

"THE MAKINGS OF A CLUB"

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Will it work? Should we try it? Is it time? Etc. Etc. All these questions pass ones mind whenever you're about to take a new undertaking. The month of May 1992 brought all of the new members together for the first time. Everyone was bubbling with enthusiasm for the start of a new club! Things discussed for the new club included rules, regulations and by-laws. No doubt the by-laws will find change with the passing of time, but certainly something to build on at the present time. The driving force behind all of this is Jim Lutz of Wisconsin Rapids.

He called me on one winter day and asked me if I'd stand by his side and help out in some way if called upon in starting a new flying roller club! My answer to that question of course was a great big YES. The very thought had crossed my mind many a time and was just waiting for the time to be right.

Being one of the original founders of the "WISCONSIN BALDHEAD ROLLER CLUB" I felt I could offer something in getting the new club off the ground. We have taken ideas from several different flying roller clubs and put them together into a package which will form our new "WISCONSIN FLYING ROLLER CLUB!"

In our first competition fly we went on the one-two system. That was in September with 11 young birds flying for 15 minutes. Now I could rattle on who had the best kit and who had the worst etc. What is most important is that we did get together having the same interests at hand, enjoying one another's company, promoting and learning more about our wonderful performing rollers!

In the future we will build on our friendships, knowledge of putting a good kit of birds in the air that can perform with velocity, style and frequency!! Our main goal is to just have fun and make this club fun to belong to.

Jim has really gone out of his way to make this club work. It hasn't been easy at times and mistakes will be made, but we will learn together and do the things it takes to help make the new club run smoother and easier. Jim does deserve a round of applause for getting 11 new members rounded up and all the hard work he has put into the club up to this point. Also we have Marc Dailey from Marshfield who has given a helping hand in many ways. To these gentlemen, the club members would like to give a heartfelt "THANK YOU!"

Until next time keep them rollers flyin' and a spinnin'!!!!