

Ameraucana Breeders Club

Oct, Nov, Dec. 1995 XV #5



## Details

The finishing touches on preparing a bird for exhibition can be very important, particularly in a large class of quality entries. Some exhibitors do this just prior to leaving for the show while others do it just prior to cooping at the show. Each has it's advantage but the decision is yours.

You will need water and a mild soap, vegetable oil, toothpicks, cotton swabs, a sturdy nail clipper and a couple of old wash cloths and/or a towel. Warm or tepid water would be best, but any clean water will do. A mild soap used for dishwashing works well and if you have a small scrub brush in your show kit, so much the better.

In as much as beard and muffs cover the greater part of the face, they should be free of any dirt, feed or other substance that prevents their full expression. The small pea comb should be washed thoroughly, dried and painted with a small amount of vegetable oil to enhance color. Likewise, the beard, nostrils and face about the eyes need a cleaning. Pay particular attention to the beak - if either mandible needs a trim, use your nail clipper, being careful to do a neat balanced job. A balanced, well trimmed beak can make a vast improvement in the appearance of the head and face.

Shanks, toes and feet need a thorough cleaning as well. After washing and drying these areas, go over them again making certain that stains and rough areas are eliminated. If toenails need a trim, use your clippers to bring them into balance. When satisfied that the shanks, toes and feet are in good shape, coat these areas with oil to bring out their neat, clean appearance. Place a clean numbered band on your bird and make certain the bird arrives at the show in a box with plenty of clean shavings and ample room to move without jamming and breaking a sickle or main tail feathers. Take time and trouble to show your birds at their very best.

Don Cable





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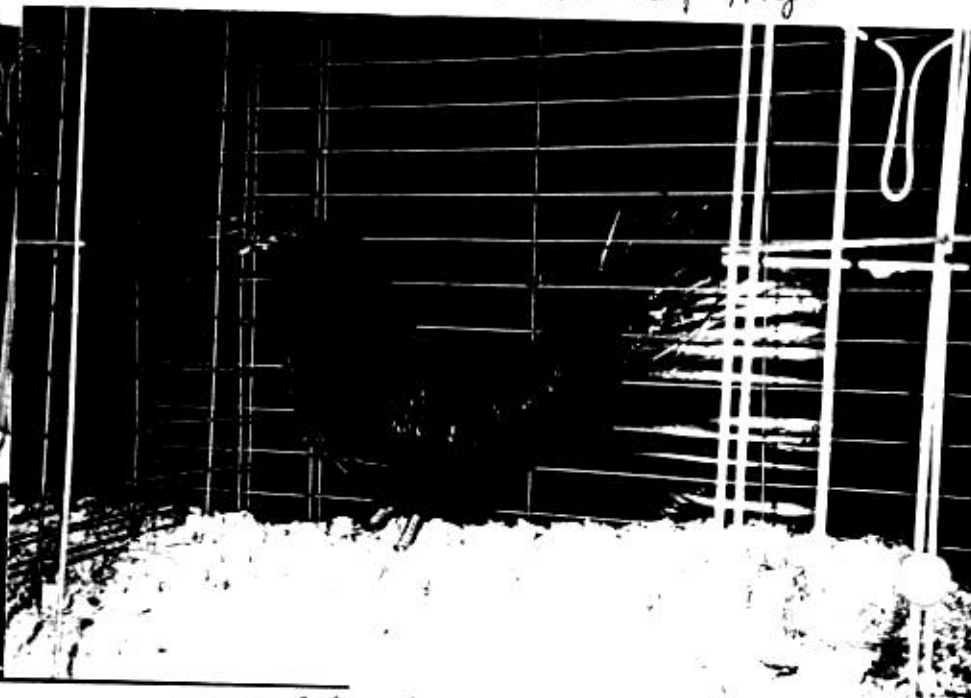
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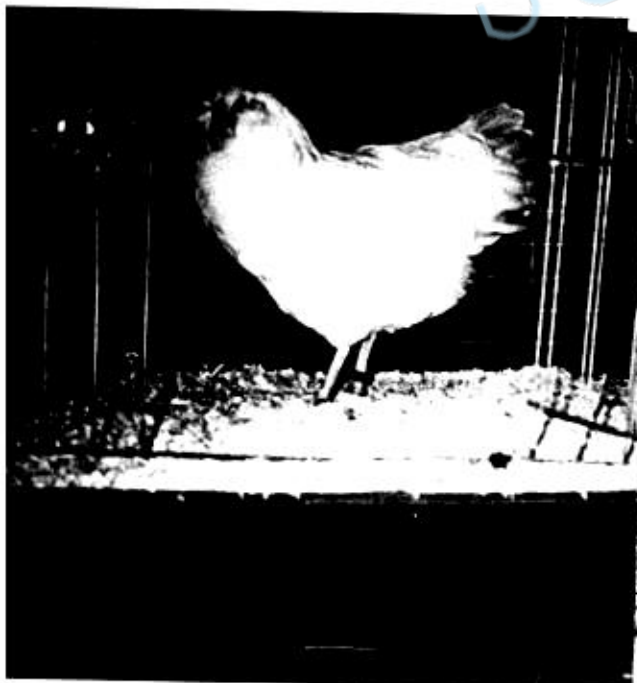
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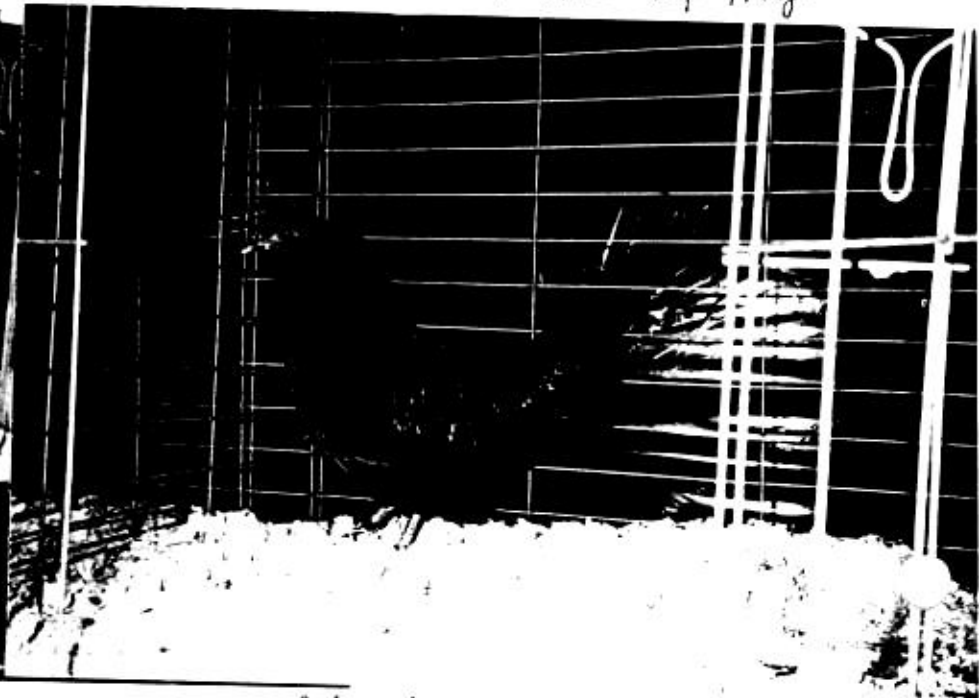
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FROM THE OZARKS

Hello to all. I sure wish I could have attended the '95 National. I hope all went well and everyone had a good time. Congratulations to the winners.

It's actually raining here this A.M. I hope we get an old fashioned soaker this time instead of the 1 & 2 tenths we've been getting. It doesn't add up to 2 inches since the 4th of July. It's due to turn much colder by the last of the week and they are mentioning the 4-letter word by Friday. Me thinks I'd better get the rest of my plants in.

I had to have my furnace replaced last month - gas came on fine, but no blower. Rather than spend a bunch of money on the 35 year old clunker, I opted for a new one. The price was reasonable so I went ahead and had central air installed too. It sure works good.

Little peepers are growing and feathering fast.

We've been busy at work. We really trimmed the windows for Halloween. Spider webs and the whole bit! It was fun.

The Christmas parade is the third Saturday of November so we'll start in on the Christmas display real soon.

Mike and Mary Gilbert stopped by a couple of Sundays ago. They had been to Branson for a wedding. It was so nice to have company for a change.

My best to all,

Mary Lou

10-30-95

New members -

James Fegan - 278 County Rd. CNA, Champion, MI 49814

Rourke Hiland - RR 4 Box 181, Rockville, IN 47872

Leo & Jeanne Mullen - RR 1 Box 22, Bell, MO 65013

Ruth Whitney - 3694 W. Madison Rd, Alma, MI 48801



Hello, hello all Ameraucana folks. It has been a long time - years in fact, that I have had any news to impart, but now I do. I'm back in the "chicken business". Rusty and I are eagerly waiting for the ABC National on Oct. 28. Neither of us have been to a show for more than four years. I have some wheaten Ameraucana bantams and Rusty has Rosecombs.

I ordered from Crow Hatchery this past spring - 20 wheaten Ameraucana bantams. I also got some Silkies "just cuz". It has really been fun - I haven't had a bird on the place for years. I didn't realize how much I missed them. I had so much fun with the chicks that in June I got 16 ducklings.

At first I was upset with the chicks - thinking I had gotten far more cockerels than pullets but it turned out 50-50. Most of the birds are nice to quite good. Many have good heads, combs and beards. The worst fault I can see are too tall and lanky on some of the cockerels, plain ol' "too big" on a few pullets and incorrect leg color on a few. To me it was money well spent and after culling I'll have a good start on starting over. I would recommend Crow Hatchery to anyone wanting to get started with no Ameraucanas in their area. The chicks arrived in good health and have a nice friendly, calm disposition.

My large fowl population is next to nothing. I did manage to get a few eggs from some local folks I had given birds of mine years ago and hatched four chicks. All four are pullets and one is all blue. With any luck at all and help from Mike Gilbert and John Blehm I'll be able to add to the pullets and be back in the large fowl business.

It is wonderful to be anticipating and preparing for a show. Even better this one is in Michigan and only 2½ hours away. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Jerry Segler is bringing me some guinea keets. I'll be sure to give a full report of my re-entering the poultry show arena.

I learned a few things this summer. The young birds really like "sunflower sprouts". The sprouts must be good for them. The wild birds knocked the sunflower seeds out of the feeder and with all the humidity we had they sprouted. So I'd pick a handful or so and feed them to the young birds.

Another thing - the humidity in the incubator is important. Humidity must be as the directions for your incubator indicates or you will have all kinds of problems with your hatch - from sticky chicks to dead embryos.

I bought "The Chicken Health Handbook" by Gail Damerow. It is an excellent book. Very well organized and helpful. Jeannette did a complete review on it in 1994. If you can't locate it at your local feed store contact either of us and we'll help you.

I also learned - don't be too quick to cull. Mine are five months old and are looking better each day. It takes some time for the true colors to show in the feathering. The obvious things - combs, leg color, no beard or muff, etc - can be detected early on but the color pattern of the wheaten and blue wheaten - both male and female - do take some time to develop. Be patient. Let them go thru that teenage stage before you make final decisions.

For now that's the news from No. Michigan. For those of you who do not know - I have a phone now. Even tho it cost plenty to run the line it is wonderful. My phone number is 616-544-8136. So if you feel like talking chickens or whatever ---.

Hope all is well in your corner of the world. Everything is quite nice here.

Jeanne Trent

P.S. The Chicken Chic catalog from a gift shop in Arkansas. They have a wide variety of chicken things..some are reasonable, some expensive. Call them for a catalog 1-800-758-9669. Or write: Chicken Chix, 323 E. Emma Ave., Springdale, AR 72764.





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November 11, 1995

Dear Jeannette;

By now you will have received the report of our Club National Meet from our Vice-President Mike Gilbert (held in Alma, Michigan on October 28-29), so I will not repeat any of those details, but I am writing to pass on to you my impressions of that Meet, and the encouragement that I received for showing my Ameraucanas. I was happy to have won one of the five Ameraucana trophies donated by the host club, the Bay City Poultry Association, and two of the rosettes also awarded by the host club. These were for Ameraucanas. In addition, I won two big rosettes for Best LF Polish and Best Bantam Polish. I was pleased to see Mike Gilbert win the remaining Ameraucana trophies, and many rosettes, as his birds are really superior, and deserve special merit; as do those of John Blehm also. I was very pleased with the effort and preparation put into that show by the host club, as they not only hired an excellent Judge to deal specifically with the Ameraucanas, but they had many special trophies and rosettes made up for our breed, and cooperated excellently throughout the show with us. The Superintendent and Secretary and all of the organization were very friendly and assisted in every way possible. We were very pleased that the Ameraucana Judge made written comments on the birds that he judged, which were helpful, and he was very accessible for general discussion.

I was very happy to have the opportunity to see John and Kathy Blehm once again, and to visit their home again, and to meet for the first time Mike and Mary Gilbert and Jerry Segler, and be able to chat for some time with Mike and Jerry, and pick up some valuable pointers from them, and to observe Mike in action. Mike is one guy who is always working with his birds; cleaning, trimming, manicuring, etc., and training them, and it shows in their good health and vigor, but moreover their "conditioning". We could not believe how tame and manageable his large white cockerel was! The same for all of Mike's birds, LF and Bantam alike. They obviously have been bred for "behavior" (which is important to me), and have been frequently handled.

During our official "Club meeting" on Saturday, I mentioned that I feel that the Club should have additional information about how the Ameraucana breed got started, and WHO the originators were, and the process of acceptance, before this information gets lost. Mike agreed with me, as did others, and Mike suggested that I take on that project. I agreed to write this up, if only I could obtain the background data to put together. Later, on Saturday afternoon, many Club members toured to John Blehm's home, about an hour to the east of the show, and John had the opportunity to show his poultry facility, his home, and his businesses (his pattern shop; and his radio station, WKNX, in Frankenmuth). For many of them, it was their first opportunity to see the German settlement of Frankenmuth, and it's beautiful German tourist attractions. I had the good fortune to have Jerry Segler riding in my Jeep, and we talked at length about the "Ameraucana History" — I only wish that I could have RECORDED what Jerry was telling me about the origin of the breed and it's acceptance as a Standard. It is precisely what he was telling me that I feel should be written into a little booklet, but I couldn't record any of that while driving. I promise to coordinate such a project if I can get the written information and data to edit and put together.

I realize that the Michigan site was too far east for any western members to come to, but it's location did make it possible for myself and others to attend that couldn't have gone much further west, and I do appreciate that the Directors did vote to make it possible. My being able to meet with breeders such as Jerry Segler, Mike Gilbert, and John Blehm was a valuable experience, and I received much encouragement for continuing to show and try to popularize AMERAUCANAS here in New England and the East. In addition, it was an opportunity for me to expand my flock of Ameraucanas by acquiring some great stock from these top breeders. I am especially happy with the pair of White LF acquired from Mike Gilbert, as they are so superb!! I have promised to show them, and their offspring to try to popularize the breed more. As



most members are aware, we have an educational job to do to get broader acceptance for the Ameraucanas. In most shows here, I have been the ONLY adult exhibitor of Ameraucanas, and usually have had to be satisfied with getting only "blue" ribbons (although once, when I entered 10 Ameraucanas in the Boston Show, one of them got to the Champion's Row). I have been pleased at the same time that many persons have taken interest in them, and have asked a lot about them. At such moments, I wish that I had the little handout that I proposed, to describe just what is an Ameraucana.

Though some members might be bored with any personal travel details, others might be interested to know that to get from here to the National Meet, the most direct route was to cross into Canada at Niagara Falls, and cross through Canada to Port Huron, Mich. (John Blehm reported to me that many Canadians have great difficulty getting their chickens into the USA for shows, and returning with them — a great deal of red tape !!) The first Canadian customs officer did send me "inside", but upon showing my Inspection Certificate, they stamped it and told me to go on — so long as I was only going "in Transit", and the birds would not be out of the car. On my return, The officer was shown that STAMPED certificate, and waved me on. So, for me, NO PROBLEMS with Customs!!

I had left at 5 AM on Friday morning, driving the 820 miles straight through, alone with my 16 chickens, stopping only to look once again at Niagara Falls from the car, and at John Blehm's home on the way, to follow him into Alma. John and I arrived with plenty of time to coop our birds that evening. Total driving time was 13 hours that day. Upon return, I visited my cousins in Port Huron for a short bit, and crossed back over into Canada, staying overnight near Niagara Falls, and once again looked over the Falls, and on the way home also stopped at the Corning Glass Center to pick up some "Corningwear" at their factory sales outlet, arriving home at 7 PM. All in good condition.

I am going to the APA National this coming weekend, Nov. 18 & 19, in Richmond, VA. and will be taking as many of my Ameraucanas as are in good condition (many are still in molt). I am taking the new ones acquired from Mike Gilbert and John Blehm also, not so much as to show them off as MY birds, as to try to popularize the Ameraucana breed as well as possible, and with the hope that SOME day maybe the Judges will see them as good enough candidates for the Champions Row. MAYBE, someday, one might even be Grand Champion in a big show. But it is obvious that some of the Judges still lack education in this breed, (and some other less popular breeds), and need to see more good examples of the Ameraucana breed, in greater numbers.

To conclude, in your letter received today, you asked if I had FUN at the National Meet, and I hasten to reply YES, I enjoyed the show, and meeting the other members. There was a lot of driving, but it didn't take much out of me, and it was a pleasant "vacation" from my usual routine. My only complaint is that there was insufficient opportunity for the members to socialize, since we were widely separated in different motels. I hope to be able to get to work on a summary of the "Ameraucana History", and I plead with original breeders to forward copies of selected records and data to me for this purpose. Any original data sent to me could be copied and returned, if so desired.

With that, let me close with best wishes for recuperation with your hand pain!!

You've done a great job as our Club Secretary !!!

Best wishes to all;

*DICK*

Richard Orr, Eastern District Director



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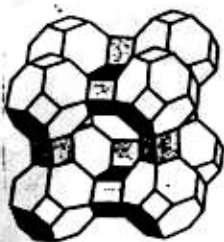
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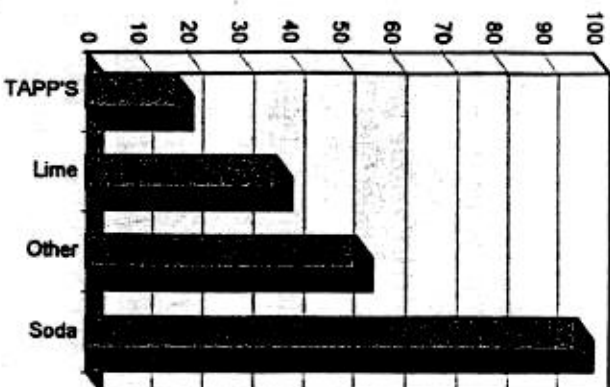
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AMERICAN BREEDERS CLUB

SHOW REPORT

VARIETY	C.H.K.P.	EXHIBITOR'S NAME
Champion Ameraucana <u>Blue Wheaten Bantam</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>ERIC Wilhelm</u>
* Reserve Champion Ameraucana <u>Blue Wheaten Bm.</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>ERIC Wilhelm</u>
Champion Large Fowl <u>Silver</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>JAMES A. FEGAN</u>
Reserve Large Fowl <u>∅</u>		
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<u>BANTAM</u>	<u>LARGE FOWL</u>
Best Variety - Wheaten <sup>P</sup> #31 - <u>Blue</u> - <u>ERIC Wilhelm</u>	<u>∅</u>
Reserve Variety - Wheaten <u>∅</u>	
Best Variety - Blue Wheaten <u>∅</u>	<u>∅</u>
Reserve Variety - Blue Wheaten <u>∅</u>	
Best Variety - Black <u>∅</u>	<u>∅</u>
Reserve Variety - Black <u>∅</u>	
Best Variety - Buff <u>∅</u>	<u>∅</u>
Reserve Variety - Buff <u>∅</u>	
Best Variety - White <u>∅</u>	<u>∅</u>
Reserve Variety - White <u>∅</u>	
Best Any Other Variety (other than listed above) <u>∅</u>	<u>Silver</u> <u>JAMES FEGAN</u>
Reserve Any Other Variety (other than listed above) <u>∅</u>	<u>∅</u>

Please list exhibitor's name with champions and reserve champions. If there are no winners please enter ∅ in space. Enclose exhibitors list with this report, please.

Type of show: (eg- District, State, National, Regional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Host Club Name LAMB OF BLACKHAWK POULTRY CLUB  
 Date of Show SEPT 9 1995 Location JANESVILLE, WIS  
 Judge of Ameraucanas C. VIC STRAMMAN  
 Show Secretary JOAN LAWE Phone # 1-414-723-5337  
 Address W3871 MAELORAN RD City, State & Zip ELKHORN, WIS 53121

Please send copy of this report to: AMERICAN BREEDERS CLUB  
 Jeannette Frank, Sec/Treas.  
 P. O. Box 824  
 Great Falls, MT 59403-0824

\* P-WAS Champion AOCC  
 \* K-WAS Res. Champion AOCC



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Champion Ameraucana	<u>Black Ameraucan</u>	<u>See P</u>	<u>Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Champion Ameraucana	<u>White "</u>	<u>See P</u>	<u>Aune Schmidt</u>
Champion Large Fowl	<u>Black Ameraucana</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Large Fowl	<u>White Ameraucana</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Aune Schmidt</u>
Champion Bantam	<u>Black Ameraucana</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Bantam	<u>White Ameraucana</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Aune Schmidt</u>

<u>BANTAM</u>		<u>LARGE FOWL</u>
Best Variety - Wheaten	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Reserve Variety - Wheaten	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Best Variety - Blue Wheaten	<u>H - Wilmar Vorwerk</u>	<u>0</u>
Reserve Variety - Blue Wheaten	<u>H Wilmar Vorwerk</u>	<u>0</u>
Best Variety - Black	<u>0</u>	<u>P - Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Variety - Black	<u>0</u>	<u>H Aune Schmidt</u>
Best Variety - Buff	<u>K Aune Schmidt</u>	<u>P - Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Variety - Buff	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
* Best Variety - White	<u>P - Aune Schmidt</u>	<u>P - Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Variety - White	<u>H Aune Schmidt</u>	<u>K - Aune Schmidt</u>
Best Any Other Variety (other than listed above)	<u>0</u>	<u>Blue - P - Aune Schmidt</u>
Reserve Any Other Variety (other than listed above)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Please list exhibitor's name with champions and reserve champions. If there are no winners please enter 0 in space. Enclose exhibitors list with this report, please.

Type of show: (eg- District, State, National, Regional) State  
 Host Club Name Minnesota State Poultry Assn  
 Date of Show October 27-28, 29, 1995 Location Hutchinson, MN  
 Judge of Ameraucanas \_\_\_\_\_  
 Show Secretary Marilyn Lademacker Phone # 612-442-4021  
 Address 9185 Co Rd 10 E. City, State & Zip Waconia, MN 55387

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Reflections From the Big Sky Country -

Thanksgiving is just a couple heartbeats away as you are reading this. On reflection I have much to be thankful for - and am! How about you?

Our cover is from a Christmas card by Marjolein Bastin. This artist of Hallmark cards has been a great boost to all of us poultry fanciers with her artwork. I have been nagging Hallmark of years to get some chickens in their line. Don't imagine I had anything to do with it but I am pleased to see poultry coming to light.

Unfortunately as I am preparing this newsletter for the printer I have received only one report from the 1995 ABC National Meet in Alma, MI. I was hoping for more before now. Thank you, Mike, for your report.

This is the last newsletter for 1995. Please remember **all** membership dues are due January 1, 1996. Without your continued membership the newsletter can not continue to be sent to you.

And it isn't too soon to be thinking about who you want running your club in another year. All offices are needing nominations. Elections are in September, 1996. That will be here sooner than you think.

All letters, calls and notes are gratefully appreciated. That is the only way I know what is going on...so please let me hear from you...all of you. Several of you have commented on how much you learn from Don Cable's articles..which only proves what I have continually stated...regardless of what you might think is unimportant - some of us benefit from what you think everyone already know. With the new year just around the corner the club needs your articles. PLEASE???

Hope your Holidays are filled with love and loved ones. Me..I'm going fishing as soon as I get this to the printer.

Jeannette

Smile!

A smile is something  
nice to see,  
It doesn't cost  
a cent.  
A smile is something  
all your own,  
It never can  
be spent.

A smile is welcome  
anywhere,  
It does away  
with frowns.  
A smile is good  
for everyone,  
To ease the  
ups and downs.

1996 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues: Family \$10.00 Individual \$7.50 Juniors \$5.00 (all dues due by 1/1)

name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

phone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are paying a family membership would you please list family members names and ages?

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(Use additional paper if necessary.)

Use this space below to list the breeds, varieties of large fowl you raise and/or sell:

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Use this space below to list the breeds, varieties of bantams you raise and/or sell:

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Use this space below to list any other type of poultry or/and livestock you keep:

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Any comments, thoughts, ideas or general information?

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Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to: Ameraucana Breeders Club  
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Questions? Don't hesitate to ask!  
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