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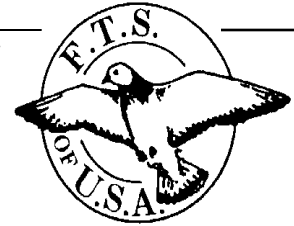
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NEW FTS MEMBERS

We welcome Tippler Fanciers: **Ray Crowder**, Yuba City, CA; **Enid Alihodzic**, St Louis, MO; **Mark Roberts**, Afton, OH; **Charles Elbeck**, Annapolis, MD; **Tyree Rogers**, Baltimore, MD; **Sam Dammio**, Arlington, TX; **Amandeep Singh**, Berryville, VA and welcome back to **Nico Rizo**, Jupiter, FL; **George Drndarski**, Tustin, CA.

FAT AND THE BREEDING SEASON

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For a number of fanciers the

eliminate so-called 'internal fat' from pigeons. I feel that this comment may reflect some general misunderstanding of the important role of fat.

Firstly, it is a key source of energy in the production of heat and very importantly, it is the major fuel for the breast muscles during a race. Fat also provides insulation during cold weather, which is a more efficient method of providing and conserving heat than the constant and more costly use of shivering to create heat. It is also the carrier of the important fat-soluble vitamins - A, D, E and K. Fat is also needed in the production of the egg yolk as a source of fuel for the developing embryo.

2010 FLY SCHEDULE

SPRING SERIES

The Open	April 10-11
1st Spring	April 24-25
2nd Spring	May 8-9
3rd Spring	May 22-23

SUMMER SERIES

1st Summer	June 5-6
Long Day	June 19-20
3rd Summer	June 26-27

FALL SERIES

1st Fall	September 4-5
2nd Fall	September 18-19
3rd Fall	October 2-3
Stock Fly	October 10-11
or	October 17-18

It is difficult to understand why fanciers want to completely elimi-



Left to right, Nash Milic, President, FTS and Maceo Price, Sr. Eastern Vice President with his 1st place 2009 Fly Season trophy cup 'n diploma at the Lancaster, PA Pigeon show, in January this year.

breeding season will begin in a few weeks to produce youngsters ready to band in the early days of the New Year. As the breeding, and later the flying seasons approach, I am often struck by the apparently common view of some fanciers that it is highly important to completely

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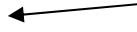
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nate fat from the system. It is an important tissue with key functions, as just noted. For example, in my mind the complete elimination of 'internal fat' would be similar to draining the gasoline from the fuel tank of the family car prior to a trip - which of course is nonsense. Like the gasoline in a car, some fat reserves in the body cavity are absolutely essential in providing a ready source of fuel for routine daily life as well as for later prolonged flight on race day. Fat reserves are built up rapidly in the days prior to shipping to a race through the use of mainly high carbohydrate grains like com, etc., and perhaps some high sources

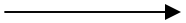
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At the Lancaster, PA Pigeon Show in January, President Nash Milic, Yul Foster with his 2nd place 2009 fly season award 'n Eastern Vice President Maceo Price, Sr. handing off Yul's diploma. All three having a lot of fun as you can see.



Our new Central Timer Michael Murphy, Jr. getting his 3rd place cup and diploma from Nash 'n Maceo.



The guys serving up a cup and diploma to Deltin Parker for his 4th place in the 2009 season at the Lancaster, PA Pigeon show.



Charles Samuel, in the corner, below with his cup and big smile, Nash, Quintin Nore, Sr. , and Maceo handing off trophy cup to Quintin

