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AU NATIONAL YOUTH RACE IS HEATING UP!

By Karen Clifton,
AU Executive Director



As junior members in the national organization, you are our future. The AU is proud of the youth in our ranks. At the national office, we receive many messages and calls from adult members. Quite often, those individuals take time to brag about the junior members in their clubs. They mention the fact that you help on shipping night and around the club house. In many clubs, our junior members have taken over as race secretary because of their ease with comput-

ers and technology.

That is pretty amazing!

So from the national office, we want to say thank you! Sharing your various talents with club members is very much appreciated and truly helps keep the clubs strong and viable.

We hope you have enjoyed the summer break. By the time this is received, many of you will have already started the new school year. We wish you the best of luck in all your studies

and school activity.

For those of you that entered the AU National Youth Race, we will be sending updates once training begins. Good luck to all of you!

Don't miss your 2012 National Youth Race training update. If you have moved, make sure we have your correct address.



Jesse Dobelbower



Summer Tradition
Photo by Dusan Smetana



Members of the Northwest Junior Flyers [<http://northwestjuniorflyers.webs.com/>] manned a float at the 4th of July parade in Chesterfield, Massachusetts. On the float is one of their many loaner lofts with birds in the aviary. The young members released the birds and handed out promotion flyers.

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GI Joe

Meet The New Northeast Zone Director

Long time pigeon fancier, Toni Wiaderski, has been appointed to fulfill the term of the Northeast Zone Director.

Toni grew up in Poland, where he played professional soccer and began his career. After marrying his wife, they came to Connecticut.

He flies with the Wallingford Homing Pigeon Club and has served as President, Treasurer, and Race Secretary for the Central Connecticut Combine. Toni has held other offices within the club as well.

"Holding the office of AU Northeast Zone Director is an honor and a challenge," he said while at the recent board meetings. "I'm looking forward to getting to know members within the zone and working on their behalf."



Toni Wiaderski
Newly Appointed NE Zone Director

Beyond Racing Helping Others With Your Hobby

2012 has been the first year for AU to have pink stock bands. Enough members planned to make use of pink bands for charitable events that a Board Action Request was submitted for AU Board approval.

Several groups have done special pink band races to raise funds for cancer patients or cancer research. Two of those groups have

Their website, www.flyforthefight.org, provides for easy donation or bird & team sponsorship. In 2012, the group was able to donate \$1000 in the name of the race winning sponsor.

The Twister Combine's first Flight For The Fight took place in early 2012. The fund raising kicked off with the Twister Combine Pigeon Festival at the fairgrounds in Nevada, Missouri. After an AU Zone Meeting, a show, and an auction, local press covered a great looking bird release with pigeons shooting for their home lofts, representing donors.

Side entertainment such as train rides were available, but the folks were mainly interested in the pigeon events.

Area cooks are known for their cooking talents and they did not disappoint, with an amazing spread of lots of good food during lunchtime.

Also available during the day were sale items from local club



Jerry Smith, President of Twister Combine, conducts the bird auction & drawing for door prizes.

members, such as handcrafts and cookbooks.

Over \$2500 was raised to provide to a local cancer patient and put to the October Flight For The Fight race that will be done for another young cancer victim.

The groups web site, <http://www.twistercombine.com/> provides information about their most current activities.

Perhaps you and your club would like to do a similar type of event. If more people in the sport across the country were to do events of this sort, it would make quite an impact on cancer patients and the public.



made great headlines with their work.

GORP, or Greater Omaha Racing Pigeon group, was created to raise money for research through the Nebraska Medical Center. They actually purchased specially lettered bands: C.U.R.E.