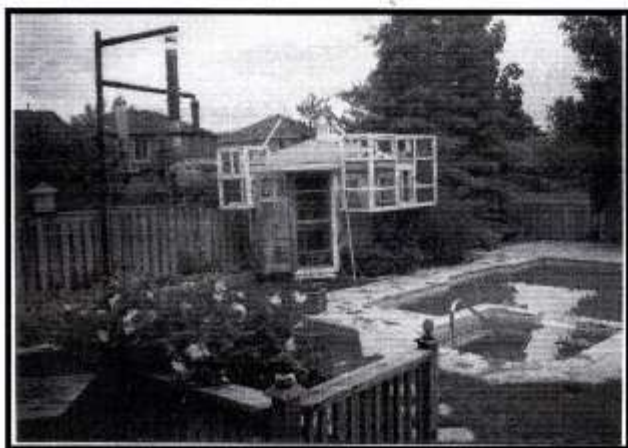


The Quest With the Leftovers

On June 21, 2003 Nino Bugeja flew a kit of youngsters for 16 hours and 33 minutes for a North American Young Bird Record. A few weeks prior to the Long Day this same kit turned in a time of 13:00 and 16:13. So we asked Nino to give us some highlights of this record-breaking day and some info about the team. Here is what he had to say:

There was no wind as Oskar and I tossed the kit into the dark to begin the race known as the Long Day to all of us Flyboys.



The Loft – Nino's setup

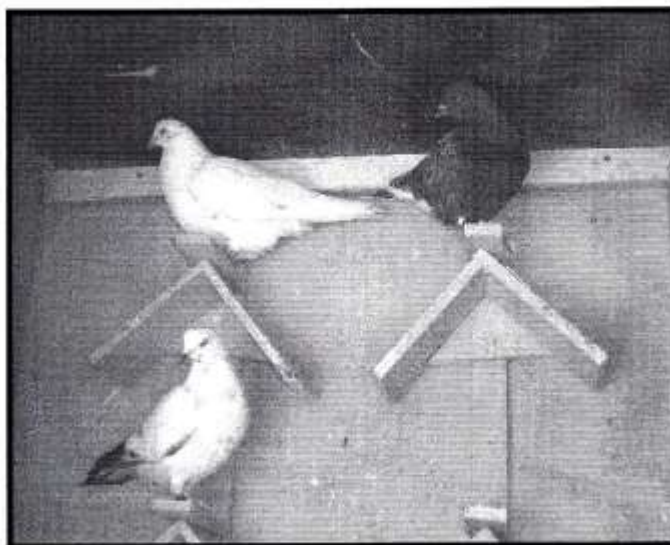
As we watched the panicked kit struggle to stay together, they gained altitude and flew off into the dark. We both knew this was the beginning of a very Long day.

This kit was made up of a Light Print Mottel, an Almond and an Andalusian White Flight, the last survivors of a six week old kit of "13 Delights" from my first round. The other ten were lost to Mother Nature one day when all 13 hit the blues and only three came back down about 3 hours later. Referred later to as the "Leftovers" by my good friend and a Tippler master Oskar Zovich.

A Flyboy (and buddy) by the name of Bob Adams was holding the North American Young Bird Record of 16 hours 30 minutes, a great achievement with young birds and the time to beat.

I held this honor back in the year 2000 when I took over the record from Bob by flying 16:19 hours over his 16:15. He came back and regained it in 2001 with a 16:30 mark. This guy is a true competitor and knows how to fly young birds.

I had missed the chance of this honor in 2002 when I flew a kit of 3 hens that went 14:37 on a day of impossible conditions in respect to heat and humidity, with 100 degree heat and humidity levels of 88% sucking the life out of the birds in competition. At the end of the day the only Flyboy remotely close to this time was my friend Bob from across the border. These were not the conditions of this Long Day fly. The weather was clear with good wind and much cooler than the year before. This was going to be a horserace.



The Champion Kit

As for the kit they performed exactly as they were bred to. True *thoroughbreds* of the sky steady the whole day. They flew with confidence and style, always on the ramble and never looking to the loft for droppers. Their discipline proved unmatched and their endurance challenged but unmatched. A true kit of Tipplers I like to call Canadian Delights.



The Timers – Luka and Oskar

I would like to thank Oskar and Luka for acting as timers for this fly. To Danny Kinnear for the use of some of his stock that came through Oskar Zovich's family of Tipplers, true endurance type Tipplers. Their quality, unmatched if schooled and handled from those who know what to do with such quality.

All the best
Nino

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