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President's Report, Connie "Jean" Ribbeck



Well, it has been a "different" year. I have had several issues with the flock this year, from cutting back to extremes on the birds, trying to reduce feed costs, low fertility and lack of local sales. After many months of thinking "I thought I had more birds than this", I figured out that some of my birds have been disappearing without a trace. It seems as if I have a predator to discover. The game camera has been up for a few weeks and nothing has been caught on camera. So my next step is to look into a video surveillance set up. Stay tuned as I am sure I will have an update on the ABC forum once I discover the culprit.

The fall show season went well for me. My white and black Ameraucana ended up on Champion Row in most of the three double shows I attended as Champion AOSB. My Sebastopol geese did very well also. I would have liked to have attended this year's National, but it wasn't in the cards this year.

I was able to sign up a new junior member this fall. He has been showing Ameraucana for a couple years and this past spring I gave him some bantam black chicks. He was particularly interested in the goodies I offered as an award for Champion Junior Ameraucana at one of our meets in Salem, OR and I reeled him in. Last weekend his bantam pullets placed Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed. I hope to see good things from him in the future.

Next year's National Meet has been set at Great Falls, Montana the first weekend of October 2013. Judges for the show have not yet been picked and if anyone has any suggestions, we could pass them on to the Rocky Mountain Poultry Association Directors. They are very excited to have us return to their venue and want our National Meet to be a great experience for us. This is a great group of people that I see every year and I am sure it will be a great show.

Membership Renewals, Michael Muenks

It is hard to believe, but it is that time again . . . time to renew memberships to the Ameraucana Breeders Club. If your membership expires December 31, 2012 a brightly colored membership renewal form is included with this Bulletin.

The membership renewal form looks much like it has in the past. Please note the addition of a space for your **Electronic Bulletin, Year Joined, and ABC Directory Information Release**. If you are a member of the ABC forum please check your username on your membership renewal to make sure it is correct. Your updates may be sent by mail or you may use PayPal and e-mail any membership updates.

For those members whose memberships do not expire December 31, 2012, your renewal form is on a white piece of paper. Your updates may be sent by e-mail or mail.



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North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director

Hey everyone just wanted to say that I had a great time at the Nationals in Sedalia, MO this year. The show was a great show and a lot of great birds, Congratulations to all the winners. Jake and I had a 12 hour drive there and back and enjoyed the trip. We got back and got all the birds out of the trailer and started to put our breeding pens together for the 2013 hatching year. Now that the pens have been together for about 3 weeks we have decided to turn on the lights to get them to start laying. We are trying to have our first hatch around the first of the year.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season and safe travels.

Western District, Christina Korfus, Director

The fall shows are drawing to a close for the season. The next show I will be attending will be at the Stockton Fair grounds in California the last weekend of January. The results for the Washington feather fanciers Winter brisk show are as follows:

- Larry Giberson BB on a black bantam cock bird and Jean Ribbeck was reserve bantam black on a bantam black hen,
- For large fowl, Jean Ribbeck BB on the black cockerel and reserve was a black Ameraucana hen by Jean Ribbeck,
- Jean Ribbeck won Champion Ameraucana with the black LF cockerel, this same bird went on to win reserve champion large fowl,
- and, Logan Miller won junior Champion Ameraucana with a black bantam pullet.

There was a decent showing of Ameraucana. Royce had some nice Wheaten. I was impressed with their size! Four years ago at this same show I won reserve large fowl with a black Ameraucana cockerel. I was happy to see someone place with the same award.

The Ameraucana National will be held at Great Falls, Montana. From what I have heard the past national had several birds. I am looking forward to attending. Please leave your calendar open the first weekend in October 2013 and plan on joining us in Great Falls!

Thanks to Jean for helping guide me with the District Director position. I do appreciate it.

Southeast District, Tina Dinkins, Director

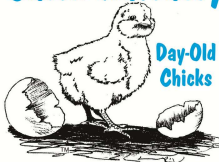
Hello and goodbye everyone, as this will be my last article for the Bulletin. I have stepped down from this position. It has been a busy and enjoyable year. I wish the new Southeast Director much luck and good times. I hope to see some of you at some of the shows in the future.

There isn't much happening here. I am setting some eggs from my bantam Salmon Faverolles. I don't normally set this time of year, but this is when they finally started giving me some eggs. I do want to set some bantam Ameraucana eggs as well, so if any of you have some eggs for sale please email me and I will purchase some from you.

We have a show in Sparta, Tennessee in December. If you are interested please email me and I will send you all the entry details. My email is tinadinkins@comcast.net

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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South Central District, Paul Smith, Director

Greetings from the South-Central District!

Show season is well underway! We have had our National/Missouri state meet and SC District/Arkansas state meets, so the largest ones are completed. Shawnee, OK, state meet, Ft. Worth, TX, state meet and Blue Bonnet Classic-College Station, TX, special meet are still ahead. There is still time to get involved in showing your Ameraucana! It was great to have Clifton Redden and Sharon Caywood come into the fullness of the fancy by showing their Ameraucana at the national/Missouri and SC District/ Arkansas meets respectfully. Clif had the BV black and RB on a pullet at both judgings, National and Missouri state meet. Sharon had BB, best AOSB on a black pullet in both shows SC District/ Arkansas state meet, and RB on a black cockerel in both judgings with the cockerel being named Res. AOSB in the district meet. Congratulations to both! We need more SC District ABC members to join the fun of showing their birds. Max Strawn, Sharon and I had a great time visiting about Ameraucana and the shows at Fayetteville. This was both Clif's and Sharon's first time to show. Max was checking out the show and is soon to get started showing.

Sharon sold three baby chicks to Jr. Colten Hardesty. Colten's Ameraucana which are outstanding, took top honors in the very large Jr. show. Colten's black cockerel won BB, best AOSB, Jr. Champion LF and Res. Champion over all Jr's at the Fayetteville show. His black pullet won RB and Res. AOSB. Colten's other bird, a blue pullet, was selected BV blue. Congratulations to both, Colten, for doing an outstanding job of selecting the chicks, and raising them to be champions, and to Sharon Caywood for breeding them. The Jr. show was judged by Lewis Hinkle. Sam Brush judged the SC District meet and Steve Jones judged the Arkansas state meet.

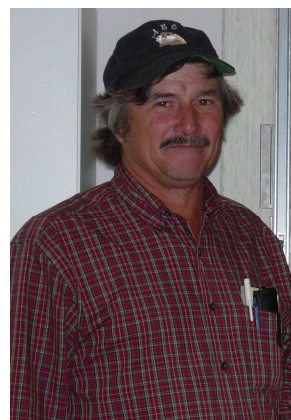
We also attended our local show the Red River Bantam Club show. We had the only Ameraucana shown. Matthew Smith won the best AOSB with a black cockerel and the res. AOSB with a black pullet in the Jr. show. They also were chosen champion and res. LF of the Jr. show. Angela and I won the AOSB class with a black cockerel and reserve with a blue wheaten pullet. The black cockerel won reserve LF of the open show. This was the largest (120 head) LF show we have had since the club started accepting them in 1999. Hopefully more fanciers will soon start raising and showing Ameraucana here in the SC district.

Soon it will be time to get all the breeding pens set-up to produce the 2013 hatches. The shows are over for the birds placed in the breeding pens, so I hope everyone gets to show some first. We are accepting orders for our 2013 day old chicks, and are presently 30% booked for the 8 hatches which we will ship. We sent out 980 day olds in 2012 and sold 111 more at our place. We hope to hatch more in 2013 than we did in 2012.

I'm looking forward to serving on the board with four new directors. We will do our best to keep advancing Ameraucana. I hope to see both splash and lavender become recognized varieties in both LF and bantams within the next decade.

Remember if any ABC member desires to have a show (which they attend) be an Ameraucana meet, contact me early enough to get it listed in the ABC Bulletin before the entry deadline. We usually don't show any of our birds in the spring shows. The hatching and springtime planting puts the work schedule on overload, preventing any extra time to train and show the birds.

Hope everyone was blessed with a great Thanksgiving and has a wonderful Christmas.



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Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director



The New York State Meet at the Twin Tier Poultry Club's show had a decent showing of large fowl Ameraucana. No bantam Ameraucana were shown. Even though it was an ABC meet, I was disappointed that I was the only member showing. I wish more Club members would give poultry shows a try.

I would like to see a discussion of judges' ability to assess Ameraucana. The judge of the Ameraucana at the Twin Tier Show was only fair in my opinion. Three birds looked like hatchery specials and should have been disqualified. The white cock was not in condition and had black edge to his wing that could be seen from the aisle. I would like to see the Club list judges that members think are good with Ameraucana and those judges that need professional development with the breed.

I am sorry to not be able to run as director again, but my wife's health is in decline and I have had to cut back on my chicken related activities to care for her. Sharon York, the incoming Northeast District Director, has agreed to take on placing meets for the Northeast District a little early. Please send your meet requests to syorks4@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report



Matthew Smith's BV wheaten cockerel at the National Meet



Robert Walchak's BV black cockerel at the National Meet

ABC Checking Account, Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, MO	
Opening Balance January 1, 2012	\$ 1735.41
Income – January Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income – February Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	763.77
Income – March Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	622.00
Income – April Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	120.00
Income – May Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income – June Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	142.00
Income – July Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income – August Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income – September Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income – October Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income – November Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	0
Income Subtotal (opening balance + months)	\$ 1,647.77
Expense - Postage	550.52
Expense – Office Supplies	364.97
Expense – Other: Memorials	
Expense – Memberships, Advertisements	68.00
Expense – Bank Charges (return item fees)	
Expense – National Meet Awards/Awards	585.85
Expense - Refunds	20.00
Expense Subtotal	\$1,589.34
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2012	\$ 1,793.84
PayPal Account November 30, 2012 balance	\$ 2,380.66
PayPal Purchases (toner, ink, Exhibition Poultry Ad)	0.00
Total	\$ 4,174.50
Respectfully Submitted, Michael J. Muenks, Secretary/Treasurer	

Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets

December 8-9, 2012

Oklahoma State Meet, placed by Paul Smith
Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, OK

Contact:

Mike Geis, 405-761-8339

geismcloud@aol.com

December 8, 2012

North Carolina State Meet, requested by Beth Curran
Cape Fear Poultry Association, Johnston County Livestock
Arena,
Smithfield, NC

Contact:

Carolyn Lynn, 910-897-8001, sultanlady@embarqmail.com

Arkleton 5860 Hwy 217

Erwin, NC 28339

<http://www.capefearpoultryassociation.embarqspace.com/#/club-news/4536163105>

January 5, 2013

Special Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson
Brazos Valley Poultry Club, Bluebonnet Classic, College Station,
TX

Contact:

Claudia Choate, 512-273-2010

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Lexington, TX 78947-4190

claudia@bluebonnetclassic.com

January 26-27, 2013

Texas State Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson
Fort Worth Stock Show, Fort Worth, TX

Contact:

Monty Fitzgerald, (940) 736 4204

mfitzgerald@tvmidl.tamu.edu

January 26-27, 2013

California State Meet, requested by Jean Ribbeck
Pacific Poultry Breeders Association 66th Annual Winter Show,
Stockton, CA

Contact:

Anthony Rose, arose@valleyaphaelectric.com

March 9-10, 2013

Special Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
West Central Ohio Poultry Club, Wapakoneta, OH

Contact:

Brian Schmieder, (937)623-7749

chickenbrown@aol.com

March 30, 2013

Special Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders Association, Washington
County Fairgrounds, Marietta, OH

Contact:

Wyatt Adelsperger, (740)678-2883

1345 Windy Ridge Road

Vincent, OH 45782

June 8, 2013

Special Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Buckeye Fancy Feathers, Canfield, OH

Contact:

Rhonda Simmons, rijos@comcast.net, (330)426-6870

October 5, 2013

National Meet, placed by Christina Korfus
Big Sky Poultry Expo, Great Falls, MT, Show 1

Contact:

Erin Faulkner, (406) 231-8653

erininmt@hotmail.com



John Blehm's RV lavender cockerel at the National Meet



John Blehm's BV lavender pullet at the National Meet

Club Notes

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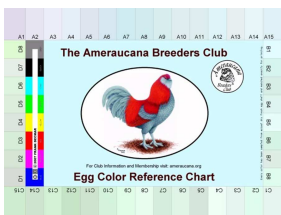
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Blast from the Past: The Blue Egg,

Don Cable

As I was looking for a Blast from the Past for this bulletin I thought it would be appropriate to reprint the following article about egg shell color from the 1982 Ameraucana Bantam Handbook.

The Ameraucana is the only breed of bearded bantam recognized by the American Bantam Association that lays a blue egg. Our standard requires a blue egg, and other than blue is a disqualification. It is essential then, to cull severely for this important breed characteristic and keep in mind that if it doesn't lay a blue egg, it is not an Ameraucana bantam.

The origin of the blue egg is of course, the Chilean fowl that came to be called Araucana and those interested in a concise history of the breed should consult Dr. William O. Cowley's excellent position paper on the Araucana. It is pointed out that those Chilean fowls most commonly producing blue eggs were not tufted and rumples birds, but the common fowl not unlike European breeds. After importation these Chilean fowls were crossed with domestic breeds and, of course, in time bantamized to produce the Ameraucana. The egg produced by the Ameraucana bantam, like its South American progenitor, has its blue pigment distributed throughout the shell as opposed to the pigment on brown eggs, which lies on the outer surface of the shell only. Although blue shell color is inherited on a single gene dominant basis, it is affected by the introduction of other egg shell colors in cross breeding. Thus, when a blue egg breed is crossed with a breed producing brown eggs, the resulting crosses produce green or olive shelled eggs. When crossed with white egg breeds, the blue dominates, but is somewhat diluted.

Commercial hatcheries have exploited these crosses for some time, calling any fowl producing an off colored egg an Araucana, or as their ads proclaim, an "Easter egg chicken." Some of the hatcheries continue to make claims that have long since been disproven – namely that Araucana eggs are both higher in protein and lower in cholesterol. In addition, certain elements of the health food business, as well as some natural food faddists, have managed to create a certain mystique surrounding eggs with colored shells, which they infer are nutritionally superior to white eggs. If you are skeptical about this, compare the price of the white eggs in your local supermarket with brown eggs in a health food store. Unfortunately, all of these forces have created and sustained a circus atmosphere which have combined to give the Araucana breed something of a shady reputation that it certainly does not deserve.

The blue egg produced by the Ameraucana bantam is typically sky-blue in color as our standard demands, with a fine, smooth, shell texture and sufficient strength to withstand normal handling with ease.

2012 Ameraucana National Meet Show and Missouri State Meet Report, by Paul Smith

The 2012 Ameraucana National Meet is now history! This was the second Ameraucana national to be hosted by the SC district since the development of the breed. A special thanks to the Missouri State Poultry Association for hosting our show in Sedalia, Missouri at the Missouri State Fair Grounds on October 27, 2012.

Diana Dahir did a great job placing the bantams in the first judging and the large fowl in the show's second judging. This created some confusion and delays in presenting the

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Ameraucana awards, but everything was worked out before the awards were passed out.

Doug Connally judged the LF Ameraucana in the first judging for the Missouri state meet. Art Rieber judged the Ameraucana bantams in the second judging for the Missouri state meet. A double judged show confirms my thoughts, that a show placing is one person's opinion and as Jerry DeSmidt added "for that bird on that day". Diana's and Doug's placement of the large fowl were very similar with only six additional photos required to have a full set of BV (best variety) and RV (reserve variety) for the two shows. They both chose the same two birds for the BB and RB (best of breed and reserve breed).

However, Art and Diana disagreed so much on the bantams that I had Matthew take another full set of photos of the second bantam judging. The total number of Ameraucana was down from what we usually have at a national meet. There were 38 bantams and 68 large fowl for a total of 121 including the 5 head of Junior large fowl shown. Jensen Pierson's black K (cockerel) was selected BB and best Jr. AOSB (all other standard breed). Cody Grantatier had the RB and Reserve AOSB on a black K purchased from John Blehm at a day-old. The best blue was a pullet shown by McCormick Snyder. The five Junior LF (large fowl) were very nice and would have placed well in the open show. It is required for Junior's to participate in a showmanship contest at this show if showing in the Junior show.

Five ABC members from three states showed the 38 bantams. Robert Walchak of Holmen, Wisconsin took the top two places in both the black and white class with a cockerel and pullet respectfully. Robert also, took the top two spots in the wheaten class with two pullets. Jerry DeSmidt of Pulaski, Wisconsin won the blue class, also with a cockerel and pullet. John Blehm of Birch Run, Michigan took the top spots in both buff and silver varieties with a cockerel and pullet respectfully. John also showed the top two lavender bantams, a pullet and a cockerel. The BV splash was a pullet shown by Jerry Segler of Sparland, Illinois. The RV splash was a pullet shown by Jerry DeSmidt. The top two brown red were a pullet and a cock respectfully shown by Mike Gilbert of Holmen, Wisconsin. There were not any blue wheaten bantams shown this year. Diana chose Robert Walchak's white cockerel as best of breed and reserve AOCCL (all other comb clean legged). Robert's wheaten pullet was chosen reserve of breed. Congratulations to Bob and Teresa! We all missed seeing you this year. Thanks for sending the great Ameraucana with Mike.

Nine ABC members from six states showed 68 head of large fowl. The black class contained 24 head. Clifton Redden of Columbus, Kansas won the blacks with a very nice black pullet. Clifton and his wife Linda, once again proved that there is still room at the top in our great breed of Ameraucana. This was their second show and first Ameraucana meet. Clifton's black pullet was also selected Reserve AOSB. Jerry DeSmidt had reserve black on a cock. John Blehm showed the top silvers a pullet and cockerel respectfully. John also showed the best buff, a pullet. Jerry DeSmidt had the reserve buff with a pullet. Mike Gilbert showed the top brown reds a cockerel and pullet respectfully. Matthew Smith of Gainesville, Texas showed the top two blue wheaten and top two wheaten, both a cockerel and pullet respectfully. The wheaten cockerel was purchased as a day old chick from John Blehm. The best lavender a pullet was shown by Paul & Angela Smith of Gainesville, Texas. Matthew Smith had the reserve on a cockerel. Jerry DeSmidt had the top whites a hen and cock respectfully. The Arne Schmitz traveling trophy went to Jerry DeSmidt on the best white. Jensen Pierson of Wilmington, Ohio showed the top two splash a pullet and cockerel, respectfully. Jensen's pair of splash won the AOV (any other variety) class. The top blue was a hen shown by Paul & Angela Smith. She was chosen best of breed, Champion Ameraucana



Paul and Angela Smith's BB, BV blue LF hen



Clifton Redden's RB, BV black pullet



Robert Walchak's BB, BV white cockerel



Robert Walchak's RV, BV wheaten pullet

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and best AOSB. The reserve blue was a cockerel shown by Jensen Pierson.

Jerry DeSmidt had the highest scoring display on LF blues with 138 points. Ken Olsen did an excellent job with the egg contest. Jim Miller and Jerry Segler judged the egg contest. There were a total of 10 entries. Robert Walchak had the best bantam pullet eggs. Jerry DeSmidt had the best bantam hen, best LF pullet and best LF hen eggs. Thanks Ken for all your work on this project!



Michael Muenks supervised the ABC table and presided over the club meeting. President Jean Ribbeck wasn't able to attend, and Mike Gilbert was in the emergency room at the local hospital. The long drive was too much on Mike's back. Since the show, we have received an e-mail from Mike. He and Mary had an eventful trip home, but finally made it. Fellow believers-remember to pray for Mike!

The ABC business meeting was held in the corner of the show barn. It was somewhat noisy, but out of the cold wind. The meeting was called to order by Michael Muenks. The normal-setting of agenda, welcome and introductions, 2011 meeting minutes, and secretary/treasurer's report were performed. Brief discussions were held on the club's point system, new handbook, printer, election by acclamation results, and 2013 national meet. The lifetime achievement award was accepted by Paul Smith for Barbara Campbell who was unable to attend. The Junior awards were passed out. The open show LF were almost completed by meeting time. The meeting was adjourned and photos of the ABC group in attendance were made. Angela Smith, David Blehm, Matthew Smith, Michael Muenks ran the raffle to assist with the club's expense to hold a national meet. Special thanks to everyone who donated and helped make it a success. A seminar for Ameraucana enthusiasts was planned, but not held due to lack of time, Mike Gilbert's health issue, Jes and David Kemp absent-due to David's health issue, and lack of a warm quiet place to hold it. This is a great idea and we hope to hold one next time.

The Missouri State Meet was held in conjunction with our national meet. Doug Connally judged the large fowl. The BV black was a pullet by Clifton Redden. Clifton's pullet also won RB and res. AOSB. The res. black was a cockerel by Paul & Angela Smith. The top two silver were a pullet and cockerel, respectfully shown by John Blehm. John also had the BV buff on a pullet. The res. buff was a cock shown by Jerry DeSmidt. The top two brown red were a cockerel and pullet, respectfully, shown by Mike Gilbert. The top two placing blue wheaten and wheaten were a cockerel and pullet, respectfully shown by Matthew Smith. The wheaten

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cockerel was purchased from John Blehm as a day old chick. The BV white was a hen and the reserve was a cock both shown by Jerry DeSmidt. The BV lavender was a pullet shown by Paul & Angela Smith. Matthew Smith had RV on a cockerel. Jensen Pierson had the top two splash, a pullet and a cockerel respectfully. Jensen's splash also were selected best and res. AOV (any other variety). Hopefully in the next few years, the ABC will be able to get both splash and lavender accepted as a recognized variety in both the APA and ABA. The BV blue was a hen shown by Paul & Angela Smith. She was chosen BB, Champion Ameraucana and best AOSB. The RV blue was a pullet shown by Jerry DeSmidt.

Art Rieber judged the Missouri State Meet bantams. The BV black was a cockerel shown by Jerry DeSmidt. Jerry's black cockerel was chosen BB. The RV black was a pullet shown by Robert Walchak. Robert also had the top two white a pullet and cockerel respectfully and top two wheaten, two pullets. Robert's BV wheaten pullet was chosen RB. The top two blues a cockerel and hen respectfully were shown by Jerry DeSmidt. John Blehm had the top two buff on a pullet and a cockerel respectfully, top two silver on a cockerel and pullet respectfully, and top two lavender on a pullet and cockerel respectfully. Mike Gilbert had the BV brown red on a pullet and RV brown red on a cock. Jerry Segler had the BV splash on a pullet and Jerry DeSmidt had the RV splash on a pullet.

The Ameraucana National Meet and the Missouri State Meet were a success due to the efforts of everyone who showed and helped with all the activities. The meets were completed with dinner, at the local Golden Corral.

Getting to Know Sharon Yorks

Hello! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and is looking forward to (and is ready for) a very Merry and blessed Christmas! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sharon Yorks and I live in Valley City, OH. Several years ago, my son, Caylum, and I decided we wanted to raise chickens and started with about 15-20 different varieties. It didn't take long for the purebred Ameraucana to stand out among the rest, and now, that is all we have on our property. We have been raising purebred Ameraucana since 2010 and are now focusing on the black, blue, splash, varieties. In 2013, we will be cooping 7 different breeding pens and are anticipating some very nice chicks.



When I'm not "talking chicken," I'm telling/writing stories. I've written 3 young adult faith-based novels and several movie scripts. I feel very blessed to be able to work at home where I can actually sit out amongst my chickens and swap story ideas with some of my more vocal birds.

Starting in January of 2013, I will be representing the Ameraucana Breeders Club as its Northeast District Director. I am looking forward to meeting more Ameraucana breeders and those who are

showing them in this part of the country. If you show Ameraucana in this district, I'd love to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to contact me to place a show or with any questions, suggestions, and/or concerns you may have at syorks4@gmail.com.

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Meet Reports

Humboldt Poultry Fanciers – **Corrected Meet Report**

Special Meet, February 11-12, 2012, Reported by Harry Majors

3 large fowl were judged by Don Barger

BV brown red H by Sarah Cox

DQ wheaten

BV white K by Bridget Riddle

1 Junior Show large fowl was judged

BV white K by Sara Cox

Twin Tier Poultry Club, Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath, NY

State Meet, September 9, Reported by Robert Whitney

12 large fowl were judged by Mike Waski

RB, BV black K by Harold Knapp, out of 8, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

RV black P by Harold Knapp

BV blue wheaten H by Rachiel Nanakowski

BV silver C by Melissa Yarrish

BV wheaten H by Rachiel Nankowski, **Junior Reserve Champion ASOB**

RV wheaten C by Rachiel Nankowski

BB, BV white C by Julie Lant & Family, **Champion Ameraucana**

4 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Mike Waski

BV blue wheaten H by Rachiel Nanakowski

BV wheaten H by Rachiel Nankowski, **Junior Reserve Champion ASOB**

RV wheaten C by Rachiel Nankowski

Wisconsin International, Portage, WI

State Meet, September 22-23, Reported by Terry Lund

5 large fowl were judged by Bob Gilbert

BB, BV black H by Nate Rynish, **Reserve Champion ASOB**

RV black H by Nate Rynish

BV blue P by Greg Stebnitz

RB, BV brown red P by Michael Gilbert

RV brown red K by Michael Gilbert

19 bantams were judged by Lewis Cunningham

BV black K by Robert Walchak, out of 5

RV black H by Greg Stebnitz

BV blue P by Greg Stebnitz

BV blue wheaten P by Nate Rynish

BV brown red P by Robert Walchak

RV brown red P by Robert Walchak

RB, BV buff K by Robert Walchak

RV buff P by Robert Walchak

BV wheaten P by Robert Walchak, out of 3

RV wheaten P by Robert Walchak

BV white K by Robert Walchak, out of 5

RV white P by Robert Walchak



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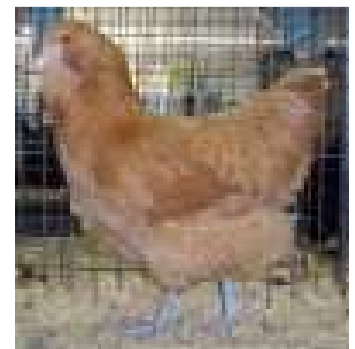
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John Blehm's BV buff pullet at the National Meet

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9 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Bob Gilbert

BV black P by Nathan Thompson, out of 4, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

RV black P by Cody Granatier

BV blue K by Nathan Thompson

RV blue H by Mitchell Dorn

BV blue wheaten H by Ben Hildebrandt

BV white P by Mitchell Dorn

RV white K by Mitchell Dorn

6 bantam was shown in the Junior Show and judged by Bob Gilbert

BV black P by Gabby Dingman

BV wheaten P by Jeremy Norem

RV wheaten H by Joyden Rainirek

BV AOV P by Julia Cotter

RV AOV K by Julia Cotter

Eastern New York State Poultry Show,

Special Meet, September 30, Reported by Jamie Matts

2 large fowl were judged by Rick Parr

BB, BV black H by Mark Orlowski, Jr.

RB, RV black C by Mark Orlowski, Jr.

Big Sky Expo, Great Falls, MT

State Meet, October 6, Reported by Erin Faulkner

8 large fowl were judged by Brian Decker

BV black C by Beti Lombardi

BV blue K by Shirley Gilbert

RV blue P by Shirley Gilbert

RB, BV buff P by Connie Jean Ribbeck

BB, BV white H by Connie Jean Ribbeck, **Champion Ameraucana**

BV AOV C by Connie Jean Ribbeck, out of 3

RV AOV C by Beti Lombardi

7 bantams were judged by Brian Decker

BB, BV black K by Philip Urrutia, out of 4, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV black H by Connie Jean Ribbeck

BV blue wheaten by Jake Oostema

BV AOV P by Connie Jean Ribbeck, out of 2

4 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Jeanette Frank

BV black C by Beti Lombardi, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

BV AOV C by Jeannine Mazel, out of 3

RV AOV C by Beti Lombardi

1 bantam was shown in the Junior Show and judged by Jeanette Frank

BV black H by Jake Oostema

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West Central Wisconsin Pigeon & Poultry Club

Special Meet, October 6, Reported by Dan Paff

7 large fowl were judged by Duane Urch

BB, BV black P by Scott & Kirstin Thompson, **Champion**

Ameraucana

BV blue K by Scott & Kirstin Thompson

RB, BV blue wheaten C by Stallman's Poultry, out of 3

RV blue wheaten H by John Mc Dermott

BV wheaten P by Stallman's Poultry

RV wheaten K by Stallman's Poultry

16 bantams were judged by Duane Urch

BV black P by Robert Walchak, out of 4

RV black H by Greg Stebnitz

BB, BV blue wheaten K by Stallman's Poultry, **Reserve Champion**

Ameraucana

RV blue wheaten P by Stallman's Poultry

BV brown red P by Robert Walchak

RV brown red P by Robert Walchak

BV buff P by Robert Walchak

RV buff P by Robert Walchak

BV wheaten K by Stallman's Poultry, out of 4

RV wheaten P by Robert Walchak

RB, BV white P by Robert Walchak

RV white K by Robert Walchak

4 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Gordy

Sternweis

BV black K by Jacob Sonsalla, **Junior Show Champion**

Ameraucana

RV black P by Nathan Thompson

BV blue K by Nathan Thompson

BV AOV P by Kendra Larson

3 bantam was shown in the Junior Show and judged by Gordy

Sternweis

BV wheaten C by Natalie Sonsall

BV white K by Anna Schoen

RV white K by Anna Schoen

Cowichan Feather Fancier's Fall Show, Duncan, BC

Special Meet, October 13, Reported by Ramona Trombley

31 large fowl were shown and judged by Gary Agajanian

BB, BV black P by Dawn Webster, out of 18, **Champion**

Ameraucana, Reserve Large Fowl

RB, RV black P by Omega Blue Farms

BV blue P by Dawn Webster, out of 11

RV blue P by Dawn Webster

BV white K by Ramona Trombley

RV white K by Allison Gelling

7 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by

Gary Agajanian

BV black K by Simon Pollack, out of 4, **Junior Show**

Champion Large Fowl

RV black H by Simon Pollack, **Junior Show Reserve**

Champion Large Fowl

BV blue P by Allison Gelling

RV blue P by Allison Gelling

BV white K by Allison Gelling

Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Show #1, Sedalia, MO

National Meet, October 27, 2012, Reported by Paul Smith and Jerry DeSmidt

68 large fowl were judged by Diana Dahir

RB, BV black P by Clifton Redden, out of 24, **Reserve**

AOSB

RV black C by Jensen Pierson

BB, BV blue H by Paul and Angela Smith, out of 17,

Champion AOSB, Champion Ameraucana

RV blue K by Jensen Pierson

BV blue wheaten K by Matthew Smith, out of 3

RV blue wheaten P by Matthew Smith

BV brown red K by Michael Gilbert, out of 4

RV brown red P by Michael Gilbert

BV buff P by John Blehm, out of 4

RV buff P by Jerry DeSmidt

BV silver P by John Blehm

RV silver K by John Blehm

BV wheaten K by Matthew Smith, out of 3

RV wheaten P by Matthew Smith

BV white H by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 3

RV white C by Jerry DeSmidt

BV AOV splash P by Jensen Pierson, out of 8

RV AOV splash K by Jensen Pierson

38 bantams were judged by Diana Dahir

BV black K by Robert Walchak, out of 11

RV black P by Robert Walchak

BV blue K by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 6

RV blue P by Jerry DeSmidt

BV brown red P by Michael Gilbert, out of 3

RV brown red C by Michael Gilbert

BV buff K by John Blehm, out of 3

RV buff P by John Blehm

BV silver K by John Blehm

Meet Reports

RV silver P by John Blehm
 RB, BV wheaten P by Robert Walchak
 RV wheaten P by Robert Walchak
 BB, BV white K by Robert Walchak, out of 5, **Reserve AOCCL, Reserve Champion Ameraucana**
 RV white P by Robert Walchak
 BV AOV lavender P by John Blehm, out of 6
 RV AOV splash P by Jerry Segler

5 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show

BV black K by Jensen Pierson, out of 4, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**
 RV black K by Cody Grantier, **Junior Show Reserve Champion Ameraucana**
 BV blue P by McCormick Snyder

Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Show #2, Sedalia, MO

State Meet, October 27, 2012, Reported by Paul Smith and Jerry DeSmidt

68 large fowl were judged by Doug Connally

RB, BV black P by Clifton Redden, out of 24, **Reserve AOSB**
 RV black C by Jensen Pierson
 BB, BV blue H by Paul and Angela Smith, out of 17, **Champion AOSB**
 RV blue P by Jerry DeSmidt
 BV blue wheaten K by Matthew Smith, out of 3
 RV blue wheaten P by Matthew Smith
 BV brown red K by Michael Gilbert, out of 4
 RV brown red K by Michael Gilbert
 BV buff P by John Blehm, out of 4
 RV buff C by Jerry DeSmidt
 BV silver P by John Blehm
 RV silver K by John Blehm
 BV wheaten K by Matthew Smith, out of 3
 RV wheaten P by Matthew Smith
 BV white H by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 3
 RV white P by Jerry DeSmidt
 BV AOV splash H by Jensen Pierson, out of 8
 RV AOV lavender P by Paul and Angela Smith

38 bantams were judged by Art Rieber

BB, BV black K by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 11
 RV black P by Robert Walchak
 BV blue K by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 6
 RV blue H by Jerry DeSmidt
 BV brown red P by Michael Gilbert, out of 3
 RV brown red C by Michael Gilbert

BV buff P by John Blehm, out of 3
 RV buff K by John Blehm
 BV silver K by John Blehm
 RV silver P by John Blehm
 RB, BV wheaten P by Robert Walchak
 RV wheaten P by Robert Walchak
 BV white P by Robert Walchak, out of 5
 RV white K by Robert Walchak
 BV AOV splash P by Jerry Segler, out of 6
 RV AOV splash P by Jerry DeSmidt

Ohio National Poultry Show, Columbus, OH

State Meet, November 10-11, 2012, Reported by Eric Markly

14 large fowl were shown

BB, BV black P by Jensen Pierson, out of 7
 RB, RV black K by Jensen Pierson
 BV blue P by Lauren Miller & Mignot, out of 3
 RV blue P by Jamie Cory
 BV blue wheaten P by Lauren Miller & Mignot
 RV blue wheaten K by Lauren Miller & Mignot

11 bantams were shown

BB, BV black P by Patty Pickard
 RV black C by Patty Pickard
 RB, BV buff P by Nathanael Medley
 RV buff K by Nathanael Medley
 BV lavender P by Ralph Malys, out of 7
 RV lavender H by Diane Zipp

19 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show

RB, BV black H by Ben Mills, out of 10
 RV black C by Ben Mills
 BV splash P by Jensen Pierson
 RV splash K by Jensen Pierson
 BV wheaten P by Amanda Hagyard
 BB, BV white H by Amanda Hagyard, out of 4
 RV white P by Amanda Hagyard
 Non-standard fowl - 2

13 bantams were shown in the Junior Show

BB, BV black C by Anthony Heitger, out of 5, **Reserve AOCCL**
 RV black P by Caleb Pickard
 BV blue K by Anthony Heitger
 RB, BV buff by Anthony Heitger, out of 4
 RV buff by Nicole Pickard
 BV white H by Alyssa Latham, out of 3
 RV white C by Alyssa Latham

Meet Reports



Washington Feather Fancier's Winter Brisk, Chehalis, WA State Meet, November 17-18, 2012, Reported by Emmett Wild

13 large fowl were shown and judged by Butch Gunderson
BB, BV black K by Connie Jean Ribbeck, out of 5, **Champion Ameraucana**
RV black H by Connie Jean Ribbeck
BV blue P by Karen Carpenter
BV blue wheaten H by Royce Van Blaricome
RV blue wheaten H by Royce Van Blaricome
RB, BV wheaten K by Logan Miller, out of 4
RV wheaten H by Royce Van Blaricome
BV AOV Chocolate H by Connie Jean Ribbeck



Matthew Smith's RV blue wheaten pullet at the National Meet

24 bantams were shown and judged by Butch Gunderson
BB, BV black P by Logan Miller, out of 12, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**
RB, RV black P by Logan Miller
BV blue K by Karen Carpenter
RV blue P by Karen Carpenter
no placement due to condition silver
BV wheaten K by Logan Miller
RV wheaten H by Larry Giberson
BV AOV self-blue/lavender H by Karen Carpenter
RV AOV self-blue/lavender K by Ariana Mazloomi
2 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Butch Gunderson
BV black K by Logan Miller
BV wheaten K by Logan Miller

10 bantams were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Butch Gunderson
BV black P by Logan Miller, out of 6, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**
RV black P by Logan Miller
BV silver H by Saskia Summerhill
BV wheaten K by Logan Miller
RV wheaten P by Logan Miller
BV AOV self-blue/lavender K by Ariana Mazloomi



John Blehm's BV silver pullet at the National Meet



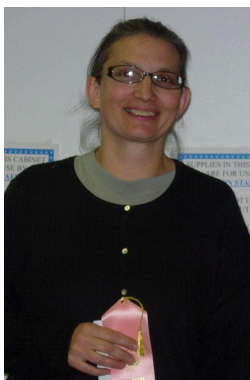
Egg Contest at the National Meet

Obituaries

Over the summer the Club lost two members suddenly, Pam Hamilton and Anne Foley. The following are their obituaries.

Pam Hamilton 48, of Troy, Missouri, passed away on Monday, July 30, 2012 at her residence. She was born on September 13, 1963 in Hobart, Indiana, a loving daughter of James and Patricia "Pat" Metz. Pamela was united in marriage to Tim Hamilton, on June 8, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pamela graduated from Hobart High School in 1982 and continued her education at Indiana University as a Dental Assistant. She tended the animals on the family farm. Pamela had a real love for her animals, raised Cochin chickens, was very close to receiving her Master Breeder License, won several shows and titles and competed at the 2008 Missouri State Fair, received Champion overall in show. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Hawk Point, Missouri VFW Post #7560 and American Legion in New Chicago, Indiana. She held a special place in her heart for her family and her animals She is survived by loving husband, Tim Hamilton of Troy, Missouri; one daughter, Nicole Owen of Troy, Missouri; parents: James and Patricia "Pat" Metz of Hobart, Indiana; step-daughter, Jamie Reinhart of Portage, Indiana; two brothers: Michael Metz and Steve Metz of Hobart, Indiana; She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Anne Mary Herian-Foley, 53, of Unionville, Indiana, passed away on August 14 after a brief awareness of pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her two daughters, Sarah and Cecilia; her husband of 23 years, John; in-laws, John Sr. and Gloria; Tim, Tom and Sue; Jennifer and Bryan; nephew, Nick, and niece, Megan.



Anne was born in Newton, Wisconsin, and lived on a small ranch on the shore of Lake Michigan. She graduated from Manitowoc public schools and completed her BS, MS, and Ph.D. degrees in Bacteriology, Food Science and Food Chemistry from Wisconsin-Madison. After graduation, she served as microbiologist for the Oldenberg Brewery and adjunct professor at Cincinnati. She was recruited as a product development scientist for the Nestle Corp. in Connecticut. While in the East, she gave birth to her children and chose to retire to become a stay-at-home-mom.

In Bloomington, Anne developed new programs for youth science education, initially adapting her long-term hobbies of paleontology and geology. Also, she began illegally raising chickens (including roosters) in the back yard of her SoMax home. Poultry soon became a central passion for her, and she intensively studied their lives and biology. She was determined to share her avocation with others, building coops and providing chicken care guidance to neighbors and friends. In 2001, daughters Sarah and Cecilia joined the Monroe County 4-H poultry club. Her enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of poultry propelled her into leadership of the poultry club, for the next decade. During this period she bred Ameraucana large fowl and produced national champions in 2004 and 2009, leading her to move to the countryside to have more room for the birds. Anne directed open poultry shows in the area, taught courses in poultry keeping for Agriculture Extension, and performed feather research. 4-H members and their families, the exhibition poultry community, and backyard poultry enthusiasts who now can legally keep birds, all fondly remember her.



John Blehm's RV silver cockerel at the National Meet



John Blehm's BV silver pullet at the National Meet



Jerry Segler's BV splash pullet at the National Meet



**Welcome to our
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Clifton and Linda Redden, KS

Max Strawn, TX

Ramona Trombley, BC

Diane Zipp, IN

**Meet Placement Procedure, Michael Muenks**

State and special meet requests by members should be sent directly to the District Director who will place the meet. If a meet is outside your District, members should make the meet request to the Director within whose District the meet will take place. Members should supply the following information, if at all possible, when requesting an Ameraucana Breeders Club meet to be placed at a show:

- Official name of the show
- Date(s) of the show
- Actual location of the show
- Show Superintendent 's and/or Show Secretary's name and contact information

Please send your requests for meets as early as possible because there is paperwork that has to be completed in order for a meet to be placed. Show Catalogs are normally printed and mailed several months in advance of the show. Please submit your requests early. **Meet requests for shows June 1, 2013 – October 1, 2013 should be in to Director's by February 15, 2013 if at all possible.**

District meet placement is the prerogative of the District Director.

I have many requests from show clubs for meets that are posted on the Club Forum. I encourage members to request meets and spread the word about the meet, if you don't request the meet, who will?

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