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Ameraucana Breeders Club, 392 Whitaker Hollow Rd, Lake City TN 37769



*This gorgeous blue hen by Jerry DeSmidt won Champion AOSB
at the Beaver Dam show in Wisconsin last October.*

Welcome New Members

Tom & Annie Wahl, 22275 Penn Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044

Robin Wills, 1937 N 2100 W, St. George, UT 84770

Charles Gibson, 664 Township Rd., Laurel, MS 39443

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Richard Hausmann, 13435 Gates Ave., Northfield, MN 55057

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Lulu H. Burrow, 544 Broad Swamp Rd., Kingstree, SC 29556

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Wendy M. Carney & Sons, 25 Metsko Ln., Trinidad, CA 95570

Gillian Patton 5504 8th St., Fallbrook, CA 92028

FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Mike Gilbert, May 2004

Thanks to the generosity of certain ABC club members and the Wisconsin International Poultry Club our 2004 National Meet is shaping up to have the largest array of awards in our history. If you plan to attend and wish to stay at the "official" show motel be sure to call for your reservations very soon. The Best Western in Portage is holding a block of rooms for the poultry show. The reduced rate is \$71 plus tax and includes two queen beds per room, breakfast, pool, jacuzzi, and I believe saunas for those who don't get to perspire enough during the summer. The motel phone number is 608-742-2200, and don't forget to ask for the special poultry club rates. Those arriving on Friday should reserve for September 24th and 25th.

Unfortunately the motel meeting rooms had been reserved for a wedding reception, so the annual meeting arrangements will be announced at a later date.

After getting off to a bad start the hatching season has gone quite well for us. We'll pull the plug on the incubator May 16th after hatching approximately 300 chicks.

Some have been moved to new homes and some culled, an ongoing process here, so we expect to raise about 175 to 200 birds. We didn't get as many buff and brown red bantams as hoped for, so we'll be a little short on those varieties this year. On the positive side it appears we should end up with some very nice blue bantams this season. John Blehm was kind enough to share a nice pair of blues from his champion bantam trio at the 2003 National, and they really produced in matings with our home-grown blacks.

As most of you realize black over blue or vice versa yields about 50% of each variety. The required dark lacing on the blues can be a "hit or miss" proposition under that system, however, so next year we plan to mate only blue to blue. We'll select the best laced birds for breeders and attempt to develop a line of blues with really superior lacing. It will take several breeding pens, so we will give up the blacks for a time to find room for this additional project. Consequently we should have a nice selection of black bantams available either prior to or at the 2004 National Meet. Our birds are vaccinated for Mareks and Laryngotracheitis. Call us or write if you need some.

Don't forget the egg contest this year. Entries in the egg classes need not be made in advance, and there is no entry fee. Separate classes for large fowl hen, large fowl pullet (hatched in 2004), bantam hen, and bantam pullet will be offered. One entry consists of six eggs that should be as blue and as uniform in shape and size as possible, displayed in a container of the entrant's choice. This should be a neat learning experience and add to the fun and participation of the annual national meet. Our recommendation? If in doubt, why not give it a try? Nothing ventured nothing gained, correct?

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

By John W. Blehm, 5/15/04

I've placed several meets in the North Central District this year that were requested by club members. They are listed in the Bulletin along with the BIG one. It's our annual National Meet and this year it will be held during the Wisconsin International Poultry Show, in Portage, September 25th & 26th. Even if you don't plan on showing birds, this will be a great weekend to fellowship with many of our club members and you'll see, maybe, the most Ameraucanas exhibited at one time. Many of us will also bring birds to sell and I'll be looking for a few exceptional Ameraucanas to buy and bring back to Michigan. Thanks to all the members that have contributed toward awards, to be given at the National. The awards list is also printed in this Bulletin. If you would like to add to the list please send your check to our Secretary Barbara Campbell and let us know how you would like it applied.

My last hatch is due this Sunday (May 16th). I've hatched several hundred Ameraucanas this season and sent out over 200 chicks. It is getting more difficult shipping chicks thru the Post Office every year and don't know what the future holds.

I now have all 16 varieties of Ameraucanas. With some varieties I don't have much to work with, such as the bantam silvers. Mike Gilbert and I have been working on them for many years. If someone else has made some progress with them and has extras to share, please bring them to the National.

Recessive genes seem to pop up out of no where. For instance this year some of my LF white chicks sported willow legs. Where that came from I can only guess. I have never used yellow/willow legged birds in developing my whites, but may have brought it in by buying breeding birds from others. A likely possibility is it came from the LF silvers that I've crossed with my whites to get more uniformity (type) between the different varieties. I originally used LF silver Old English Game chickens to develop my strain of silvers, but have since brought in some LF silver Ameraucanas that were developed using yellow legged silver Leghorns. None of my breeders show any sign of willow or yellow legs and the pads of their feet are pinkish. Although we have used many different breeds over the past 25 years to develop the different varieties of Ameraucanas that we have, it is a good idea not to cross Ameraucanas with other breeds, at this stage in the game. Continuous improvements for all traits can be made by selective breeding and crossbreeding should be a last resort. If you fear inbreeding, get Ameraucanas from various sources or even cross with another variety of Ameraucana to achieve your goal.

Please note I have a new website and e-mail address:

www.ChickHatchery.com & John@ChickHatchery.com

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

Well folks;

I hope this directors report has everyone in good health & Great hatches!

We have a reasonable number of White Bantams that I got out early so hopefully we'll have a nice size entry for Portage!

Please take the time to drop Barbara a few dollars for our National Meet.....

Remember, elections for the 2005-2006 term will be voted on soon. The Northeastern District Directors JOB will be open. I have decided not to run again, two terms are enough for me, its time for someone else in my District to take their turn.....

Also at this time I would like to Tell a Great BIG Thank You for Barbara, who has done a Great Job as our ABC Secretary/Treasurer.

We are going back to Lucasville for the ABA Annual Meet May 29, always a great Show. Quite a few Large Fowl are always there..... I hope we are not the only Bantam Exhibitors!!

Keep Cool this summer and sock a few \$\$ away for GAS,,, for Portage!!

Neil Townsend, Northeastern District Director

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Hope everyone has had a good hatching season, as it has just about come to an end, as the heat will soon be upon us again. Our last 42 eggs are in the incubator now. Angela, Matthew and I have managed to hatch 226 Ameraucana chicks, mostly black and blue with a few wheaten, blue wheaten, buff, silver and barred - (cuckoo). It's been very difficult this winter without having 200 head of breeding birds to attend, and not having an abundance of eggs to hatch, or any chicks to ship. We're looking forward to being able to send chicks in 2005.

We missed all the spring shows, since we haven't had anything to show. Looking forward to the national meet in Wisconsin as that will be our first show since December 6, 2003. It's been just about long enough to cause withdrawal since we have shown. I don't know any better way to celebrate another birthday than by showing at the national. I hope some other breeders from the South-Central district will also be able to show at the national. Kansas, Louisiana and Texas presently still need someone to request a state meet. Missouri and Arkansas have already had their's for 2004. Oklahoma's will be at Idabel this fall and our district meet is set for Shawnee, Oklahoma on Dec. 4 & 5.

We hope everyone has a great growing season and look forward to see you this fall at the shows.

Paul Smith

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

March 17, 2004

Dear A.B.C. Members,

This past week Larry and I made a trip to Utah to visit and show some birds. I was thrilled to see a very nice exhibit of Ameraucanas, so many that I was able to do a Special Meet. It was a very nice show and we try to go there once a year.

It's so nice to meet new fanciers and 2 of them may become new members. I was able to get 1 new member, Laura Phillips and she has some really good Large Fowl Blues.

I have to brag just a little, my White cockerel #82 made it to champion row, he had a lot of competition in that class. Good luck to you all for the Spring and Summer Shows!

Koralyn Kibbee

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETS

Wisconsin Special Meet, requested by John Bashaw, Badger Poultry Club - Dairyland Classic, Richland Center, June 5th Contact: Ruth Lefeber (608) 725-2179

Indiana Special Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter, White River Poultry Club, Spencer, IN Sept. 4th Contact: Larry Lawrence, RR 1, Box 220, Solsberry, IN 47459 1-812-876-8651

Michigan Special Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter, Saulk Trail Poultry Club, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Sept. 11th Contact: Jack Gabbard (517) 688-4789 gabbardtof@yahoo.com

ABC National Meet, requested by the Board of Directors. Wisconsin International Poultry Show, Portage, Sept. 25th-26th Show Sect.: Byron Kershaw, N5514 Dunning, Purdueville, WI 53954 For show catalog contact: Teresa Brittnacher, BrittnacherTK@core.com 920-864-2612

Michigan State Meet, requested by John W. Blehm. Bay City Poultry Club, Midland County Fairgrounds, Oct. 9th-10th Contact: Kim Aldrich (989) 865-6702 kima53@cs.com

Iowa State Meet, requested by Mike Gilbert, Eastern Iowa Poultry Association, Iowa City, Nov. 26th-27th Contact: Phil Shank pbshank@netins.net

Indiana State Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter, Indiana Poultry Breeders Association, Connersville, Dec. 6th-7th Contact: David Wulff (765) 825-0621 info@poultrypress.com

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT MEETS

Colorado State Meet, requested by James La Chey, CO State Fair Livestock and Small Animal Department Poultry Show, August 28, 2004. Contact: Donna La Chey 719-382-8930 donnajlachey@netzero.net

2004 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB NATIONAL MEET

AWARDS WITH LARGE FOWL & BANTAMS COMPETING

Champion Ameraucana – All Entries Competing	Plaque & \$15
Reserve Ameraucana – All Entries Competing	Plaque & \$10
Champion Display	Plaque & \$15
Reserve Display	Plaque & \$10
Best Ameraucana By A Junior Exhibitor	Plaque
Reserve Ameraucana By A Junior Exhibitor	Plaque

LARGE FOWL AWARDS

Best of Breed	Trophy, Rosette, & \$15
Reserve of Breed	Trophy, Rosette, & \$10
Champion Large Fowl Trio	Plaque & \$15
Reserve Large Fowl Trio	Plaque & \$10
Best of Variety Wheaten	\$15
Reserve of Variety Wheaten	\$10
Best of Variety Blue Wheaten	\$15
Reserve of Variety Blue Wheaten	\$10
B.V. All Other Recognized Varieties (6) and A.O.V.	\$10 Each
R.V. All Other Recognized Varieties (6)	\$ 5 Each

BANTAM AWARDS

Best of Breed	Trophy, Traveling Plaque, Rosette & \$15
Reserve of Breed	Trophy, Rosette, & \$10
Champion Bantam Trio	Plaque & \$15
Reserve Bantam Trio	Plaque & \$10
B.V. All Recognized Varieties (8) and A.O.V.	\$10 Each
R.V. All Recognized Varieties (8)	\$5 Each

AMERAUCANA EGGS

Large Fowl – Best Display of Six (6) Blue Hen Eggs	Plaque
Large Fowl – Best Display of Six (6) Blue Pullet Eggs	Plaque
Bantams – Best Display of Six (6) Blue Hen Eggs	Plaque
Bantams – Best Display of Six (6) Blue Pullet Eggs	Plaque

Awards provided by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club, John Blehm, Barbara Campbell, Jerry DeSmidt & Jake Hendzel, Mike Gilbert, Koralyn Kibbee, Paul & Angela Smith, and Neil & Donna Townsend. Members of the Ameraucana Breeders Club in good standing prior to judging are eligible for awards. For membership information contact club Secretary Barbara Campbell, 392 Whitaker Hollow Road, Lake City, Tennessee 37769 or log on to www.ameraucana.org.

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT MEETS

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Donna Townsend, Buckeye Fancy Feather Club, Canfield Fair Grounds, Canfield, OH June 12, 2004 Rhonda Simmons, 5220 Adams Rd. East Palestine, Ohio 44413 330-426-6870
RJOS@comcast.com

New York State Meet, requested by Rita Johnson, Yankee Fall Classic, Syracuse, NY Oct 23-24
John Pierce mapierce@usadatanet.net

Ohio District Meet, placed by Neil Townsend, Ohio National Poultry Club, Columbus, OH Nov. 13-14, 2004
Eric Markley markley@ohionational.org

Maryland State Meet, Susquehanna Poultry Show, Frederick, Maryland, November 2004 Kay St. Amour
kas1@erols.com

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETS

Oklahoma State Meet, SEOPC Show, South Eastern Oklahoma Poultry Club, Idabel, OK
November 2004 Cassie Garrett Rt. 1 Box 12-5 Garvin, OK. 74736 580-286-7225

Oklahoma State Meet, Oklahoma State Poultry Federation, Shawnee, OK. Dec. 4 - 5, 2004
Cassie Garrett Rt. 1 Box 12-5 Garvin, OK. 74736 580-286-7225

SHOW REPORTS

Utah Fancy Poultry, March 11-13, 2004

Judge: Robert Powell 21 Ameraucanas by 9 exhibitors

Reserve Champion AOCCL, Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB White cockerel by Koralyn Kibbee

Bantams

RB - White pullet by Koralyn Kibbee

Large Fowl

BB - BV Black hen by Rick Olson

RB - Blue hen by Laura Phillips

RV Black - by Laura Phillips

RV Blue - cock by Rick Olson

BV Blue Wheaten - pullet by Jim La Chey

West Central Ohio Poultry Breeders, March 20-21, 2004

Judge: Rick Poor 25 Ameraucanas by 10 exhibitors

Champion AOSB, Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Black hen by Kathy Gratesh

Reserve Champion AOSB, Reserve Champion Ameraucana - RV, RB Black pullet by Barbara Trupp

Bantams

BB - BV Wheaten hen by Wayne Gritter

RB - RV Wheaten cock by Wayne Gritter

BV White - cock by Darryl Martin

RV White - hen by Darryl Martin

Large Fowl

BV Blue - pullet by Darryl Martin

RV Blue - cockerel by Darryl Martin

BV White - hen by Barbara Trupp

RV White - cock by Barbara Trupp

South Arkansas Poultry Club, April 3, 2004

1 Large Fowl Ameraucana by 1 exhibitor

BB - Black hen by Milton Dyer

Montana Poultry Fancier's Association, April 24-25, 2004

Judge: Ron Nelson 11 Bantam Ameraucanas by 4 exhibitors

Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB White pullet by Larry and Koralyne Kibbee

Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, RB Black pullet by Paula Kellerman

RV Black - cockerel by Paula Kellerman

BV Blue Wheaten - pullet by Larry and Koralyne Kibbee

RV Blue Wheaten - cock by a non member

BV Brown Red - pullet by Teresa Brittnacher

RV White - cockerel by Larry And Koralyne Kibbee

NOTICES

- The Directorship of the South Western District is still available. The A.B.C. needs someone from this district to step up to the plate and serve their area. Duties are listed in the A.B.C. Handbook, and details are in the summer 2003 issue of the newsletter. Contact club president Mike Gilbert directly if interested.
- The deadline to submit articles and ads for the next Bulletin is August 15.
- The deadline for requesting meets to be listed in the Fall issue of the newsletter is August 10, 2004, in order for your director to get the info to me by May 15
- Advertising in the Bulletin is FREE of charge to members. Attractive caps with the club logo are available from Larry Clionsky for \$15 each, \$5 of which Larry donates back to the club. Contact Larry for ordering info: 9 Zion Church Rd., Grantville, PA 17028 (717)-469-9772 clionsky@yahoo.com
- Club patches are available from your secretary @ \$7 each. This price includes postage
- The 2004 Breeder Directory is available from your secretary @ \$2 each for members, \$5 each for non members.
- Be sure to check out the ABC Sharing Place, a forum where Ameraucana fanciers can go to share ideas. The site can be accessed at <http://groups.msn.com/abcsharingplace>

Financial Report 5/31/04

Previous Balance 2/29/04.....	\$ 736.06
Credits: Dues, Directories, Donations, Caps, Patches.....	609.00
Subtotal	\$ 1345.06
Debits: Supplies, Postage, Advertising.....	316.82
Balance as of 5/31/04	\$ 1028.24

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

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