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**New Member Welcome...**

Beverly Fledderjohann, OH  
 Oneal Adkins, WV  
 Connie "Jean" Ribbeck, WA  
 James Freeman, MT (jr. member)

**Treasurer's Report**

ABC Checking Account #22869, Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI	
Opening Balance as of 5/17/06	\$1,587.62
Income - Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	\$295.00
Income – designated for National meet awards	\$65.46
Income – designated for ABC Banquet	\$130.32
Subtotal,	\$2,078.40
Expense – Postage	\$63.00
Expense – 200 ABC Patches	\$470.00
Expense - Supplies & Printing costs	\$123.10
Expense – National meet awards	\$120.00
Ending Balance as of 8/23/06	\$1,302.30

Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer

**Online Show Catalog: [www.BayCityPoultryClub.org](http://www.BayCityPoultryClub.org)**  
**National Meet: Ameraucana Breeders Club**  
 Judges: Phil Bartz, Lewis Cunningham & Jim Fegan



**Bay City Poultry Club**  
**October 14-15, 2006**  
**Frankenmuth, MI**

Show Superintendent: John Blehm (989)777-1234 President: Kim Aldrich (989)865-6702  
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## 2006 Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet

Frankenmuth Fowl Fest, the Bay City Poultry Club's  
86<sup>th</sup> annual Midwest Roundup, Frankenmuth, MI

October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Awards offered by: The Ameraucana Breeders Club & Members

Champion Ameraucana.....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Ameraucana .....	Rosette
Best Display, LF or Bantam.....	Rosette
Reserve Display, LF or Bantam.....	Rosette
Best of Breed Bantam .....	Rosette & \$20
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette & \$10
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette & \$20
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette & \$10
Best Ameraucana - in Junior Show.....	Rosette
Reserve Ameraucana – in Junior Show.....	Rosette
Best Bantam Trio.....	Rosette
Reserve Bantam Trio.....	Rosette
Best Large Fowl Trio.....	Rosette
Reserve Large Fowl Trio.....	Rosette
Best of Variety Bantam.....	Hand Painted Plate & ABC T-shirt
Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver & White	
Reserve of Variety Bantam.....	Hand Painted Mug & ABC T-shirt
Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver & White	
Best of Variety Bantam AOV.....	\$10
Reserve of Variety Bantam AOV.....	\$10
Best of Variety Large Fowl.....	Hand Painted Plate & ABC T-shirt
Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver & White	
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl.....	Hand Painted Mug & ABC T-shirt
Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver & White	
Best of Variety Large Fowl AOV.....	\$10
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl AOV.....	\$10
Best Bantam Hen Eggs.....	Rosette
Best Bantam Pullet Eggs.....	Rosette
Best Large Fowl Hen Eggs.....	Rosette
Best Large Fowl Pullet Eggs.....	Rosette

the above cash donations were made by **Mike Gilbert** of WI,  
**Paul & Angela Smith** of TX and Harold Knapp of NY.

ABC T-shirts were donated by **John Blehm** of Michigan.

Best Ameraucana from each ABC District.....\$20 each  
donated by **Larry Clionsky** of PA.

Only Ameraucana Breeders Club Members are eligible for awards from the ABC & its members.

## **President's Report**

by Mike Gilbert, President, 8/11/06

The official website of this organization, [www.ameraucana.org](http://www.ameraucana.org), continues to be a popular venue for ongoing discussions amongst keepers, fanciers, and breeders of bantam and large fowl Ameraucanas. For purposes of this article we will define "keepers" as backyard hobbyists with no real interest in showing or improving their birds over the long term. Their stock comes from fanciers, breeders and (regrettably) sometimes from commercial hatcheries. For keepers better than average egg production and mild temperaments are two of the most sought after attributes for their flocks. Egg color may or may not be important to them.

Fanciers are designated here as those whose primary avian interests lie in raising chicks from their own breeding stock with the aim of producing show quality poultry. They may actually show their birds, or they may prefer to pass them on to others who do show by selling quality hatching eggs, chicks, or stock. They tend to join the major poultry organizations and breed clubs. Adherence to the written breed standard is important to the fancier, but he or she usually has little interest in producing new varieties. Accumulation of points or awards may be important.

The third category (we did not say "level") is "breeder" and is characterized by those whose interest revolves around advancing the breed itself by producing new or improved stock that is superior to the status quo. They may show, or they may prefer not to show. They should and usually do have a working knowledge of basic poultry genetics and formulate plans and alternative strategies for accomplishing worthy, predetermined goals with regard to their flocks' breeding programs. It is possible to be both fancier and breeder, but it isn't possible to be both keeper and breeder at the same time, as the two terms indicate different degrees of intensity that are mutually exclusive. Of course there are all sorts of intermediate stages that blur the lines as one progresses or regresses from one paradigm to another. Enough said on definitions.

When a website becomes a sort of melting pot for keepers, fanciers, and breeders to come together on a message board all sorts of issues can arise. For example, [www.ameraucana.org](http://www.ameraucana.org) sometimes has pictures posted of mongrel hatchery birds along with the query, "Is this a true Ameraucana?," or even, "What variety is this Ameraucana?" It then becomes incumbent on the fancier or breeder to provide education in as gentle a manner as possible, yet the truth must be communicated. We believe the vast majority of responses provided by those on the Ameraucana forum reflect that helpful attitude. It wouldn't be truthful to claim there have been no exceptions, however. After a number of years of answering the same questions patience can wear thin, and that must be guarded against.

Another issue that sometimes arises is when a person with limited experience in this breed posts incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information. Often that person has raised Ameraucanas for two or three years and found his or her specimens to be somewhat less than perfected. This person then tends to "paint with a broad brush" in spite of the fact that his or her stock came from just one or two sources and those in very limited numbers. Such a contributor must also be gently corrected. There now exists literally dozens of strains what with eight recognized varieties of bantams, the same in large fowl, and number of new varieties in the process of development. The A.B.C. secretary maintains a breeders list that is available in hard copy and it soon will be available on the website as well.

One shortcoming of our internet postings as we see it, is they tend to focus primarily on coloring issues to the exclusion of conformation and type discussions. By color we mean both feather patterns and eggshell coloration. But type makes the breed and feather color the variety. The basic color genetics of the eight recognized varieties and new varieties such as lavender and black gold are pretty well established. Ameraucanas must lay pastel blue (not green) eggs per the standards. There are many variations on pastel blue, but blue is not green, olive, or even turquoise. If someone wants green egg laying chickens they are entitled to create such a breed, but it won't be called Ameraucana. It is common knowledge that the pigment for brown eggshells mixed with that for blue egg shells results in various shades of green. Therefore green eggshells are a sure sign of impurity and are to be selected against for this breed. Unfortunately, this is currently a fault in a number of popular strains of Ameraucanas and now must be dealt with over time. Proper selection of breeding stock is the key. Rome was not built in a day, and this problem won't go away in one breeding season.

Ameraucana breeders and fanciers across the nation are looking forward to not one but two major events this fall. The first is our National Meet to be held at Frankenmuth, Michigan, in conjunction with the Bay City show October 14 -15. We will again offer the beautiful hand painted plates and mugs by Areatha Mahan to best and reserve of variety winners. We will have another blue egg contest, raffle and a host of other awards. This is our primary event each year. The second event will be the big Crossroads of America show in Indianapolis this November. We have scheduled a District Meet, and many club members will participate. Not having the National there will give us much more time to observe, swap stories and stock, and enjoy the show. It should be a great time for all.

For anyone who has questions or wishes to comment, please note my new e-mail address; [ameraucana@redstagacres.com](mailto:ameraucana@redstagacres.com) . Best wishes to all.

### **North Central District Report**

by Teresa Brittnacher, Director, 8/11/06

We are right in the middle of setting up for fair, and all the other things that go with end of summer, moved three family members out of the house. I can have my room back for an office again. It looks like we will miss the big meet in Mich. but we'll be hoping for the best for all are members. I have order the plates and cups for class winners, they are really nice.

I think every one is looking forward to Cross Roads show too. We should make a good showing their too. It seems the Bird Flu thing has calmed down that's good for all of us. Every one have a good fall show season.

### **Northeastern District Report**

by Larry Clionsky, Director, 8/18/06

Time to say high again from hot, dry central PA. It has been weeks since we have had any rain and the well is getting low. I have to forfeit my vegetable garden for the animals and I had great looking corn for the first time in years. The cantaloupe and watermelons are doing okay though.

By this time I hope all of you have ended your hatches and you have great prospects for the future. My last hatch came out on Friday but it was peacocks only. They only lay

eggs in May, June and sometimes July so the hatches are always in mid to late August. I hatched over 50 peachicks and they are fun. This year I hatched several hundred Ameraucanas to boost my stock and sell to admirers. Got some nice buffs this year with blue legs and my best was just killed by a weasel the other day. I wonder how the predators know which ones are the best??? But they always kill my best birds and the ugly ones live forever. Hopefully the oldest ones will be up against all of yours at the National in two months. Looking forward to everyone being there.

Went to one show this Spring and my Black male got beat by Judy Sartell's daughter's black male. She even wanted to sell him to a State Trooper friend of mine but he said no to the offer. I wish he would have taken it now. If Jack Kiska beat my bird with his bantam then I have a rosette for you. Call me Jack if you beat my male please. I know Rita's son Sean has been doing great with his birds and it is good to see him excel. Spoke to a few NE members over the past and enjoy the bird talk. Other than that it has been a usual summer. Work, weeding and cutting grass.

Found a great hen laying perfect blue eggs and will be tough to beat in the egg contest. Not to brag but this guy has won four egg contests so far so I think I know what I am doing.

And, since Paul, John and Mike Gilbert usually win all the top spots with their birds I decided to make an offer of \$20.00 to the best bird owned by a member in good standing from each district. So, if you live in a district that they don't, go for it. If all our districts are represented then that will be great. Can't wait until October 13th to see everyone again. Hope all that are going have safe trips and trouble free.

Until then, take care of those young birds and wash them good because the competition will be tough. I have 28 Rhode Island Reds that are from my great male and I think I will be bringing one or two along just for the fun. They will be six months old on 8/28. Paul, I have some blacks that are real promising, watch out.

Other than that there is not much else to say. My divorce will be final soon and I was able to keep my farm. However, I never thought that I would be starting a new 30 year mortgage at my age. But, what the heck, who cares if I never own it. It is a great place to live. Someday, I will learn how to download pictures and get them in the web site.

So, until October, take care and God Bless!! And for all of you that do not make it to Frankenmuth, Good Luck at any show you attend and let me know the results so I can report it in the last newsletter for 2006. Clionsky out!

### **Southeast District Report**

by Beth Collier, Director, (no report)

### **South Central District Report**

by Paul Smith, Director, 5/23/06

Greetings from the South-Central District,

Angela and I are planning on going to the national meet in Frankenmuth, Michigan. We hope other breeders from our district will go also. It's been extra warm this summer which has slowed our birds growth and killed several with heat strokes. The past eleven years of raising chickens, I've learned that Ameraucanas can take the heat well, to about 105°, but any higher and they start dying. We've seen several days near the 110° mark. Oh-well, we will work with the survivors. The first few hatches have some very nice breeder/show quality prospects. Hopefully the heat wave will soon ease some, so the younger birds can start to develop.

We have orders for several breeding trios, pairs and layer pullets, but should be able to supply several more as we won't be keeping very many for breeders for ourselves. We will be building a new house this fall and will not have time to hatch as many chicks as we have the past seven years. The dirt work was started August 14. We are anxious to get out of our trailer into the house. We are still planning on showing at a few shows this fall but not as many as in the past.

We hope all have had a good growing season and do well at the shows this fall. Looking forward to showing with you.

May the Lord Continually Bless You,

### **Western District Report**

by Koralyn Kibbee, Director, no report

### **ABC National meet - club table, volunteers needed**

by Barbara Campbell, 8/14/06

I'm asking for volunteers to "man the table". We have a total of 16 hours to cover, 7am-7pm Saturday and 7am-11am Sunday. My husband, Dick, has volunteered to keep an eye on things during our club meeting (if any other spouse's are looking for something to do, he'd appreciate the company). Currently we know of 14 members that plan to attend. If each of us puts in 1 1/2 hours, that should take care of it.

The ABC will have a silent auction at the National meet and not a raffle. One item that will be auctioned is the ABA blue wheaten portraits. Several members donated a total of \$500 to fund the project a few years ago.

If you're able to help out at the club table and/or have an item to donate for the silent auction, please contact me.

[BlueEggAcres@comcast.net](mailto:BlueEggAcres@comcast.net) (865)494-0876 Thanks a bunch!

### **Correspondences**

June, 2006

John,

*Enclosed is a check for...Dinner for my wife and I at Frankenmuth this fall and \$25 donation for our national meet, to be used where needed.*

*Thank You,*

*Harold (Knapp), NY*

July, 2006

Hi John,

*I guess I can afford the membership. Mike hatched a bunch of chicks for me. I think I have some real nice bantams in several varieties...*

*I had planned to go to Indianapolis for the Giants and buttercups. I thought the Ameraucanas would be there too. Your National will be right during the worst time for a pheasant hunter. I think that is the opening weekend.*

*I would be willing to help with the club anyway I can as long as there is a lot of pay, no work, or none or very little knowledge required.*

*Thanks, Bob (Rennolet), SD*

### **Upcoming ABC Meets**

New York Special Meet, requested by Rita Johnson  
Eastern New York State Poultry Show, Cobleskill, September 24  
Contact: Jamie Matts, [mattsjt@aol.com](mailto:mattsjt@aol.com)

Wisconsin Special Meet, requested by Teresa Brittnacher  
Wisconsin International Show, Portage, September 30- October 1  
Contact: Bill Krueger, [bkrueger@ahstockmfg.com](mailto:bkrueger@ahstockmfg.com)

Montana State Meet, requested by Koralyn Kibbee  
Big Sky Expo, Great Falls, October 6-7  
Contact: Sharon Eliasson (406)323-1655

Ohio State Meet, requested by Patty Pickard  
Southern Ohio Poultry Breeders Fall Show, Lucasville, October 7-8  
Contact: Dave Adkins, [dadkins@valley.k12.oh.us](mailto:dadkins@valley.k12.oh.us)

2006 ABC National Meet, placed by the Board of Directors  
Bay City Poultry Club's Midwest Roundup, Frankenmuth, Michigan, Oct. 14th-15th  
Contact: [www.baycitypoultryclub.org](http://www.baycitypoultryclub.org), John W. Blehm, (989)777-1234

Oklahoma State Meet, requested by Wes Wyche  
Central Oklahoma Poultry Association, Guthrie, Oct. 21  
Contact: Ruth Wolf, (405)282-0423

Washington Special Meet, requested by Lisa Cree  
pacific NW Poultry Association fall show, Stevenson, Oct. 21-22  
Contact: Kathey Giberson, [lkpoultry@msn.com](mailto:lkpoultry@msn.com)

New York State Meet, requested by Rita Johnson  
Yankee Fall Classic, Syracuse, October 28-29  
Contact: John Pierce, [mapierce@usadatanet.net](mailto:mapierce@usadatanet.net)

Maryland State Meet, requested by Larry Clionsky  
Maryland State Poultry Fanciers Show, Frederick, November 4-5  
Contact: Kay St Amour, [cochinlady@verizon.net](mailto:cochinlady@verizon.net)

Northeast District Meet, requested by Larry Clionsky  
Ohio Poultry Breeders Association Show, Columbus, OH, November 11-12  
Contact: Eric Markley, [markley@ohionational.org](mailto:markley@ohionational.org)

North Central District Meet, placed by Teresa Brittnacher  
Crossroads of America show, Indianapolis, Indiana, Nov. 17 - 18 - 19  
Contact: Bill or Dave Wulff, [info@poultrypress.com](mailto:info@poultrypress.com) (765)825-0621

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

Oklahoma Special Meet requested by Wes Wyche  
North East Oklahoma Poultry Club, Pryor, March ?, 2007  
Contact: Kenneth Kvittum, (918)476-5613

### **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*

#### **Badger Poultry Club show, Richland Center, WI, 6/3**

State Meet, reported by Ruth Lefeber

14 bantams shown by ? exhibitors, judged by Phil Bartz

BV black ? by ? – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue H by Mike Gilbert – out of ? shown by ? exhibitors  
also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

BV blue wheaten H by Mike Gilbert – out of 3 shown by 3 exhibitors  
also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV blue wheaten C by Mike Gilbert – out of 3 shown by 3 exhibitors

BV brown red H by Bob Walchak – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV brown red C by Bob Walchak – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff C by Mike Gilbert – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV buff C by Bob Walchak – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV white H by Bob Walchak – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV white H by Randal Buske – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors

3 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Pat Lacy

BV black H by Betsy Muehleip – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB

BV brown red C by John & Lois Bashaw – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor – also BB

RV brown red C by John & Lois Bashaw – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

JR Show Champion Ameraucana Over-All, large fowl silver P, by Deana Shook

#### **Endless Mountains Poultry show, Hartford, PA 6/10**

State Meet, reported by Judith Sartell

2 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Rick Porr

BV buff C by Jack Kiska – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor – also ?

BV wheaten H by Jack Kiska – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor – also ?

4 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Jamie Matt

BV black C by Jessica Sartell – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

also BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All & **Reserve Champion AOSB**

RV black C by Larry Clionsky – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV blue C by Larry Clionsky – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

also RB and Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

BV buff K by Larry Clionsky – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

## **Gallatin Country Fair, Bozeman, MT 7/21**

Special Meet, reported by Koralyn Kibbee

17 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by ?

BV blue wheaten C by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV blue wheaten K by James Freeman – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV white C by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 13 shown by 2 exhibitors

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

RV white P by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 13 shown by 2 exhibitors

also RB, Res. Champ. Ameraucana Over-All & **Reserve Champion AOCCL**

4 large fowl shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by ?

?

JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

### **Club Notes**

- Robert “**Bob**” **Rennolet**, of SD has become the first member to pay for a Lifetime Membership! Thanks Bob and happy hunting.
- This is an **election** year for club officers. A ballot is attached. There are also proposed changes to the ABC Constitution and Bylaws on the ballot to be voted on. Do not vote for District Directors outside your District. Only one ballot will be counted for each membership. Please mark your votes on the ballot, or copy of it, and send it to the Election Commissioner before November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to Mike Gilbert, Paul & Angela Smith and Harold for donating toward **awards** for our National Meet. The money will be used for both cash awards and to buy rosettes and hand painted plates & mugs. The plates & mugs will be like the ones we had last year, by Aretha Mahan. Paul & Angela have volunteered to pick them up from her and bring them to the show.
- Our **National meet** will be at the Frankenmuth Fowl Fest, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. All of the information needed for the show is posted on the Bay City Poultry Club website, [www.baycitypoultryclub.org](http://www.baycitypoultryclub.org). The site is an on-line Show Catalog and has a schedule of events, lodging contact info, printable maps, a printable Entry Form, and more stuff than you wanted to know. If you don't have internet access and need any info about the show call the ABC Secretary. I've told the other members of our Bay City Poultry Club to expect 200 Ameraucanas...please help us achieve that goal.
- The **ABC Banquet** will be at **8pm** on Saturday evening, October 14<sup>th</sup>. I called the Bavarian Inn to make reservations and get an exact price for the dinners. The prices are \$21.72 per person for 13 and older, \$8.41 for 6 thru 12 and kids 5 and under are \$2.12. That is the total cost per person, including tax and tip. The menu is "all-you-can-eat" ...homemade breads, butter & jam, coleslaw, Cranberry-Orange Relish plus two seasonal salads, chicken noodle soup with crackers, Frankenmuth chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, baked dressing, buttered noodles, hot seasonal vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, milk and pop. You won't go away hungry!  
Fall is the busiest time of the year in Frankenmuth and at the Bavarian Inn, so they told me they are already booked between 5:30 and 8pm on the October

14th. I had planned on eating at 7, but have now had to make it 8pm. The show barn will close at 7, so that should work out and we can kick back and enjoy a great late meal and fellowship.

If you would like to attend please send your check to me for dinner reservations ASAP. Please don't wait – first come first serve.

- The Board of Directors voted to post the ABC **Breeders Directory** of the club's website. It can be accessed from the FAQ page.
- At our 2005 annual National meeting ABC President Mike Gilbert appointed Micheal Muenks, John Blehm and himself as a committee of three to resolve the Ameraucana **silver** variety description contradictions. Our consensus is that the ABA description is correct by referring to SILVER PLUMAGE on pages 234 and 235 of Bantam Standard, 1988 edition.  
Our proposal to the APA is:  
Ameraucana silver "PLUMAGE:", for both bantams and large fowl, should refer to the SILVER DUTCH BANTAM color description on pages 234 and 235 of the American Standard of Perfection, 1998 edition.  
Currently, on pages 194 & 272, the APA Standard reads:  
PLUMAGE: Color same as Silver Leghorn on page 119.  
On pages 194 & 272 it should read as proposed:  
PLUMAGE: Color same as Silver Dutch Bantam on page 234.  
That is what the appointed committee proposes, but we want to hear more from the ABC membership.  
Please carefully consider whether the Silver Dutch color description matches in all areas, male and female, so that we, as a breed club, can just propose changing the reference from the Silver Leghorn pattern to the Silver Dutch.  
If you are a club member and have any opinions on this proposal, please post your comments on the ABC Forum or send them to the Secretary.
- The **ABC Forum**, is the place to keep up-to-date on Ameraucanas and this club on a daily basis! Check it out , [www.ameraucana.org/abcforum](http://www.ameraucana.org/abcforum), to find out about, [Brown Red female description](#), [Toe Nail Color???](#), [Standard Description](#), [zoonotic parasites](#), [I most likely will have to give up poultry....](#), [Silver Standard Description](#), [female lobe color](#) and on and on and on and...
- Don't forget the **ABC Sharing Place**: <http://groups.msn.com/ABCShareingPlace>. It's a place to share your Ameraucana experiences.
- 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 **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.

I will also have them available at our National meet, in Michigan, for just \$6 each!

- 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. I am only offering 12 sets of these Bulletins.  
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- As always **advertising** in the Bulletins is FREE to all ABC members.
- “Annual dues...shall be payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ameraucana.org). Annual Dues: \$15/Family, \$10/Individual & \$8/Junior.  
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- The **deadline** to submit articles, ads, reports, etc. for the next bulletin is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

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6	Blue-wheaten Bantams		Bold Type = Will Ship
7	Brown-red Large Fowl		
8	Brown-red Bantams		
9	Buff Large Fowl		
10	Buff Bantams		
11	Silver Large Fowl		
12	Silver Bantams		
13	Wheaten Large Fowl		
14	Wheaten Bantams		
15	White Large Fowl		
16	White Bantams		

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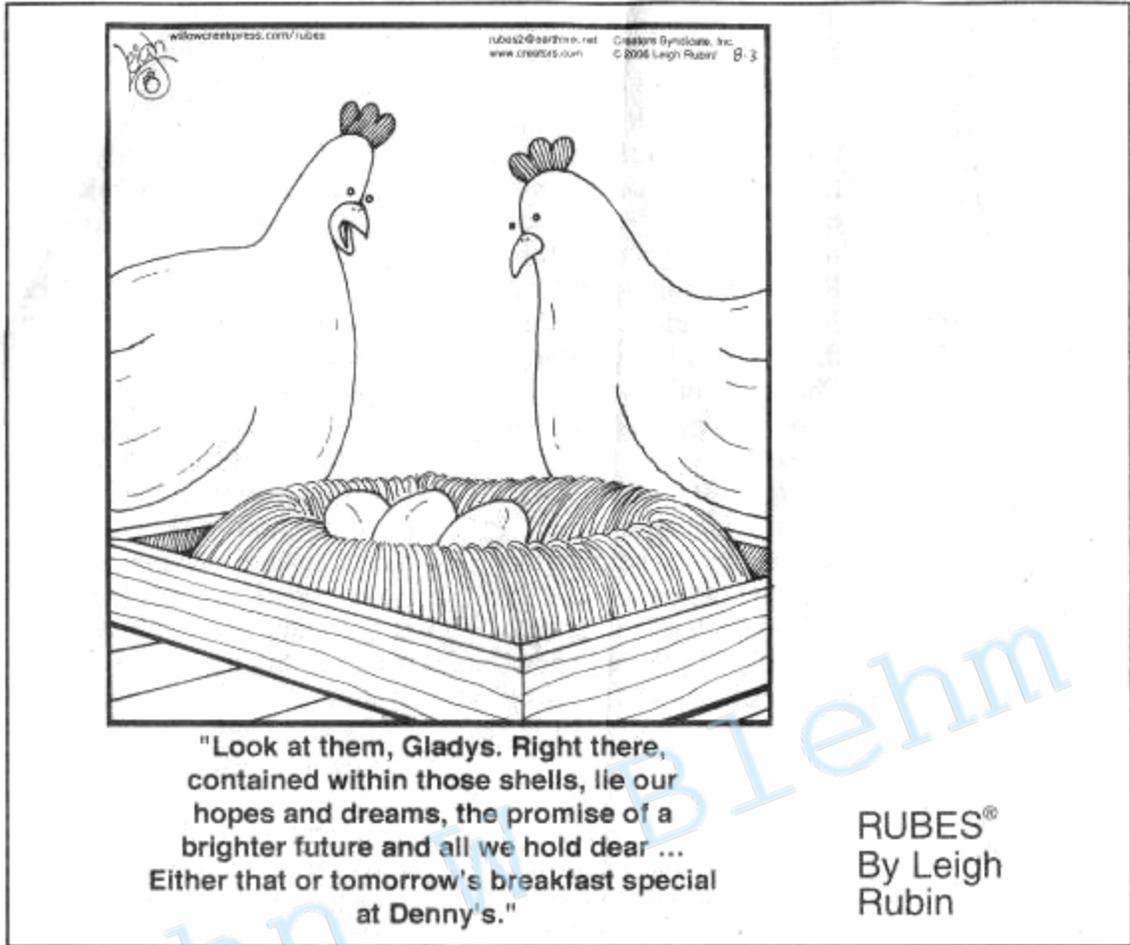
BREEDERS	VARIETIES	AVAILABILITY
Beck, Curtis (06) 3699 W CR 100N Greencastle, IN 46135 (765)653-8701 <a href="mailto:cbeck19@hotmail.com">cbeck19@hotmail.com</a>	12	C D E
Blehm, John W. (06) 4599 Lange Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415 (989)777-1234 <a href="http://www.ChickHatchery.com">www.ChickHatchery.com</a>	1, 3, 7, 9, 11 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	B D E
Campbell, Barbara (06) 392 Whitaker Hollow Rd. Lake City, TN 37769 (865)494-0876 <a href="mailto:BlueEggAcres@comcast.net">BlueEggAcres@comcast.net</a>	5, 13 splash wheaten LF	A B C D E
Clionsky, Larry 9 Zion Church Rd Grantville, PA 17028-9651 (717)469-7509 <a href="mailto:Lclionsky@yahoo.com">Lclionsky@yahoo.com</a>	1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15	A B C D E
Collier, Beth & Steve Shafer Three Creeks Farm, 365 Peabody Rd. Charlotte, TN 37036-5531 (615)789-5943 <a href="mailto:bethcollier@yahoo.com">bethcollier@yahoo.com</a>	1, 3, 15, splash LF 6, 8, 14, black gold bantam	A B C D
Cree, Lisa & Gary (06) 14418 NW Holly Rd. Seabeck, WA 98380 (360)830-2732 <a href="mailto:creefarm@peoplepc.com">creefarm@peoplepc.com</a>	1, 3, 5 11, 13	B D E
DeSmidt, Jerry (06) N912 Hill Road Pulaski, WI 54162 (920)833-9772 <a href="mailto:jwoodhaven@aol.com">jwoodhaven@aol.com</a>	1, 3, 9, 15 2, 4, 16 splash LF & bantam	D E
Dinger, Ron 100 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave Armstrong, IA 50514-7587 (712)868-3254 <a href="mailto:rdinger@non.net">rdinger@non.net</a>	1, 3	C D

Dinkins, Tina (06) 309 Rogers Ridge Kinston, TN 37763 (865)376-4646 <a href="mailto:tdinkins@direcway.com">tdinkins@direcway.com</a>	6	A B C D
Duvall, Abigail (06) PO Box 99 Churchton, MD 20733 (410)956-2581 <a href="mailto:s07aduvall@severnschool.com">s07aduvall@severnschool.com</a>	1, 3, 15	A B C D red pyle LF & golden shoulder bantam
Garner, Joseph & Larry 788 Red Belt Rd. Chickamauga, GA 30707 (706)375-7823 <a href="mailto:cgarner1985@charter.net">cgarner1985@charter.net</a>	5, 13	A B C E
Gilbert, Michael K. (06) W5171 Baker Rd. Holmen, WI 54636 (608)857-3386 <a href="mailto:ameraucana@redstagacres.com">ameraucana@redstagacres.com</a>	7, 11, blue silver LF 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 black gold bantam	A B C D E
Gritter, Wayne 7548 W. Ivy Lane New Palestine, IN 46163 (317)861-5503 <a href="mailto:wjgritter@aol.com">wjgritter@aol.com</a>	6, 14 black gold bantam	C D E
Haggarty, Laura (06) 12317 KY Highway 330 W Berry, KY 41003 (859)654-1407 <a href="mailto:lhaggarty@fuse.net">lhaggarty@fuse.net</a>	5, 13	A B C D E
Johnson, Ray (06) 1892 Pea Ridge Mansfield, MO 65704 (417)741-6394 <a href="mailto:ray066@centurytel.net">ray066@centurytel.net</a>	6, 14	A B E
Keith, Mary Jo PO Box 436 Pleasant Hill, TN 38571 (931)277-5553	3, 5, 7	B C D E

Kibbee, Koralyne (06) 9069 Wooden Shoe Manhattan, MT 59741 (406)284-6978 <a href="mailto:Singletreebantam@wmconnect.com">Singletreebantam@wmconnect.com</a>	6, 14	E
Kiska, Jack and Janet (06) 26 Hill St. Ashley, PA 18706 (570)824-6016 <a href="mailto:kisphoto@hotmail.com">kisphoto@hotmail.com</a>	5, 13 6, 10, 14	A C E
Laino, Mark and Barbara (06) 156 East Ridge Rd. Warwick, NY 10990 (845)986-9699 <a href="mailto:Barbara@midsummerfarm.com">Barbara@midsummerfarm.com</a>	3	A B C D
Larsen, Laura (06) 6874 E. Birch Creek Preston, ID 83263-5215 (208)852-1228 <a href="mailto:irisctr@mailpuppy.com">irisctr@mailpuppy.com</a>	1, 3, 5, 13	A B C D E
Little, Janet (06) 284 Warbasse Jct. Rd. Lafayette, NJ 07848 (973)383-8216	10, 14	B C D E
Main, Thurman (06) PO Box 3662 Chino Valley, AZ 86323 (928)636-3027 <a href="mailto:mainhouse1224@msn.com">mainhouse1224@msn.com</a>	2	C D E
Magilke, Tammy (06) 413 E Johnson Ave. Stockholm, SD 57264 (605)676-2558	11	A B C E
Mckee's Fowl Farm, Sean (06) 4019 Stramba Rd. Cincinnati, NY 13040 (607)836-8928 <a href="mailto:ritaj@usadatanet.net">ritaj@usadatanet.net</a>	11	A B C D E

Meredith, Wayne (06) W312 S 5626 Dable Rd. Mukwonago, WI 53149 (262)968-3547	1, 3, 5, 13, 15	A B C D
Muenks, Michael J (06) 33878 Hwy 87 California, MO 65018-3911 (573)796-3999 <a href="mailto:micheal_muenks@yahoo.com">micheal_muenks@yahoo.com</a>	1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16 black gold bantam	A B C D E
Nichols, Alnice & Nancy Dean (06) 9469 210 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Ackworth, IA 50001 (515)961-3028 <a href="mailto:coyotecornerqh1@aol.com">coyotecornerqh1@aol.com</a>	2, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16 black gold bantam	A B C D E
Olson, Rick, Teresa, Amber & Justin 84 E 7500 S Midvale, UT, 84047 (801)561-0810 <a href="mailto:rickschicks6@cs.com">rickschicks6@cs.com</a>	1, 3	A C D E
Orndorf, Janet (06) 11741 Sycamore Rd. Mt. Vernon, OH 43050 (740)397-3069 <a href="mailto:Qluck@ezlink.com">Qluck@ezlink.com</a>	1, 3 splash large fowl	A B E
Peterson, Lyne (06) 1675 Elverta Rd. Elverta, CA 95626 (916)383-0000 <a href="mailto:lyne@bryngyld.com">lyne@bryngyld.com</a>	black gold & blue gold in both bantams & large fowl	A B C D E
Pickard, Patty (06) 10559 Lincoln Way E Orrville, OH 44667 (330)765-4000 <a href="mailto:faithvalleywaterfowl@yahoo.com">faithvalleywaterfowl@yahoo.com</a>	6,14 11	A B C D E
Plamondon, William R. (06) 11 Cleveland St. Westport, MA 02790 (508)678-7935	3	A

Ribbeck, Jean (06) PO Box 461 Newman Lake, WA 99025 (509)226-3833 <a href="mailto:rribbeck@sprynet.com">rribbeck@sprynet.com</a>	1, 3, 5, 9, 13	A B C
Smith, Cara (06) 33016 CR W Hillrose, CO 80733 (970)847-3614 <a href="mailto:Zelda73@msn.com">Zelda73@msn.com</a>	1, 15	A C D
Smith, Paul & Angela 2257 C.R. 224 Gainesville, TX 76240 (940)668-0719 <a href="mailto:sw_psmith@swmail.net">sw_psmith@swmail.net</a>	1, 3, 5, 11, 13	B D E
Stanley, Angela (06) 777 Bluegrass Rd. Conway, MO 65632 (417)589-2192 <a href="mailto:agstanley1@aol.com">agstanley1@aol.com</a>	1, 3	A B C D E
Thompson, Vicky (06) 7416 18 Mile Rd. Cedar Springs, MI 49319 (616)696-9233 <a href="mailto:cottage_rose_garden@hotmail.com">cottage_rose_garden@hotmail.com</a>	1, 3	A B C D E
Tuckwood, James (06) 2778 Neff Rd. Boscobel, WI 53805 (608)375-4646 <a href="mailto:caeterjay@webtn.net">caeterjay@webtn.net</a>	red bantam	A B C D
Urch, Duane (06) 2142 NW 47 <sup>th</sup> AVE. Owatonna, MN 55060 (507)451-6782	1, 11, 15 6, 14	A B D E
Wyche, Wesley (06) RR 3 Box 189A Cleveland, OK 74020 (918)760-2276 <a href="http://www.CimarronValleyFarms.com">www.CimarronValleyFarms.com</a>	1, 15	A B C D E
		<a href="mailto:wes@ok-pics.com">wes@ok-pics.com</a>



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## Ameraucana Breeders Club Ballot

Please mark the ballot, or copy of it, by circling the names of the candidates of your choice. Vote for President, Secretary/Treasurer, a Director for your District, and "yes" or "no" on the proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws. Send it to the Election Commissioner by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. One ballot per membership will be accepted.

President	<b>John W. Blehm</b>
Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Michael Muenks</b>
Director, North Central	<b>Jerry DeSmidt</b>
Director, Northeastern	<b>Larry Clionsky or Rob Sando</b>
Director, South Central	<b>Paul Smith</b>
Director, Southeastern	<b>Barbara Campbell</b>
Director, Western	<b>Lisa Cree</b>

Proposal "A", Article V – Organization, **"Yes"** or **"No"**

Remove "Vice President(s)" from list of officers that comprise the Board of Directors.

Since the office of VP in "honorary" according to Article 1(a) they should not be Board members with the duties described in Article IV.

Proposal "B", Article VII - Election of Officers, **"Yes"** or **"No"**

Change "All ballots must be marked and returned within ten days..." to "Voting may be by mailing of a marked ballot or via email within ten days..."

This is to save on both time and money.

Proposal "C", Article VII - Election of Officers, **"Yes"** or **"No"**

Add "When only one member accepts the nomination for any office that person will be elected by acclamation."

I don't believe a person would accept the office if elected by a write-in vote when they wouldn't accept a nomination. Voting isn't needed in these situations.

Proposal "D", Article VIII - Club Meets, **"Yes"** or **"No"**

Add "clockwise" after the word "rotated" in the first sentence.

Remove "Site of the national meet shall be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors."

Add "The District Director will place the National meet by November 15th for the following year. If it is not placed, with notification to the Board, by that date the Director of the next District in rotation will have 30 days to place the National meet."

This will allow for proper rotation of the annual National meet, placing the responsibility on the individual Directors and at the same time allowing them to let the meet be placed in another District for whatever reason they may have. The November 15th date allows time for the meet info to be placed in the Winter Bulletin. This early notification helps exhibitors plan there hatching season so that birds will be mature by show time.

Mail Ballot to: Election Commissioner

**Bob Walchak, N8698 County TT, Holmen, WI 54636**