Earlier in the year, we received an update from the youth race handler. He indicated the birds were settling to the loft and the molt was almost complete. The weather was very hot and humid and they had a lot of rain so they had the birds out on the nicer days.

We were excited to receive another update from the AU National Youth Race handler, John Stephen. He shared that the birds have nearly gone through the molt and are still being settled to the loft.

Mr. Stephen reported that they will start training the birds and will continue to send updates, which we will share with you.

The race will be held on Wednesday, November 3, and will arrive at the Shady Hills Pet Shop. Estimated time of arrival will be between 11:00 a.m. and noon. There will be a BBQ lunch served in the hospitality tent at the pet shop.

We hope to see you there if you are able to attend.

Karen

Northwest Junior Flyers set up a display at the Cummington Fair as they do each year.

They now have a second generation in the club. A mother was a member years back. She signed up her 6 year old son and the club picked up 15 new families at the fair.

This club has been around many years and Tim Tessier is at the helm of its success.

Nice work guys!
The Flying Clovers RPC is always doing some clever activity for learning. The most recent is a fair display. They used their “traveling demo loft” again to share aspects of housing to the public. People were invited to send messages by pigeon. When the bird gets back to his loft the message is removed and forwarded by mail. Neat!

This club has afforded the members opportunity to fulfill 4-H requirements and extra curricular achievements. Our last year’s youth race winner is a Flying Clovers member! They seem to be doing just fine in rounding out the life lesson experiences that are vital for future endeavors. What a treat! What a gift! Nice work guys!

Mike Netzky attaching a message with a countermark.

Corbin at the front of the display travel loft. The loft is a walk-in for examination.
Holly Erickson and Devere Burt joined together to tell fair goers all about the raising and racing of homing pigeons.

They had helpful handouts and examples of items utilized in racing. And BIRDS!!!

Holly and Devere also did a bird release to oohs and ahhhs.