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Calendar of Events

February 12, 2011 - Magnolia State RBA - Double Open/Double Youth - Collins, Mississippi - Marge Drake, Secretary
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March 12, 2011 – LRBA Annual State Show – Raceland, LA – Gwen Himel, Secretary
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March 19, 2011 – Iowa Rabbit Festival – Iowa, LA – Lori Neagle, Secretary
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April 9, 2011 - Southern Show - Baker, Louisiana - Ariana St. Pierre, Secretary
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Memorial Day Weekend Show – May 27, 2011 - Single Open/Single Youth

May 28, 2011 - Double Open/Double Youth Church Point, LA

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From the desk of the LRBA President

Hello fellow rabbit hobby enthusiasts. This LRBA rabbit show season is one for the record books. We have had many more entries this year than we have had in recent years. I continue to see more and more exhibitors joining our hobby. We have had more all breed shows sanctioned by the LRBA this year than any year since I began showing rabbits and we still have several shows to look forward to. Most of the local clubs have already held their annual rabbit shows, but we still have the Iowa Rabbit Festival coming up on March 19th as well as two shows to be put on by LRBA, Inc.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to exhibit your rabbits at the upcoming shows to be put on by LRBA, Inc. On April 2nd LRBA will be putting on a show at Southern University. Southern University does pay premiums to the winners in the youth show and also pays some nice prices for the winners in the meat pen class.

On Memorial Day weekend, the LRBA, Inc. will be hosting a big triple show in Church Point. Lori Neagle has been hard at work on this project. She has hired 5 judges from out of state. This project went off really nicely the last two years and this year it should be even better. We will have an indoor facility with air conditioning. We have two judges coming in to judge from California as well as two from Ohio and one from Texas. This should be a really nice event.

I want to take this opportunity to make a point. All LRBA sanctioned rabbit shows are held in accordance with ARBA rules. One ARBA rule states that at all youth rabbit shows the rabbits are to be put on the table by a youth. At a recent show one of the parents asked me about this. When I looked at the show table, there were so many adults putting rabbits on the table that I thought it was the open show. People please follow this rule and have only youth putting rabbits on the table to be

judged in the youth shows, it is not just a good idea, **it is an ARBA rule.**

I know that at this time the LRBA annual meeting seems a long way off, but it is time for anyone wanting to propose a change to the Constitution & By-Laws to get their proposal in written form. Remember that any proposed change must be submitted to the Secretary 45 days prior to the Annual State Meeting. The exact date of the annual meeting as well as it's location is still being discussed at this time, so be sure to read the May newsletter for that information.

As you read this article, may all of you have nest boxes full of potential winners. Good luck and may God bless.

Lynn Hebert, LRBA President

From the Desk of the Vice-President:

Hope everyone is surviving the cold of winter. The State Show in Raceland on March 12th is just around the corner. Our judges will be Briony Barnes from Kansas, Tom Green from Kentucky and Lee Engel from Louisiana. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Kevin LeBlanc, LRBA Vice President

From the Secretary's Desk

With the season halfway through, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great Show season. We have had a huge amount of new members join this year and I hope to see them around for many years to come. We have also had a lot of old members lapse in membership this year and I am still hoping they decide to join again. I am including a list of members that have lapsed in their membership and also those whose membership is almost due in hopes that we don't lose anyone else.

Members up for Renewal:

Roy & Dawn Brammer	Jun-10
Linda Brown	Jun-10
Rachel Granberry	Jul-10
Floyd & Charmaine Rudolph	Jul-10
Brent Vidrine (Y)	Jul-10
Chris Borne	Aug-10
James & Liane Baird	Sept-10
Mallory Nicholson (Y)	Sept-10
Kevin, Tiffany, Kevin, & Breigh Buteaux	Oct- 10
Frank & Agnes Still, & Brittney & Brianna Gauthier	Oct- 10
Todd & Karen & Tyler Walden	Oct- 10
Cameron Wedgeworth (Y)	Oct- 10

James Bynum & Tyson Dempsey &
Abby Beaumgardner Nov- 10

Orise Cormier, Jr. & Andie Johnson
Nov- 10

Ali Dixon (Y)	Nov- 10
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Emily Stidd (Y)	Nov- 10
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Roger & Jo Ellen Carr Dec- 10

Lester Foreman Dec- 10

Ronnie & Mary Ellen Hopson
Dec- 10

Ryan & Aaron Helms (Y) Jan- 11

Randy, Jan, Ethan, & Randi Smith
Jan- 11

Bruce, Sheila, & Jessie Spillers
Jan- 11

Charles Pruitt Jan- 11

Tammy Lloid Feb- 11

Alyssa Lloid (Y) Feb- 11

Jessica Paddie (Y) Feb- 11

Shecky Carriere Feb- 11

Joey, Peggy, Matthew, & Mayomi
Gardemal Feb- 11

If anyone needs to contact me about his or her membership, please call my new number (337) 380-7693.

Amy Lukaszewski

LRBA Secretary

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*** * MEMBERS NEEDED * ***

South Mississippi RBA needs new members as there is only about 6 members left. If they do not get more members, they will not be able to hold another show. The SMRBA also needs members who are willing to help put on and run the show. The prospective members do not have to live in Mississippi. Anyone can contact me for more information at my email:
tntscountrycritters@hotmail.com

Thanks,
Tracey Freeman

I hope this article finds everyone with a barn full of bunnies! Hopefully you didn't have the problems we had with the cold weather. We lost several litters to the freezing weather. It never fails that our bunnies are due during storms, freezes, etc.... But when the weather is nice, no one is due! LOL! The joys of raising bunnies!

I know we're trying to get rabbits for convention. It will be my first time ever! I'm planning on going.... with or without bunnies!

I wanted to invite everyone to our show in Iowa, Louisiana on March 19th. It's held in conjunction with the Iowa Rabbit Festival. If you've never been to the Festival you should drop by. They have rides, music, a rabbit

queen, and lots of rabbit! There's a lot of good eating at the Festival! If you're not a rabbit eater, that's ok. They serve regular food too! LOL!

The Iowa Rabbit Festival show will be a single open/youth. We do a single so our exhibitors who want to enjoy the festival can. We will serve concessions, but not lunches. There are a lot of restaurants in the area as well as at the Festival, so no one will go hungry!

We're also going to try to get some Festival T-shirts to sell at the show. If anyone is interested in a T-shirt, please contact me at calmart01@aol.com or call 225-921-8014. The T-shirts are normally \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Keep your nest boxes full!
God Bless!

Shirley Rome
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FROM THE CLRBA

In November the CLRBA helped out with the very first Red River Rumble in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Rumble was an opportunity for 4-Hers to show their rabbits. After the Rumble we decided to host a rabbit clinic to help youth prepare to show their rabbits. So in January we held a workshop for local youth. Topics covered were tattooing, ear mites, grooming, showmanship, and a rabbit quiz. The workshop was well attended and the youth seemed interested in learning to care for their rabbits. Response to the rabbit show and workshop was so good (and we had fun!) the club decided to help out with another youth and 4H show the first weekend of May. We are also planning a workshop in September.

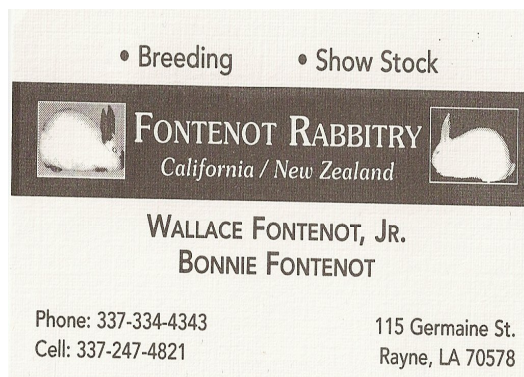
Collette Waters, CLRBA Secretary

SPRING FLING YOUTH- 4H SHOW



May 7, 2011 at the LSU-A Barn in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Check in is at 8:00 a.m. with the show beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Tammy Lloid is show secretary



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IN REMEMBRANCE

Guy & Ethel Leger

Guy & Ethel Leger were called home in December, 2010. They were married for 62 years and lived in Lake Charles since 1946.

Guy served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He worked thirty-two years at Cities Service, retiring as a supervisor. Ethel was a homemaker and especially skilled at cooking and gardening. The family enjoyed breeding and raising rabbits. Guy was an ARBA judge for over forty years. He was the first inductee into the LRBA Hall of Fame and received the ARBA Distinguished Service Award.

Guy & Ethel devoted their lives to family, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They will be missed.



Bobby Walker

LRBA member and ARBA Judge Bobby Walker of Boles, AR passed away on January 11, 2011. Bobby and family started breeding and showing rabbits in 1976 with French Lops and Rex. He raised Rex for over 25 years and in 1992 got the Mini Rex. After becoming an ARBA judge in 1997, Bobby judged in over 35 states and showed in 26 straight conventions.

He loved to work with the youth and youth shows were his favorite to judge. He enjoyed telling jokes while he judged and making the show a fun time. Bobby loved to attend shows in Louisiana and enjoy the culture, people and food. Remember him with fond memories

Remember this is a donation to benefit the youth of your state. All donations are deeply appreciated.

Note: We are donating the organ. We are not responsible for transportation of the organ in any form.

The Vincent Family, Krazy Kajun's Bunny Farm, is donating and auctioning an antique organ to benefit the LRBA Youth Scholarship Fund. This will be a silent auction.

Please send all bids to Ariana St. Pierre at aarabbitry@gmail.com or call her at 985-677-1298.

As far as history on the piece, it was acquired from Mrs. D.C. Jones. The organ was brought from the northeast United States and belonged to her in-laws. At the time the Vincent family acquired it from Mrs. Jones around the year 2000, Mrs. Jones believed it was approximately 100 years old. It still plays somewhat, unfortunately, the leather baffles are worn out and need to be changed. It is approximately 5 feet by 2 feet.

The organ will need to be picked up from our home located in Coteau, LA which is approximately 20 minutes south of Lafayette, LA within one (1) month of the end of auction. If it is not picked up within 1 month, the next bidder will be awarded the organ.

The winner will be announced at the LRBA State Show on March 12, 2001.





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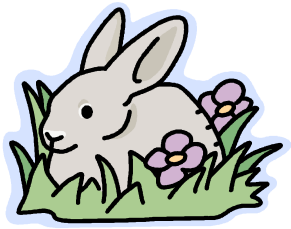
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