



Plenty to Crow About

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Before wishing all of you in the Club the happiest of holidays, I first have to thank all of you for the warm acceptance in Highland. I had been hearing about all of you for several years and it was a delight to meet everyone. You're all that Don said and more. I'm not sure I've ever felt so comfortable with a group of people I did not know. Thanks so much. And now, Merry Christmas and...

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C. J. Matthews

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for \$179.50.)

If any of you try this or know of anyone who has tried it please let me know. I think it is a good idea to alert your post office in advance.

Chores are done so I can sit & chat a bit. We've had two sunny days in a row. +45° predicted for the A.M. The "Alberta Clipper" or whatever didn't leave more snow..just cold. We have all had it with winter here in northern MI...it seems to be forever. I am weary of filling the woodracks, fussing with the stove and all that.

Chickens have been laying since January. Rusty has chicks out and hens setting...so where is Spring? Lots of snow here. I noticed at work today - it was almost 7P.M. and not yet dark - we have gained an hour of daylight in the last two weeks.

I've managed to get my Jeep stuck twice this winter - the second time was when I was getting ready to go to the Bay City Show. We'd had a big snow storm that Thursday. I went home about 3P.M. on Fri. I could hardly open the trailer door. I measured the snow on the porch - 13" - before I shoveled it off. I had so much to do and that's when I got stuck. Took me an hour to dig out. I got to Rusty and Howard's driving slowly in 4 wheel drive. We had to toboggen the chickens to the Jeep. It took us 2 hours to load up. You would have laughed to see us dragging a toboggen to the chicken house loaded with carrying cases and loading the chickens, putting them on the sled and slogging through the snow to load them up. Bay City is only 3 hours away. We drove to West Bay - 1½ hrs away - no snow! My jeep was the only truck at Bay City with snow on it. Got all kinds of flak about the ring of melted snow around my truck on Sat.

The Bay City Show was really down this year in birds. Several reasons. For one thing two of the exhibitors who exhibited lots of birds had died. Kind of sad - strange not seeing them around. We poultry folks make strong bonds with our "friends in the fancy". It's a family kind of thing...it's like losing a member of the family. Don't mean to be sad but I especially find the personal thing so great with the AM folks & poultry folks in general. The tie that binds.

Ron Nelson, a fairly new club member, sent me feathers from his Mille Fleur Leghorns. I didn't know Mille Fleur Leghorns existed. I was thrilled he sent me the feathers and I understand why many folks would think that was crazy but we know that's not crazy. Right?

I saw John Blehm at Bay City. He had several bantams for a challenge and there were other large fowl to challenge me. I got RB in the large fowl. BB was for a hen I had raised. She moved around to several people. I got beaten by one of my own birds! She's a good hen. She must be getting old - I sold her several years ago...but she looks good.

John has some nice white bantams. I had 2 white bantams I got from Rande Buske at Highland. I washed my two. What a difference that made. John will be the first to admit it so I don't feel badly telling you this. John's birds were health, full feathered, looked great but..a washed white bird next to an unwashed white bird is like day and night. John even asked me if I had bleached my two. He didn't realize it would make such a difference - neither did I. They really looked spruced up and were sure proud. They posed and showed off all weekend. I used Ivory Liquid in a bucket of warm water. Put the birds in the bucket, kind of sloshed the soapy water around with my hands, rinsed them well, wrapped a towel around them and then blow dried them on low heat. It takes awhile to get them fluffy (Silkie & Cochin folks must spend hours). I left them next to the stove in their box overnight. They seemed to like the whole event - didn't struggle or get upset. I'm sure grateful for that. I did find out from Clyde Weaver, a judge, that you should wash your birds 3 days prior to a show. They will preen themselves and bring back the natural oils. Live & learn - Oh, "Snowwhite" and "Prince Charming" got BB & RB of bantams at Bay City.

I've never bathed my colored birds for a show..haven't had to. Most of the time they look great and folks ask what I did to get such a sheen. Plain old healthy, I guess. Being outside and not overcrowded. If in doubt and you want an edge - I'd say wash them - especially white birds.

Great news...Michigan State beat Ann Arbor (rival in basketball). I graduated from "Moo U". U.M. is a great rival and they always think they are so great. Well, the State Agricultural Colleges are a great help to us folks! Just a plug to help support the Ag School in your state...4-H & all that. Cheer us on my chicken friends.

That brings be to a call I got today from Candy Patane in NY. She's a newer club member. We have never met but she wants a pair of large fowl from me. We've gotten that sort of arranged with the N.E.S.T. thing. Candy has gotten Marek's disease in her flock. I don't think there is a cure for that..in my experience it's a paralysis and strikes the legs. Candy took her birds around to many vets - they didn't know what was wrong or told

Reflections on the Ameraucana National of 1989, Highland, IL

Bernard Kellogg and I had been anticipating the Ameraucana National of 1989 ever since he started me in Ameraucanas back in late fall of '87. I had heard and read extensively about the close knit Ameraucana family and was quite anxious to meet them all.

Well, November 3rd finally came and we were off! We had invited a new member, Dave Bandomir to ride along and to show off his new found love, the white Ameraucana bantam. The three of us country boys left the WI state border at about noon and proceeded on through the "big" city of Chicago. We made it through without casualty and continued to head the truck south on I-55 towards St.Louis. I thought we'd never get there. Talk about flat land.... And then, finally, Highland! At last, we had arrived. We found the fairgrounds with little trouble. And there they were, the most common and most ordinary people I had ever seen, representing the Ameraucana Club. Once we had the birds settled in, we began to mingle with the ABCers. Well, lo and behold, they were not so common and not so ordinary at all! Each person seasoned with a little special flavor of their own. Now I could understand why BK would fit into such a group so well. They all shared a special love for one another and their birds. No one was out to so call "beat" their competitor. Discussions centered around interest for one anothers birds. Some examples could be: how to best improve a show bird, what were some of the "secrets" to conditioning, who fed their birds what, what genes to use to introduce a new variety, or how to best improve the present color of a particular variety.

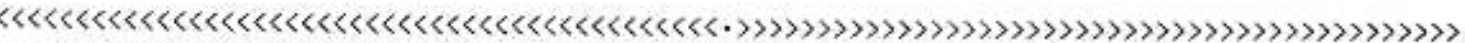
I took a few random photos of the show and if anyone would like copies, by all means, contact me and we'll see that you get photos. In contrast, I would like to make a photo collage of the 1989 ABC National and display it at our 1991 National in Milwaukee, WI. If anyone would like to contribute photos, please send them to me.

I am really glad I had the opportunity to attend the Ameraucana National of 1989. I made many new friends and found the show to be an educational experience. Also, thanks goes to the Ill-Mo Poultry Club for having the ABCers at their Fall show.

Here's to happy hatching in 1990!

Rande Buske
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P.S. We won't tell you about the ride home!



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Breeding Ameraucanas

by John W. Blehm

1-20-90

Many people raise chickens, but developing new varieties and improving flocks is what breeding is all about and this is a breeders club. Our handbook discusses some breeding tips such as for proper shank color and prominence of muffs and beards. The purpose of this article is to review some basic genetic principles, as we get ready for another breeding season.

The characteristics or traits that a chicken has are inherited from its parents. Genes are the means by which the traits are given to the progeny (offspring). Genes are part of each egg cell and sperm cell. Theoretically a chick receives two genes for any given trait - one from each parent. If you cross a bird with a pea comb and one with a single comb the young should have pea combs, since the gene for pea combs is dominant over the gene for single combs. Keep in mind that these young, with pea combs, still carry the gene for single combs because it was inherited from one of the parents.

When one trait is more likely to show up, over another, it is called "dominant". The other trait is considered "recessive". Generally a capital letter designates a dominant trait while recessive traits are represented by lower case letters.

In Ameraucanas the black variety is dominant over white, so black could be symbolized (B) and white (w) or (b) if you prefer. If a black bird received the black gene from both parents it would be considered "pure" dominant (BB). A white bird that received the recessive white gene from both parents is "pure" recessive (ww). In crossing a pure dominant black (BB) with a pure recessive white (ww) the progeny are "hybrid" black (Bw). There are some traits that are not dominant over another, such as pea comb (P) versus rose comb (R). This is called "incomplete dominance" and the result is a combination of the two.

My personal belief is that all genes, not just the two that we know about from each mating, are present in all chickens. The first chickens that God created would have had the genes necessary to develop all the breeds and varieties that the world has now.

Over the years certain birds were selectively mated so that their special traits could be utilized, such as for meat or egg production. This went on for many centuries genetics became a science. I think that what we might call a freak is proof that chickens carry very recessive genes, that crop up for no apparent cause. I've had rumpless progeny and pullets that lay brown eggs after several years of selective breeding.

We can, however, estimate the result of a mating by making up a simple chart. By listing the symbols, that represent the genes for a given trait, of the cock bird across the top of the chart and those for the hen down the left side, we can determine the expected traits for four chicks.

Let the cock be pure black (BB) and the hen hybrid black (Bw).

cock (BB)	>	I	B	I	B	
		B	I	BB	I	BB
		w	I	Bw	I	Bw
hen (Bw)						

Two of the chicks in this example would be pure dominant black (BB) and two would be black with recessive white gene (Bw). Remember this only means that the odds are, out of four chicks, this is how they should come out.

Here are a couple charts to see what the expected results would be mating birds with pea and single combs. The first example is easy. The cock and hen are pure dominant for pea combs (PP) and so would be the four chicks. In my last chart you can see that if the cock is hybrid with a pea comb and carries the single comb gene (Ps) and our hen has a single comb (she received the (s) gene from both of her parents), two of the chicks would have pea combs (Ps) and two would have single combs (ss).

cock (PP)	>	I	P	I	P	
		P	I	PP	I	PP
		P	I	PP	I	PP
hen (PP)						

cock (Ps)	>	I	P	I	s	
		s	I	Ps	I	ss
		s	I	Ps	I	ss
hen (ss)						

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Jan. 13, 1990

Dear Ms. Frank

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Ameraucana Club Bulletin. I congratulate the Club for putting together such an excellent informative bulletin. I also appreciate the kind words you stated in your article about myself.

It was a pleasure to meet you at the All Pro Show and have you work as my Clerk. I also enjoyed judging the Class of Ameraucanas and was pleased to see such a large display. I hope that at some future time I'll have the pleasure of judging another one of your Clubs Nationals.

Thank you again for the bulletin and my best wishes to you and the other members for continued success.

Sincerely

Johnny Batson
ASA/ASA Judge

*Did advertise in the yearbook but don't think my
numbers is big enough for the A.H. page by*

January 4, 1990

Dear Jeannette:

Just want to write you a short note and let you know how nice the recent news-
letter for the ABC looks! I'm never quite sure who is responsible. I know
Jeanne puts a lot of work towards the ABC.

In 1988, at Columbus, I was able to get two Wheaten females and three cock
birds. One is Wheaten and two are Blue Wheaten. I got them from Roy Stacy
here in Ohio, who had gotten hatching eggs from Mike G.

I hatched seven females and six males in '89. I lost two females and one male
is small and runty. I'm going to give him to a boy on my school bus who wants
to make a pet out of him. Both females I lost were the Wheatens and they are
the ones I'm most interested in. I can't say what the deaths were from. One
started out with sorta crippled in the leg and I put her separate and she last-
ed about two more weeks and had no improvement.

I sent a British poultry publication to Jeanne that I bought at the Columbus
show. It had an article in it about Araucanas/Ameraucanas that I thought she
or you might be interested in. I haven't heard from her in ages.

I got a question which maybe you will be able to answer.....when I look at
my females they have a lump on the left side of the neck (when they are facing
you). I've observed this at different times of the day and can't put my finger
on the situation. I can feel it, maybe not quite as large as a golf ball. My
two oldest hens haven't laid in several months and I'm wondering if this condi-
tion is related to no eggs?

If I were a person who took pictures I have an ideal one to "wait on". My
young females lay their eggs in a large clay flower pot filled with shavings.
One of them was sitting in there this morning and I wished I had a picture of
that. Just her perky little head and not hardly any body was showing.

All my birds are happy with this 30-40ish range of temperatures. My waterers
do not freeze at night and my water hydrant in the chicken house has thawed so
there is none of this carrying water for now. All my pens are cleaned out and
I'm ready for spring!! What a joke, I'm sure we are in for some more of that
sub zero stuff!!

Just loved that cut out cover that Rusty did with the chickens and eggs. I'd
like to see some more of his artwork.

Wished I lived closer to an ABC'er. I'm really in a dilemma as to how to mate
my AM. I read the handbook and then go look.

I've got a second problem I should ask you about. My one young female and
four of my five young males are without tails or anything that looks good.
The feather on the end look like . . . It's not a picking situation and there
is no blood involved. I thought of mice but can't believe that. I have a
couple mice bait squares out and they aren't disturbed and I have a couple
cats going in and out during the day. I've never had this problem before.

We do have something in common.....I'm a knitter, a crocheter and I HATE
Good-byes!!!!

Did I start this "note" by saying it would be short!!

*Best regards!
Sincerely
Fletcher Johnson*

20 Jan

Dear Jeanne,

Thank you for writing such a lovely letter to Susan. She's not the only one who enjoyed it. At supper I had to read it aloud-with her permission-three times! Every now and then she'll come up to me and say "I fed him a can of very expensive tuna - don't tell!" and chuckle.

So far we've only had chickens for 1 year - and haven't yet made it through the winter -but have found that people who raise poultry are - as a group - about the nicest I've met. All of the kids like them - not just Susan and so far have been very nice and encouraging. Haven't run across any condensation on the "you're just a kid attitude".

Susan's questionnaire response was probably a bit misleading. We have a lot of different kinds but not very many of each -yet. I believe firmly that if you don't know what you're doing you'd better start off small. We started out with 38 chicks, raised 36, ate 6 and then found out the hard way that we should have vaccinated them. (Boy, have we learned a lot in the past year!)

We got the kids an incubator for Christmas, so I expect that we soon have a lot more. Please save some hatching eggs for Susan. I figure about 2 dozen probably won't break my budget. Susan will write - but I don't know when. She loves having written letters, but getting her started...

If you grew up on a farm, you have no idea how strange it is to try to learn everything all at once. We bought our place - it's hard to dignify 20 acres by calling it a farm - a year ago. The big dairy barn blew down a few weeks ago, but we have the horse barn - where we have sheep & goats (2 of each) and the youngstock barn which we hope we can save, the granary, and the machine shed - which is now the poultry house. In addition to the chickens, Susan has 3 white Embden geese, 3 Sebastapols, 3 chocolate Muscovy ducks - which she named Athos, Porthos & Aramis - the 3 Musketeers - ugh! Edward has 5 Pekin ducks (we ate 3 drakes for Christmas dinner - and I will NEVER slaughter our Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve again!), 2 black Cayugas -named Lake and Sir Francis and 2 white Muscovies.

Now we need to build breeding pens - because we have to supervise our matings and Bill is trying desperately to figure out the quickest and easiest and cheapest way to do it because we are also remodeling the house. But hopefully we will get it done soon - so that they can start hatching.

My wildest dreams never included any of the kids getting as interested as they have. Susan takes care of the birds - I carry the water - and usually doesn't need reminding. Edward has the shee & goats - but no milking yet. But they read everything I've gotten & look for more. First it was the Extension Service bulletins & then "Raising -- the Modern Way", the "Standard of Perfection", The "ABC's of Raising Poultry". Poultry Press started them with the clubs. I told them I'd give them the dues to join any club (within reason) but they had to handle the correspondence. So Susan's joined the APA and the ABC, Edward's joined the Wisconsin Poultry Breeders Association, The United Call Breeders Club and the American Dairy Goat Association, and Katherine has joined the United Orpington Club. (I just read this over & decided that I sound like an awful braggart - but I truly don't mean to - you sounded like the kind of person who would find this neat.)

The APA show in Hutchinson was tremendous. Everyone had to go (except Dad - he got to stay home & wire the kitchen) and got to see all the breeds that they'd only seen in pictures before. Next time there's a show close enough, they'll have to take some.

The Ameraucana Breeders Handbook was tremendous! Susan's been trying to find out about yellow legs in chickens since last County Fair - and no one else seems to know (or wouldn't say). The judge told her that they should be disqualified because they had yellow legs, but that since they were such beautifully raised chickens he'd give her a red ribbon. How much more encouraging could you be to a novice? I could have kissed him.

Bill wrote a beautiful letter to Murray McMurray. He suggested that they take out the "show as Ameraucanas" recommendation as it was heartbreaking to 4-H'ers to have them disqualified as non-standard. He hasn't gotten a reply yet.

If you can think of any chicken-related books, of any kind, I would dearly love to have the titles. Finding sufficient reading matter for these kids is a constant struggle. Susan wasn't interested in "The Egg and I" but it had me in stitches. Also, if there are any other organizations which have good, informative newsletters - like yours. They memorize any newsletters which enter the house. They are anxiously awaiting the resolution to the dog (thing?) problem.

This started out to be a short letter. I should have known. Thanks again.

Pegi Ficken

FROM ABC MEMBERS

- Bill Schless writes: "I just sent my dues to Jeanne and thought I would drop you a line. I had planned to take my Ameraucanas to the Salt Lake City Winter show this weekend (1/15/90) but I have to make a business trip to Las Vegas. I'd rather go to the show as I had great plans. There has been a great interest in my Ameraucanas in this area. I am going to have to get some different blood lines and would like to get some wheaten and blue wheaten. If you know of someone who will have some excess eggs this spring would you please let me know? I already have my order in with John Blehm and with Crow Hatchery. I hope that you have a wonderful hatching season this next spring. Good luck with your birds."
- Dave Horman writes: " We have had a very nice mild winter here in Wisconsin. I have had my Wyandottes laying for a couple of months now, and some Columbian eggs are hatching under a hen. I plan on breeding from two pens of Columbian Buff and two pens of Columbian Wyandottes and one pen of White and one pen of Wheaten Ameraucana. The last two years I have had poor hatchability from the White Ameraucanas. I am planning on doing a few things different this year to try to improve the numbers this year in both White and Wheaten. I really enjoyed the Highland show this past fall. It was good to get away for even just a weekend and Mike and I seem to hit it off. I promise to write again this summer and a longer letter hopefully and let you know how the chickens are doing." (3/5/90)
- Bernard Kellogg writes: "I was down Feb. 23-24 to Rande Buske's for a meeting of the Land of Blackhawk Club since they put me in for president. Did go with Rande to work Sat. A.M. He had a split shift..4 A.M. to 11A.M. then 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.. I went that afternoon to Bandomir's for the meeting. Yesterday (3/5/90) we went to the Badger Poultry meeting at Richland Center, President of that club too. Think I may give up some of my jobs in the clubs or drop out of some. My hip that I had broke years ago is bothering me (old age) so hope I don't end up with surgery on that."
- Mary Lou Phelps writes: " Not much going on here - I do have three babies - one is a wheatie- other two are black - a couple of "whatzits". They are so tiny-but cute. Mom has settled down and is taking good care of them - even tho she is a paper shredder - sometimes buries the little ones with her scratching." (2/27/90)

I have had several letters from good friends and club members. I won't share everything with all of you but I really do enjoy hearing from all of you and if I owe you a letter.. be patient..I'll get to it shortly. I want to encourage each and everyone of you to write anytime about anything.

A couple of the letters I received I have used in this newsletter so those of you who have hesitated to write will know that we are always please to hear from you about you.

Without you (the club members) sending in material the newsletter would be rather one sided...mine.

Hope none of you are offended because I used a bit of your letters in this newsletter.

Jeannette.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Back in the mid '70's several poultry breeders were working to develop and perfect a particular breed of chicken. Anyone who knows about breeding poultry knows it takes patience and time. With time and patience this breed was perfected and is known today as the AMERAUCAANA.

This breed was not/is not an accident that just happened - it was planned and strived for. It wasn't because some sailor's rumpless chicken happened to mix with the neighbor's tailed chicken. It was a long, precise, frustrating program to develop this particular breed. What made the development of this breed more difficult was that the breeders were spread across the USA. So what began as individual endeavors ended with a national breeders club:

AMERAUCAANA BREEDERS CLUB

The Ameraucana breed of chicken is recognized by the American Bantam Association and the American Poultry Association. There are several varieties of the Ameraucana in both bantam and large fowl. With recognition in both the ABA and the APA standards had to be (and were) established.

If you know standards for breed of poultry you will realize the chickens advertised by the hatcheries all over the USA as "Easter Egg" chickens do not conform to the standards established for the Ameraucana breed.

The Ameraucana Breeders Club objects to the false advertising of several hatcheries. Most notable is the hatchery that advises the purchaser of the "Easter Egg" chicks to show them as Ameraucanas. Beginners and 4-H'ers should not have to be told by a judge that what they have entered as the Ameraucana is nothing more than barnyard fowl.

We are asking anyone dealing with the hatcheries to let them know that what is advertised as Ameraucanas should conform to the standards established by our organization and if the birds do not conform then please ask the hatcheries that you deal with to change the wording of their ads. Easter Egg chicks are good barnyard fowl and should be advertised as egg/meat birds only.

(NOTE TO ALL ABC MEMBERS...IF YOU KNOW OF ANY HATCHERIES GUILTY OF THE ABOVE ADVERTISING PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS LETTER AND SEND IT TO THEM. I DO STRESS THAT YOU SHOULD BE GRACIOUS WHEN ADVISING THEM OF THE INCORRECT ADVERTISING. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO SHOW THE POULTRY WORLD THAT OUR BREED IS A VERY WORTHY BREED AND WE DO NOT NEED ANY ENEMIES. THANK YOU.

JF)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY

Well, so far 1990 has been just as busy (if not more so) than 1989 - for me. - I am way behind in my letter writing, so if I owe you a letter be patient, I'm working on it.

Hard to believe it is time to get the ABC newsletter ready again. What's that old saying? "Time flies when _____!" I can't believe there are people who sit around with nothing to do...there are not enough hours in a day (who am I kidding - a year) for me to get done everything on my list of must do's. I hate to take time to sleep and then I lay there and think about all that I have yet to do.

One thing about being an editor - I get to read all the articles before sending the newsletter to the printer. I usually try to have mine written long before the deadline [Next deadline is **May 15** for those of you who are going to write for the next newsletter.] Several articles and items came in right after I had taken the last newsletter to the printer so I am running them in this newsletter. WE (that's you) have had some really nice words from several people about our fine club and great newsletter. The reason our club and newsletter is great is because of our members. It is **you** - the members - that make a club. So on that note I'll remind any of you who have not paid your membership dues for 1990 that this is the last newsletter you will receive - gratis. And please remember the dues are now \$7.50 per member or \$10.00 for family membership. If your name on the club roster has an asterisk (*) beside it you are overdue with membership dues.

I suppose most of you have already had your future champions hatch or will have in another month ±. That is great. Just remember to keep your club posted on any extras you might have to share - or any you need. Talked to Jack Fugate in TN a couple of weeks ago...he is looking for pure blood Wheaten or Blue Wheaten Ameraucana bantams. Jack is listed in the Breeders Directory.

A gentle reminder - this is an election year and nominations are still open. All nominations need to be in to Jeanne Trent or me (Jeannette Frank) no later than June 1, 1990. A nominee must be a paid up member. And if you nominate someone for an office it must be with that person's approval. And, yes, you can nominate yourself. Please - read the ABC Handbook for the duties of the officers. We need nominations for President, Sec/Treas., and District Directors. We have some nominations for Pres., Sec/Treas., Central DD and Southern DD but others may be nominated for these offices. We need nominees for Eastern DD and Western DD. How about you, Candy Patane, would you let us nominate you for Eastern DD? And, William Simpson, how about you running for Western DD?

Had a nice chat with Bernard Kellogg the other day. He is a very busy man. He is president of several poultry clubs as well as being the ABC club historian and the ABC club auditor (he is working on our audit now) and he is our election commissioner. He was going to write an article for this newsletter but with the audit and all he postponed it for awhile. Lord only knows what else he is involved with.

I suppose I had better sign off and let you finish this newsletter. I'm under the influence of a terrible head cold at the moment and the snow on the ground is about 11" deep and it is still snowing. I would rather be home in bed but someone has to be here to answer the telephone. My one ray of sunshine is a beautiful orchid in bloom on my desk. I did get a chance to dig around in my flower garden last Sat. and discovered I had a crocus in bloom. The tulips and hyacinths are poking through the ground and my Bitterroots are up. Spring is coming but we need all the moisture we can get...even in the form of snow.

Included in this newsletter is the addendum for your ABC handbook. Please add it to the handbook. Also the letter regarding the incorrect advertising of some of the hatcheries around the USA regarding the Ameraucana vs "Easter Egg" chickens. If you know of a hatchery that needs to be reminded of the standards please send then a copy of the letter.

Before I get this newsletter back from the printer I should have my first shipment of adult chickens via the article on page 3. How well this method will be from the south to my part of the country is a big question. Update in the next newsletter.

The club needs to hear from you so please don't hesitate to sit down and write a few lines. And for those of you who wanted to know if you could ask questions about your birds...health questions or what ever...please feel free to send them in...just don't expect a speedy answer unless you want to include a SASE.

Jeannette Frank

AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB ROSTER

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ALDRIDGE, MRS. RUBY	MO	KENNEDY, TIM	MN
ALLAN, JIM	OK	LEPPER, JOE	IN
ALLEY, LARRY	SC	LIPPINCOTT, TOM	OH
APPLE FARM COMMUNITY	MI	McGRATH, JOHN	IX
BANDOMIR, DAVE	WI	McKINNON, REV. WM.	CA
BARNARD, EUGENE	AK	McKUH, JOHN	PA
BASS, B. CALVIN	VA	MARKHAM, CHARLES	GA
BENN, MASON	NE	MARTEN, BONNIE	IN
BETZ, MATT	IN	MOON, ROBERT	TX
BISCO, JOAN	WI	MULHOLLAND, SHIRLEY	OH
BLEHM, JOHN	WI	NAJOKAS, GINTO	MN
BROWN, DALE	CO	NAPOTKIK, S.A.	PA
BUBERNICK, JOHN	PA	NELSON, RON	WI
BUCHANAN, JEAN ANN	KS	NOEL, LYLE	WI
BUGNER, RON	ND	OLDFIELD, VERNON	OH
BUSKE, RANDE	WI	PATENE, CANDY	NY
CABLE, DON	CA	PHELPS, MARY LOU	MO
CAREY, LARRY	TX	PHILLIPS, BILL	SC
CARLSON, RUSS	FL	PHILLIPS, JOHN	MN
CLARK, EVELYN	MO	RAPSILBER, KEN	MO
CONKLING, BERNARD	IA	RAYHER, MARIE	CA
COOK, HARRY	NJ	RORRER, KEITH	NC
COOPER, HAROLD	NY	SCHIESS, BILL	ID
CRAFT, RONALD	VA	SCHMIDT, ARNE	MN
CRAWFORD, ROBERT	OH	SEGLER, JERRY	IL
CROW, BRUCE	MO	SHAFFER, BINGHAM	LA
DAVIS, DON	OK	SIEG, BERNARD	MI
DIXON, CLYDE & DANA	GA	SIMPSON, CHRIS	IA
DONAHO, C.J.	TX	SIMPSON, STEVEN	IA
EYSTER, MARLIN	PA	SIMPSON, WILLIAM	OR
FICKEN, SUSAN	WI	SMITH, LAWRENCE & MARY BEA	TX
FISHER, FRANK	MO	SODAMANN, HAROLD	KS
FLEDDERJOHANN, BEVERLY	OH	SPINAS, VIRGINIA	OR
FOSBRINK, CARL	IN	SPRINGER, JASON	IA
FRANK, JEANNETTE	MT	STAPLETON, REV. TOM	FL
FUGATE, JACK	TN	STONEBACK, DR. RICHARD	PA
GARRISON, HAROLD	TN	STRANE, RALPH	CA
GEAR, ROBERT	MA	TREAGER, GINNY	MT
GETYINA, SUSAN	CA	TRENT, JEANNE	MI
GILBERT, MIKE & FAMILY	WI	TRESSLER, STEVE	OH
GILBERT, ROBERT	IN	URCH, DUANE	MN
GOODWIN, MACK	NC	WALSH, REBECCA	WA
GRAY, KEN	CA	WHEELER, WALTER	MA
GWYNES, RAY	GA	WIGINTON, HENRY	MS
HAMBRICK, PAT	MI	WILSON, ROY	TX
HART, RUSTY	MI	WUNDERLICH, JOHN	MO
HEMPHILL, ELVA	MO	VEATTS, CURTIS	VA
HMURA, M.	IL		
HOLLAND, BILL	ID		
HORMAN, DAVE	WI		
HUFF, MAX	GA		
HUTCHINSON, BRUCE	AL		
IKENBERRY, CLIFF	KS		
INNES, BONNIE JEAN	FL		
JESCHONEKS FEATHER FARM	FL		
JOHNSON, CRIS	WA		
KENNEY, D.L.	TX		
KELLOGG, BERNARD	WI		

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: () _____

If you are paying for a family would you please list family members names and ages:

Use additional paper if necessary.

I (WE) raise and breed the following AMERAUCANAS.
LARGE FOWL:

BANTAM:

I will sell: Hatching Eggs _____ Chicks _____ Started Stock _____ Adult Birds _____

Will you ship any of the above? _____

Will you deliver to shows any of the above? _____

List other breeds of poultry you raise or breed, please. Be sure to state if they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Bearded or Non-bearded and varieties, please.

Please use the space below for your comments, thoughts, ideas or general information about you or your family. Any suggestions for future newsletters would be appreciated.

Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to: JEANNE TRENT
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