



Hello Everyone! The Tillsonburg & District Racing Pigeon Club has agreed with Bird Studies Canada located in Port Rowan Ontario, to test some of their new tracking equipment on our racing pigeons. A total of five birds in the month of May and June will have a tracking device attached to their back. The reason for this is they want to test this new device which they thought with a homing pigeon coming back to their loft each week would be a perfect way of retrieving this rather expensive equipment and a better chance of retrieving it each week.

**In the future, if this is successful, they will use this device to track the larger wild birds.**

Each week we will receive a printout from the direction the pigeons have travelled. On April the 26<sup>th</sup> some representatives from Bird Studies Canada have attached some dummy tags on the pigeons back so they could get use to this before race day. Right now the birds seem content with this device attached to their back which is very light in weight. The Club is looking forward to this experiment, and will certainly make it very interesting to see where our pigeons are flying to make it back to the loft. Four lofts have volunteered for this experiment: one in Aylmer, Tillsonburg, Otterville, and Woodstock. The Club found this very interesting and will keep you informed on the progress.