

PETA ON THE LOOSE

Since my last report on PETA, PETA and other radical animal rights groups have really been on the rampage. Here are some examples:

Just outside of Winnipeg, Canada, a pick-up loaded with 70 Show rabbits was stolen. These animals were then "liberated" into the wild. Only one rabbit survived, but had to be euthanized due to extensive predator injuries. Cage-raised domestic animals, the most pampered of all in most cases, are definitely not suited to life in the wild. PETA was suspected for perpetrating this caper, but the link was never proven.

Other animal Rights groups have been known to do some really stupid things as well. One group actually purchased a bunch of live lobsters from the store and released them into the ocean. There is certainly nothing illegal about that, except this particular group bought Maine lobsters in California and released them into the Pacific ocean. The lobsters were condemned to die when they did that.

At a rodeo last year, a group of animal rights terrorists cut the fences and released all the horses and bulls onto a busy main road. One person's jeep was totaled when a herd of frightened horses just completely ran over the jeep. Over \$100,000 in damage was done to a local country club golf course, crops and residential yards. Several of the horses road foundered (feet very damaged from galloping on pavement) and one was gored by a bull. It was amazing that none perished in this insane act.

One reader wrote to tell me that she was in a vet's waiting room and picked up an animal rights magazine in which there was a letter to the editor regarding some woman who lived in the country and kept having her house cats disappear. The editor told her that wild animals, coyotes, raccoons, etc., would not eat another animal because they only ate insects, therefore people were stealing her cats to make coats out of them. This is just another example of the lies told by animal rights groups. Coyotes and raccoons will most definitely eat other animals.

PETA claims that raising poultry is basically enslaving animals. They are correct that raising poultry is slavery, but the birds aren't the slaves. After all, who cleans up after who? Who buys the food and sets it before whom? Who loses sleep to make sure everyone stays safe at night? My chickens certainly don't want PETA messing with the deal they got.

Lastly, and most recently, PETA tried to use advertising billboards in cattle country to falsely claim that eating meat will cause impotence. Fortunately, the facts do not support PETA's conclusion and the billboard companies refused to run the ad when they realized its content. Because riding bicycles is also rumored to cause impotence, one billboard executive said that if he had to choose, he'd rather eat a steak. PETA routinely makes use of beautiful models to make their lies seem more believable, but they have met their match when it comes to a good steak.



Refreshments for the Meetings

August	Pat Myerscough
September	Rose Greggs
October	Maryann Van Heusen
November	Laura Perryman
December	Christmas Party

Please notify Mike Robinson if you will be needing the club's hotplate for your refreshments. Also, kindly label any dishes that contain chicken as a courtesy to those who don't eat it.

July Meeting

by Lee Salmon

The last club meeting was held July 23, 1999. Arvis Okerson filled in for Maryann Van Heusen as secretary. For those of you who missed this meeting, we had a great guest speaker, Richie Maychek. We have been trying to get him for a long time. Mr Maychek is on the Fair Board of Directors and head of the Farm Bureau here in Palm Beach County. Arvis has really been cooking lately with all these wonderful speakers. At our coming August meeting we will entertain nominations for club officers. We also need to start planning our October In-Club poultry show. Members interested in the new poultry Showmanship contest should contact Lee at 686 4774, for additional information. We want to thank Arvis for refreshments at the last meeting. If all goes well I hope to have recycling expert at the next meeting complete with games (recycling Bingo, etc.). That's all for now, see you in August.

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PBCPFA T-shirts, excellent quality, beautiful logo. Assorted sizes are available for \$10.00 Contact Richard Greggs (561) 433-8157. Don't be chicken, get yours today.

Chickens for sale. Various breeds, ages, and prices. We also have live meat birds. Call Richard or Linda Wright at Heavenly Acres: 561-793-5696.

Rhode Island Chicks will be available mid September. Contact Richard Greggs at (561) 433-8157.

FOR LOAN OR RENT:

Don't let your flock fall victim to predators! The poultry club owns a trap that members may use free of charge. To reserve your time to use the trap, contact our Property Manager, Richard Greggs, at (561) 433-8157.

WANTED:

Newsletter articles for the PBCPFA newsletter. The deadline is the fourth Friday of the previous month. Submit articles to the editor by mail, Email, or in person at the meeting.

Crowing Long Distance

When a rooster crows at night, he can be heard for a mile. When other roosters hear him, they too will crow. In effect, roosters have had their own cellular communication network since ancient times. People, on the other hand, have to rely on telephones and long distance carriers for their non-local communication.

You probably have seen some of those new TV ads asking you to dial 10-10-this or 10-10-that. Dialing the right code can save you money, but dialing the wrong code can cost you a bundle.

Take 10-10-220, for example, with this code you get to talk for up to 20 minutes for 99 cents. It may sound appealing, but what if you get an answering machine and are only connected for a minute? You still pay 99 cents.

The most heavily advertised code is 10-10-321. When they first introduced this code, the rates were more than just about everybody else. Now they are 16 cents a minute for calls 10 minutes or less and 8 cents a minute for calls over 10 minutes.

Recently, a newcomer has been advertising the code 10-10-345. With this code, calls are 10 cents a minute, but there is a 10 cent per call connection fee.

However, all in all, the best rate for occasional callers comes from 10-10-811. These people charge only 10 cents a minute for all calls any time of day, to anywhere in the US - including your home state. This is an important distinction in that many others charge a premium for in-state calls. The only catch with 10-10-811 is that calls must be a minimum of 3 minutes so the smallest charge per call is 30 cents.

For heavy users, you can get 5 cents a minute 24 hours a day, in and out of state, by dialing the prefix code 10-10-636. Like the 10-10-811 plan above, this plan has a minimum charge of 5 minutes per call. However, a major drawback to this plan is that there is a monthly fee of \$5. No other prefix code that I have listed so far has a monthly fee except this one. Therefore, if you use this prefix to call somebody and talk for only one minute, you will be billed \$5.25, but if you talk 200 minutes, you will be billed only \$15. Under the 10-10-811 plan, the one minute call would be 30 cents and the 200 minute call would be \$20.00.

It is interesting to note that the big boys, AT&T, MCI, and Sprint, are conspicuously missing from this report. This is because none of them have decent enough rates to be worth mentioning. The exception is MCI's 1-800-COLLECT number. When using this toll free number to make collect calls after 7 PM, the person you call will only pay about 10 cents a minute. The catch is that they can be charged up to \$2 to connect the call. This may sound like a lot, but it turns out that it is still much cheaper than their closest competitor, AT&T, who can charge as much as double that amount using their 1-800-CALL-ATT number. You shouldn't let slick commercials make your decisions, but in this case, AT&T's rates are just as annoying as their advertising.

So the bottom line is that the prefix code 10-10-811 is best for low use callers and the 10-10-636 prefix code is best for those that talk long distance for over 100 minutes a month. 1-800-COLLECT is the best for collect calls.

Women's Lib Invades Henhouse

These days, it is not uncommon for a woman to work right up until a week before she has a baby and then return to work the following week with the child in day care. Well, it seems that some hens are joining this new trend.

Bunny Maddox has one such hen. Her Australorp was sitting on a bunch of eggs that were laid at different times. One day, the hen brought five babies to the front door and pecked on it. Ms. Maddox opened the door, picked up the chicks, and put them in the brooder. The hen went back to sit on the rest of the eggs.

Two days later, the hen brought one more chick to the front door which was also put in the brooder. The hen went back to sit on the eggs again.

A few days later, the mother hen brought two more and went back to the nest and stood there clucking. Ms. Maddox picked up those two and went over to the nest and there were two more freshly hatched chicks. She also picked those up and the hen went right back to sitting on the rest of the eggs.

The hen finally brought Ms. Maddox the last two chicks to put in the brooder. There were a dozen chicks in all. Apparently, this Australorp hen has no problems setting on the eggs, but she really puts her foot down when it comes to who's going to raise them.



The Preacher Who Laid an Egg

by Rev. Warren Keating

The wife of an old preacher in Kansas was afraid to fly, but finally summoned the courage to take a flight to Florida to visit her daughter. At the airport she handed her husband a letter. On the envelope she had written, "Open only in case of a crash."

When he returned home, the old preacher couldn't resist the temptation and opened the letter. The letter said: "If there is a crash, look under our bed. You'll find a box. Open the box."

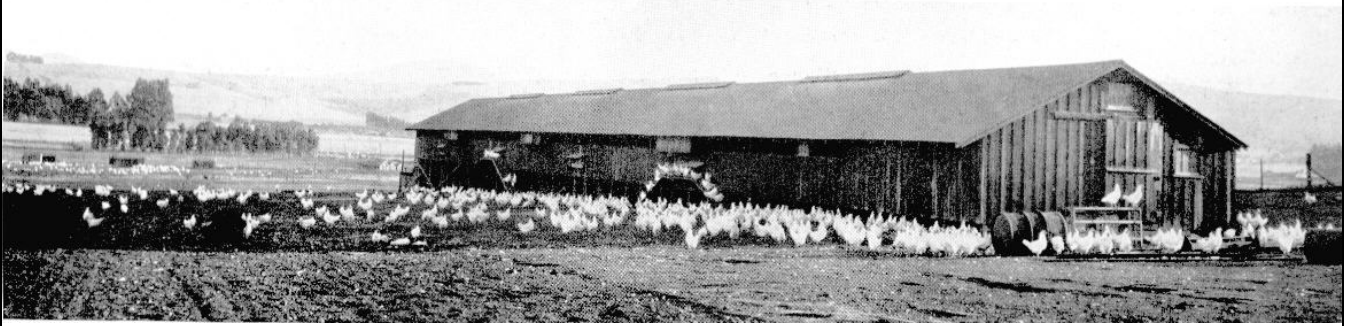
He looked under the bed, opened the box, and found three eggs and a large stack of \$100 bills. He was mystified. When his wife returned intact from Florida, the old preacher confessed that curiosity had gotten the best of him and he had opened both the envelope and box. "But, honey, I don't understand," he said. "Why the three eggs and the \$100 bills?"

"Well, honey," she replied. "When you first started preaching, every time you laid an egg and preached a poor sermon, I'd put an egg in the box."

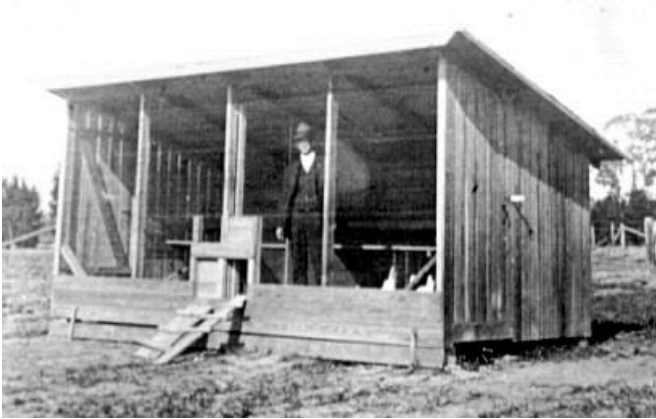
"All these years I've preached and I got only three eggs!" he said. "That's not too bad. But I still don't understand the stack of \$100 bills."

"When you get a dozen, you gotta sell," she said.

Coops of Yesteryear



Above, a 1927 commercial henhouse in Petaluma, CA with 2,000 white leghorns. Below, various henhouses from all over.



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