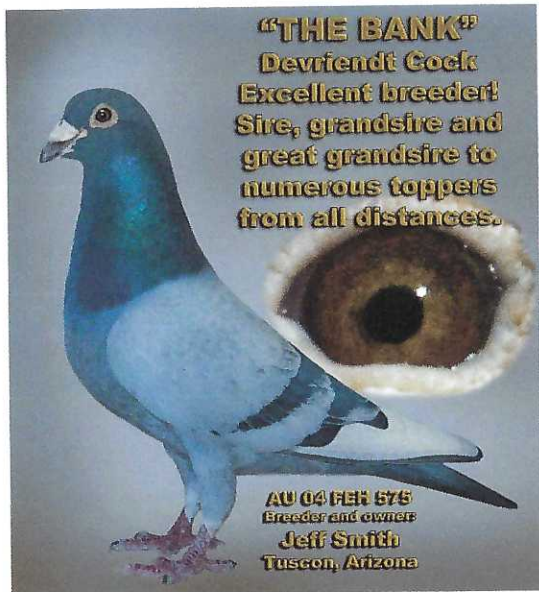


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Jeff Smith of Desert View Loft has been active in the racing pigeon sport for decades. His love for the sport started in 1959, as a Junior High School student. He was lucky to live in a neighborhood with avid racing pigeon flyers who inspired him.



Background of Breeders:

Jeff introduced Devriendts into his loft in the early 70's. These birds were cross bred with his own family of birds. These original Devriendts were brought to the Tucson area by flyer, Frank Hittle. They came from the Galaxy Loft and Dewey, from Maryland.

In the mid 80's Jeff introduced pure Devriendts from Ray and Ed Honea, local flyers in the area. These birds were straight bred as a family. This practice continued but other Devriendts were added from Campbell Strange, Armando De La O, David Laux, Bob Gerhow, Gene Hearl, and Ed Minvielle (Carmen Griffis line).

Desert View Loft added Calia Janssens in the late 80's and early 90's, direct from Jim Calia. Other crosses were added from Mike Ganus, the Continental Class bloodline. Later birds were added from the Continental Breeding Station, Merckx bloodline.

Accomplishments:

Desert View Loft has experienced many accomplishments over the years. The highlights are as follows:

- Winner of over half of the 600-mile races in the Tucson area during the last 45 years.
- Numerous *Outstanding Loft* and *King Bird* awards over the years.
- WINNER of the 2005 South African Million Dollar Race with Four Starzzz Dream.
- WINNER of the 2005 San Diego Mega Classic Race with Hoss (aka Mega Man).
- Desert View Loft birds have done well all over the country for handlers in out of area races and from flyers who have purchased Jeff's birds. Some of these flyers are Bill Desmerais from Massachusetts, Rusty Williams from California, Bob Newcomer and Carl Johnson from Arizona, Bill Mahr from Florida, Vern Kolivias from Mississippi, and Ed Minvielle from Louisiana.