

THE NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG BIRD RECORD

16:06 June 6, 1998

By Kemo Basic

On the morning of the Summer Series 1, after checking the bands with my timer David Dean, I took the birds out in the backyard and waited until 4:37 A.M. to release them. The sky was cloudy and we could see the birds flying as a kit and going to North.

At 5:50 A.M. the birds showed up and from then on they passed by every 15-20 min. making it an easy kit to time. It was an unusually cold day (40 degrees) for the Summer Series I, but the birds loved it.

At 11 A.M. Walter Wiechec came by, he stayed for a few minutes and noted that it was "a nice kit of young birds".

By noon it was not as cold (50 degrees) when Harry Smith came. The birds were high and Harry remarked, "the kit is flying in a beautiful style". Harry was impressed with the height they flew at this point.

By 3 o'clock in the afternoon the temperature was around 60 degrees, still cloudy with occasional showers or sprinkles with a light wind from the North at up to 10mph. The kit was in a flying mode and did not even once "look or break".

At 13.5 hours on the wings, Walter came back with Bobby Dunseith. Bobby's one of the top Irish Tippler men visiting relatives in Toronto area. Bobby taped the kit for a few minutes and observed

that "it is a strong kit of youngsters".

At 15 hrs on the wings, raking was shorter (5-10 min.) but they still were not "looking".

Irish birds are rather difficult to drop. They were not trained to the dark. I had to release the droppers as soon as possible in order to get them before the dark. At 8:41 PM it was "time" to release the droppers but I had to wait until 8:43 PM for the birds to show up.

The first bird (the Silver cock) came down after 7 minutes, the second bird (the Dun hen) came down after 12 min. and the third bird (the Blue Barred cock) came down after a very long 14 min. The bands were checked and I thanked David Dean for his kindness. My son video taped the last hour of the fly; a wonderful event. It is very interesting to watch the birds come to the coop one by one. At 73 days old, after flying 16 hours

and 6 minutes, a new North American Young Bird Record, the physical and mental condition of these birds was amazing.

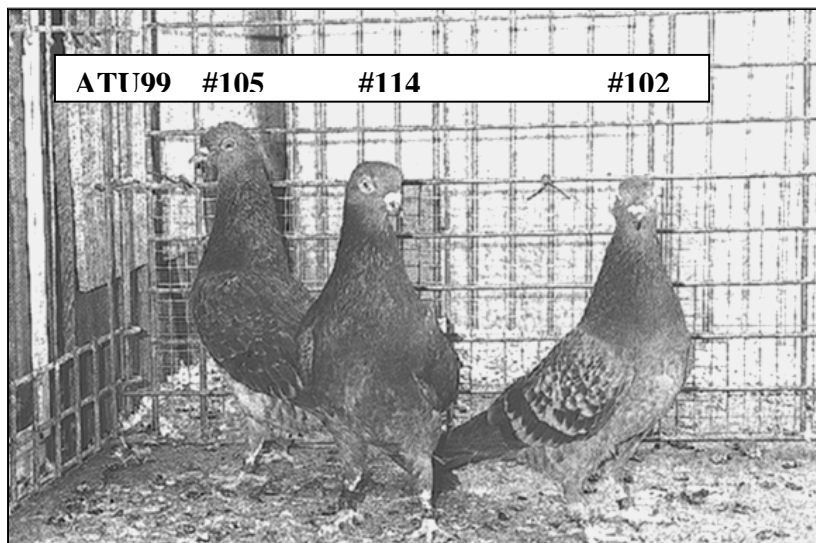
These birds were bred through Harry Shannon's strain. They are mostly Blue Barred, Duns, Silver Grizzles, Blue checks, Dun Checks and Bronze Grizzles. In August of 1996, I got 4 pairs from Tom Rankin. They were bred directly from the imports. "Young Tippler Training and Feeding" by Harry Shannon was published in the *CNTU*, *FTA*, *FTS* and *DTU*.

This is the program that I used. I would like to thank Walter Wiechec, Harry Smith, Bobby Dunseith, Harry Shannon, Oskar Zovic, Luka Kapac, Nino Bugeja, Tom Rankin, David Dean..... for their support. *Kemo*



Blue FTA98-1261 Silver FTA98-1273 Dun FTA98-

Kemo's NA Young Bird Champions flown 16:06 in 1998



North American Young Bird Champions 1999

Bob Adams' Young Bird Champions, flown 16:15 on June 20 to better Kemo's 1998 time of 16:06. Released at 4:37am to 8:52pm.