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Ameraucana Breeders Club
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*Merry CHRISTmas
& Happy New Year!*



ABC National meet, 10/14-15/06, Frankenmuth, MI: Curtis Beck, Barbara Campbell, Jerry DeSmidt, Bob Walchak, Nicole Cieslak, Jerry Sealer, Jim Fegan, John Blehm, Paul Smith, Larry Clionsky, Mike Gilbert & Michael Muenks.



Robert Walchak
Best AOCCL, BV, BB
black bantam cockerel

Jerry DeSmidt
large fowl BV
white hen

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New Member Welcome...

Ted & Ann Lewis, TN
Nancy K. Egerer, MI
Jesse Hatfield, MI
Page Forsee, AR
Jim Odom, SC
Mark, Teresa Z., Nicole & Eric Campbell, IN

Treasurer's Report

ABC Checking Account #22869, Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI	
<u>Opening Balance as of 8/23/06</u>	<u>\$1,302.30</u>
Income – Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	\$225.50
Income – designated for ABC Banquet	\$43.44
Income – from silent auctions at National meet	\$126.00
Income – National meet rebate from BCPC	\$312.00
<u>Subtotal,</u>	<u>\$2,009.24</u>
Expense – Postage	\$160.64
Expense – Supplies & Printing costs	\$78.43
Expense – ABC Banquet	\$130.32
Expense – National meet awards	\$349.83
<u>Ending Balance as of 11/24/06</u>	<u>\$1,290.02</u>

Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer

**Make plans now to attend the ABC National meet at
the Big Sky Exposition, in Great Falls, Montana,
on October 6th & 7th, 2007!**

Minutes of the Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet

10/14/06 – 2:45pm, recorded by Michael Muenks

The meeting was held adjacent to the show hall at the Frankenmuth Fowl Fest in Frankenmuth, MI. Attending the meeting were Curtis Beck, Barbara Campbell, Larry Clionsky, Jerry DeSmidt, Mike Gilbert, Michael Muenks, Bob Rennolet, Jerry Segler, Angela Smith, Paul Smith, Jeanie Trent, and Bob Walchak.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Gilbert. Mike Gilbert welcomed the club members on behalf of the North Central District and introductions were made. Mike Gilbert presented the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report on behalf of Secretary/Treasurer John Blehm who was also the show superintendent.

Jerry DeSmidt made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and the quarterly treasurer's report from the fall bulletin and the motion was seconded by Bob Walchak. The motion carried.

Old Business:

1. ABA Portrait Project – There is only one Ameraucana picture in the new ABA Standard. The ABA declined the 2005 motion to split the cost of having a new correct portrait commissioned. Mike Gilbert will try to talk to Rusty at the America's National in Indianapolis to see if he would be will to paint new correct portraits for the club.
2. Qualifying New Varieties – Mike Gilbert reviewed the policies of the ABA and APA with the club membership regarding qualifying requirements for new varieties. The membership in attendance favored qualifying both large fowl and bantam at the same time. The current varieties in development are Splash, Splash Wheaten, Black Gold, Blue Silver, and Lavender. Splash and Splash Wheaten seem to have the most promise for a qualifying meet in the near future. Some organization needs to be done around qualifying Splash and Splash Wheaten so that members can raise enough for the meets. Members are encouraged to show varieties in development so that there is an official record of the variety and to create interest in the variety.
3. Silver Standard Revision – The subcommittee appointed at the 2005 club meeting recommended to move to the Silver Dutch description of the silver pullet/cockerel for the APA Standard. There was discussion of the lighter salmon breast color for the pullet and Golden/Silver verses Duckwing coloration. Larry Clionsky motioned to accept the Silver Dutch standard description for the APA Standard description of the Silver Ameraucana. Jerry Segler seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Exhibitor Point System – A brief discussion of the merits of a point system was presented and the idea was tabled. Currently any Junior is sent a rosette for best of breed regardless of membership in the ABC. Adults must be club members to receive rosettes.

New Business:

1. 2007 National Meet - The national meet for 2007 has not been placed by the board of directors. Bids are welcome and are due by November 15, 2006.
2. Bylaw Revisions – All revisions passed in the elections and go into effect January 1, 2007.
3. Election Results – There was only one contested race – Eastern Director, which was won by Rob Sando.
4. Other New Business – Jerry DeSmidt took charge of the Poultry Press ad for the club. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Angela and Paul Smith. Bob Rennolet motioned for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barbara Campbell. The motion carried.

President's Report

by Mike Gilbert, President, 11/27/06

FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Final Installment, November 2006

Please forgive my ramblings this issue, as it will be my final message to the membership prior to retiring as your club president. It has been quite a ride. Over the past 28 years we have come from a place where most folks, especially poultry judges, despised the very presence of tailed blue-egggers at a poultry show to the point where we are now welcomed at most venues. You, the members have made this possible by bringing quality entries in large numbers to our major meets, especially the annual national meet. Here is the proof: In recent years we have been receiving bids from show clubs around the country for our national show that would make any breed club envious. It is only large numbers of quality entries that attract this kind of attention, so this kind of success has been truly a group effort. Thanks, and congratulations to you all. Pat yourselves on the back a bit.

Before going further, I want to congratulate the big winners of the 2006 national held in Frankenmuth, MI, this past October. I had forecast a year or two ago that my good friend and neighbor, Bob Walchak, was emerging as a force to be reckoned with at the shows. This year all he did was take champion Ameraucana over-all on a black bantam cockerel, and reserve bantam Ameraucana on a white bantam cockerel. I can't remember another instance of the males beating out the females for the top two positions in bantams. The black went on to take best A.O.C.C.L. Jerry DeSmidt and Paul & Angela Smith again battled it out for top honors in the large fowl, with Jerry coming away with the top spot on a very nice white hen. Paul & Angela's good black pullet took reserve. After the top spots, the rest of the BV & RV placings were well distributed; many members went home happy with the beautiful hand painted plates and mugs as wonderful keepsake awards. I'm sure a full report will be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Paul & Angela Smith took home the plaque for the annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Their accomplishments are many, and their support of the club as team players are unsurpassed. To be brief, no one deserved this award more. They are a great couple.

Sorry, back to rambling. My fondest memories will not be of outstanding birds, but of wonderful people. Too many of them are no longer with us, but we have such a solid nucleus of members and incoming club officers that I am resting secure in the knowledge that Don, Jerry, and I started something in 1978 that will endure for a very long time. We will have enemies that attempt to diminish what has been and is being accomplished. Some of this has already been going on in internet message boards where folks with too much spare time on their hands, and who have accomplished very little themselves, like to heap criticism on the thoughts and ideals of others. The best course of action is to ignore them, as it is impossible to argue with twisted logic. But enough of the negative.

When it comes to poultrydom, I respect and admire folks who carefully plan out a breeding project, latch onto it, and then persevere through thick and thin. I respect and admire folks who ask thoughtful questions and have the discernment to follow good advice. All of us have room to learn from each other. And I think all of you know how I feel about chronic complainers and quitters. It has not been skill or superior wisdom that has brought us thus far, but the qualities of perseverance and of hard work and of sacrifice. And all under the providential grace and will of an Almighty God. "*Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.*" Psalm 127:1 And again, "*The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*" Proverbs 16:9 We would all do well to keep those thoughts in mind as we move forward in the years ahead. Finally, thanks so much to all of you that have expressed

support and encouragement during my recent medical situation and subsequent surgery. I'm looking forward to going back to work in just a couple more weeks. I love you all.

North Central District Report

by Teresa Brittnacher, Director, (no report)

Northeastern District Report

by Larry Clionsky, Director, 11/14/06

Well hello and good-bye from dull drab no color Central Pa this time of year. This will be my last newsletter since it was announced at our annual meeting at Bay City that Rob Sando from Ohio will be the new NE Director for the ABC. He won by a vote of 4 to 3. Funny, I thought there were more than seven members in the northeast district. To repeat words of Mike Gilbert. "Don't ever think your vote doesn't count". So, starting January 1, 2007, members must request their meets from Rob. Good Luck Rob!

And, speaking of the Bay City show, I cannot say enough about the great job John Blehm did as secretary for the Bay City Poultry Club which hosted the 2006 Annual ABC meet. They should be very proud to have a guy work so hard for them and their club. I know I appreciated his and his wife Kathy's efforts in running not only their own show but the ABC table as well. In fact, kudos to all the ABC members and spouses (Mary Gilbert and Angela Smith) who manned the ABC table from start to finish.

The Ameraucanas were absolutely gorgeous and there was a very nice amount in the show in both large and bantam. By now most of you probably have seen the great photos posted on the ABC web site as well as on Vicky and Rita's site. And if not, take some time and truly appreciate the magnificence of the best Ameraucanas in the USA. Anyone who has bought birds from Mike, John, Paul or Wayne can always say they have the best. I know Paul's blacks, blues and silvers are all over the USA and believe me when I say this. If you have his blacks you will win a show somewhere sometime. A bird that Mike Gilbert sold to a friend not only won its variety but its breed, class and reserve AOCCL. Jerry DeSmidt had the most white birds ever and won big. John Blehm is really doing well with his Buffs and Barb Campbell is becoming the Wheaten and Blue Wheaten large fowl master. All in all, it was a great ABC annual meet as usual and if any of you go to a meet at least once in your life, go to your club's annual. Remember, this is your club and only the members will keep it going.

By the time you read this I will have attended the Crossroads of America show in Indianapolis where the Central district is holding their meet so I hope to see a lot of Ameraucana Breeder's Club members again. Paul, Angela, Mike and Mary we will miss you.

Thanks to all of you who made my tenure as Director a great experience and Good Luck to all when you show your birds. Clionsky out!!!!!!

Southeast District Report

by Beth Collier, Director, (no report)

South Central District Report

by Paul Smith, Director, 11/15/06

Greetings from the South-Central District

Show season is well underway. The Ameraucana national was another fun filled, great success-thanks to John, Kathy and everyone who helped to put it on.

Michael Muenks family from California, Missouri and Angela and I were the only exhibitors from the South-Central district.

Our district meet will be over by the time this newsletter is sent out. That will be our third and last show for this season due to our house project. Piers were poured on November 14, and hope to have all the foundation completed in a few days. Almost every spare moment has been spent in research or designing for our house.

Wes Wyche from Tulsa, Oklahoma has started showing this year, beginning with the Oklahoma state meet at Guthrie. Jennifer Isabel-Schrader from Desoto, Texas had the BB and champion AOSB at the Texas State fair. This is Jennifer's second show season. It's good to see more showing Ameraucanas in our Southern district shows.

Hope everyone has a great show season. May the Lord Bless each of you.
From Our home to yours Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year,

Western District Report

by Koralyn Kibbee, Director, 11/14/06

To all my good friends,

Farewell letter from you Western District, I don't think "So", with the new Director, Lisa Cree and her skills on "that machine", it's a new beginning for me. Lisa can do all the very important things and I can raise a few Ameraucanas, take them to the shows, do the displays at the fairs, even sell a few. Make sure that the youth are taken care of.

Promote & promote, that I will do, I must continue to do everything I can for the ABC. I've been a part of this awesome group for so many years. I can't quit now.

Lisa will do a great job, it will be a joy working with her.

When I was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, I wondered if I really deserved it? Looking back, yes I am a breeder, not just an owner of Pretty Chickens. I will carry-on, Thank You, All, you are a great group of people.



2006 Big Sky Exposition, Great Falls, Montana

Introduction to New Officers

Jerry De Smidt

Hello everyone my name is Jerry De Smidt and I will be your new North Central District director. I was born in Sheboygan, WI in October 1969 where my family had a small dairy operation. I have been around animals all my life working for dairy farmers ever since I was a young kid.

I started raising poultry when I was in High School but they were for eggs and meat. Starting out with what we call Easter Eggers, commercial Leghorns and Red Stars, if I knew then what I know now I would have started with exhibition birds instead of commercial birds. In the year of 2000 I purchased my first Ameraucana pair of LF black with the help of Jake and got them from Geoff Stevens at the Wisconsin International Poultry Show in Janesville, WI. I now raise several varieties in LF and bantam. In the LF I have black, blue, buff, white, and just started with wheaten and blue wheaten. In the bantams I have black, blue, and white. Through the years I have acquired birds from Wayne Merideth, John Blehm, and Mike Gilbert.

Jake and I go to many shows through out the Midwestern states as far west as Colorado and as far east as Ohio. We show many different varieties of poultry in large fowl and bantam. We also enjoy raising and showing registered Polled Herefords and Fullblood Pinzgauer beef cattle.

I work for Green Bay Nursery and Landscaping in the retail store where I am the yard supervisor.

Rob Sando

I live in new Madison, Ohio. I have raised Ameraucanas for about 6 years. I raise black, blue wheaten and buff large fowl. And I also have wheaten and blue wheaten bantams.

Upcoming ABC Meets

Washington State Meet, requested by Lisa Cree
Washington Feather Fanciers "Winter Brisk" show, Chehalis, Dec, 9-10
Contact: Mike Dooms, mpdooms@localaccess.com

South-Central District Meet, placed by Paul Smith
Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, December 9-10
Contact: Steve Jones, 9677 Butler Lane, Poetry, TX. 75160

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Larry Clionsky
Mid Ohio Poultry & Bird Breeders, Eaton, February 3-4
Contact: Michelle & Terry Hofacker, mosbb@myvine.com (937)533-0483

Oklahoma Special Meet, requested by Wes Wyche
Northeast Oklahoma Poultry Club, Pryor, March 3
Contact: Kenneth Kvittum, (918)476-5613

Montana State Meet, requested by Jeannette Frank
Rocky Mountain Poultry Association, Great Falls, April 28-29
Contact: Jamie Rensom, rensmon@bresnan.net (406)443-4347

Michigan State Meet, requested by John W. Blehm
Bay City Poultry Club, Frankenmuth, October 13-14
Contact: John W. Blehm, john@baycitypoultryclub.org (989)777-1234

ABC National Meet, placed by the Board of Directors
Montana Poultry Fanciers Association, Great Falls, MT, October 6-7
Contact: Larry Kibbee, singletreebantam@wmconnect.com (406)284-6978

Meet Reports

*BB=best of breed, RB=reserve of breed, BV=best of variety, RV=reserve of variety, C=cock,
H=Hen, K=cockerel, P=pullet, AOV=Any Other Variety,
AOCCL=All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams, AOSB=All Other Standard Breeds*

Heartland Classic show, Cape Girardeau, MO 3/18-19

Special Meet, reported by Kirk Keene

24 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Paul Monteith

BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue C by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV blue H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue wheaten C by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV brown red C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV brown red C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff C by Michael Muenks – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV buff C by Michael Muenks – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV wheaten P by Chris & Pam Link – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV wheaten K by Chris & Pam Link – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV white H by Michael Muenks – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

also BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All & **Champion AOCCL**

RV white H by Michael Muenks – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

12 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Troy LaRoche

BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor

also BB & **Reserve Champion AOSB**

RV black C by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB

BV blue C by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV blue P by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV brown red H by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV white H by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA 8/15-16

State Meet, reported by Alnice Nichols

33 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Bart Pals

BV black C by Nancy Dean – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV black H by Nancy Dean – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV blue wheaten C by Nancy Dean – out of 7 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV blue wheaten P by Nancy Dean – out of 7 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV brown red H by Nancy Dean – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV brown red H by Nancy Dean – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV buff H by Nancy Dean – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV wheaten H by Nancy Dean – out of 5 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV wheaten H by Nancy Dean – out of 5 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV white P by Alnice Nichols – out of 12 shown by 2 exhibitors
 also BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All & **Reserve Champion AOCCL**
RV white C by Alnice Nichols – out of 12 shown by 2 exhibitors
 also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All
BV black tailed buff/AOV K by Nancy Dean – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV black tailed buff/AOV K by Nancy Dean – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
2 large fowl shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Steve Jones
BV blue H by Ronald Dinger – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also BB
RV blue C by Ronald Dinger – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB
JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

Eastern NY State Poultry Association, Cobleskill, NY 9/24

Special Meet, reported by Jamie L. Matts
0 bantams - 2 large fowl shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by William Post
BV white P by Stacey Grocott – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also BB
RV blue wheaten K by Stacey Grocott – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB
JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

Big Sky Exposition, Great Falls, MT 10/7

State Meet, reported by Sharon Eliasson
11 bantams shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by Jim Adkins
BV blue wheaten K by James Freeman – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors
 also BB & **Champion AOCCL**
RV blue wheaten P by James Freeman – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors
BV wheaten K by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV wheaten P by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV white P by Paula Kellerman – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors – also RB
RV white H by Larry & Koralyn Kibbee – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors
2 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Jim Adkins
BV white P by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors – also BB
RV white H by Theresa Lombardi – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors – also RB
JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

Bay City Poultry Club's Fowl Fest, Frankenmuth, MI 10/14-15

National Meet, reported by John W. Blehm
106 bantams were shown by 11 exhibitors, judged by Jim Fegan
BV black K by Bob Walchak – out of 17 shown by 5 exhibitors
 also BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All & **Champion AOCCL**
RV black K by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 17 shown by 5 exhibitors
BV blue P by Mike Gilbert – out of 12 shown by 5 exhibitors
RV blue K by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 12 shown by 5 exhibitors

BV blue wheaten P by Mike Gilbert – out of 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
 RV blue wheaten K by Bob Walchak – out of 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
 BV brown red H by John Blehm – out of 12 shown by 5 exhibitors
 RV brown red K by Jerry Segler – out of 12 shown by 5 exhibitors
 BV buff K by John Blehm – out of 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
 RV buff P by Jerry Segler – out of 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
 BV silver P by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors
 RV silver P by John Blehm – out of 11 shown by 6 exhibitors
 BV wheaten K by Bob Walchak – out of 17 shown by 5 exhibitors
 RV wheaten P by Bob Walchak – out of 17 shown by 5 exhibitors
 BV white K by Bob Walchak – out of 7 shown by 3 exhibitors
 also RB & **Reserve Champion AOCCL**
 RV white K by Bob Walchak – out of 7 shown by 3 exhibitors
 BV birchen/AOV P by Curtis Beck – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
 RV birchen/AOV P by Curtis Beck – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
 BV black gold/AOV P by Mike Gilbert – out of 6 shown by 3 exhibitors – also Best AOV
 RV blk gold/AOV C by Michael Muenks – out of 6 shown by 3 exhibitors – also Reserve AOV
 BV lavender/AOV K by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors
 RV lavender/AOV P by John Blehm – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors
 BV red/AOV C by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
 Best Bantam Trio blacks by Jerry DeSmidt
 Best Bantam Display blacks by Jerry DeSmidt – also Best Ameraucana Display Over-All
83 large fowl were shown by 12 exhibitors, judged by Jim Fegan
 BV black K by Paul Smith – out of 15 shown by 8 exhibitors – also RB
 RV black K by Paul Smith – out of 15 shown by 8 exhibitors
 BV blue P by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 12 shown by 4 exhibitors
 RV blue K by Paul Smith – out of 12 shown by 4 exhibitors
 BV blue wheaten P by Barbara Campbell – out of 10 shown by 5 exhibitors
 RV blue wheaten C by Larry Clionsky – out of 10 shown by 5 exhibitors
 BV brown red P by John Blehm – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors
 RV brown red P by Mike Gilbert – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors
 BV buff K by John Blehm – out of 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
 RV buff P by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
 BV silver C by Larry Clionsky – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors
 RV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors
 BV wheaten K by Barbara Campbell – out of 8 shown by 3 exhibitors
 RV wheaten P by Barbara Campbell – out of 8 shown by 3 exhibitors
 BV white H by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 16 shown by 4 exhibitors
 also BB, Champion Ameraucana & **Reserve Champion AOSB**
 RV white P by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 16 shown by 4 exhibitors
 BV smoky/AOV P by John Blehm – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
 BV splash P by Paul Smith – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also Reserve AOV
 RV splash K by Paul Smith – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
 BV splash wheaten P by Barbara Campbell – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also Best AOV
 RV splash wheaten K by Barbara Campbell – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
 Best LF Trio whites by Jerry DeSmidt
 Reserve LF Trio blacks by Paul & Angela Smith
 Best LF Display whites by Jerry DeSmidt – also Reserve Ameraucana Display Over-All
 Reserve LF Display blacks by Paul & Angela Smith

JR Show, 6 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, 0 LF, judged by Phil Bartz
BB buff C by Caitlin Borke & RB H by Caitlin Borke
Egg Contest, judged by Mike Gilbert
Best LF Hen Eggs by Paul & Angela Smith
Best LF Pullet Eggs by Larry Clionsky – also Best Eggs Over-All
Best Bantam Hen Eggs by Jerry DeSmidt
Best Bantam Pullet Eggs by Jerry DeSmidt

Maryland State Poultry Fanciers, Frederick, MD 11/4-5

Special Meet, reported by Kay St Amour
1 bantam shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Richard Hickman
BV wheaten C by Carl Sachs – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All
2 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Curtis Oakes
BV black P by Kay St Amour – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
also BB & Reserve Ameraucana Over-All
BV ?/AOV K by Brenda Creighton – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

Crossroads of America Poultry Show, Indianapolis, ID 11/17-19

NC District Meet, reported by John W. Blehm
54 bantams were shown by 13 exhibitors, judged by Jerry ?
BV black P by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 5 shown by 3 exhibitors – also BB
RV black K by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 5 shown by 3 exhibitors
BV blue H by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 3 exhibitors
RV blue K by John Blehm – out of 3 shown by 3 exhibitors
BV blue wheaten P by Bridges Lablav Bantams – out of 8 shown by 4 exhibitors
RV blue wheaten P by Bridges Lablav Bantams – out of 8 shown by 4 exhibitors
BV brown red C by John Blehm – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV brown red H by John Blehm – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV buff K by John Blehm – out of 6 shown by 3 exhibitors
RV buff P by John & Lois Bashaw – out of 6 shown by 3 exhibitors
BV silver P by Curtis Beck – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors
RV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 6 exhibitors
BV wheaten P by Bridges Lablav Bantams – out of 11 shown by 5 exhibitors
RV wheaten P by John Blehm – out of 11 shown by 5 exhibitors
BV white P by Milrow Farms – out of 12 shown by 4 exhibitors – also RB
RV white K by Milrow Farms – out of 12 shown by 4 exhibitors
BV black gold/AOV C by Wayne Gritter – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV black gold/AOV K by Wayne Gritter – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV lavender/AOV P by John Blehm – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
34 large fowl were shown by 9 exhibitors, judged by Paul Monteith
BV black P by Keeney & Smith – out of 11 shown by 7 exhibitors – also RB
RV black C by Larry Clionsky – out of 11 shown by 7 exhibitors
BV blue K by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
RV blue K by Keeney & Smith – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
BV blue wheaten C by Larry Clionsky – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors – also BB
RV blue wheaten H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
BV brown red K by John Blehm – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV brown red P by John Blehm – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV buff P by John Blehm – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
RV buff H by Larry Clionsky – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
BV silver C by Larry Clionsky – out of 7 shown by 2 exhibitors
RV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 7 shown by 2 exhibitors
BV wheaten K by Mark Campbell – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV wheaten P by Mark Campbell – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV white H by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 5 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV white K by Jerry DeSmidt – out of 5 shown by 1 exhibitor
JR Show, 2 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, 5 LF shown by 2 exhibitors
BB bantam buff H by Caitlin Borke & RB bantam buff C by Caitlin Borke
BB LF black C by McKenzie Robey & RB LF black by McKenzie Robey

Club Notes

- The Board of Directors has placed our **2007 National meet** at the Big Sky Exposition, in Great Falls, Montana, on October 6th & 7th. They have offered \$300 in cash awards, plus at least \$200 in Specials all for Ameraucanas! Now is the time to start planning to attend. Contact Larry Kibbee, kibbee1@hotmail.com or (406)284-6978, for more information about the Big Sky Exposition. He is the President of the show club and also an ABC member.
- Robert Walchak served as **Election** Commissioner and reported the following results: President – John Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer – Michael Muenks, NC Director – Jerry DeSmidt, NE Director – Rob Sando, SC Director – Paul Smith, SE Director – Barbara Campbell & Western Director – Lisa Cree.
All four proposed changes to the Constitution/Bylaws passed.
The changes will be effective and newly elected officers will take office on January 1st.
The amendments are enclosed as a supplement to your ABC Handbook.
Special thanks to our current officers for their service to the club over the past years.
- The **ABC Forum**, now has over 200 registered members. It is the one place to keep up-to-date on Ameraucanas and this club any day of the week! Go to www.ameraucana.org/abcfourm and find out about, [Predator problem](#), [Introducing new birds](#), [organic feed](#), [Bantam "Condos"](#), [using FRONTLINE on birds](#) and a whole bunch more.
- Don't forget the **ABC Sharing Place**: <http://groups.msn.com/ABCShareingPlace>.
- The ABC places **meets** at the requests of our members. Please contact your District Director to request a meet and send a copy to me, if you do it by email. Remember that according to our [Explanation of Meet Policy](#), "Meets will only be placed by a district director if a member in his or her district requests a meet for a specific show in time for the distribution of information via the ABC quarterly Bulletin prior to the entry deadline for that show".
- ABC 4" diameter **patches** are available. They are two for \$5, plus \$.50 for postage and handling. If you buy 4 for \$10 the postage and handling is still only an additional \$.50. Contact the club Secretary for larger orders.

Copies of all three ABC **Handbooks** are available for just \$5 each. Just let me know which year(s) you want, 1982, 1998 or 2005, when you send your check.

Copies of the ABC Bulletins from the first six years, 1979 – 1984, are available for \$30 in notebooks (only 3 left).

Copies of the ABC Bulletins from 1985 thru 1993 are available for only \$35 per set! There are a few issues missing, that no one has been able to locate.

Shipping is included with all of these items. Make checks payable to: Ameraucana Breeders Club and send to the Secretary.

- **ABC t-shirts** are available in two styles in various sizes.
100% cotton preshrunk, black shirts with a 12" diameter ABC logo in white on front in sizes Medium, Large & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12 each.
50% cotton/50% Polyester, natural (off white) with a 2 5/8" diameter ABC logo in brown on left front in sizes Medium, Large, & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12 each.
These are priced to move and the shipping is included! Make checks payable to John W. Blehm, 4599 Lange Rd., Birch Run, MI 48415.
- As always **advertising** in the Bulletins is FREE to all ABC members.
- The **deadline** to submit articles, ads, reports, etc. for the next bulletin is Feb. 15th.
- "**Annual dues...shall be payable on January 1st for each...year**". Feel free to pay for up to two years in advance. A membership form is available on our website, www.ameraucana.org. Annual Dues: \$15/Family, \$10/Individual & \$8/Junior. Due to postage costs only Family memberships are available to members without a US Zip code. Individual Lifetime memberships are \$200 and Family Lifetime memberships are \$300. Let me know of any corrections or updates that need to be made to your membership information.

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Ameraucana hatching eggs and day-old chicks from Bantam Hill. Visit our website at www.bantamhill.com for more information or send a SASE to Bantam Hill, 33878 Hwy 87, California, MO 65018-3911. We are booking orders for April 2007 now. We have room for only 4 more large fowl orders and bantam orders!

AMERAUCANA CHICKS, bantams and large fowl in several varieties from ChickHatchery.com. Now accepting order for 2007 hatches in March and April. Go to www.ChickHatchery.com for complete information and an Order Form or send a SASE to ChickHatchery.com, 4599 Lange Rd., Birch Run, MI 48415, for an Order Form.



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Below are the names and addresses of all 136 ABC members for 2006.

Please check the alphanumeric characters, in parentheses, after your name to see if you have already paid your dues for 2007. "I" = Individual, "J" = Junior and "F" = Family membership. "06" means your membership is only paid thru the end of 2006. Please use the enclosed membership form when paying your dues before the end of the year. Officers need to make sure their membership doesn't lapse, since you must be a member to be a club officer. The membership form also gives you the opportunity to be included in the Breeders Directory. Listings in the Directory that haven't been updated in over a year will be deleted. The Directory is available thru the FAQ page of our website and mailed to all members, via the Fall Bulletin, annually.

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