

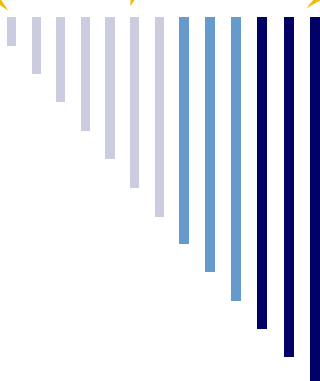
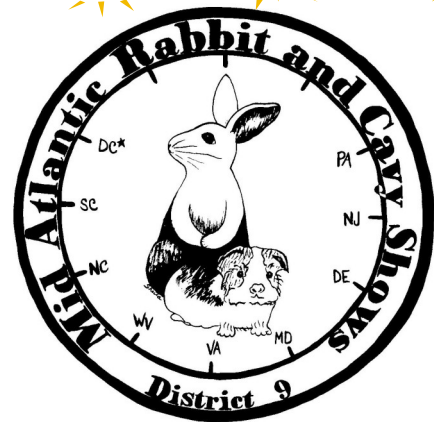


Mid Atlantic Rabbit & Cavy Shows

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## 90th ARBA Convention

### HARRISBURG, PA

## MARCS Newsletter

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## President– Brian Bell (NJ)



Hello everyone,

**HISTORY AWAITS IN THE KEYSTONE STATE!!!** In Indianapolis, the ARBA Board of Directors awarded MARCS the bid for the 2013 ARBA Convention and Show. Mark your calendars: the dates are October 19-23, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA.

There are so many people that have worked hard to make this happen. This has truly been a team effort for D9 from those who have sponsored breeds, clubs that have held shows or raffles, individuals who have donated their time and talents, our many show secretaries, the bid committee, the board, and many others. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and efforts that made this bid effort a success.

People are very excited to come to Pennsylvania in 2013 and finally back to D9 after 37 years. We will have some big shoes to fill and a lot of work ahead. There have been a lot of great conventions but we want to put on the best ever. We want to make sure that exhibitors and everyone who visits in 2013 has a great experience.

We will need lots of help to pull this off. The Convention Committee core team will be evaluating needs over the coming weeks and starting to build their teams. There will be something to do for anyone who wants to help. Please follow [www.marcsconvention.com](http://www.marcsconvention.com) for information regarding volunteer opportunities and for information about the 2013 ARBA Convention & Show.

As always, if you have any ideas, questions, or comments, please feel free to contact me or any of the MARCS Board or Committee members. Our contact information can be found on the club website at [www.marcsshows.com](http://www.marcsshows.com).

Have a safe and fun holiday season and a happy new year.

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## Vice President– Lori Jo Whitehaus (PA)



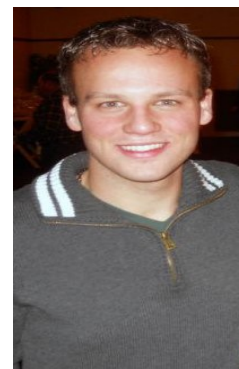
Woo-Hoo! The MARCS Bid Committee successfully completed the task of assembling a bid and presenting it to the ARBA Board of Directors. We had an 89 page book with a power-point presentation for the Board along with bags of treats from Hershey! The Board accepted our bid and so we are officially finished . . . as a committee. However, now the whole MARCS Club and all of its affiliated club members are ready to go in full swing. Please express your appreciation to the members of our committee who worked very hard to put everything together: Brian Bell, Ruth-Ann Bell, Bill Whaley, and Gerry Vaerewyck. Special thanks go to Sharon Atland of the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Association and Marcy White of Connections for their efforts in learning all there is to now about a national rabbit convention so that they can meet our needs. We have been blessed with terrific support from the HHRVA and the Farm Show Complex and everyone is excited to have our convention coming to Pennsylvania.

Watch the website for the latest news of how you can help with this project. My role will now shift from Bid Committee Chair to MARCS Vice President and Open Show Secretary for the 2013 Convention. I am also coordinating the volunteer lists so look for me at the Farm Show and at the PaSRBA Convention for more details!

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## Secretary— Dr. Jay Hreiz (NC)

We did it! The ARBA Board voted unanimously to accept the bid to host the 2013, 90th ARBA Convention and Show in Harrisburg, PA from October 19-23, 2013. History Awaits in the Keystone State! The bid presentation was superbly executed and the entire ARBA board was thoroughly impressed. The first half of the process is now over. The second half is where the work truly begins! We now have a goal to work toward and that means doubling and tripling our efforts to continue fundraising, promote our event, and organize the workforce necessary to host ARBA's largest event. Renewal season for MARCS affiliated clubs is upon us and those clubs with expiring memberships are listed below. Please take some time and renew your membership in MARCS. We are no longer hoping to host an ARBA convention, we WILL be hosting an ARBA convention! Have a safe holiday season and we will see you all in February at PaSRBA.



EXPIRING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS: Charleston Fancy Rabbit Breeders Association, Delmarva Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Coastal Plains Rabbit Breeders Association, Baltimore & Howard County Rabbit Breeders Association, Hare Raisers 4-H Youth Club, Eastern Carolina Rabbit Breeders Association, Eastern States Polish Rabbit Club

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## Treasurer— Charlene Everette (VA)

What a whirlwind past couple of months. Our heads were in the clouds when we were given the ARBA Executive Board approval to hold the ARBA Convention in 2013. Many thanks to all of those who help accomplish this task. Our booth and raffle at Indianapolis were outstanding. We had a lot of nice donations and the supplies Deb brought were outstanding. A lot of great comments regarding the quality of the merchandise were in high demand and the vendors Deb solicited to take on the task have out done themselves.



Holidays are among us and time is passing quicker than I can comprehend.  
Our bank account balance \$14,013.08.  
Happy Holidays and have a great New Year  
Charlene



## NJ, Foreign, States outside D9 Director– Ruth-Ann Bell (NJ)



Well everyone, we did it!! Convention will finally be back to D-9 for the first time since 1976!! Thank you to everyone who has helped MARCS on its journey thus far. Everyone who has entered a rabbit at a MARCS show, bought merchandise, given us well needed suggestions or served in some official capacity has helped the district thus far towards its goal of having the convention come to D-9. I would like to especially thank those who helped to watch a certain "herd" of children at convention. Helping with them allowed for Brian and I to be able to not only assist with the presentation of the bid in Indy, but also to spend valuable time gleaning knowledge from some of the best people who put on a national convention. We were also able to gain priceless experience in assisting the Indy crew with the various aspects of running a convention from set-up to tear-down. Brian and I both took detailed notes of what we saw and what they did so that we can do the best that we can to put on a stellar convention. We will repeat this process again in Wichita. By the time that our convention is complete we may have a novel written on the do's and do not do's of how to put together a convention.

Our next phase, the implementation of the convention bid, has begun. Lori Jo, Brian and myself met again with the folks at the PA Farm Show Complex to walk around and get a better sense of how we are going to use the space to the best of our abilities. There are many small details that need to be considered from location of the secretaries' office to how many outlets can be put into a given area to accommodate wool animals. Brian and I also met with the Housing Bureau group that MARCS is using to assist with our hotel needs.

Many hands will make for lighter work. If you have any interest in assisting in any way, please let us know. We are looking for assistance in many different areas. Please keep looking for updates on the website.

The next time most of us will be together will be at the PaSRBA Convention in February followed closely by the NC State convention in March. Please be sure to pick up your convention merchandise!! It is very exciting to travel around the country judging and see our merchandise already spreading across the nation.

Stay warm this winter and I look forward to seeing you all at the shows and working with each and every one of you as we bring convention to D-9.

Remember: "History Awaits in the Keystone State!!!"

Respectfully,  
Ruth-Ann Bell

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## Wash D.C, VA, WV Director – Stephen Trent (PA)

No Report Submitted

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## NC, SC Director– Brenda Smith (NC)

Hi Everyone: Hope everyone had a great holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Pa state convention the first weekend in February. Then again at the NC state convention in the second weekend of March. Safe travels to everyone over the winter.

Brenda



## MD, DE Director– Stacy Hindt (MD)

All is well and calm on the Maryland front. Convention is over and we had lots of winners. Youth did a phenomenal job representing our District, and we proved once again why we are the second largest district in the ARBA. On the show front, as show reports come in, it appears that once again D9 is having a successful fall show season as well, and I know many are looking at litters and planning their PaSRBA convention. While there.... Make sure to stop and visit the MARCS booth and the MARCS raffle table. We are planning many exciting things. I know we will have new convention clothing apparel, wonderful donations and much much more. You can also fill out forms if you're interested in helping at our convention in 2013. Any and all help is appreciated to make sure we show them having it in D9 is well worth the wait.

I hope all your herds are healthy, and your families well too. May you have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful break before spring rabbit fever breaks open, and we all hit the weekend bunny show trail to show that D9 is indeed a hopping place to be as we head towards our convention in 2013.

Stacy Hindt

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## PA Director– Peg Hailey (PA)

No Report Submitted



## Merchandise Committee Report

Upon hearing the news that the MARCS bid was accepted for the 2013 ARBA Convention, committee members scrambled to turn the MARCS booth at Indy into the MARCS/2013 Convention booth! Volunteers answered many questions, handed out business cards containing the 2013 convention date and website, and sold raffle tickets along with t-shirts and hoodies! Our volunteers were great and sales were brisk!

Convention merchandise in a variety of bright colors, was limited to t-shirts and hoodies but will be expanding in the very near future. Watch for denim shirts, patches, buttons, zip-fleeces, vests and aprons.

Merchandise will be available for purchase at the Pa State Farm Show Rabbit Show on Friday, January 6, 2012 and at the PaSRBA Convention, February 3 - 5, 2012. It is our goal to have merchandise available at shows in District 9 and our surrounding states thru out the year. Watch the website for further information. Feel free to contact us if you would like to see a MARCS merchandise and information booth, table or corner at a particular show. We will not be able to make every show but will make a valiant effort.

Merchandise may also be purchased by mail or pre-ordered to be delivered to a show near you if the bunny express can manage it. Special orders and pre-orders to be picked up at PaSRBA need to be ordered by January 3, 2012. Photos and order forms should be available on-line shortly. If you have a wish list feel free to contact Deb Schmittel at [debschmittel@msn.com](mailto:debschmittel@msn.com) to see if it is possible to special order your item.

Deb

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## Show Committee Report

I just want to say THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the MARCS Shows this Fall whether at Delmarva (September) or Lebanon (October). Your support was graciously appreciated.

Thank you to Debbie and Sarah Gregory for all their help with the entries for the Lebanon show.

Thank you to the Carroll County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association (MD) for their special raffle to benefit MARCS held at their November show.

MARCS is gearing up for the PaSRBA Convention 2012. This year we will be hosting @ 34 Breed Specialty Shows in conjunction with the Convention. Please look for the Show Information in the PaSRBA Convention Catalog or on the MARCS website.

We are still looking to host additional All Breed Shows or Breed Specialty Shows so if your club is interested, please contact me at [karenMARCS@yahoo.com](mailto:karenMARCS@yahoo.com) or 410-310-8934 (cell). If you can provide a facility but do not necessarily want to be in charge of the paperwork, contact me. I am willing to handle all aspects of putting on a show on behalf of MARCS.

Looking forward to a great 2012 Show season in preparation for the 2013 ARBA Convention in Harrisburg, PA!!

Karen

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Visit our website for the latest info!  
[www.marcsconvention.com](http://www.marcsconvention.com)





*Pennsylvania State  
Rabbit Breeders Association*

**2012 Convention**

**MARCS Specialties**

February 4-5 2012  
Lebanon Expo Center  
80 Rocherty Rd  
Lebanon, PA 17042

**Rabbit:**

American Fuzzy Lop Open & Youth (Saturday & Sunday)  
Belgian Hare Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Beveren Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Britannia Petite Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Checkered Giant Open (Saturday only)  
English & French Lop Open (Sunday only)  
Flemish Giant Open (Sunday only)  
Giant Chinchilla Open (Saturday only)  
Havana Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Himalayan Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Lionhead Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Mini Lop Open & Youth (Saturday & Sunday)  
Satin & Mini Satin Open (Sunday only)  
Silver Marten Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Standard Chinchilla Open (Saturday & Sunday)  
Thrianta Open & Youth (Saturday & Sunday)  
Cavies (Sunday only)

**MARCS needs volunteers  
to man the merchandise  
booth over the weekend,  
contact Deb Schmittel  
[debschmittel@msn.com](mailto:debschmittel@msn.com)**

**PLUS MORE! Check out  
[www.pasrba.org](http://www.pasrba.org)  
for updates!!**

## MARCS Board Meeting Minutes: 10/6/11, Teleconference, 5:00 PM EST

### Roll call:

-Present: President Brian Bell, Vice President LJ Whitehaus, Secretary Jay Hreiz, Treasurer Charlene Everette, and Directors Ruth Ann Bell, Peg Hailey, and Stacy Hindt

-Absent: Directors Stephen Trent, Brenda Smith

### Officer Reports:

#### Secretary's report:

>Currently 35 clubs are chartered with MARCS

>Renewals will be sent out in November for expiring memberships in 2012 shortly after convention

>Ruth Ann motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Peg

#### Communications:

>Check sent to Charlene for \$1,680.00 from Charleston, SC show in August

>Congratulatory postcards were sent to several MARCS board members from Ed Hildebrand

#### Treasurer's report:

>Account One: \$4,512.09

>Account Two: \$5,408.00

-\$165.00 check was sent to Karen for the Delmarva show judges

-\$1000.00 check was sent to cover expenses at the LVRBA show, sanctions have all gone through

>TOTAL FUNDS: \$9,920.09

-Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Ruth Ann, seconded by LJ

>President Bell has authorized \$2500.00 to be spent on convention merchandise which includes t-shirts and sweatshirts with the 2013 ARBA Convention logo

### Committee reports:

#### Shows

>Lebanon Valley RBA is this weekend

>Next scheduled show is the 2012 PaSRBA Convention (2/5-6/12)

#### Website

>At the present time, Joyce will continue utilizing the software she has for the web development

>Two draft convention pages (two styles) have been made and will be up for review soon by the board

#### Bid Committee

>Bid books are in the hands of the ARBA board thanks to Sharon Atland. Some mailing issues resulted in books being returned but have been rectified.

>Sharon will fly out Thursday (10/27) and fly home Friday evening after the presentation

>LJ will be meeting with Sharon this Tuesday (10/11) to discuss the bid

>The bid presentation will be approximately 15 minutes long with time for Q&A at the end

>We are the only group bidding to host the 2013 ARBA Convention

>Per discussions previously, we agreed to have two banners made for the convention. One for MARCS and one for the 2013 ARBA Convention. Mid convention, if/when our bid is accepted, it will be converted to the 2013 booth.

~The banners will be ordered soon, no money up front for creation.

>There WILL be a raffle table at the MARCS/2013 Convention booth with quality-donated items.

~Annette Trauwein will be donating a small quilt, others discussed wine baskets

>Small geographically appropriate trinkets and snacks have been distributed at past bid presentations. Sharon is aware of this and already has it planned for Indianapolis.

>President Bell commended the MARCS group for working so well together and having the bid prepared and ready for presentation

>It was requested that all proposed convention personnel touch base with their counterparts at the Indianapolis convention.

### Old Business:

#### Club Bonding & Insurance

>Karen, Brian, Charlene, & Deb all have forms to fill out on bonding via State Farm

>Fidelity will be handling our insurance

#### Ways & Means Committee

>Joyce McKearn has approached President Bell about chairing this committee.

>Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:32 p.m. EST by Peg

#### Next Meeting Dates:

Likely to occur at the 2011 ARBA Convention, TBD based on board availability

Mid Atlantic Rabbit & Cavy Shows – www.marcshows.com

90<sup>th</sup> ARBA Convention & Show – www.marcconvention.com

### Application for Associate Membership or Renewal



*Membership is by association only. Once a club is affiliated with MARCS, all members of the club will be considered associate members of MARCS.*

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Officers: President: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vice-president: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Membership Fee:**

-1 Year: \$25      -2 Years: \$40    -3 Years: \$55

make checks payable to **MARCS**

Please answer the following questions	Yes	No
Are you willing to hold benefit shows for MARCS?		
Are you willing to hold raffles or auctions at your show to benefit MARCS?		
Are you willing to hold specialty shows for MARCS?		

Included are three additional pages to complete:

-Membership Listing for MARCS Association (computer generated lists acceptable as well)

-Request for support to be included in bid proposal



## MARCS– Keep In Touch

Official website:  
[www.marcsshows.com](http://www.marcsshows.com)  
 Yahoo group:  
<http://pets.group.yahoo.com/group/MidAtlanticRCS>

### Officers

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## MARCS Affiliated Clubs 2011

Baltimore & Howard Co. R&CBA	Blue Ridge Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc.
Tidewater RBA	Blue Ridge Rabbit & Cavy Club
Hare Raisers 4H Youth Club	Richmond Rabbit Breeders Association
Lehigh Valley R&CBA	Carroll County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Inc
Mid-Jersey Rabbit & Cavy Breeders	Charleston Fancy Rabbit Breeders Association
Color Me Dwarf Club	Coastal Plain Rabbit Breeders Association
South Jersey Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc.	Delmarva Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association
Eastern Carolina Rabbit Breeders Assoc.	Lebanon County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club
Mid Atlantic Cavy Breeders Assoc.	Lebanon Valley Rabbit Breeders Ass'n
Broome County Rabbit Breeders Assoc.	Majestic Mini Rex Specialty Club
York Co. Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc.	Mid Atlantic Dwarf Hotot Club
Southern Pride Rabbit & Cavy Club	Mid Atlantic Lop Club
Butler Bunni Bunch	Mid Atlantic Tan Club
Eastern States Polish Rabbit Club	Mid Atlantic Satin RBA
Chesapeake Regional Dutch Breeders Association	National Capital Rabbit Breeders Association
Southern Flemish Giant RSC	Mason Dixon Rex RBA
Southeast Fuzzy Lop Club	North Carolina Rabbit Breeders Association
Niagara Frontier Rabbit Club	Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.

Want to donate to MARCS?  
 All donations can be made payable to **MARCS** and sent to  
 Dr. Jay Hreiz,  
 MARCS Secretary  
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