

# Colorado State Mini Lop Club



The Voice of the Membership

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## Colorado State Mini Lop Club Specialty Show Saturday/Sunday, February 17-18, 2007 Loveland, Colorado

The first Mini Lop specialty for 2007 will be at the RMHS Convention and show in Loveland hosted by Long's Peak RBA. It is unknown at this time if the Mini Lop Specialty will be on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> or on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Show Secretary for Open and Youth is: Laurie Hauska. The Open Superintendent is Daniel Barrett; the Youth Superintendent is Marian Katz. We have our ARBA sanction in place now. Our incoming secretary-treasurer Kathleen Roesti and Marian will work together to get the other sanctions ordered in due time.

**(Entry form on last page of newsletter)**

2007 Mini Lop National  
April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
Shepherdsville, KY  
[See website for details](#)

### 2007 Officers:

President: Lee  
Katz Vice President :

Daniel Barrett  
Secretary/Treasurer:

Kathleen  
Roesti

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Brian Allen

Marian Katz  
Erin

Shipton  
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Katz

Alternate: Marian  
Katz

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Ellen Higgins

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Deanne Stricker

From our past President:

Colorado State Mini Lop Club had yet another wonderful year. I was honored to fulfill the role of President of such a great club and group of people and unfortunately with all of my other duties, now including President of Pikes Peak RBA, I'll have to pass the hat. It is in great hands with the upcoming Executives & Directors. As part of a successful year the club put on some wonderful Mini Lop Specialty shows, and it was nice seeing so many new people getting involved as well as seeing so many new members over the past year. We also got a new mascot, who was worthy of being on the show table, as shown in our Fall newsletter! The addition of having a Show Director (Lee Katz) was a great idea in putting together the shows, organizing table help and making things run smoothly. Ellen Higgins has done an outstanding job in taking on the newsletter, and Lee & Marian Katz really make this club "tick".

We now look toward jointly putting together the Colorado State Convention in 2008. Both CSMLC and PPRBA have wonderful people, talents and ideas to make this happen and I'm sure that this will be one to remember! I'll continue to support CSMLC in my new role as Director and to continue to help promote and enhance the Mini Lop breed. Thanks to everyone who made this such a wonderful ride throughout the year!

"Friendship, Fellowship & Family through our Furry Friends"

Best Regards,  
**Brian Allen (CSMLC President 2006)**

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From our Show Coordinator:

Hi All:

With the holidays fast approaching, I wanted to wish you all the happiest of the season. Also, I ask you to put the first specialty show for us on your schedule. It will be in Loveland on Feb 17 and 18. We need to have every member participate as our numbers are down. If you plan on it now, you will be ready to go. We look for all your support during this weekend. A lot will be happening, youth royalty, judging teams, and more. Our new officers will take over January 1st and it should be a fun year. Please renew your memberships and check our web site for entry forms and other info. Let's make 2007 a banner year for our club.

Sincerely,  
**Lee Katz, Show Coordinator**

**Congratulations to Deane Stricker who was the winner of the FACTS ABOUT RABBITS Contest!**

# ARBA Convention News



## GOOD TO BE HOME, Y'ALL!

By Marian Katz

A week on the road and at the Convention Center in Fort Worth makes a person glad to be home again. Kansas temperature today is pushing 70 degrees as we are homeward bound.

**\*\*The rest of this commentary is going to be retrospective\*\***

Fort Worth was easy to get around—that is after several “learning experiences” in finding ourselves. We passed up Billy Bob’s but I guess we were the only ones I know who did. Nevertheless we did get spend Saturday afternoon and evening at the Stockyards and Rodeo. The Convention Center was large and spacious with plenty of room between the “stacks”. Made loading, unloading, feeding, etc., much easier. There were about 700 Mini Lops in the Open and about 400 in the Youth. The greatest news is that our own Mathew Stevenson got Best Opposite of Breed with his broken senior doe. He also placed a bunch of bunnies in the top twenty in other classes. Brianna Allen place several bunnies in the top Twenty; Cassidy/Ryan Younggren had one in the top twenty as well as Carrie Stricker who also placed a bunny in the top twenty. Check out the RMHS website to see how youth members did in the Youth judging, Breed ID, etc.

<http://www.geocities.com/rmhsclub/>

The youth members did such a great job, don't you think??

I wish I could report the open contingent did as well, but I can't. Julie Brown placed one bunny in the top 25 and we placed 2 in the top 25. That's it. The Mini Lop Banquet and awards presentation was on Wednesday night. The ARBA Youth Banquet was at the same time—too bad so many events scheduled at the same time.

**Sights and sounds along the way**—The Friday night radio fare was a different high school football game on almost every station—starting in Eastern Colorado all the way to Fort Worth. We certainly got a lot of unneeded information on Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas political candidates on the radio, TV and bill boards.

Lots of big blue sky with mare's tails clouds and jet trails making for some interesting designs and shapes. I have to mention a simply stunning sunset and sunrise in Oklahoma—not a mountain in sight.

Along the road, fields of hay bales, some scattered herds of antelopes and lots of cattle. Every now and then –seems like in every small town on the plains –grain elevators towered over the

landscape like solitary sentinels. Holding everything all together was the ever-present broken white line leading us home.

**MY MOST EXCITING MOMENT???:** Being at the Mini Lop Youth judging with Mathew (and Laurie ) when his doe was chosen Best Opposite of Breed.



## A Conversation with Brianna Allen

-- Marian Katz--

I am talking with Brianna who is Youth District 4 Breeder of the Year. This is an award given by the Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America and it is based on the greatest number of quality points in MLRCA sanctioned shows.. Brianna received a jacket for her award, and I am sure you will see her wearing it at the shows. Brianna also placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the MLRCA National Sweepstakes Youth Points.

At the ARBA Convention in Fort Worth, Brianna also participated in the team judging. Cassidy Younggreen was also a member of this team as well. I know it was a long day for these girls waiting their turns to judge—and tiring, too.

Brianna received a callback in the ARBA Individual Judging. During this round she had to judge 4 classes. She did really well with 16 states competing as 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up in the Junior Division of the Individual Judging Competition. The Cavies gave her lots of trouble in the Breed ID Contest.

In the youth show, Brianna had 2 bunnies in the top ten of the class. She told me that it was very competitive. And she gives congratulations to Mathew Stevenson for winning Best Opposite of Breed.

As you probably heard, the huge trailer with the youth awards that was parked outside the convention center was stolen along with all the youth awards. So Brianna and all the other youth winners will have to wait to get their awards. Replacements are being prepared by ARBA.

Not everything was long, tiring, tragic, disappointing, etc, --playing in the elevator at the Hilton was a great distraction. And the trip home was fun when the whole family and some friends stopped at Arbuckle Safari, a petting zoo in Oklahoma.

I know we are all proud of Brianna and her achievements as well as all of her hard work and dedication to the Mini Lop Breed.

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 **Next issue:** Interview with Mathew Stevenson, MLRCA District 1 Youth Breeder of the Year.

**Mark your Calendars: Pike's Peak Mini Lop Specialty Show, Castle Rock, 3/31/07**

## \*Member's Page\*

### New Members:



Rebecca Pepper and "Godzilla"

Please Welcome!

Julie Brown.....Farmington, NM

Pokey and Barb Green.....Holdrege, NE

Tara Harris.....Karval, CO

Johanna Klein.....Avondale, CO

Marlin, Kelli and Dustin Kuna.....Ault, CO

Rebecca and Amanda Pepper.....Karval, CO

Teri Peterson.....Platteville, CO

Kelly, Scott, Cassidy and Ryan Younggreen.....Brighton, CO



Dustin, Kelli, and Marlin Kuna

*Congratulations to Kate Bonnet on her wedding November 27, 2006! We wish her luck on her move to Nebraska.....*

## RMHS Convention 2008—PPRBA/CSMLC Co-Hosts

by Marian Katz

- ✚ **Judges:** I have been working with Brian and Diana Allen on getting judges for the 2008 Convention. After a selection process involving both Boards: here are the results:  
Randy Schumaker, David Cardinal, Cathy Czyhulda, Anna and Ruth Dapper.  
This is fairly firm or as firm as we can be at this time.
- ✚ **Hospitality Committee:** I am on the hospitality committee and I have asked Deanne and Carrie Stricker and Diana Allen to complete the committee.
- ✚ **Education:** I have notified Mike Peacock, president of RMHS that according to the Convention Guidelines he needs to appoint a 3 RMHS members to work with the clubs liaison (meaning me) to plan an education program for the Convention. There will be a RMHS Board Meeting at the January 13 show in Henderson and the Education Plan for 2008 is on the agenda. Will keep you posted on who the appointees are.
- ✚ **Facility Committee:** Lee Katz and Dave Herrington have been working on the site selection and related matters. The show will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at Castle Rock in the Big Arena—(not where we have been having Pike's Peak shows.)
- ✚ **Show dates:** March 1&2, 2008.
- ✚ **Committees:** There will be lots of workers needed to make this show a success. And there will be something every one of us members of CSMLC can do either in the show planning or at the actual show itself.



