

# American Racing Pigeon Union

# Pigeon Tracks



## TRIBUTE TO JUNIOR AU MEMBERS!

Karen Clifton, AU Executive Director



We all know many things in our daily lives have changed. We truly respect all youth and want to pay tribute to the junior AU members. Most of you had your school year interrupted and had to finish classes on line. But you succeeded!

Many will probably continue on-line learning or begin your school year later than usual. You will succeed again.

Spending time with your birds may well offer a bit of normal activity. If you are in need of or would like to receive literature pertaining to health, feeding, nutrition, training, etc., please let us know.

We have a good amount of literature that serves to help fanciers get started and also offers tips and techniques to use while caring for your birds.

This material may be sent electronically or we can mail hard copies to you. Feel free to call on us. We are here to serve you.

For those getting ready to start the new school year, we wish you best of luck and every possible success. And for those of you who have submitted birds to the national youth race, it is an added bit of excitement to your school year.

As you probably know by now, the AU convention gatherings have been canceled. The race activities will still take place. There will just not be any socializing at gatherings.

The race handlers are still doing a tremendous job in caring for and training race birds for the convention races. We spoke with Gary Beall, your National Youth Race hosting loft manager. He gave us an update of the birds to date.

The receiving of race birds happened in two groupings,

making the first group a little more mature. What Gary did

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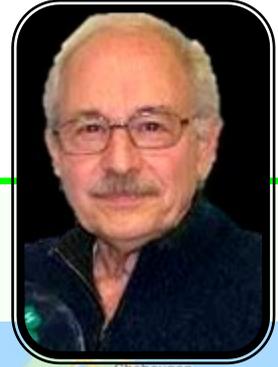


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# FLYING CLOVERS RPC YOUTH RACE



What's the latest report from Loft Manager Mike Netzky?

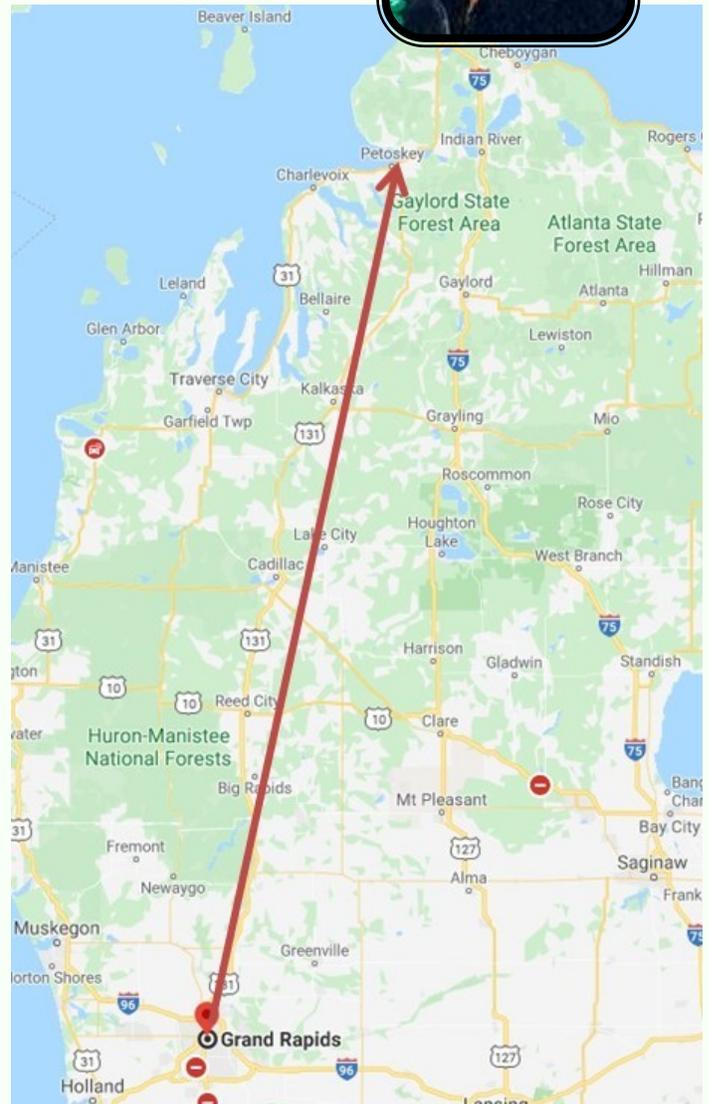
"We're doing well here with training. So far we've been out about 20 times, starting at 10 miles and we will graduate to approximately 150 miles in preparation for the 200 mile race," said Mike.

Mike was able to take up to 50 birds and he has 49 entries. He has already been in touch with entrants, or will be, should replacements be needed.

The race will take place September 26 or 27, depending on conditions, and will release out of Grand Rapids.

Most of you have already communicated with Mike if you wish to have your birds mailed back after the race. If you have not yet done that, you can contact Mike at 847-714-2134 or [MNETZKY1@AOL.COM](mailto:MNETZKY1@AOL.COM). Sorry, no texting.

Good racing everyone!



Rheegan Avery  
CJ Baynon  
Ryan Baynon  
Henry Bentley  
Nate Bentley  
Leya Chute  
Gabriel Clement  
Parker Conter  
Peyton Conter  
Jacob Eriks  
Grant Eriks  
Lia Eriks  
Kelly Finnerty  
Lilly Gleason

Lyla Gleason  
Jimmy Kotfer  
Erin Larson  
Allie Madison  
Rydon Olsen  
Ciaramae Olsen  
Mecarte Olsen  
Simon Paga  
Veronica Paga  
Isaac Paga  
Sam Paga

Adam Paga  
Ben Peters  
Ellie Peters  
Will Plackemeier  
Emmie Plackemeier  
Brooks Plackemeier  
Jesse Randolph  
Keagen Skipper  
Tristia Skipper

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is group the birds accordingly, for the welfare and wellbeing of the pigeons. So, in effect, he is training two teams, building each appropriately.

He is acclimating the birds to trap, flock up and roam short distances and return. Because of the heat there right now, training is easing up to 10 miles. Eventually they will go farther of course, but since the race is not until October, there is still plenty of time to train.

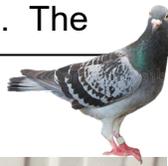
Replacements have been received. The

birds will be training along Highway 81 to keep a good distance from other convention race birds. The actual race will be approximately 150 miles from Virginia to Maryland.

These birds are looking good. They are in good shape and healthy.

Best of luck to you, both in school and in the race!

We are hoping to resume normal activities for 2021.



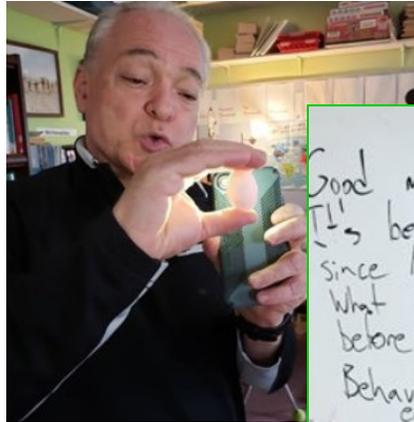
Kendall Bright with her Blue Bar (OB) homer. Reserve Grand Champion out of two GHC birds.

Kendall Bright (12) is the daughter of AU member Wes Bright. In July, Kendall showed in the youth pigeon show at the Logan County, Ohio fair. Out of 32 birds, she won Grand Champion with a Tom Barnhart strain young grizzle hen. Her Reserve Champion was an old blue bar hen that is down from the birds of the famous GHC club. Kendall has been around racing homers her whole life. Her father has kept them before and after his time in the service. Kendall would like to thank everyone who has either helped her with birds, and/or advice.

Her proud dad—*Wes.*

Many thanks, and our deepest gratitude to Cal Pasca, Aaron Sebens, and students for being our real life examples of carrying out a racing homing pigeon project in school to deepen students' understanding of school lessons and life skills. Superb!

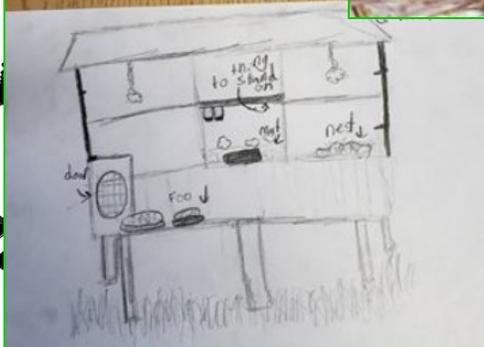
Pigeon Blog  
 A couple of days ago we started talking about pigeons because we knew we were getting pigeons. Today we had an expert named Cal, he knows a lot about birds especially Pigeons. When he arrived at our school Hazel and Kameron introduced Cal to our school and our classroom. Cal was nice enough to bring all of the supplies we need to start preparing for their new environment. Cal also told us how we could tell which was a female and a male. Then me and Ryan lead him downstairs.

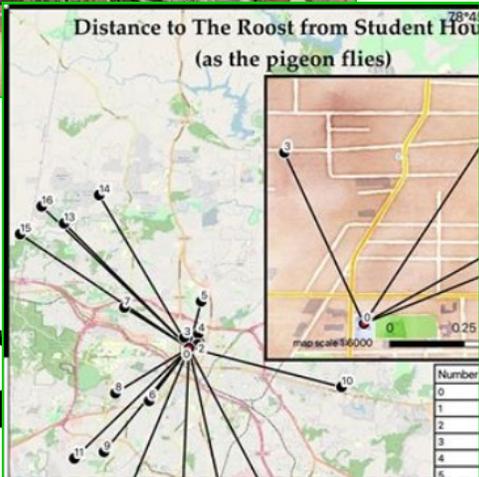
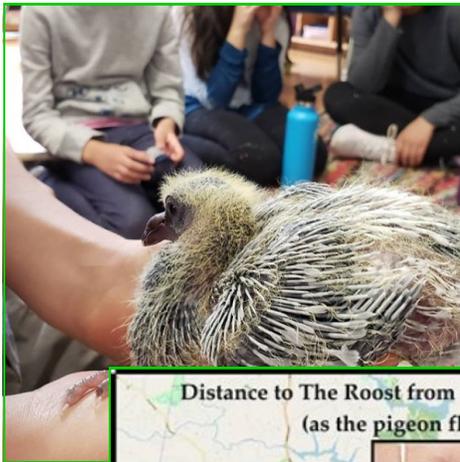


Good morning!  
 It's been more than a week since Aurora laid her first egg. What is a behavior you noticed before she laid eggs or after?  
 Behavior before eggs | Behavior after eggs  
 talking out-loud | They spend more time in the nesting box - hollering  
 active - hollering | they sit on the nest  
 forgetful | they are always looking for help  
 Energetic | fall off of perch  
 1. Day 3



**North**





# Carolina



[aaroncpsc](#) (Instagram)

Today was a day my children had been looking forward to for a long time, because it was our turn to release the birds from our house. We decided to share them with our neighbor who's celebrating her 90th birthday this weekend. Feels like some sort of full circle on this strange last day of school with amazing students moving on and watching these birds take wing. So proud of how this class has brought this project to life with energy and creativity and their legacy of these amazing birds will be part of the years ahead.

# A Funny Thing Happened . . . . .

I had a lost bird walk into my store and into my back produce room. My boss thought it was awesome so he took pictures and sent it to the head office. They put it in an employee newsletter.

Bob McKenna  
AU Vice President

Anything funny  
happen to you?

