



# “E Newsletter”



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*Happy  
Spring*



“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds  
are the morning yawn.”

Lewis Grizzard

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# Director's Message

Howdy D8 Friends!

Can you believe it? Spring is here!

In February I'm told Indiana held a very nice state convention. Then the next weekend Michigan held theirs. I was in attendance for that one, and the Saturday show especially had a nice attendance. The first judges conference of the year in D8 took place that Friday to a large attendance.

Looking ahead to early May, the annual OSRBA Mini Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio. As usual, a judges conference will take place that Friday evening. The current schedule for the conference is listed elsewhere in this issue. For those needing credit for attendance, please remember that you must both sign in and sign out.

Last month the Johnson County RBA was featured in the Club Spotlight Article. Many thanks to their club for taking part! This month the spotlight is on the Lima RBA. Currently, no other clubs have submitted an article. I urge our D8 clubs to please take advantage of this opportunity to promote your club and events. It's free publicity! Simply submit your article to [arbad8website@gmail.com](mailto:arbad8website@gmail.com). I request that you keep the length to no more than 1 ½ pages.

Show flyers continue to be requested from our D8 clubs hosting shows. They may be emailed to the address listed in the previous paragraph. PDF format is preferred.

Please help me get the word out to everyone that the D8 website has a new address which is <https://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/>. And please encourage everyone to register for this newsletter while they're visiting the site.

The 2019 spring show season is still relatively young, but I'm very grateful that several members have already taken the time to speak with me at the shows or email/private message me with questions. I do my best to respond in a timely manner.

Friends, I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming shows. Please take a moment to stop by my table, or never hesitate to call or email. I may be reached by phone at 937-364-2133

or by email at [havanaman@earthlink.net](mailto:havanaman@earthlink.net).

Best wishes for a great spring show season!

Take care,

Terry Fender  
ARBA D8 Director



## "E Newsletter" Web Team Message

Greetings from the Web Team/E News Editor,

In the first issue we had included information on the State/Provincial Reps. These reps are a vital link for our members to the District Director and the ARBA. Should you need to contact your rep., the email addresses are now on the D8 website.

We are continuously working on the D8 website to ensure that you have the most up to date information. We will include all show flyers sent to us, however we do ask that you keep the flyer under 300 kb with PDF format preferred. This will save space on the server as well as help to ensure faster load times. There is nothing more frustrating than waiting and waiting for a file to download or simply open to view.

As I stated in the last issue, we really want to make this newsletter an informative publication. To do that we need to include educational articles. If you have a great article idea swirling around in your head, get it on paper and submit for publication. While many of our members are seasoned breeders, we also have many that are new to this wonderful hobby. That said, no idea is too basic. Together we can and will make this a first rate publication.

Until next time, may the competition be friendly and enjoyable and all your nest boxes be full of winners.

Jane  
D8 Web Team

# Silver Marten

By: Tex Thomas

The Silver Marten first appeared in the United States in the 1920's as sports cropping out of Standard Chinchilla litters. Blacks were the original color, with Chocolates, then Blues, and finally Sables being added to the recognized varieties.

I don't want to quote directly from the Standard of Perfection in this dissertation, but rather try to give you an insight into the subtle properties and attributes that go into making a good Silver Marten.

Size and weight are the first items of discussion . A Silver Marten is a medium sized breed. It is a bit unique in the fact that for a medium rabbit, there is a full pound difference in top weights on junior bucks and junior does. Top buck weight is 6 ½ pounds and top doe weight is 7 ½ pounds. Most bucks mature at an equal, or slightly faster rate than the does, thus you generally must watch junior bucks for going overweight. It is not unusual to see younger bucks up in the senior classes, but rarely do you see a moved up doe.

Type carries the most points and is the first consideration in evaluation. The description is of a typical commercial type. If you could put Silver Marten color on a great typed 7 ½ pound New Zealand would it be good? It certainly would, but lets talk the reality between an ideal and what you see. A Silver Marten tends to be a flatter top lined rabbit than the true commercial type. Even though commercial type is described, over 'h the points of this breed relate to fur and color, so one must achieve a balance in the assessed qualities--meaning one should not place a class solely on the basis of type. Depth of body is probably the hardest one item to achieve in a Silver Marten, and as such, should be highly praised when you find animals displaying this feature. As with any breed displaying good depth, you must be sure that it still balances with the width of body. Too many deep rabbits pinch into the lower hip area. Silver Martens are very inclined to flatten over the shoulders or show a late start in the topline rise. This is particularly evident in senior does-especially as they age. In general, you will find more depth of body in your buck classes and more width of body in the doe classes.

Another type feature one must watch out for in Silver Martens are long heads and ears. Nothing spoils the classic lines of a medium sized breed more than a disproportionate length of head and ears. Larger specimens of Silver Martens are very inclined to show this fault.

Color and fur share almost equal emphasis and are the real crowning glory of the Silver Marten breed. Together, they constitute almost ½ of a Silver Marten's point value and are so interrelated that a discussion of one must relate to the other. As a judge, if you place a Silver Marten



without fur and color, y o u have just s c r e w e d up, or you didn't have a good Silver Marten to pick from. No Silver

Marten should ever win in good competition without these two attributes. I do not feel that you can ever have correct color without having good fur. If the fur is not primed, the color cannot be even and cannot show the luster, which is so distinctive a feature of this breed.

Individual analysis of color must start with surface color. In the Blacks, Blues, and Chocolates, the darker and deeper the shade of color, the better it meets the standard. The Sable color calls for a medium sable color, although as with all Sables, you will get the other two extremes--dark, Seal colored animals and extremely light colors. Both should be faulted heavily. In the three self varieties, the color must run as far down the hair shaft as possible. The further down the hair shaft the color extends, the darker and deeper will be the surface color. Sable coloration should also run well down the hair shaft, but should not darken as much as the other three colors.

The Standard calls for normal commercial fur, but that is painting with a broad brush. There are as many subtle differences in good Silver Marten fur as there are in comparing the fur on a New Zealand to a Californian, to a Florida White--all of which call for commercial normal fur. The Silver Marten coat must be a very sharp flyback fur. A distinguishing feature is the texture. Silver Martens have a more refined size to the guard hair, which will make the coat feel a bit softer than a Palomino or Champagne. It also is a slightly shorter coat that most commercial fur breeds. Both attributes make the coat have one of the quickest returns of fur when it is stroked backward. The coat should carry good density, but usually does not exhibit the overall degree of density as see in some of the other normal furred breeds . Care must be exercised not to gain density at the expense of color, for a very dense coat will usually lack some of the brilliance of surface color needed . Silver Martens show extremely well in the normal fur class. They may be outstripped by some other breeds for density, but they will excel and usually

win a fur class, based on their texture, condition, and balance . Any coarseness of texture of coat in a Silver Marten should be cause for instant and severe faulting.

No discussion of Silver Marten fur or color would be complete without emphasis of one important term in the standard-"LUSTER". Without this attribute you do not have a good Silver Marten. I can best describe luster as being the gloss or shine to a coat. A proper Silver Marten will literally glow in its prime . It is similar to the gloss of surface that you see on Tans or Havanas. Although the coat is not a Satin coat, a good Black Silver Marten will display as much or more gloss than a Black Satin. This one attribute sets off the fur by enhancing both texture and condition, and color by making the color more intense.



I want to skip next to condition . Again, with any breed where ½ the points are on fur and color, you cannot do well in a

show if it lacks condition!!!! Condition is the icing on the cake for the type, fur, and color. None of these features can be displayed at their optimum without the little 5 points on condition being present. It is one of the most important 5 points assigned to any breed standard. Any lack of condition is going to be reflected in a failing in at least one of the other area.

The final point of discussion are the markings, and they are the one point where most bad judging of Silver Martens occurs-by the placing excessive emphasis. This is a patterned breed, not a marked breed . All Silver Martens will carry the Tan Marking Pattern of silvering, triangle, eye circles, nostril, belly color, etc. The important item to consider is not so much the formation of the markings, but the cleanliness and isolation of each marking. No mealiness or scattered white hairs should be tolerated. If these faults are present , they are not really marking faults, but rather color faults, a much more severe item to cut. One of the biggest frustration as a showman of Silver Martens are judges excessively assessing and commenting on silvering and triangles. Keep the back clean of any white hairs. Ticking should not extend more than ½ way up the sides of the animal. An extremely high ticked animal will almost always lack in color brilliance and usually in texture of coat. Fault heavily for animals that show any mealiness on th e face. Be especially cognizant of this fault in the muzzle area and around the eye circles. In

general, you will find that the animals with the cleanest and least defined markings will have the best fur and color. The animals with exceptionally distinct and high ticking, wide eye circles, and long, intensely white triangles, will usually be the worst colored and furred specimens. Do not obsess on markings at the expense of type, fur, and color.

In summation, when judging Silver Martens, you must strike a balance between the three most important features-type, color, and fur. Do not pick an animal solely on the basis of any single one of these features, but rather go to the specimen which best exhibits all three qualities to the greatest degree. Always remember , your winner should look good as well as being good.

## Club Spotlight

### *Lima Rabbit Breeders Association*

The Lima RBA was formed in 1916 with two ARBA legends, Vern Ashton and John Fehr, among its founders. The club hosted the 1924 National Convention with the national organization then actually being called the National Breeders and Fanciers Association. At this Convention the name was changed to the American Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association. So the Lima RBA has a long history with the ARBA and its predecessors!

All clubs go through difficult times, and Lima is no different. But with the help of so many dedicated members, it has come back as strong as ever. While most members are from the Lima area, we do boast multiple members from Central, Northwest, and Southwest Ohio. Our current officers are: Terry Fender, President; Suzy Meier, Vice-President; Anne Smedley, Secretary; Carole Okuley, Treasurer; and Directors Garrett Thompson, Jeanna Basinger, and Gloria Schroeder. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM on the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, Ohio.

In mid-April of each year, the club hosts its annual animal and equipment auction in Lima with the primary purpose of helping junior fair exhibitors purchase their projects. Starting in 2016, the club brought back its rabbit clinic held in conjunction with the auction.

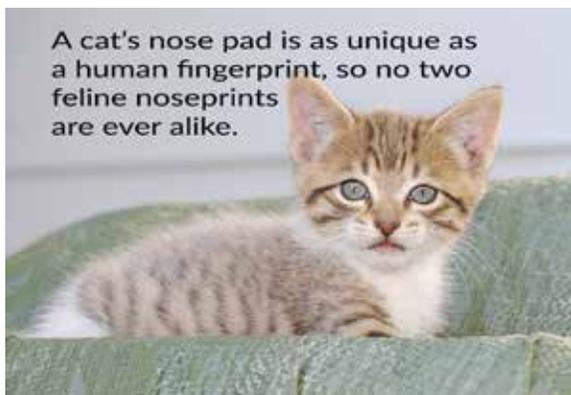
During fair season, our club sponsors awards for fairs in counties with active Lima RBA youth members participating.

# D8 State & Province Happenings

We host two all-breed rabbit and cavy double shows each year. Our shows are currently held on the Auglaize County Fairgrounds in Wapakoneta, Ohio. The show staff consists of Amanda Behee (Open) and Gloria Schroeder (Youth) as Show Secretaries and Papa Don Schroeder as Show Superintendent with Anne Smedley and Garrett Thompson as Assistants. To encourage attendees to serve as writers, we offer a writer's raffle. And we also pay the official registrar a small "thank you" fee. We always try to utilize a combination of local and "long distance" judges to give everyone an opportunity to see some new faces behind the table. We currently use 12 rabbit judges and 2 cavy judges at each show with the number stepping up to 14 rabbit judges in Fall 2020. Specialty clubs are invited to host their shows in conjunction with ours. Over the past few years some of the breeds to host a specialty show are American Chinchilla, Jersey Wooly, Netherland Dwarf, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, and Polish. Our club currently owns 17 scales so that each all-breed and specialty judge shall have easy access to one as well as mats for all judges to stand on.

The Lima RBA invites our fellow fanciers to attend our upcoming shows. Please mark June 9, 2019 and September 22, 2019 on your calendars. Also, our club is sponsoring a Jersey Wooly specialty show on the evening of June 8. Looking a little farther out into 2020, please note June 14 and September 20! We work hard to put on quality shows so that all of our exhibitors return home having had a fun time! Please check out our website at [www.LimaRBA.com](http://www.LimaRBA.com) for more in-depth information on our shows! And while there, why not register for our mailing list so that show flyers may be emailed directly to your inbox?

If you live in the Lima area, how about joining us? New members are always welcome! Please email [info@LimaRBA.com](mailto:info@LimaRBA.com) for further information!



\*\*\* Editor's Note: This photo has nothing to do with rabbits or cavies but is for our cat loving D8 Director and any members who love their cats.

## Michigan

A few years ago, the MSRBA instituted a new award, Best of the Best, to be given at their Convention Show as a way of honoring the members we had lost during the previous year. The open BIS is judged against the youth BIS. This year the Best of the Best honor went to a beautiful French Angora owned by Eric Stewart and Gabe Hernandez. This is the second time that they have received this award.

At the Annual Banquet several awards were presented. One award was the MSRBA Master Breeder Award, the highest award presented to a member. This award is not presented every year, and is based on nomination letters outlining the nominees contributions to the hobby (local, state and national levels) that are reviewed by the committee. This year the committee unanimously selected Diane Walter. Dean Daglow Good Guy Award - Danielle Harubin. Retiring Youth Advisor, Kristine Konesko was honored by the MSRBYA membership.

New MI State Rabbit Breeders Youth Association (MSRBYA) officers were installed at their meeting. President: Joel Carpenter and Corresponding Secretary Emilee Vis.

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## Ontario

Ontario Council of Rabbit Clubs upcoming 2019 ARBA Shows in Ontario, Canada:

May 11/19

Club SORBA -location Rockton Fairgrounds  
812 Old Highway 8 Ont. Canada

Triple ARBA Rabbit

Judges: Tom Schwenkart

ames Goodrich- Don Havlicek

Show secretary Lena Maunder

[lmaunder@cogeco.ca](mailto:lmaunder@cogeco.ca)

Show Superintendent -Shannon Carter

[farfeu@rogers.com](mailto:farfeu@rogers.com)

Pre entry carry case show

# OSRBA Judges Conference

May 3, 2019 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 PM

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| 6:00 pm | Introduction                            | Kevin Hooper (OH) Moderator<br>ARBA Judge                     |
| 6:05 pm | Posing and Handling                     | Jeff Hardin (NC) ARBA Judge                                   |
| 6:20 pm | Broken New Zealands<br>Faults vs. DQ's  | Dave Mangione (OH)<br>Past Pres AFNZRB                        |
| 6:35 pm | Silver Martens                          | Ron Riddle (IN) ARBA Judge                                    |
| 6:50 pm | Break                                   |   |
| 7:05 pm | Holland Lops                            | Allan Ormond (UT) ARBA Judge                                  |
| 7:20 pm | Satin Angoras and<br>the Broken Pattern | Sandra Wright (GA)<br>COD Holder Broken Satin Angora          |
| 7:35 pm | Californians                            | Joan Simmons (OH) 2018<br>OSRBA BIS Winner, Sec Ohio Cal Club |
| 7:50 pm | Break                                   |   |
| 8:05 pm | Mini Satins                             | Todd Naragon (IN) ARBA Judge                                  |
| 8:20 pm | English Spots                           | Mike Avesing (IA) ARBA Judge                                  |
| 8:35 pm | Dutch                                   | Erik Bengston (MN) ARBA Judge                                 |
| 8:50 pm | Q&A                                     |   |

\*Presentation start times are estimated.

Please remember that in order to receive credit for attending, attendees must sign-in at the beginning and roll call at close.

For additional information contact:

Kevin Hooper, Conference Chair - [khoop88@frontier.com](mailto:khoop88@frontier.com), (937) 725-8926  
Conference schedule/topics/speakers subject to change without notice.

\*\*The following presentation is intended for 4-H Leaders, parents or anyone new to the hobby to enlighten them on the considerations when selecting a new breed or a new project.



# Selecting A Rabbit

## Selection Large and Small



## Where to start.....

As you begin your 4-H Rabbit Project, one of the most important decisions you will make is which breed is correct for you. There are many things to consider when you make this decision – or when you want to expand to another breed. Like:

- The size of the breed – especially at mature age
- Housing requirements
- Management requirements
- Fur type
- Breed Temperament
- Availability of good foundation stock

## First Consideration: Size of the Rabbit & Your Size



- Size of the rabbit at mature age – any rabbit purchased as a junior will be much larger as a senior.
- Your size compared to the breed you select – smaller breeds are easier to handle with small hands.



## Second Consideration: Housing and Feed Requirements



- Smaller Rabbit = smaller cage, less feed and less waste to dispose of
- Larger Rabbit = large size cage, more feed and more waste to dispose of
- Do you have room to expand beyond 1 or 2 cages



## Smaller Breeds

- Examples – Maximum weight of less than 7#

Florida White, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Himalayan, Am. Fuzzy Lop, Dutch, Polish

- Cage Size:

18 X 18 or 18 X 24

24 X 24 or 24 X 30 for a doe & Litter



## Smaller Breeds

- Examples – Maximum weight of less than 7#

Netherland Dwarf, Jersey Woolly, Mini Satin, Mini Rex, Thrianta, Britannia Petite

- Cage Size:

18 X 18 or 18 X 24

24 X 24 or 24 X 30 for a doe & Litter



## Medium Breeds

- Examples – Senior Weight of more than 7#

Cinnamon, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Rex, New Zealand

- Cage Size:

18 X 24 or 24 X 24

24 X 30 or 30 X 36 for a doe & Litter



## Medium Breeds

➤ Examples – Senior Weight of more than 7#

Creame D' Argent, American Sable, Satin, Silver Marten, Palomino, Silver Fox

➤ Cage Size:

18 X 24 or 24 X 24

24 X 30 or 30 X 36 for a doe & Litter



## Large Breeds

➤ Examples – Senior Weight of more than 10 #

Checked Giant, French Lop, English Lop, Blanc D' Hotot, Flemish Giant

➤ Cage Size:

30 X 30 or 30 X 36 for a doe & Litter

\*Some of these heavy breeds are not raised on wire floors - solid wood floors are used.



## Third Consideration: Time Needed to Care for your Rabbits

- Some breeds take more time than just feeding and cleaning the cages. Wool breeds require daily or weekly grooming to keep their coat from becoming matted.
- Examples: Am. Fuzzy Lop - Jersey Woolly- English, French, Satin & Giant Angora



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- Solid wood floors require extra work to keep clean so the rabbits feet and body are not discolored or stained.



## Fourth Consideration: Variety of the Chosen Breed

- Some breeds have only one variety (Florida White, Thrianta, Californian) and others have many varieties (Neth. Dwarf, Mini Rex). Lighter colors can show urine stains. Darker colors may discolor in the sunlight.



## Fifth Consideration: Breed Temperament

➤ Some breeds are high spirited



➤ Some breeds are very docile



➤ Some are considered  
"running breeds"



## High Spirited?



➤ Notice the hands ready to control the rabbit!

# The Running Breeds

These are "Full-Arched" breeds that are evaluated as they move on the show table.



# What Do You Plan To Do With Your Rabbits?

➤ Raising rabbits for show?



➤ Raising rabbits for meat?



## Finding Quality Foundation Stock

- It does not cost more to feed a good, quality rabbit/rabbits nor does it take more time for you to care for that rabbit/rabbits.
- Attend a show and talk to the breeders. Those breeders who have been raising a breed for a long time will generally have improved their stock and are breeding closer to the "Standard" for their breed.

## Finding Quality Foundation Stock

- Before you buy any rabbit, you should do a complete exam of the rabbit – just as you would for showmanship – checking for any signs of disease or a disqualification.
- You also need to check the overall type and condition of the rabbit. Does it match what is written in the Standard of Perfection?
- Many good experiences have turned negative because the new breeder later discovered their beloved rabbit had a disqualification and could not be shown at their 4-H Fair or a 4-H Show. Or that the rabbit simply did not come close to having the correct body type.

## In Summary.....

- Being a part of the 4-H Rabbit Project can be a very rewarding experience, teaching you not only life skills such as responsibility, time management & patience, but will open doors to other 4-H activities and projects... like photography, cooking & record keeping.
- Following this guideline will help you to make an educated decision when you select your beginning breed... or maybe you want to raise a different breed.
- We hope your 4-H experience is rewarding.



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## *Did You Know?*

D8 has a website with show information that is provided by the clubs:

<https://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/>

D8 has a Facebook page to quickly share updates:

**The Official ARBA D8**

D8 has a monthly "E" Newsletter sent to subscribers:

[www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/E-Newsletter.html](http://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/E-Newsletter.html)



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# IT'S SHOWTIME!

## March - April ARBA Shows

\*\*\* Click on a highlighted club name to view their show flyer on the D8 Website.

### INDIANA

| DATE | LOCATION    | CLUB                                      | BREED                         | SECRETARY                               |
|------|-------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 3/30 | Greencastle | Putnam County RBA                         | Double All Breed (O & Y)      | Dawn Overbay<br>overbayo@tds.net        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | <a href="#">Golden Prairie RBA</a>        | All Breed (O & Y)             | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | English Spot (O & Y)          | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | Holland Lop (O & Y)           | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | Havana (O & Y)                | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | Polish (O & Y)                | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | Rex (O & Y)                   | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | Champagne D`Argent (O & Y)    | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Golden Prairie RBA                        | Jersey Wooly (O & Y)          | Carl Brody<br>cbrody56@gmail.com        |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Iliana Netherland Dwarf Club              | Netherland Dwarf (O & Y)      | Mark Jacobs<br>mdjrabbitry@yahoo.com    |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Indiana Diamond Dutch Club                | Dutch (O & Y)                 | Kelly Slack<br>kellyslack@gmail.com     |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Indiana Mini Lop                          | Mini Lop (O & Y)              | Judy Todd<br>hjtodd0060@att.net         |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Indiana State Mini Rex                    | Mini Rex (O & Y)              | Jason Ross<br>rossjason85@gmail.com     |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Midwest Himalayan Rabbit Club             | Himalayan (O & Y)             | Mary C. Henry<br>maryhenryrn@yahoo.com  |
| 4/06 | Lafayette   | Sycamore Satin Assn. of Indiana           | Satin & Mini Satin (O & Y)    | Gina Cavender<br>bhsatins@gmail.com     |
| 4/13 | Bedford     | Lawrence County RC                        | All Breed (O & Y)             | Holly Nisley<br>tnisley@comcast.net     |
| 4/13 | Bedford     | Lawrence County RC                        | Californian (O & Y)           | Holly Nisley<br>tnisley@comcast.net     |
| 4/13 | Bedford     | Lawrence County RC                        | Am. Chinchilla Double (O & Y) | Bennie Wade<br>wababbitry@comcast.net   |
| 4/20 | Fort Wayne  | <a href="#">MI-OH State Line RBA</a>      | Double All Breed (O & Y)      | Gregory Moll<br>gregorymoll@gmail.com   |
| 4/20 | Rockville   | Parke County Rabbit Fanciers              | Double All Breed (O & Y)      | Sara Grayless<br>saragrayless@yahoo.com |
| 4/21 | Fort Wayne  | <a href="#">MI-OH State Line RBA</a>      | Double All Breed (O & Y)      | Gregory Moll<br>gregorymoll@gmail.com   |
| 4/26 | Franklin    | <a href="#">Heartland English Spot RC</a> | English Spot (O & Y)          | John Schiewe<br>jschiewe@bluemarble.net |

| DATE | LOCATION | CLUB                 | BREED                           | SECRETARY                                    |
|------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 4/27 | Franklin | Johnson County RB    | English Spot (Nat'l)<br>(O & Y) | Heather Dunaway<br>englishspot2003@gmail.com |
| 4/27 | Franklin | Johnson County RB    | Harlequin (Nat'l)<br>(O & Y)    | Heather Dunaway<br>englishspot2003@gmail.com |
| 4/27 | Franklin | Jokers & Jesters RBA | Harlequin (O & Y)               | Rachel Zarse<br>cowlover16@gmail.com         |
| 4/28 | Franklin | Johnson County RB    | Double (O & Y)                  | Heather Dunaway<br>englishspot2003@gmail.com |

## KENTUCKY

| DATE | LOCATION   | CLUB  | BREED                       | SECRETARY                                       |
|------|------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 3/30 | Stanford   | Kentucky Rex RBA                              | Rex - Open Only             | Gary Bunch<br>coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com       |
| 3/30 | Stanford   | <a href="#">Lincoln County All Breed Club</a> | Double All Breed<br>(O & Y) | Michelle Padgett<br>renatepadgett@yahoo.com     |
| 3/31 | Crittenden | Kentucky Rex RBA                              | Rex - Open Only             | Gary Bunch<br>coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com       |
| 3/31 | Crittenden | Kentucky State<br>Mini Rex Club               | Mini Rex (O & Y)            | Christy Frey<br>freysrabbits@hotmail.com        |
| 3/31 | Crittenden | <a href="#">Northern Kentucky RBA</a>         | Dutch<br>(O & Y)            | Gary Bunch<br>nkrbashowsec@gmail.com            |
| 3/31 | Crittenden | <a href="#">Northern Kentucky RBA</a>         | Lionhead<br>(O & Y)         | Gary Bunch<br>nkrbashowsec@gmail.com            |
| 3/31 | Crittenden | <a href="#">Northern Kentucky RBA</a>         | Double All Breed<br>(O & Y) | Gary Bunch<br>coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com       |
| 3/31 | Crittenden | Ohio Mini Rex Club                            | Mini Rex (O & Y)            | Taressa Ingle<br>taressabo2@hotmail.com         |
| 4/06 | Upton      | Fall Cities RBA                               | Double All Breed<br>(O & Y) | Patti Byerley<br>fallcitiesshowsec@gmail.com    |
| 4/06 | Upton      | Kentucky Rex RBA                              | Rex (O)                     | Grant Trenery-Wells<br>wabbitwarriors@gmail.com |

## MICHIGAN

| DATE | LOCATION  | CLUB   | BREED                         | SECRETARY                            |
|------|-----------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3/30 | Mason     | <a href="#">Michigan State Satin and Mini Satin BA</a> | Satin & Mini Satin<br>(O & Y) | Holly Mercer<br>hollyfrogs@gmail.com |
| 3/30 | Mason     | <a href="#">Great Lakes Rabbit &amp; Cavy Shows</a>    | Double All Breed<br>(O & Y)   | Bryan Shirk<br>shirk_123@hotmail.com |
| 4/06 | Ewart     | <a href="#">Osceola Small Animal</a>                   | Double All Breed<br>(O & Y)   | Sherry Garrett<br>osceolasatin1@     |
| 4/13 | Kalamazoo | <a href="#">The Central MI RBA</a>                     | Double All Breed<br>(O & Y)   | Bryan Shirk<br>shirk_123@hotmail.com |

# OHIO

| DATE | LOCATION    | CLUB                                       | BREED                           | SECRETARY                                  |
|------|-------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 3/31 | Greenville  | <a href="#">Darke County 4-H Youth RR</a>  | Double All Breed (O & Y)        | Holly Daugherty<br>hollyjbohio@hotmail.com |
| 4/06 | Springfield | Heartland Area Rhinelander Enthusiast      | Rhinelander National (O & Y)    | Luke Vickrey<br>outlaw.goats@gmail.com     |
| 4/06 | Springfield | Heartland Area Rhinelander Enthusiast      | Rhinelander (O & Y)             | Luke Vickrey<br>outlaw.goats@gmail.com     |
| 4/06 | Springfield | Ohio Dutch Club                            | Dutch Double (O & Y)            | Lisa Kirk<br>lablover1996@yahoo.com        |
| 4/06 | Springfield | United Angora Club                         | Angora National (O & Y)         | fuzzibuttsrabbitryandcaviary@gmail.com     |
| 4/06 | Lisbon      | <a href="#">Penn-Ohio RBA</a>              | Double (O & Y)                  | Dawn Guth<br>bastetsbunnies@yahoo.com      |
| 4/06 | Lisbon      | Penn-Ohio RBA                              | Jersey Wooly (O & Y)            | Dawn Guth<br>bastetsbunnies@yahoo.com      |
| 4/06 | Lisbon      | Penn-Ohio RBA                              | New Zealand (O & Y)             | Dawn Guth<br>bastetsbunnies@yahoo.com      |
| 4/07 | Springfield | Ohio Dutch Club                            | Dutch Double (O & Y)            | Lisa Kirk<br>lablover1996@yahoo.com        |
| 4/07 | Springfield | <a href="#">Springfield R &amp; CBA</a>    | Double All Breed (O & Y)        | Dody Haughey<br>dody061662@yahoo.com       |
| 4/07 | Springfield | <a href="#">Ohio Flemish Giant RBA</a>     | Flemish Giant (O & Y)           | Poly Overmyer<br>polly.overmyer@gmail.com  |
| 4/07 | Springfield | Ohio Rex Club                              | Rex (O & Y)                     | Gary Bunch<br>coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com  |
| 4/13 | Canton      | American Beveren RC                        | Beveren National (O & Y)        | Meg Whitehouse<br>wwhiteh404@aol.com       |
| 4/13 | Canton      | American Beveren RC                        | Beveren (O & Y)                 | Meg Whitehouse<br>wwhiteh404@aol.com       |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Creme D`Argent Rabbit Federation           | Creme D`Argent National (O & Y) | Travis West<br>cremedargent@hotmail.com    |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Creme D`Argent Rabbit Federation           | Creme D`Argent (O & Y)          | Travis West<br>cremedargent@hotmail.com    |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Ohio Jersey Wooly RC                       | Jersey Wooly Double (O & Y)     | Lisa Bell<br>bertta10@yahoo.com            |
| 4/13 | Canton      | <a href="#">Portage County R &amp; CBA</a> | Double All Breed (O & Y)        | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com  |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Portage County R & CBA                     | Californian Double (O)          | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com  |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Portage County R & CBA                     | Flemish Giant Double (O)        | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com  |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Portage County R & CBA                     | Holland Lop Double (O & Y)      | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com  |
| 4/13 | Canton      | Portage County R & CBA                     | Lionhead Double (O & Y)         | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com  |

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| 4/13 | Canton   | Portage County R & CBA | Mini Lop Double (O & Y)    | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com |
| 4/13 | Canton   | Portage County R & CBA | Mini Rex Double (O & Y)    | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com |
| 4/13 | Canton   | Portage County R & CBA | New Zealand Double (O & Y) | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com |
| 4/13 | Canton   | Portage County R & CBA | Polish Double (O & Y)      | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com |
| 4/13 | Canton   | Portage County R & CBA | Lionhead Double (O & Y)    | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com |
| 4/14 | Canton   | Portage County R & CBA | Double All Breed (O & Y)   | Bonnie Saunier<br>bonniesaunier@gmail.com |
| 4/28 | Urbana   | Mad River R & CBA      | Double All Breed (O & Y)   | Hazel Everettes<br>hazel64@msn.com        |

# Somewhere in Time

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## **Rabbits and Income Taxes** **By: Leonard Biskie**

**I**n reading the pages of the rabbit magazines for many years, we have seen very little advice to the rabbit industry concerning the vital subject of Federal Income Taxes. The only time we did see any comment, the information given was incorrect.

If you enter the rabbit business as a hobby and have a profit, the gain is taxable as ordinary income. If, however, you show a loss on your hobby, the loss is not an allowable deduction. If on the other hand, you enter the rabbit business for profit and have a net gain for the year's operations, the profit therefrom is taxable income. If the operation results in a loss from a business operated for profit, the loss is deductible in full.

You must keep records reporting all sales

and expenses. We make it a practice to give numbered invoices for each sale. In addition, all expenditures are paid by check, or receipts are saved as substantiation. We expect to have our returns investigated yearly.

In a recent decision it was held that losses sustained in raising dogs were held deductible where the tax payer operated kennels for profit and not for personal reasons (Louis Hall and John P. Hall docket Nos. 37461, 40802, memorandum, U.S. Tax Court decision, opinion by Judge J. Murdock, taxable years 1947-1949). The matter whether your rabbit venture is "a hobby" or "a business" entered into for a profits based on your intentions. Do you really expect to make a profit? Do you advertise your stock? Do you have a meat trade? Do you operate your rabbitry as a prudent businessman would operate any business? Do you hold yourself out to the public as operating a rabbit business? Again, do you advertise?

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