

AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB BULLETIN

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Ameraucana Breeders Club, 4599 Lange, Birch Run, MI 48415

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New Members also receive a ABC Handbook. www.ameraucana.org

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Also welcome back to Gary Broadbent, PO Box 328, Valleyford, WA 99036

"Annual dues... shall be payable on January 1st for each...year". 55 members from the last century have not renewed their memberships for 2000.

If your envelope label has (99) next to your name, you have not paid your dues for 2000 and will not receive our next bulletin, unless your dues are paid.

Please let me know if you think my records are wrong. As of 2/21/00 we have 63 paid ABC memberships. In the next Bulletin I will have all the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of members that I have that information on. If you don't want your phone number or e-mail address given to other club members, please let me know. Also let me know of any changes and corrections.

Treasurers Report

11/16/99 - 2/15/00

ABC Checking Account #16980-10

Frankenmuth Credit Union, 485 N. Main, Frankenmuth, MI

Starting Balance,	\$769.88
Income - Membership Dues & Donations,	\$347.00
Income - Handbook Sales,	\$25.00
Income - Designated for Awards,	\$5.00
Income - Designated for ABA Portrait,	\$120.00
Income - Designated for ABA Yearbook Ad,	\$72.00
Subtotal,	\$1,338.88
Expense - Postage,	\$178.00
Expense - Supplies & Printing,	\$137.11
Expense - Cash Awards for National Meet	\$100.00
Expense - ABA Portrait Fund	\$500.00
Expense - APA Web Site Link Annual Fee	\$10.00
Expense - ABA Yearbook Ads	\$72.00
Balance as of 2/16/00	\$224.14



Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer

In order to have the checking account we also had to open a savings account with \$5. This is also the club's money, but doesn't show up in the checking balance. I am happy to report that the interest earned on the savings is 28 cents as of the end of the last century.

CLUB NOTES

This is election year. New officers will take office on 1/1/01. Please nominate members (nominate yourself) for President, Secretary/Treasurer and District Director by August 15th and I will include ballots in the August Bulletin. Results will be in the November Bulletin. Please consider being an officer of this club. As Mike states, in his President's Message, it is very helpful to have a computer and Internet access, especially for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. I will not run for this job, so we need you to consider being Secretary/Treasurer for the next two years. The time I spend on this job has doubled over the past two years, mostly due to all the Internet requests. I may take it on again in the future.

The deadline to submit articles & ads for the next bulletin is May 15th.

Advertising in this Bulletin is FREE to all members. Some of the filler ads and photos in this Bulletin are borrowed from the Poultry Press.

A couple members said they received their last Bulletins in bad shape, so I have gone back to using envelopes. Now I can even print on the back page and don't have to staple or "label" each Bulletin closed. This adds 6 cents to the cost of each Bulletin mailed. It does not add to the postage, as long as we don't have more than 10 pages and a staple inside (for a 55 cent stamp, but this may be a 77 center).

Our ABC 2000 National will be at The Minnesota State Poultry Assoc. show at Hutchinson, MN. It should be the fourth weekend of October. The show will be at the Fairgrounds on the south edge of town. The buildings are new, spacious & beautiful. It is definitely one of the nicer shows-runs about 2000 birds. More

info will be in future Bulletins or you may contact Mary Ann Rademacher, 9185 Co Rd. 10E, Wacona, MN 55387. Any donations for awards at the National should be sent to me, with checks payable to the ABC.

Where would you like to have our ABC National Meet in 2001? We want your input. Please have all bids submitted to me by April 15, 2000. The Board of Directors will review the bids and vote on a site by May 15, so the information can be in the next Bulletin.

Since ABC District Directors place State and Special Meets at the request of our members, please let your Director know of your wishes.

Western Director, Koralyn Kibbee said to "put Gr. Falls (MT. State Fair) down for state meets - Aug. 2000". ABC State Meet, Aug 4, at MT State Fair with judge Bart Pals. ABC Special Meet, Aug 5, at MT State Fair with judge Jim Adkins.

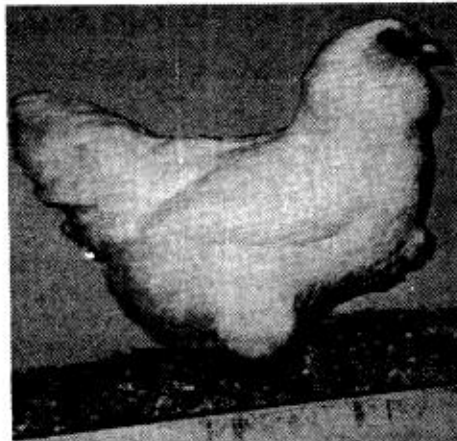
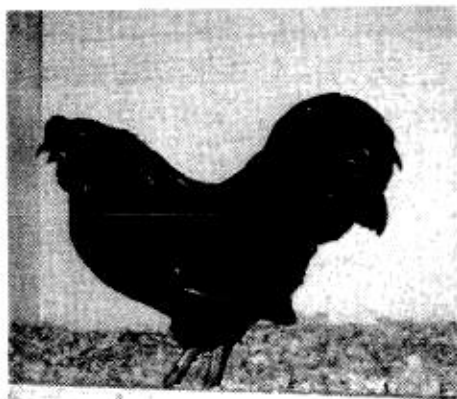
The APA web site, www.amplya.com, now includes a link to our club's web site. Some new photos are on the "Scrapbook" page of our ABC web site.

We have 3 copies of the club's original ABC Handbook for sale at \$15 each and extra copies of our current ABC handbook for \$6 each. Both prices include shipping.

I send membership cards to new members only. If you are a paid member and would like one sent with your next bulletin, let me know.

We have raised the \$500 needed to place color portraits in the A.B.A.'s Bantam Standard through special donations by club members. A big thank you to all who have participated: Don Cable, Iris Robertson, Rusty Hart, Dick Orr, Betty Rundquist, Chamber Jones, Jeanne Trent, Jerry Schimelpfenig, Arne Schmidt, Scott Eutsler, Robert Rennolet, Ron Klemmedson, Mike Gilbert, and John Blehm.

The 1999 ABC National, in Connersville, IN last December was great. The February 2000 issue of the Poultry Press has a nice article about the show by Scott Eutsler on pages 12 & 13, along with photos of winning Ameraucanas. Special thanks to Neil & Donna Townsend for donating an etched wall plaque of an Ameraucana to the junior with the best Ameraucana at the show. No juniors showed, so they auctioned it off during our club meeting. Thanks and congratulations to Jim Fegen for being the highest bidder. After some expenses \$27 was added to treasury from this auction.



INDIANA POULTRY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION - AMERAUCANA BREEDER CLUB NATIONAL MEET - (1) GRAND CHAMPION BANTAM, A WHEATEN COCKEREL BY RENE KOCH (2) GRAND CHAMPION LARGE FOWL, A WHITE PULLET BY JOHN BLEHM (3) RESERVE GRAND

CHAMPION BANTAM,
A WHITE PULLET BY RANDY BUSKE

**From The (Snowy) Hills of Western Wisconsin
President's Message - February 2000, by Mike Gilbert**

Many of you have already experienced the joy of hatching out the first Ameraucanas of the new year and of the new millennium. When our children were in 4-H and still growing up we also hatched in January in order to have birds mature enough to show at the fair in July. Not any more. With the kids gone from home and Mary and I both working, and it being my busiest work time of year, we wait until late March to start raising our new crop of chicks. We did hatch thirty-some chicks in January for four other families, but kept none for ourselves. The Ameraucanas have been laying very well, but we need to get them on a better breeder ration soon in order to improve hatchability when the time comes. We are looking forward to (hopefully) raising some really good ones this year.

If, as rumor has it, our 2000 National Meet is held at the Minnesota show in late October, many of the earlier hatched pullets will already be past their prime. An Ameraucana bantam pullet should peak at about five to six months of age. Counting backwards then, those hatched in late April to mid-May should have the advantage, all else being equal.

Even years are election years in the Ameraucana Breeders Club. It is my wish that each of you would consider giving of your time to serve as an officer. All directorships as well as the positions of secretary-treasurer and president will be available. I will let John announce his own intentions with regard to running for re-election or not, but I would be more than happy if one or more of you would run for president. I would add one caution, however. The offices of secretary-treasurer, president, and most directorships should be filled by dedicated Ameraucana breeders with Internet access, as modern electronics do facilitate communication so much better (and cheaper) than letters and phone calls. Think it over, then let John know of your intentions. Thanks, have a great spring, and we'll look forward to seeing many of you at the shows this year.

THE WIZARD OF ID



SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEET
VIRGINIA POULTRY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
VIRGINIA STATE FAIRGROUNDS
NOVEMBER 20-21, 1999

On an unusually warm November weekend, the Virginia Poultry Breeders Association hosted the Southern District meet for 1999. Five ABC adult members and two junior members gathered at Strawberry Hill (the Virginia State Fairgrounds) for two days of Feathers & Fun. The show grew by about 30% this year and boasted a total of 3,062 birds. All of the shows in the South have had major increases in number of birds shown.

A total of 33 bantams were shown in nine varieties, including the popular and soon-to-be qualified Golden Quail. The most unique variety on display was a Brown-Red Frizzle Ameraucana pullet shown by Charles and Sarah Painter. Yes, she had a beard and muffs and pea comb. I didn't discuss egg shell color with Charles, but she sure was interesting. Best of Breed was a Blue Wheaten in beautiful condition shown by the Southern District's newest member, Don Davis. Reserve of Breed was a Blue pullet by John and Sue Marshall. Following is a rundown of Variety Winners:

BV Black Pullet - Spirithaven Farm
BB & BV Blue Wheaten Cockerel - Don Davis
RV Blue Wheaten Pullet - Spirithaven Farm
BV Brown-Red Cockerel - Spirithaven Farm
RV Brown-Red Pullet - Spirithaven Farm
BV Blue Pullet - J & S Farm
BV Buff Cockerel - J & S Farm
RV Buff Pullet - J & S Farm
BV Wheaten Pullet - Charles Painter
RV Wheaten Cockerel - Charles & Sarah Painter
BV White Cockerel - Penny Haller
BV Golden Quail Pullet - Spirithaven Farm
RV Golden Quail Cockerel - Spirithaven Farm
BV Brown-Red Frizzle - Charles Painter

The top Junior Award went to Katie Eutsler who showed a nice Brown-Red Cockerel and won Best of Breed. Amber Eutsler took Reserve Champion Junior Ameraucana with her Brown-Red Cockerel "Big Bird". Katie also won Best of Variety Golden Quail with her pullet Mariel.

Nineteen Large Fowl were shown in six varieties, including an unnamed variety by a potential ABC member, Starr West Jones. Champion Ameraucana Large Fowl was a Wheaten Cockerel by Spirithaven Farm. Reserve Champion went to a really nice Blue Wheaten Cockerel shown by John & Sue Marshall. John and Sue took CH AOSB with this bird at the Virginia State Fair this year. Congratulations go out to them for that win.

The following is a list of Variety winners:

BV Black Pullet - Roland Virts
RV Black Cockerel - Spirithaven Farm
RB/BV Blue Wheaten Cockerel - J & S Farm
RV Blue Wheaten Pullet - Al & Susan Owens
BV Brown-Red Cockerel - Spirithaven Farm
BB/BV Wheaten Cockerel - Spirithaven Farm
RV Wheaten Pullet - J & S Farm
BV White Pullet - J & S Farm
RV White Cockerel - J & S Farm
BV AOV Cockerel - Starr West Jones
RV Pullet - Starr West Jones

The ABC members present met on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM to discuss the State of the Southern District. Our goals are: 1 - To have more members than the Central District in five years, (watch out, Ron), and 2 - To outnumber Old English Games at a show South of the Mason-Dixon line in our lifetimes. I think it is good to set your goals high. We set our meet schedule for the next year and a half. This includes:

ABC Georgia State Meet - Peach State Poultry Fanciers - Commerce, Ga. - January 2000
ABC North Carolina State Meet - OEGBONC 20th Annual Show - Hickory, NC - February 2000
ABC Virginia State Meet - Blue Ridge Poultry Club Fall Show - Galax, Va. - October 2000
ABC Southern District Meet - Forsyth Fowl Fanciers Fall Show - Winston-Salem, NC - 2000
ABC Southern District Meet - Peach State Poultry Fanciers - Commerce, Ga. - January 2001
ABC National Meet - Blue Ridge Poultry Club Fall Show - Galax, Va. - October 2001

We know that all ABC members are planning to come to the National in 2001 but, in the meantime, come on down (or over) and have some fun with us in the near future! I'll guarantee you'll have a great time.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of our Southern District Members for making this District Meet a success. I'd like to say a special "Thank You" to Al and Susan Owens who donated \$20.00 to the district for promotion of upcoming events. I'd like, also, to recognize Al and Susan's niece, Jamie, who promises to be our newest junior exhibitor. She had the good sense to take a Brown-Red Bantam Cockerel home with her to start her flock. Once again, all of the Southern District congratulates Don Davis on his win and welcomes him to the ABC.

FORSYTH FOWL FANCIERS FALL SHOW
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. FAIRGROUNDS
NOVEMBER 27, 1999

At the Forsyth Fowl Fanciers Fall Show, 33 Ameraucanas were shown in the hall and many more were for sale at the swap outside. As you'd expect, the quality was on the inside.

Best of Breed among the Bantams went to J & S Farm on a Buff Pullet. J & S had a clean sweep of the bantams, taking Reserve on a Blue Pullet that also went Reserve at Richmond the previous week. Variety winners are a Black Pullet by J & S Farm, a Blue Wheaten Pullet by Spirithaven Farm, a Blue Pullet by J & S Farm, a Wheaten Pullet by J & S Farm and a Golden Quail Pullet by Spirithaven Farm.

In Large Fowl, Best of Breed Honors went to Spirithaven Farm for a Wheaten Cockerel. This bird went Best of Breed the week before at the Southern District Meet in Richmond. Reserve of Breed went to Spirithaven Farm for a Black Cockerel. The Wheaten Cockerel was also awarded Reserve Champion AOSB.

Variety winners were a Blue Wheaten Cockerel by J & S Farm, a Brown-Red Cockerel by Spirithaven Farm, a Silver Cockerel by Spirithaven Farm, a White Pullet by J & S Farm, and an AOV Pullet by Starr Jones.

The Junior Show saw Amber Eutsler take top honors with a nice Brown-Red Cockerel. Amber's sister, Katie, won RV on a pretty Black Large Fowl Pullet and she had a Variety win on her Golden Quail Pullet.

We recruited a new member, Mr. Starr Jones, who exhibited some birds at Richmond. We welcome him to the ABC and if the condition of his birds is an indicator, the Jones will be top exhibitors in the very near future.

On a personal note, I'd like to relate an embarrassing situation that illustrates the fact that you can't be too careful in the preparation of your birds for "Show Time". The "CL" in AOCCL became much more meaningful to me as 5 of 7 entries by Spirithaven Farm were disqualified for stubs. These pesky feather remnants showed up in minuscule but definite presence between the toes of our best birds. I never noticed these, and neither had any judge earlier this season. Mike Wasilkowski, however, did notice and appropriately disqualified our birds. I approached him afterwards and complimented him on his thorough examination of the class. He obviously handled all of the birds - something too often not done, due to a variety of reasons. Mike was on his toes.

and I got on my birds' toes and they definitely are clean-legged at this point. I certainly will try to breed this out of my stock but, until then, will be more vigilant in the show prep of our birds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Scott Eutsler



Two great shows – Two great judges
and a bunch of great exhibitors
Best Continental – White Crested
Black Polish pullet
Best Modern Game – Birchen hen
Best AOSB – White Ameraucana hen
Best Large Fowl Prairie Winds Show
and Bozeman, Mt Fair, White Crested
Black Polish pullet

“Betty’s Birds” Betty Rundquist

4050 E Iona Road Idaho Falls, ID 83401

1-208-524-1759 “Sold out this fall”



A BLACK PULLET BY ARNE AND BEV
SCHMIDT (PRESS PHOTOS)

A GREAT DISTRICT MEET AT ILLINI

Mike Gilbert

Rene Koch

Ron Klemmedson

Arne Schmidt

Paul and Angela Smith

Jim Fegan

Don and Leslie Jones

John W. Blehm

Eric Wilhelmi

Merle Daniels



AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB



Thank You Bay City Poultry Association
Champion Mediterranean –
Andalusian hen
Reserve Champion English –
Silver Duckwing hen
Champion Large Fowl Trio –
Barred Rock
Champion Display – Black
Ameraucana
Reserve Champion Guinea –
French cock
Kim Smith Ruth Whitney Ed Smith

SELECTING BREEDERS

by Don Cable, 2/2000

If you have been following the Ameraucana wins in Poultry Press, you will have noticed that virtually all of the top awards are hens or pullets. And if the winning hen is actually a pullet, it wouldn't be the first time this bit of skullduggery has been used.

The point is, where are the male birds and why aren't they winning their share of the awards? The truth is that at this point in time the male birds are either inferior to females in quality, or most judges are missing the mark, which is unlikely.

This situation translates into the breeding pen as well. Fewer males are kept in as much as most fanciers breed from trios or pens of three or more females. One must assume that males are so inferior that they may be culled more severely or females so superior that they are lightly culled and may be safely kept two, three, or four to one.

Another possibility is that we are following a tradition that is self-defeating and admit females into breeding programs that would not stand the scrutiny given the male heading the pen. They may in fact be only marginally acceptable in terms of type, color or other important traits. Thus a false sense of security may be had in the sheer number of eggs produced in order to compensate for females of lesser quality, especially in pens with several females.

Most families of birds are inbred to a degree that intensifies the positive traits that we are constantly selecting for. This narrowing of the gene pool also brings out negative qualities that we are at the same time eliminating when we cull. This ongoing balancing act is the test all breeders face and how well we meet this test will determine in large measure how well our birds will do and therefore what measure of success each of us will achieve as a breeder.

The matings that you put together this spring will be the most important decisions that you will make this year as a breeder and exhibitor. Be sure to select wisely.

Following are some of the many correspondences that Mike and I have received over the past few months. Some have been edited and often, in order to save space, I have taken out carriage returns and double spacing. Most of the "Dear Johns" have been edited out. I assume as club Secretary that if you send a correspondence to me, it is OK to share it in the Bulletin unless you let me know otherwise.

11/16/99

The Central Illinois Poultry Club's spring show is May 20, 2000 and would like to host an ABC club meet.

11/19/99

...Beautiful birds this year resulting from crossing large hens from Duane Urch and cocks from John Blehm. At least three other people in the area now have starting flocks from these birds. Roger (Woodruff)

11/21/99

*Back in May we purchased 14 chickens, most of which were small. One of them lately laid a greenish colored egg and we would like to know what kind of chicken this is. The chicken is grey in color with white speckles. We feed it all the same food which we feed all of the rest which includes a mixture of cracked corn and egg mesh...Sincerely,
Jeremy and Becky Nation*

11/21/99

The Illini Poultry Show would like to host an ABC club meet in Sept. 2000.

11/24/99

*...Been really busy since the show in Belvidere. We showed at our home town - Gainesville - the first weekend back home. Our best black pullet...won best Ameraucana and All Other Standard Breed. Two weeks later at the Texas state Fair in Dallas the cockerel...won BAOSB. Again two weeks later at Abilene he won...We really enjoyed meeting you and all the other Ameraucana breeders at Belvidere. Thanks again for helping us get started in the correct varieties of Ameraucanas.
Paul Smith*

11/25/99

*I hope that your Thanksgiving was HAPPY, together with your family! Gloria has been in Cartagena Colombia with her family since September, so Eddie and I have been managing by ourselves for awhile...Gloria is returning home on December 18th...The Animal Control Officer was here yesterday again to prepare a report on my losses. I'm going to try to collect some insurance on the near elimination of my flock. About 48 chickens killed over a period of about 3 weeks. I have the one Silver LF pullet yet (BEAUTIFUL muffs and beard) from your Spring delivery, and a group of 8 banties, mixed breeds. That's all that are left. We ASSUME that it was raccoons (killed two of them), but can't be sure that it was only them. Many were simply killed without being eaten -- nothing, and that's not typical for raccoons. The Officer said that in times of stress, chickens can die from *heart attacks* or other form of stress attack. I never heard of that, but it fits the picture...*

Richard A. Orr, Deputy Sheriff

11/27/99

Roy Stacy, 31223 Rt. 30, Hanoverton, OH 44423 (330) 223-1934
wants bantam blue wheaten and/or buff Ameraucanas.

11/27/00

I received my first Ameraucana bantams (black) this past spring from Mike G. I'm finding I can't get enough of this breed. I plan on getting into more varieties of this breed. I really like them. I compare this breed to the Wyandottes & that is it is only a matter of time that this breed will become very popular. I know I'm hooked. Respectfully, Gary R. (Rossman)



Jerry Schimelpfenig 1998



Front - Amber & Katie Eutsler, Back - Kay Eutsler, Alfred Owens, John Marshall, Susan & Janie Owen and Don Davis Virginia, 11/99



silver bantam pullet, 1999 (Mike Gilbert)



blue wheaten pullet, 1999 award winner (Mike Gilbert)



Boise Club Show, 11/7/98 (Betty Rundquist)



Arne Schmidt @ Belvidere 1999



Angela Fay & Paul Ray Smith and Wayne Merideth 10/99 at Wayne's place in WI to get some birds to take to Texas



Mike Gilbert, Belvidere 1999



Donna Townsend, Ron Klemmedson, Neil Townsend, Rene Koch, John Blehm, Arne Schmidt, Kay Eutsler and Norman Warner at the ABC 1999 National in Connersville, ID



Merte Daniels, Belvidere 1999

11/29/99

...Sadly, Ameraucanas are pretty well unknown in this area...Jill Maxwell, contacted me about getting some Ameraucanas. I told her I would try to help if I could...She said she would drive from Philadelphia and buy them from me if I ever have any extras available...So far, the people in this club have been great, and I'm enjoying my chickens a lot....

Doreen Warner

12/2/99

...Have both bantams & LF. Have black, blue, blue red & silver in the LF...Also do you know of anyone breeding bantams in silver...the bantams are blue, blue splash, blue red, & some other combination I'm working on, leg color there is the biggest hurdle I think...Also, do you know if anyone has ever worked on the red color(as in R.I. reds) in bantam Ameraucanas? I really like that color & am tinkering of trying it. If you know of anyone trying this could you let me know &, if not, what are your thoughts...

Gary Broadbent

12/2/99

Just to let you know I'm OK in Honduras and working on "blue egg chickens". I am trying to work up them both same time. "Araucana" and "Ameraucana" so far so good. Past 2 ½ months I've seen in the market place S.P.S. some 2000 birds. In that...was 1 black hen with several small feathers protruding from left side. None on rt. But, just couple days ago a friend who sells chickens there held back this rooster with "ear rings" both sides! ...This is the only rooster I've seen in that many chickens. I stay at the market till all the sellers come in...I bought a bantam - rumpless - extremely small. \$2.00 & she is also extremely tame and chirps like a bird...I have a "peculiar" shaped white pullet with a beard & muffs. I've showed photos to the sellers of the rumpless, with tail-ear rings, muffs etc & they know what I'm trying to do but have never seen one with all correct items & lays blue eggs...I'm going to try for the "standard" but will work on something else if it takes my fancy...

Richard Matthiesen

12/5/99

John, Thanks for your help and information as well as the birds, We all arrived safely and are now ready for that first setting of eggs. Hope to see you at the shows soon. Norman Warner

ps My e-mail address is warner@ccrtc.com

12/5/99

...We have been raising Ameraucanas for two years now and have established two breeding groups based on the color of their plumage. We are interested in learning what other people are doing with these interesting birds. There's a page about our Ameraucanas on our web site at

<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~baphomet/>

Paul and Phebe Intihar (Rainbow Farm)

12/9/99

...I am interested primarily in good egg laying birds more so than show birds...I'm looking for standard size birds, color is secondary though I do like wheatears a lot. Howard Kogan

12/9/99

We had corresponded a while ago. I was looking for Blue Ameraucana Bantams. Which I still haven't found, but anyways, I am currently undertaking a breeding project to produce Barred Ameraucanas(standard sized). Let me try to give you a quick background on what I've accomplished so far. I had hatched some "Easter Egg Chicken" eggs last spring. I had also bought 15 chicks of the same from a commercial hatchery. Out of these I produced a Barred cockeral and a solid black pullet. The male had come from the eggs I had hatched out and I found out that his mother was a Easter Egg X Barred Rock cross hen and his father was another Easter Egg Chicken so he was basically 75% Easter Egg and 25% Barred Rock. He has very nice barred coloring, a full beard/muff and a pea comb, though large and lopped to one side and unfortunately he has a very gamey look to him. The black pullet is actually a nice looking pullet, full beard/muff and nice small pea comb and lays well colored eggs. I currently have 9 eggs in the incubator from the two of them and I hope to get three more for a dozen total. So far, of the eggs far enough along to candle they are all doing good. This breeding should produce some barred pullets. These pullets should be ready for breeding around next June. Now, what I am looking for is a top quality Black Ameraucana male to cross with them. From here I need to get the barred coloration on both males and females and then like any breeder, start breeding towards the standard and for nice barred coloration.

What I would like to ask are two questions. First, do you know a source for a good black male? Second, what would it take to get this coloration recognized? Thanks for any help, Sandy

REPLY by Mike Gilbert, 12/10/99

Hi Sandy, it sounds like you are tackling a major project. We have another member who is working on barred bantams, so wouldn't it be nice to get the large and the bantams recognized at the same time? The last time I checked, it takes affidavits from at least five breeders who have bred the variety at least five years, and during that time the birds bred at least 50 percent true to color and type. Then, it takes a qualifying show (actually two) at which at least five breeders show a total of 50 birds each time. All four classes (cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet) must be represented. So basically, you need to get some friends, neighbors, or other breeders involved who would help meet the qualifications. It can be done - don't be discouraged. Now with regards to a solid black cockerel, I have an extra black bantam cockerel, but don't breed blacks in large fowl. If none of the sources John mentioned can help, here is the name of another breeder who hatched over a hundred large blacks last year. He is Wayne Meredith, W312 S5626 Dable Rd., Mukwonago, WI 53149, Telephone (414)968-3547 (no e-mail though). Wayne has shipped adult birds, chicks, etc. from coast to coast. Good luck, and be sure to keep us posted on your project. Newsletter articles are always appreciated!

12/12/99

Hi Mike,

I appreciate all the input, info and the contact. I have two more folks I can get breeding the birds, which will leave just a couple more to find. I've done some research and it looks like I may end up with 100% Barred chicks out of this hatch, both male and female. That would be a great leap forward as I was figuring on only Barred hens in this generation. I'll take progress photos and do a write up at some point to send in to the newsletter. I'd like to get birds out to the other 4 breeders needed in the fall of '00. Then by the looks we could start the ball rolling for recognition in '05. I wish the breeder working on Barred Bantams the best of luck. It would be great having bantams and large fowl both in Barred. Thanks for the help! Sandy

12/21/99

Hello John and Mike,

Just thought I'd give you an update on my hatching. To date I have hatched out four nice, healthy barred chicks. I contacted a great lady from CA who was able to give me a better run down on the genetics of the barred pattern. Because I used a barred male on a black female, 100% of my chicks should be barred. If I had done the reverse cross then only the male offspring would have been barred and the females all black. Needless to say I am very happy I was able to do the cross that I did. I haven't tried to contact anyone about getting a black male yet. I'll wait until after the holidays. I also think it would be wiser, considering the genetics involved, to get a black pair or even a trio. The chicks are quite smart looking with those white spots on the head and most sport a white or gray beard/muff that stands out from the black coloring. They also have the typical white bellies and wing tips of barred chicks, even the mottled leg coloring. I thought I had two folks lined up as interested breeders. Both have backed out because they don't want to make a five year commitment to the project. Possibly I could make a post to the newsletter looking for breeders better able to commit to the breeding of them. I plan on taking pictures of the chicks and during various stages of their growth and doing a write up. I even took photos of the eggs in the incubator. I'd like to get one of a chick hatching out. Maybe I'm getting a bit carried away? Who cares, I'm having a great time with this. I look forward to the future generations of Barred Ameraucanas and hopefully getting involved with other breeders interested in raising them. I can't wait to see the first male I produce carrying the barred gene homozygously and seeing the sharper pattern and brighter colors such a male will have. That's a ways away yet. I'd like to find some interested breeders and I think I should be able to get enough trios shipped out to them this next fall to get the ball rolling and give them help with the genetic side etc... I'm more than willing to give the birds to the right folks for just the box/shipping charges. Also as new black lines are used we could all trade stock back and forth and further the color greatly and hopefully the quality also. I'll keep in touch. Need to get next years dues in the mail too!

Talk soon, Sandy

12/22/99

...and then there were five!

Hi Mike,

Please feel free to pass any info along to anyone. The more people who know the better, as far as I am concerned. Maybe I'll find some folks who'd be interested in raising them. Then the day after I "brag" about hatching out four Barred Ameraucana chicks, what happens? Number 5 hatches out cream with a few small black markings! LOL So let me rephrase... Hopefully the majority of the chicks I hatch from this cross will be barred in coloration. Just goes to show you...NEVER COUNT YOUR CHICKS BEFORE THEY'RE HATCHED!!

The photo shows a couple of the barred chicks up front and the butt of one in the background as well as the cream chick in the upper left and then the rest are some of my Phoenix.

Happy Holidays, Sandy

12/21/99

...I'm on the web. My e-mail address is caeterjay@webtv.net. I found the Ameraucana website. Does anyone have a webpage? I want to wet one up for my goats and I will include my Ameraucanas with it.

Jim Tuckwood

12/25/99

Thanks for the information, Barred Ameraucanas, I'll have to think about that. I just got some pens set up so I can bring in the rest of the buffs and the Brown reds. I will then pen all the whites in the one coop I have. I will pen up the whites I want to breed from later in the spring in my outside pens. I don't need as many whites with the late hatch I had last fall. I lost one of the buff chicks but the other three are doing great. I just might have some buffs to show at our show in June. I guess this will be all, Hope you are having a great Christmas and Happy New Year. Jim

12/25/99

Hello Sandy,

Your project with barred Ameraucanas sounds interesting. Are you aiming at a "horizontal" barring pattern like the Barred Rock or the "offset" or "cuckoo" pattern like the Dominique? I personally find the latter more visually attractive (but then, I also raise dominiques as well as ameraucanas). If what you are aiming for is the latter, I might well be interested in working with you on this.

Phil Jones

12/26/99

Thanks for forwarding the interesting e-mail from Sandy.

In working with my barred rock/black ameraucana cross, I found that of the eggs that hatched, I got consistantly an equal number of white, blue, black, barred, and splash colored birds. The reason I started with this cross was to work out the red ticking in the black ameraucanas, not to develop barred. The first generation of offspring had a lot to be desired in type, comb, leg and egg color. Each year, I choose the best typed barred cockeral (without red ticking), for the next 4 generations and mated him back to the same black females. Last year, I got a

pure black male from the last mating of the barred ameraucana cockeral with the black females. I used him this year on his sister and the last surviving black female. Unfortunately, while I was in AK, the majority of the offspring were lost to coccidiosis. The sister and the hen were lost also. I had 2 black cockerals and 3 black pullets survive. 1 of the black cockerals got red ticking and the other has stayed black...so far. I did keep the barred female offspring of each mating and used them as setting hens. The barred is more like a cuckoo feather pattern rather than the nice crisp pattern hosted by the barred rocks. I must admit, due to time limitations, I have never really tested the cross by hatching as many numbers as possible thus, increasing the selection. I am planning, this year, to devote more time to my birds and poultry endeavors. I would be interested in learning more about Sandy's project and help her accomplish her goal of creating quality barred ameraucanas.

Randy Buske

12/31/99

*Though my long term genetic project has been to restore the Longhaired Whippet, popular during the renaissance, via the tandem action between recessive genes, I've been having a grand time with the little "Blue" egggers...
Walter Wheeler*

12/31/99

*I would like to see an article in our bulletin about Marek's disease. How the disease is spread and using vaccine. I guess the east and mid west at one time was nearly wiping out the chicken population. I have a book on chicken diseases and the articles are not detailed enough to really help...I lost two polish pullets that I bought of Marek's and they were supposed to have been vaccinated...
Betty Rundquist*

1/1/00

Since some interest had been expressed about ordering Ameraucana T-shirts, thought this was worth passing along. The APA artist, Diane Jacky of California, has her own website...She is offering custom made t-shirts made with any of her artwork (has six paintings in the APA standard), at a cost of \$15 each plus \$5 shipping & handling. They can have custom lettering for another \$5., for a total of \$25 each. Now here is the brainstorm. What if we as a club negotiated for a larger order at a better price? We would have to agree on what lettering would be most appropriate. Any interest?

Mike Gilbert

1/3/00

hi!!! i am so excited that there is a home page for my favorite chicken. i have raised several sets of chicks in my backyard, an my favorites have always been "aracuanas". now i learn that they are amaraucanas (chickens look better with a tail anyway :)) i live in southern california and am interested in buying some chicks or young chickens in the next few months. these are going to be pets, so i am looking for tame egg layers. several hatcheries have chicks, but they would

have to be shipped and 25 is too many for me. do you guys know of anybody out here that would have ameraucasas that i could pick-up? i live in the LA area--whittier to be exact. also, are there club meetings out here? i would be interested in stopping in on one.

many thanks happy new year

Annalisa Regenfuss, La Habra Heights, CA

1/3/00

...the Newsletter is great. I forgot to send my Beaver Dam wins. Best of breed Bantam: on a wheaten CKL, Rev. of breed on a wheaten pullet. There was only 5 birds but they looked at the CKL for best AOCCCL too. These were birds I got from Mike so I was happy.

Teresa (Brittnacher)

1/4/00

*...have 15 buff Ameraucana bantams hatch this last fall and 6 on Jan 2 - 2000. Have been having a bad time with the black & blue Ameraucana bantams. They fall over on their back and die and they...have bad legs and necks. I hatch buff and the black at the same time and don't have any trouble with the buff...the parents all get the same feed and water so have to find out the problem with them...I suppose I should find a different line to cross into them...Sincerely,
Merle Daniels*

1/4/00

The Heartland Classic Poultry Club show is March 4-5, 2000 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. They would like the ABC to place a meet there. We need to receive these type invitations much sooner. Please let your District Director know when and where you would like to request a club meet.

1/5/00

*I have a chicken with bumble foot and am uncertain what to do about it. The local veterinarian recommended several options which would have a higher cost than the value of my entire flock. It is only apparent in one bird at present. It has been isolated but is there anything that should be done with the other birds in that cage? How about adjacent cages? The bird in question is a Cornish bantam which first had a slight limp in early November, soon after being shown at the Minnesota State Poultry Show in Hutchinson, MN. It was only recently that I noticed swollen foot pads on both feet and what looks like a poorly healed wound on the bottom of one foot. I suppose it would be easiest to kill the bird in question but is there a method of treatment that would not be terribly expensive?
Daniel Pasche 320-239-4562*

1/5/00

*Do you have any breeders in Southern California that would sell a few ameraucasas? If so, would you please let me know how I might contact them.
Thanks Helen*

1/6/00

I hope you survived the holiday season and Y2K! It was a hectic time for me at work, but I survived... I ended up with 12 chicks out of the 14 Barred Ameraucana eggs. Two of the chicks are splash in color, how they'll end up is anybody's guess. Of the other 10 it looks like 4-5 will be barred, and from what I've been able to learn, should be pullets. The remainder are black or black/white mixes. Jessica Sanders of PA is giving me a Barred Ameraucana pullet to add to my project. Great gal and a nice looking pullet too. She'll prove a great asset to my breedings I'm sure. My membership dues are going out today or tomorrow. It would seem I'm running about a week late on everything... Thanks for all your help! Sandy

1/6/00

*My new address is lorpman@aol.com Thanks.
Jim (Fegen)*

1/7/00

*Hello my fiance and I would love to purchase two laying hens. We lie on an acre of land with a newly built coup. Where in California if possible can we go to get these unique fowl?
Sincerely Barbara*

1/9/00

*I am writing this and wishing for it to be passed on to anyone who may be able to help me. Today I lost my last Blue Wheaton rooster. I lost his father last summer to heat and today I walked out in the hen house and his son was gone. By the looks of him, he had been in some sort of scrap. I am very saddened because he was the only rooster that I had to carry on my line with and he was the last connected heir to his father. In fact I have eggs in the incubator from him right now but they are a week overdue and the hatching factor does not look good. I would like to purchase one Blue Wheaton and one Wheaton Ameraucana standard rooster. I would like them to be old enough to start breeding right away. I only have two females and I need to increase my flock by breeding. My hen won reserve champion at the fair and I want to keep her lineage in the breeding. I have a proper bird shipping box that I can have shipped to anyone who has these birds to sell and I will pay for them to be shipped back to me. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you, Alfred L. Owens*

Jan 8, 2000

Hello, I would very much like to purchahse some araucana hens, and or easter egg hens. I don't plan to show them. Can you direct me to a breeder in So. California? Sincerely, barbara mizuno

1/9/00

We are a small organic farm in Maryland and are looking to purchase some true Araucana chickens. Could you recommend the best place to order these chicks

from? Also, is it true that Araucana chicken eggs have less cholesterol than regular chicken eggs? We need all the information we can find before we make our purchase. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Carol Belote

MY REPLY:

First, there is no truth to the lower cholesterol rumors about Araucana, Ameraucana and/or Easter egg chicken eggs. Our club deals with Ameraucanas and I sell Ameraucana chicks. You should check with the Araucana club about obtaining Araucanas. Both breeds produce blue eggs. Most hatcheries offer Easter egg chickens that are not bred to either Standard.

1/11/00

...This Spring/Summer I plan to breed the splash on black and hopefully get a blue rooster with M&B...

Leon Williams

1/12/00

I am planning on showing a chicken this year at the county fair. I have an Ameraucana chicken that I really like and would like to be able to show an Ameraucana at the fair this summer. But I can't show the hen that I have now because I need to show one that was hatched this year. Do you know of anyone in my area (southern Wisconsin) who might have chicks or eggs available now? Thank you very much. Angus McNair

1/13/00

I hatched out about five americondas and they all look similar. They get along too well together to all be roosters. Can you tell me the visual signs which will set hens and roosters apart?

Many thanks Matsha

1/13/00

Travis Gower, 92 market, Lehighton, PA 18235, wants birds that lay colored eggs.

1/13/00

It is with respect that I am contacting you to get some information on how to raise chickens, goats, ducks, turkeys etc. I would appreciate it if you could help me get some information...Happy New year!

Sincerely yours James

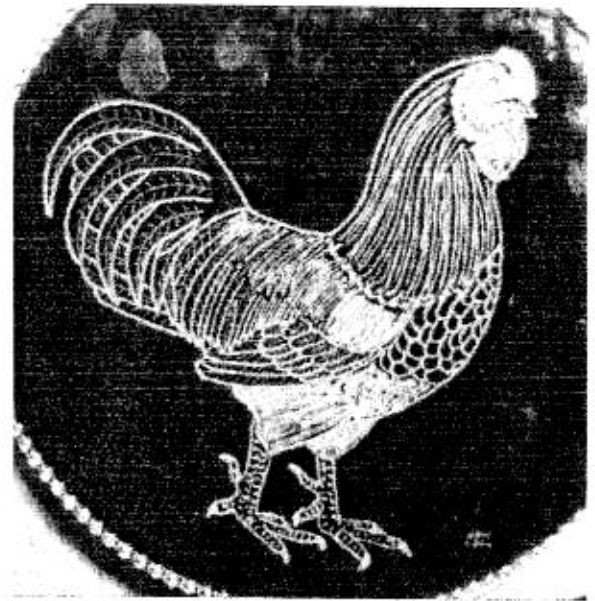
1/14/00

...If someone in the Western District would like a district meet, please let it be known! Can someone tell me why some newly hatched chicks get on their backs & can't get up-right. If you can turn them for a day - they seem fine & grow up to be fine chickens? ...We are hoping to make the APA Semi in March, it's at Farmington, Utah. The weather can be awful - Thats all for now -

Koralyn Kibbee



Kay Eutsler & birthday boy, Ron Klemmedson
Connersville, 12/99



Etched Ameraucana wall hanging, auctioned to high bidder
Jim Fegan at Connersville 12/99



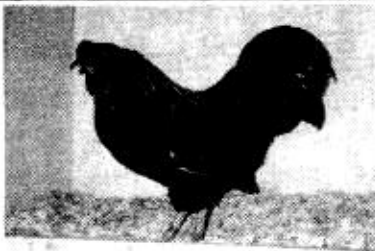
Donna Townsend, Norman Warner, Kay Eutsler, John Blehm & Scott Eutsler
Connersville, 12/99



Outside the Thuringer Poultry Museum
in Viernau, Germany

**Thanks IPBA
for hosting our
Ameraucana
National Meet!**

Arne and Bev
Schmidt
Donna & Neil
Townsend
Randy Buske
Rene Koch
Scott & Kay Eutsler



John & Jim Fegan
Ron Klemmedson
John Blehm
***We missed
you Mike!***

***Super Grand
Champion
Ameraucana
National Meet!
Wheaten
cockerel***



Rene Koch
1-608-783-0649
581 Court Road Onalaska, WI 54650

1/14/00

I am interested in raising Ameraucana chickens. However, I have never raised any kind of poultry and really know very little about chickens in general. Where can I get some useful information and find a breeder in my area.

Jennifer Miles Richmond, Virginia

1/15/00

...Our son, Matthew Dewayne was born Dec. 21 at 11:20am; wt 7 lbs 110z; 21" long. He and Mom are doing fine...We are incubating our fourth and fifth hatches now. The second hatch had 10 blues, 3 blacks, and 1 buff out of 42. The third hatch was a little better - 13 blues and 5 buff out of 42. The fifth hatch will be unusual for us. I set 10 blue's and 2 silver's eggs under a black pullet...the sixth one will be in one of the 1202 incubators, maybe the hatching percentage will increase.

Paul Smith

1/15/00

York County Poultry Fanciers Association's show is Oct. 28 & 29, 2000 in York, PA and would like to host a ABC meet. Let your District Director know if you would like to request a club meet.

1/17/00

The Central Pennsylvania Avian Club would like to host an ABC meet at their Spring show May 7, 2000 and/or Fall show in October at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds.

1/17/00

The Wisconsin International Poultry Club would like to host an ABC meet at their show, Sept. 23-24, 2000, in Janesville.

1/19/00

Dear Mr. Blehm, Thank you for the History of the breed which we received today. Our membership check is in the mail. Our club is interested in raising standard Ameraucanas for this year's project. Do you have any contacts in NJ or eastern PA? We also wrote to Richard Orr. Thank you for any information that you can provide.

Zuzan Ehrhardt, Leader, Poultry Plus 4-H Club, Somerset County, NJ

Work phone: 800-315-1490 ext. 11 (24 hours)

animalhouse96@erols.com

1/20/00

Hi, my name is Chrissy Renwick. I am 12 years old, and I show poultry in Northern California. My mom, Teresa Renwick, bought some chicks from you last April. 3 whites hatched out. We showed 2 white males, and my mom's didn't do to good but mine got Reserve A.O.S.B. in the open class, and Best A.O.S.B. in the junior class. He went on to get Reserve Large Fowl in the junior class. This was at the Gold Coast Poultry Fanciers in Hollister. He is a beautiful bird and he

loves the shows. I enclosed 2 0pictures of him. I will keep writing and let you know how it goes.

Thanks, Chrissy Renwick

P.S. My mom's new e-mail address is: clucky@jps.net

1/21/00

...Our hens were sold to us as "Araucana" chicks, but they're clearly Ameraucana or, more likely, mixed breeds. We're interested in learning more about Ameraucanas.

Daria, Bella & Janet Kester

1/21/00

I enjoy "chicken new flash" via e-mail, the Weidman (4) are weathering well, but just don,t use the yard as much as, we, I only have one question.....No eggs....but I did solve this problem ,by using a golf balls
Tony W.

1/21/00

...Busy at work now, though I left at 6:30 tonight (Friday) as Jason goes back to college Sunday, and I work all day tomorrow and Sunday. Lucky we have church services both Sunday am and Sunday evening, as I can take in the evening service that way. I have some eggs in the incubator for others, though I did not use any special breeder feed so don't know how they will hatch. They are laying like crazy, in spite of the cold weather. We had nineteen below this morning, and didn't get up to ten above all day. I am blessed that Mary has time to feed at night and bring the frozen water dishes in to thaw. She also re-waters in the morning before going to work. God blessed me with a great wife. Oh, Rande Buske got the black bantam cockerel I was offering, and my other large fowl rooster died from an intestinal ailment so am hanging on to the columbian K as a breeder. I still have the pair of brown-red bantams for anyone who is willing to work with them and pay shipping. Supper is ready, so will sign off...

Mike Gilbert

1/28/00

Can you please send me the name of good reference materials for araucanas/ameraucanas. We are looking for things such as: management practices, coop management practices, sexing birds, etc. Or, if you know of a person we could call and talk to about specific questions, please pass that information on to me. Thank you,

Theresa K. Lavergne, Ph.D., P.A.S., Baton Rouge, LA

1/29/00

I have been asked by a friend to find out a name of a hatchery that has ameraucanas that lay pink and/or yellow eggs. He has araucnas that lay blue eggs. Could you help me locate a place? I've looked all over the internet and only find the blue eggs!...in Missouri.

Helen

2/1/00

Can you folks send me information on where to get some of your birds. Been telling everyone my birds are Araucana's and after looking at your sight I'm wrong.

2/1/00

Hello from Boise, Id. Hey I would like to purchase some of the true Ameraucana's. I guess I have been buying Easter Egg chicks from Murry's all along. Would love to get the real thing. Can you buy these birds very easily? Thank you Quane Kenyon

2/2/00

Hi- My children have been raising and showing bantam old english this past year. They are very interested in buying some bantam ameraucanas. Do you know of any for sale? Thank you.

SECOND MESSAGE:

John, Thank you for your reply. Our address is 30378 River Rd, Cloverdale, CA 95425. We are north of the big city of Santa Rosa. My children, Zara and Christian, are entering the Jr. Pt. show in Angels Camp, Calaveras County on the 12th of February. If there are any breeders nearby we could take a look. Thanks again. Brenda

2/6/00

Dear Sirs,

We would like to know if you had any Ameraucana bantams for sale. We are interested in show quality if possible.

Thankyou. Brad M. Finck

REPLY BY SCOTT EUTSLER

Dear Brad,

We have Brown Red and Golden Quail and will have black and buff in a few months. Our Brown Red were BV at the national this year and were BB at Columbus in 1998. Our golden quails are also quite nice. Let me know if we can help. Regards, Scott

2/9/00

I was wondering if you had any chicks for sale and if you lived near California. Melody McBride , Sacramento, CA Thank you very much!!!!

2/10/00

I just found your web site and I love it! I am also in love with most kinds of chickens. Could you help me find out where I can get "purebred" birds rather than the mongrels that I'll be getting this year. I'm just starting my "chicken hobby" so this year I've ordered from a commercial hatchery. I am interested in trying some showing and would appreciate any guidance I could get on the subject. Anyway, I live in north-central Wisconsin and would really like it if I could find a place close enough to drive to. I'm not sure about shipping poultry yet. It doesn't seem right. Thank you for your time. Sincerely Lynnette Mitchell

SECOND MESSAGE

My address for snail mail is 9846 Robin Rd., Marshfield WI, 54449 Thanks for the reply. This summer is going to be so great. Especially after the new barn gets done.

Lynnette Mitchell

2/11/00

The Gateway Poultry Association is having a on April 15, 2000, in Indiana and would like to host an ABC meet.

2/13/00

I am interested in eggs or chicks of bantam ameraucana. I ordered from a hatchery in 1996 and the birds were beautiful but not any standard color.

I would like to obtain these for my children in 4-H.

Jesse Blount, Denham Springs, La.

2/13/00

I am interested in locating someone near me (I live in San Diego, CA.) with some Aracauna or Americauna chickens available. Do you have any suggestions?

Thank You, Debbie

2/24/00

My children, ages 11 and 6, have recently joined a 4-H Poultry Club. They are very interested in getting some Ameraucana Chickens (Standards) to raise and show. Do you know of anyone who would be willing to sell us some birds/chicks?

Thanks, Susan Posbergh, Somerville, NJ

2/14/00

My first year showing turned out to be quite a success, with Connorsville the icing on the cake. This great first year had a lot to do with both Ron Klemmedson and Mike Gilbert supplying me with top notch birds, and giving freely of their knowledge.

I also have to thank Ron again, for getting me involved once again in breeding and showing not just the Ameraucanas but the rabbits and now pigeons. I had forgotten how much I enjoyed showing and everything that went along with it. How easy it was to get involved with such great birds-personality and presence in such a small package, there is no comparison.

Mike Gilbert wrote of the bright future of the poultry fancy. I believe that the Ameraucana will be one of the stars of that great future. With each show a new group of exhibitors and spectators took notice of our birds. This is why its so important for us to present our birds and ourselves in a professional manner.

Plus we are very lucky to have John Blehm as our hardworking club secretary, along with a group of directors and club members that have created a strong backbone for the ABC. Our club is one that makes you feel like a family member and not just a name and address.

A thank you to Milton Solberg, Steve Koltz, and Neil and Donna Townsend for letting me feel knowledgable for short periods of time. Neil and

Donna are old rabbit show friends that I last saw in 1979, it was great to see them again at Connorsville and they had the excellent taste to be involved in Ameraucanas, small world.

I think that this quote from Albert Einstein sums it all. A successful man is he who receives a great deal from his fellowmen, usually incomparably more than corresponds to his service to them. The value of a man(woman) however, should be seen in what he gives and not what he is able to receive.

Rene Koch

2/15/00

*We've moved and my son would like to rejoin the ABC. What is the current address, student rate? Also we now have space for him to do better on breeding. His Wheaten Bantams look promising but he'd really like standards. You hatching? Anyone else with good stock? TIA
Kathyann Natkie*

2/17/00

*My name is Jim, I have several members in our 4-H program wanting to purchase ameraucana birds to show. Our group is located in central Indiana. Can you put me in touch with any breeders willing to sell a small amount of young/adult birds of show quality, we have tried some of the commercial hatcheries what a disaster.
Thanks, JIM SMITH, 4-h Advisor, STAUNTON, IN (812)-448-2769*

2/18/00

*The e-mail that you just sent from the 4-H leader regarding the results from purchasing Ameraucanas from commercial hatcheries says it all. This would be an excellent item for the club bulletin.
Don Cable*

2/19/00

*...Have raised Ameraucanas on and of since 1972. They were called Araucana then, but that was before APA Standard.
George Scott*

2/20/00

*We are setting up a coop this year at our farm and am wondering how we can acquire ameraucanas? Any breeders in the Catskill or Hudson region that you may know of? Any information greatly appreciated.
Thanks, Andrea Reynosa, Hurleyville, New York*

2/20/00

*Do you sell eggs? I am interested in Standard size ameraucanas that are good producers of blue eggs. Production is more important to me than fine show qualities.
my best, Howard Kogan*

2/20/00

I would appreciate any input you can give regarding pricing Ameraucanas. We have only sold them at the Roots auction near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We take the extra roosters up at about five months of age and they get a great price, being such large and attractive birds. Last time, they got the high price of the night, \$1.00 per pound, on the hoof. Or should I say, "on the claw"? We got about \$5.70 per bird hammer price, which is around \$4.50 net.

We did sell some American Game Hens for \$8.00 each a couple of years ago. I put a sign out front and got a lot of calls and drop-ins until the birds were gone. I plan on selling them retail in March, after I get enough eggs through the incubator to continue my breeding plans. I will put an ad in the local papers, asking \$8 for hens that lay tan eggs and \$12 for hens that lay green eggs. I think that the green-egg gals should get a premium, just for the novelty value. I'll let the roosters go for \$5.00.

How does that compare to prices in your area? If you've sold any lately, please let me know what you got and the area you live in. We're about 20 miles N.E. of Baltimore in a semi-rural county.

I also plan on selling off my one-year-old pheasants at \$50 per breeding triple, one cock and two hens. Does this sound reasonable?

Thanks for any information you can give.

Paul Intihar, Rainbow Farm, Joppa, Maryland

2/21/00

...I am excited to see in the Poultry Press that there is a poultry show coming up very close to me. I am wondering if you or anyone in ABC are familiar with the Dixie Classic poultry show scheduled to be held on March 25th in Knoxville, TN. Do you know of any ABC members that are planning to show there?

Thanks, Barbara (Campbell)

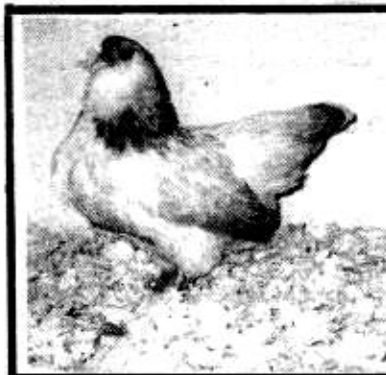
2/21/00

I have had Americanas for years, st. and banty. Do you know someone that I may possibly get some true rumpless Aracana's?

Thank you (Linda Parsons)

I have 1 black bantam cockerel (with some white in his ear lobes) for sale. Around the first part of May, I will have some breeders for sale. 2 trios of LF whites, 1 trio of LF silvers, 2 trio of LF buffs (only to someone wanting to help develop this variety), 1 trio of bantam blacks and 1 trio of bantam buffs. These are breeders - not show birds. If you are interested contact me soon.

John W. Blehm



**Ameraucana State
Meet**

**Very Nice Show
Ron Klemmedson
Rene Koch
Mike Gilbert
24 Bantams
BB-Reserve AOCCL
Blue Wheaten pullet
RB Buff Pullet**

SHOW REPORTS

BB= Best of Breed, RB= Reserve of Breed, BV= Best of Variety, RV= Reserve of Variety,
AOV=Any Other Variety, AOCCL=All Other Combs Clean Legged
C= Cock, H= Hen, K= Cockerel & P= Pullet.

Saulk Trail Poultry Club, Hillsdale, MI, 9/11/99, ABC Special Meet

judges: Paul Montieth & Ralph Beamer

Bantams: 10 birds shown by 3 exhibitors

BB wheaten P Jeanne Trent

RB black H Larry Donahue

LF: 4 birds shown by 1 exhibitor

BB Blue P & RB Black P both by Jeanne Trent

Utah Fancy Poultry, Farmington, Utah, 10/7-9/99, ABC State Meet

judges: Corky Higbee & Dane Andersen

9 birds shown by 2 exhibitors

BB wheaten H & RB blue C both by Koralyne Kibbee

Minnesota State Poultry Show, 10/22-24/99, ABC State Meet

Bantams: 51 birds shown by 13 exhibitors

BB blue wheaten P Mike Gilbert

RB black P Gary Rossman

Best AOV brown red K Ron Klemmedson

RV black P Mike Gilbert

RV b. wheaten K Sandra Pasche

BV brown red K & RV P Ron Klemmedson

BV buff P & RV K Mike Gilbert

BV wheaten P & RV K Daniel & Jeanette Pasche

BV white P Robert Walchak

BV golden quail P Ron Klemmedson

RV golden quail K Rene Koch

BV blk wheaten(?) P Robert Walchak

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Blue Ridge Poultry Club, Virginia, 10/30/99, ABC State Meet

6 birds were shown by 4 junior exhibitors.

Bantams: 20 birds shown by 4 exhibitors. judge: Tim Clanton

BB brown red K Eutsler family, also Reserve Ch. AOCCL

RB brown red P Eutsler family

BV black P & RV P Eutsler family

BV b. wheaten Eutsler family

BV golden quail K & RV P Eutsler family

LF: 12 birds shown by 3 exhibitors. judge: Larry Hovis (Carter on Hogan's Heros?)

BB black H Chris Batchelor

RB black K Eutsler family

BV brown red K Eutsler family

BV silver K & RV P Eutsler family

BV wheaten K Eutsler family

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Eastern Iowa Poultry Association, 11/25-26/99, ABC State Meet

6 birds were shown by junior exhibitor: Daniel Burke

Bantams: 23 birds shown by 7 exhibitors. judge: James Smith

BB	wheaten H	Mike Gilbert, also Champion AOCCL
RB	brown red P	Ron Klemmedson
BV	b. wheaten H	Rene Koch
RV	b. wheaten K	Roger Vanerploeg
RV	brown red K	Camber Jones
BV	buff P & RV K	Mike Gilbert
RV	wheaten P	Rene Koch
BV	golden quail K & RV P	Ron klemmedson

Indiana Poultry Breeders, Connersville, IN, 12/4-5/99, ABC National Meet

Bantams: 64 birds shown by 12 exhibitors. judge: Lewis Cunningham

BB	wheaten K	Rene Koch, also Champ. Ameraucana & Reserve AOCCL
RB	white P	Randall Buske
BV	black K & RV H	Mike Gilbert
BV	blue H	Kathy Gratsch
BV	b. wheaten H	Rene Koch
RV	b. wheaten P	Eutsler family
BV	buff K	Mike Gilbert
RV	buff P	Ron Klemmedson
BV	silver P	Kathy Gratsch
RV	wheaten P	Rene Koch
RV	white P	Randall Buske
BV	golden quail K	Rene Koch
RV	golden quail K	Ron Klemmedson

LF: 52 birds shown by 18 exhibitors. judge: Lewis Cunningham

BB	white P	John Blehm
RB	black P	Arne Schmidt
RV	black P	Donna Townsend
BV	blue K & RV P	Arne Schmidt
BV	brown red K	Eutsler family
BV	buff H & RV K	Arne Schmidt
BV	silver K & RV P	John Blehm, also Best Pair of Ameraucana LF
BV	wheaten K	Eutsler family
RV	wheaten C	Kathy Gratsch
RV	white K	Neil Townsend
Best Young Trio, silvers		Jim Fegen

Peach State Poultry Fanciers' Assoc., Commerce, GA, Jan. 2000, ABC State Meet

Bantams: 15 birds shown by 2 exhibitors. judge: Don Junecke

BB wheaten P & RB wheaten K Charles & Sara Painter

LF: 3 birds shown by 1 exhibitor. judge: Jim Sallee

BB	b. wheaten K	John & Sue Marshall
RB	white P	John & Sue Marshall

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