

Club Spotlight

Forest City Rabbit Breeders Club

YES there are ARBA Clubs in Ontario Canada :

Forest City Rabbit Breeders Club is one of a few recognized ARBA -OCORC (Ontario Council of Rabbit Clubs) sanctioned clubs in Ontario Canada. It was formed in 1965.

Many dedicated long time members kept this club active and vibrant for many years by holding a 3 ARBA show -1 day event once a year. In 2012 the "old guard" decided to retire and dissolve the club. A "new guard" along with couple of the old decided to step up and breath new life into the club- with determination ,social media and \$5.00 left in the club bank account everyone decided to pull together and rebuild- going from approximately 8 active members to 28. Thanks to some ARBA judges submitting affordable bids to fit our budget and a offer of a private farm property with a usable barn at no charge the club set out to put in motion their first show. The end result being Forest City becoming one of the most active, competitive, wealthy and fun shows in Ontario.

For a few years the club continued to hold their shows at the working private farm location, making it almost a weekend event with competition ,fun, friends , food, 4H, tents, camping , fireworks ,B&B lodging on sight and a 100 year old barn with crystal chandeliers as a show room .But with unpredictable weather the show is now held in a climate controlled facility in Komoka Ontario.



Forest City Club holds the bragging rights with the largest \$\$\$ prize for BIS and RIS offering a total of \$900 for the 3 shows. (\$200 for each BIS and \$100 for each RIS a generous donation from 2 rabbitry's) that are also members.

Also professional photo's for everyone at show is offered for free - winner or not.

A huge raffle table

Homemade lunch room food.

Free B&B for judges and some competitors at a local farm house.

2 local 4H clubs attending (holding their achievement day .)

And the past 2 years the cavy folk have joined us(holding 2-3 shows per day)

Our Canadian shows are much smaller then most other shows in District 8. We consider 195-225 a decent show any more a bonus . This does not diminish completion and the fellowship that goes with it. We are pleased that some very dedicated district 8 USA breeders have joined us for the past few years.. This show is only 3/4 hour from Port Huron border crossing - 2 hours from Detroit -Windsor border crossing and 2 1/2 hours from Niagara/ NY crossing .

All show entries are preentry but we do take some day of and is a case show.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime. Our next show is Oct. 26/19 . If you cannot make that one plan ahead for Oct. 3/20

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Hope to see yea all soon "eh"

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