TOPigeon Club Manager User Guide
For V5
(Fancier Version)

Including Free Race Results Program

The Next Generation Timer

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Getting Start

Welcome to TOPigeon Club manager for V5. If you have ever use the V6 of TOPigeon timer, the V5 can be regard as a simplify version of V6. This also can be used as fancier management tool for fancier to manage loft and birds easily, such as ring assignments, training management. Please note that V5 and V6 each have different connection socket and different club software. You will find this is a very useful tool to help you manage the club system, as well as the member’s timer. The key features including,

1. To allow you easily create new member and loft information
2. Quick matching the life ring and e-ring
3. Customize your e-ring number.
4. To create Training and Racing activities swiftly.
5. Easily print out and sorting for all information in the club system.

The above picture is exactly the V5 timer and the lower part is the racing module. The racing module is like a pocket device, during the pigeon arrival, the fancier can bring only this racing module to club for racing result. However, your racing module in hand will be empty, due to your club is not supported by TOPigeon yet and this module is useless now.
Before you begin please note that the TOPigeon timer is a sophisticated electronic device and it needs some specific setting in your personal computer. So, please read this chapter and follow the instruction accordingly.

**Connection cables**

Before you use the club manager firstly check your cable connections with your laptop or personal computer.

- RS-232 cable.
- USB to RS-232 convert cable (Option)

Most of PC now does not provide RS232 port. Then you need a USB to RS232 convert cable. When you installed the USB driver, you will see the Ports setting in the device Manager panel listed of "Proflic USB-to-Serial Comm Port(com X)" .

You have to update the COM3(default) to COM1 by following the step pictures shown below.
If you have multiple USB ports on your personal computer, please remember which port that you are using to connect to the timer. If you connect to the wrong USB port and connection would be fail.

**Install Club manager software**

**User Account Control**

Double click on the execution file and follow through the instruction until program properly installed. If you are using Microsoft VISTA, WIN7, or WIN8, there is an UAC (user account control) setting will impact the program execution. You can either disable it from user account or run this program as administrator.

**System region and time setting**

The Topigeon internal timer is using ISO date/timing system. The standard date/time format is YYYY/MM/DD and HH/MM (24 hours system). No matter what location you are, the formatting will remain the same. You have to customize your personal computer accordingly. Please goes to the region setting on your personal computer’s control panel and change the format accordingly, or the software will not response correctly.
Coordinate data entry

V5 needs to preset in the system .ini file for the coordinate data format. Please find the file in C:\program file (x86)\avancetech\PriveSiteV5_ENG\TOPforeSYSV5.ini.

[Parameter]
LoftLon='E'
LoftLat='N'

Please change it according to your location. This setting will pre-set your latitude and longitude data.

The coordinate data entry is vital in the system if you want to use this tool to help you generate the race result. Please make the best use of the GPS module come with the TOPigeon V6 or you can use your smart phone for the coordinate information. All member and race information, the coordination is not mandatory and can leave empty. However, without coordinate data the result will not rank the score because it depends on the speed to rank.

Menu Bar

There will be a menu bar display in all this software operations. You can use these buttons to do most basic operation.

You can execute the function by click your mouse or using the shortcut key. There is also a shortcut key.

Time synchronization

The TOPigeon V5 has an internal clock. The time synchronizes with this club software once you download the training or race information to the timer. Therefore, the club software itself would be the club master timer.
Landing board authorization

Another major difference with V6 is V5 doesn’t equipped RF reader in the timer. If you want to test your e-rings you have to connect to a landing board.

Before you connect to a new landing board, you must register the landing board before connection, which V6 does not need. Once you connect to the landing board please press MENU 3 +2 “Board Register”. If the board registered and connect successfully, you will see the board status “NOR” (normal) -01 in the HOME page (Main Menu).

The V5 will also alarm every 10 second if not connect to a landing board.

Basic Operation

This software designed in the way for the people not familiar with computer and soon feel comfortable with it.

You can start this program by double click on the icons. The left upper side is the menu bar. The center lower side is the status line. In the status line you will know if you connect to the timer or club antenna (reader) properly.
Create new loft information

When a new fancier come to your club you can create new loft information on the basic information menu. Menu one is the loft information.

Firstly, you enter a new loft number. The loft number length is 16 character and numeric. The loft number will be load to the V5 clock when you synchronize the clock.

After you enter new loft number and click “NEW” the rest fields will be open for your input. Basically, it’s the fancier information. When you completed the data you need to save it by clicking on the Save button.
Create pigeon information

To create pigeon information and it come with the ring assignment operation. Pigeon information is in the basic information Menu 2.

There are two options 1. Ring Number mapping. 2. Ring number mapping and e-ring number reset.

Ring Mapping

This is basic ring assignment, also you can keep your pigeon information and pigeon life ring.
Before you operate this function, please make sure that you have connected your club antenna. Click the “RF On” button to activate your RF reader (club antenna). You can see a green led light blinking if the RF reader ready. Once the reader read the ring, the reader will automatically turn off to prevent you double scan the ring. If you want to de-active the reader you can press “RF Off”.

**NOTE:** If the RF reader still not active. This could be your reader connect too late. Please restart the program.

Once the reader read out the chip ring number with UID, you can press “New” to start editing your pigeon information.

The PRingNo-Fore Code length is 10 characters, you can enter the pigeon combination information, including country, union code, year ling, sex, color information together.
The PRingNo-SerialNo is the pigeon life ring number and it is 6 numeric digits. You can also upload your pigeon picture to the system. The system needs the picture format as JPG.

**Ring number mapping and reset e-ring number**

This is a special feature of this program. Some fancier would like their birds’ life ring and e-ring with the same number. You can use this function to achieve.

When you select the e-ring reset option and you need to type in your life ring 6 digits and scan the chip ring. Then click “New”, you will see the field of EPRingNo has automatically put the 6 digits in the e-ring.

**Note:** There are 10 digits in the EPRingNo and the last two digits is the secret code that defined in the CFI. Due to this is fancier version software which will not change the secret code by just display only. The club version software will change the secret code but invisible in the system.

**Race setup**

By selecting the Race setup you can setup a training or race. Once you enter a new Race code (4 digits) and press “New” you can create your new race in the following fields.
Race download

Select Race setup and data download in the basic operation.

After select your race and loft name, you will need to select the pigeon for this race. You can select specific birds or select all to next selected window. Press “Save” on your menu bar and the Data Download button will be available.
Once download successful, the lower status line will show data download successful. Note: The 4 digits race code will be shown in the V5 home page Train No.

**Timer upload**

After you connect your timer to the PC, select timer upload in “Pigeon Timer operation” There is only one thing you need to do — Select the race code from the scroll bar.

**NOTE:** You have to press “enter” to activate the upload.

After upload the information, the system will automatically calculate your speed if you have enter the coordinate information.
You can upload multiple clocks for the race and the system will accumulate all birds record in the same race. Once you completed all clocks upload you can print out the result.