington, Mass. He picked up his first pair of birds from old Mr. Miller, and Dr. Sanger. Dr. Sanger had imported his birds from England, from the Whittingham Bros. In 1948, Charlie gave up the birds. But in 1960, his son, Steve caught the roller fever, and he's been with them ever since. Charlie had picked up some birds from a well known breeder at the time, Bobby Yorston. But had problems with the roll too deep, a lot of rolldowns. Charlie met Mr. Slazas probably one of the best breeders of rollers, at the time, and president of the NBRC. Marty Slazas worked at an old shoe factory in Brockton, and one day he caught a roller that was hanging out on one of the

windowsills at the factory. This Roller was a red badge cock, split eyes, lemon and bull, had a hammer head and no band. Everything you don't want in a roller, but could roll like hell, that bird became Marty's foundation cock. Kind of takes the importance of pedigree out of your system.

But this bird passed the roll on, Charlie acquired birds from Marty, and John Spuria. John had imported Pensoms from England. The cock from Spuria's pair was from Leroy Smith. Charlie linebred with these birds, and developed his own family. They developed into 25 to 40 ft spinners, consistent producers of top quality spinners. I can attest to that, I still have a red check cock I picked up from Charlie in 1981. And he's been in my breeding loft for nine years. Charlie's son, Steve has the sister.

Charlie became the secretary/treasurer of the NBRC in 1973-74-75. But had to give up the position because of extensive travel related to his work the veteran's administration, and being a part time soldier.

But Charlie and his son, Steve were still going strong with their family of rollers. When Marty Slazas gave up his birds. He gave them to Fran Dernier.

Fran's son Paul, who is also a

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## Visit with Charlie Continued

member of the MAPR. Still maintains that family of birds to this day, and I wander down to see Paul every once in a while, and try to strangle a bird or two out of him. And believe me, I've never been dissatisfied. In 1984-85-86, Charlie had some bad luck with his birds. Lost 35 birds in an overfly, cats killed 12 of his breeders, and 15 birds lost to hawks. His stock hens were getting old. But his son, Steve still had some of the old stock in his loft. Charlie read about Frank Lavin's birds, out of Red Rock, Texas. Frank had been a neighbor of Bill Pensom, in California and had some of the best, kept his strain pure, Charlie had a friend in, where else. Red Rock, and had him send Charlie six birds from Frank. This past April, Charlie had the opportunity to get down and see Frank in person, and watch his birds work, and as hot as the weather was. There was a lot of action with the kits.

I asked Charlie what he thought about the birds. He said they were excellent, he was impressed. The birds looked good. They feel good. All uniform like they were stamped out of a mold, and that, not only was he satisfied with the six new youngsters, but Frank Lavin is one of the nicest guys you could meet, and keeps meticulous records on his birds, but as much as Frank wants him to fly the youngsters. Charlie says they're pickled. An old Brockton expression for locking them up. Charlie lost four of the first six youngsters he acquired from Frank, and said not this time, he intends to keep them pure, and in four or five years try a little crossing into his original family

Good luck Charlie, a good roller man is never satisfied, I would like to thank you for your hospitality, Rose's patience excellent cooking, and for flying your ki of young birds for us. The video was a riot.

Joe T., Steve B., Joe B.

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## In our next issue

An in depth conversation with fellow member Joe Gaydos of Chicopee, Mass. About his Smith and Plona family of birds. By J. Testa and S. Buonopane.

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The newsletter will be featuring One member a month. We will be interviewing Cliff Tainter for the August Issue. So Cliff Beware.

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Starting in the July issue. There will be a classified ad section. Buy, sell or swap The rate for the ads are as follows:  
Full Page \$25.00 with photos \$40.00  
Half Page \$15.00 With Photos \$25.00  
Quarter page \$9.00 with photos \$12.00  
\$2.00 per single column inch.

Also

Don't forget Don't forget Don't forget Don't forget  
If you have not paid your dues before September 1, 1990. You will not be qualified to fly in the competition.

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September we will be having old birds and holdover competition. October will start the young bird competition, young birds MUST be banded 1990. All birds will be inspected prior to release. No unbanded or split band bird shall compete in the young bird competitions

Also

individual best single bird fly. Give your old champion the recognition they deserve

# Rolldowns and Bouncers What's the difference?

by Mark Thompson

One fine day I flew a kit of Rollers. One Youngster, about 8 months old, rolled down and crashed on the ground. I had discovered that the bird was o.k., and no visible signs of injury. I gave it a day off. I flew that bird again, BAM, same thing happened again. I didn't want to give up on this bird, because of the quality of the spin. Having read the books. Saying rolldowns should be killed. I do not believe this should be true. Seeking better answers to my questions about rolldowns. I went to see Joe Testa. The following day. Since I am a novice, and this being the first time I have experienced this. I told him about this eight month old cock, who rolled down two days ago. Joe asked me, "Was this bird bred from my stock?" I said yes. We researched the background of this bird, and found that I had mated the father to this bird to one of John Dushinski's stock hens, and lo and behold, the cock had been mated to his half sister. Since I had been fortunate enough to have acquired these birds from Joe I and Johnny D. their families being the same, I was linebreeding, and had no idea. I asked Joe to define rolldown. He explained the difference between a rolldown, and a bouncer. Is a dead bird! But there are many ways to look at this problem. Bounced? Another roller terminology? I asked him, what do you mean by bounced? Joe pointed at the bird on the floor in his loft and said, "See that red check cock there? Watch him when he takes off." I watched the bird taking off. And noticed his tail did not spread open. "That cock is a rolldown. If that cock of yours Mark, is a youngster, and went into a roll for the first time. He may not know how to get out of the roll or did not have enough

strength to break out of the roll. If his tail opened up on taking off after the bounce, it is said that he had "bounced." If his tail did not open, and remained "single tailed," he is considered a rolldown."

or more than likely has suffered a spinal injury in the tail region, and caused the tail not to spread open due to paralysis.

The tail acts as a stabilizer during takeoff and approach to landing and also to stop the roll. He advised me to lock up that bird for two weeks to give it a rest, give it plenty of food to regain his strength, the time off will help him to forget what had happened to him.

After that period, toss that bird into the flying kit, don't allow him take off with the kit. Tossing the bird into the kit will decrease the chance of him rolling down. If that bird goes into a roll and breaks out of it before hitting the ground. Ok, Keep your eye on that bird,

There is a 50-50 chance that bird will straighten itself out of rolldown condition. If that Roller continues to rolldown, check your breeding records. If that bird came from a pair of decent rollers. Watch his brothers and sisters, if they turn out to be excellent performers without bouncing or rolldown problems, this young cock was just immature. It would be a good idea to keep the bird flying at least till it's two years old, so there will be no doubt that it isn't a rolldown. The problem you will find in your loft, is that. Most of your birds have already been inbred, and linebred. So you will have to weed out what you feel will create rolldowns, and start thinking about outcrossing. M.T.

# The good old days

by Joe Testa

I had just locked my young bird kit. After an afternoon fly. My loft was on my roof and I could see John Dushinski's birds from my vantage point, and if the wind was just right, they would drift right over my house. John lived on the hill in back of me, off Revere beach. Many a day I would wait till he he flew his young bird kit, and I would send up ten of my old birds. Hoping to pick up a few disoriented youngsters.

Hold them for ransom, but they were sharp, and it was only those rare occasions that one of his birds would come in. And sometimes I would lose one to him, but it was a lot of fun. John without a doubt had the finest birds I had ever seen, and was lucky enough to have had him, as a teacher. And I can't forget the names he would call his champs.

The skycutter, Henry, Smoky Joe, The commie Hen, The Old Man, An old black white flights. I have his last son. John had been telling me about this little black badge hen that was one of the fastest rollers he ever bred.

So I went up that fine day to see this bird work. John told me he locked her up, And he would be breeding her in the spring. But he couldn't resist, Joe I shouldn't do this, but you've got to see this little bird cook.

So up she goes, all by herself. Almost in the clouds, I said Johnny my boy, she flies good, but when will she roll. I said, This bird will make a liar out of you, and then bang. She started spinning faster and faster, like a blur, Johnny's yelling now, Whoa, whoa. I

said to myself, uh oh. I shouldn't have come here today. It seemed like two minutes had gone by, tree top level, still coming, we're both yelling.

Neighbors must think we're nuts, two grown men yelling at a bird, crash boom, Johnny look at me. Geez I shouldn't have flown that bird, I said relax.

I think she put on the brakes, sure. She had roll rolled down in his neighbor's yard behind a stockade fence. I got up and over, and I could hear Johnny saying, She ok Joe? Shouldn't have flown that bird, I said, Johnny that was a nice bird. Joe she ok?, asked Johnny. Yea, she fine. Throw me over a shovel so I can dig her out. I could hear him mumbling, and I shouldn't have stopped over that day, but those were the good old days.

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## Meeting Notice

Date: The third Sat. in August.

The next meeting will take place at Steve Buonopane's residence in West Peabody MA. A reminder will be printed in the July issue. At our next meeting, we will be discussing an entry fee for the competition. We have to have some sort of fee to cover the expense of trophies, ribbons and certificates, also private pooling, side betting and etc. We are also filming the competitions, each individual member, his loft, and his birds. And we will be getting this video to our members at cost.

# Who's who in M.A.P.R

Membership Listing				
Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Alden, Steve	122 Forest St.	Brockton	MA	02402
Bahosh, Joe	150 Pleasant St.	Spencer	MA	01562
Buonopane, Steve	3 Antrim Rd.	West Peabody	MA	01960
DeCosta, John	RR1 Box 211 25 Mason Rd	Ashby	MA	01431
Dunne, Thomas	12 Long Ave	Nashua	NH	03060
Dushinski, John	207 Walnut Ave	Revere	MA	02151
Ernst, Richard	48 Washington St.	Ayer	MA	01432
Gaydos, Joseph	44 Jefferson Ave	Chicopee	MA	01020
Hickey, Charles	730 South St.	Holbrook	MA	02343
Hickey, Steve	P.O. Box 25	Shutesbur	MA	01072
Perron, Al	230 Davis Rd.	Ashby	MA	01431
Ross, Ed	North Ashburnham Rd.	Winchendon	MA	01475
Sprague, John	68 Baboosic Lake Rd.	Merrimack	NH	03054
Tainter, Cliff	1076 Truman Parkway	Hyde Park	MA	02126
Testa, Joseph+	398 Mass Ave (Rte 2A)	Lunenburg	MA	01462
Thompson, Mark*	871 Mass Ave (Rte 2A)	Lunenburg	MA	01462
Ware, Robert	48 Charme Rd.	Tewksbury	MA	01876

Total number of members: 17

+ President/Founder

\* Secretary/Treasurer/Co-Founder

# About M.A.P.R.

The M.A.P.R. is an organization dedicated to promoting the roller hobby.

Competition being our primary goal.....

But more important than that is the understanding that this is a fraternity. A brotherhood. Open to all who keep Rollers, there is much more than this club. Than just competition. We are hoping to not only have flying competition, But indoor shows with our birds. For the winter months, we have been invited to fly and show against The Rhode Island Flying Roller Club. What better way to create a team effort. Our monthly Newsletter, Will be a source of information not only about our organization, but about what is happening in the roller hobby nationwide. Our effort to organize and create a Northeast National Fly, In the near future can be realized. Especially with the quality of birds and the determination and dedication of our members. I would like to thank my right hand man Mark Thompson for his dedication and inspiration in putting this organization together with me. And Joe Bahosh, Steve Buonopane, Charlie Hickey, Tom Dunne, Paul Dernier, for creating that spirit that is essential to making thing of ours work. J. Testa

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## You too can be a member of M.A.P.R

### Non- Member Listing

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Cedrone, Gerry	59 Walnut Pl.	Deham	MA	02026
Champagne, Jerry	286 River St.	Waltham	MA	02154
Clancy, Timothy	324 South Ave	Whitman	MA	02382
Connick, Bob	2 Hinckley Rd.	Tewksbury	MA	01876
Dernier, Paul	10 Douglas Ave Apt 1	Brockton	MA	02042
Dupuis, Joseph	HC#63 Box 26-A	Chester	MA	01011
Hobbs, Bob & Denise	RFD 2 Box 10	Woodsville	NH	03185
Jepsen, Edwin	Box 449	Chatham	MA	02633
Levesque, Scott	54 Washington Cr.	Holbrook	MA	02343
Madden, Fred	261 Common St.	Braintree	MA	02184
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