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Large Fowl Black Cockerel – Paul & Angela Smith



Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, Michigan – site of the 2006 ABC National meet.

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**New Member Welcome...**

Keith Rorrer, VA  
Claudia Barber, WA  
Donna C. Walker, OR  
Bruce McDowell, NY  
Thurman Main & Kristina and Ashleigh, AZ  
Tammy Magilke, SD  
Wesley Wyche, OK  
Joseph Garner, GA  
Larry Garner, GA

**Treasurer's Report**

ABC Checking Account #22869, Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI	
Opening Balance as of 2/21/06	\$1,436.51
Income - Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	\$366.00
Income – for National meet awards	\$100.00
Subtotal,	\$1,902.51
Expense - Postage	\$150.00
Expense - Supplies & Printing costs	\$139.89
Expense – ABA Dues	\$25.00
Ending Balance as of 5/17/06	\$1,587.62

Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer

## **President's Report**

by Mike Gilbert, President, 5/25/06

### **FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN**

This is election year for the Ameraucana Breeders Club, and a number of changes will be made in the leadership structure of the club effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. John Blehm has already announced he will step down as secretary-treasurer of the club, and we already have at least one able candidate to run for that critical position. I believe John can be persuaded to run for either district director or president. Likewise, yours truly would prefer not to run for office this time around, and I will not as long as we have an able candidate to fill both the president and North Central district director position. It's time for fresh blood, someone with more energy, time, and enthusiasm to take over the helm.

To be honest, there have been reports that new members and potential members need more encouragement and pats-on-the-back than I have provided. Those reports are probably correct for a couple of reasons. First of all, I never envisioned a top-heavy organization. I believe the district directors are in a much better position to meet and encourage the members in their respective districts. Secondly, there are three to four months out of the year when I just don't have the time due to the demands of my job. Thirdly, since judges continue to make errors in judgment with regard to the breed and since I don't get to see many of the birds shown, I do feel any words of praise from me would not mean too much in those cases. If I encourage someone who is raising the wrong type of bird, even though the judge sees it differently, I could be doing a long term disservice to the breed and the member. I would prefer my words to mean something: I am not a cheerleader.

And finally, it must be confessed that after so many years I'm feeling a tad burned out. I will continue to concentrate on improving the original eight varieties and to develop the black gold bantam to the point of standard recognition. I am no longer much interested in developing new varieties when so much work remains to be done on those for which we have already secured standard recognition. I no longer have the heart to hatch countless chicks and then have to cull/kill the vast majority because color or some other attribute is not quite correct. Been there and done that from necessity of creating a credible and self sustaining breed out of the easter egg mess we used to have at the shows and fairs. I have no problem with others who wish to create new varieties, in fact I think it's great, but personally my conscience says it's not for me any more. People and their priorities change over time. There are more than enough rejects in the recognized varieties, but far fewer since they already breed true, and I can usually find homes for those as pets or barnyard chickens since I do live in a farming community.

I don't want to leave the wrong impression. I have no regrets, other than the time the hobby has taken away from my family. The very best thing that has come of the past 30-plus years is the wonderful friendships and relationships gained; too many of those folks have already passed on to their eternal destiny. Poultry fanciers are special people and will always be kindred spirits of mine. May God bless you all. And thanks for the opportunity to serve. See you at the national meet in Michigan this October and at the big one in Indianapolis this November.

### **North Central District Report**

by Teresa Brittnacher, Director, (no report)

### **Northeastern District Report**

by Larry Clionsky, Director, 5/15/06

Hello to all ABC members from the lush green area of central PA. Recent rains have turned dull grass into very green in just a day or so and the area is really beautiful. The dogwoods, redbuds, lilacs, tulips, daffs and are done now but the azaleas, wiegelas and rhodadendrons are coming into bloom so we still have plenty of color. All my roses are budding so it won't be long until the vases are full of Mr. Lincolns and John Kennedys which are two of my favorite aromatics.

As I am writing this I am prepping for a colonoscopy tomorrow so all of you over 50 know what to expect and what I am going through. Should be an interesting experience.

By now I hope that all of you are enjoying new broods of chicks and lots of them will be show winners. I started hatching several other breeds in early April just to test the incubator and hatcher and then my first Ameraucana hatch was on 4/14. I got 16 chicks out of 52 eggs. None of the unhatched eggs were fertile which seems to be a problem from time to time. I have roosters that have been celibate for six months and then when they get with a female they forget what to do. They attack the girls the first couple of days and then after that they seem just friends. My second hatch was on 4/25 and got 5 out of 23, third hatch on 4/28 produced 11 out of 48 and my last hatch on 5/10 brought 22 out of 73. The weird thing is that 49 eggs were from a wheaten male and two females and I only got 2 chicks. Mike and John have offered several pieces of advice such as trimming the vent feathers away and placing the males on grass by themselves for a week or so to improve fertilization however, if any of you are having the same problem and have a solution I am open for any and all suggestions.

I took the wheaten male out of the breeding pen and replaced him with a blue wheaten splash so hopefully he will do better. My Buffs are the same thing. I have two beautiful males that John gave me two years ago at our National and they cannot produce a fertile egg. 29 eggs from both roosters and two hens have reaped 3 chicks. I have now replaced the males with my other Buff male and hopefully will have better luck. The down side is that John's birds have great blue legs and mine are very pale blue to willow. Other than that the plumage, combs, muffs and beards are perfect. But, as Mike always points out, this is what breeding is all about.

I have not seen much in the Poultry Press about NE members and show results so I cannot offer congrats at this time. However, if I have missed someone who did well at a show please let me know. I enjoy congratulating all members that do well at shows. And, if you go to a show and do well please email or call me and let me know so I can mention it in the next newsletter. Speaking of shows, don't forget, if you want to place a meet at a show, let me know so I can have John get it in the next newsletter in time for it to be advertised. All shows must be listed in the newsletter before the shows. This gives all members a chance to meet and compete.

As far as shows go this year, high gas prices have put a squash on attending a lot of them. I plan on going to endless mountains in June and then our National meet and Crossroads and that is it for 2006. I will have to save my money to go to the latter two because I think there is about 24 hours of driving back and forth which translates into about 1400 miles at 15 mpg equals 95 gallons at \$3.00 each equals \$285.00 just for the

fuel. Add in the hotel rooms and food for both weekends and it will be about 6 to 700.00 total. I guess there is a lot of loving chickens for that price. But to see everyone and all the birds at the shows makes it worthwhile. Especially all the members of the ABC. Until next time, take care, God Bless and happy hatching!!!

Clionsky Out!

### **Southeast District Report**

by Beth Collier, Director, (no report)

### **South Central District Report**

by Paul Smith, Director, 5/23/06

We survived the fires and the major wind and hail storm which destroyed a lot of buildings and trees in our hometown. Major destruction was created by the over 100 mile per hour wind storm which blew apart several buildings and uprooted numerous large trees in the area, with only a few broken potato and tomato plants here. The worst part of the storm hit about 12 miles West of us. My work place had some minor damage.

The massive wild fires came within 1/2 mile south of our place. Seventeen homes were burned ten miles to the north of us. Fifty-five homes, a whole rural community, was burned 50 miles to the west of us. It was the driest I have ever seen it before the spring rains finally started. The Lord had his hand of protection over us!

We just completed our tenth hatch for the 2006 spring season. I had hopes of hatching over 1500 this time but fell short with 1,086 total. Over half of the chicks were sent out at a day old. I have decided not to offer day old chicks in 2007, and will only hatch 3 to 4 hundred, to offer as breeders, layers, or butchered birds depending on quality after they are several months old. Selling the chicks at a day old, never completely recovered what I would have made at work for the time taken off to tend to the incubators, never the less the electricity, feed, shipping and boxes. It's been a great experience hatching over 7,600 head of Ameraucanas and sharing them with numerous people in 38 states the past seven years. I'm still planning on breeding, showing and sharing quality Ameraucanas, just more on a hobby scale. I enjoy the birds enough, that if they would make a living, I would just raise them, instead of working in the Auto restoration shop, but they have constantly proven they won't pay their own way never the less ours also.

I checked with several ABC members in the district about their spring hatches. Those who responded are soon going to be hatching. Five hundred miles North makes a lot of difference in the weather. Here in North Texas the post offices will soon refuse to accept lives due to the heat. I was getting very concerned in mid April when we saw it 101°! There were three days of unusual record breaking temps., but the PO continued to accept lives, and the temperature soon dropped to the normal range.

I hope many of our members are raising some quality Ameraucanas to show at our national meet in Frankenmuth, Michigan. We are looking forward to meeting several members who we have communicated with through e-mail and of course seeing old friends.

May the Lord continually bless you,

## **Western District Report**

by Koralyn Kibbee, Director, 5/15//06

From the Coops & Gardens, in Southwestern Montana, yes it's now very warm and it has not frozen at night, for a few days. I go crazy "planting", cause we have a very short season. Flowers – flowers everywhere, even the coops have planters and flowering scrubs.

Yesterday I caught every bird, did combs, feet, and bands on some, checked for critters. Picked out 18 for our first show. Headed to Idaho, the Snake River Poultry Show, June 3. It's a fun show. Will see lots of ol' friends. And Susie will be there with her very nice Ameraucanas. I'm also getting a few chicks from Phillip, from John.

I recently sold to (new member) Amber Freeman, Helena, MT. a very nice trio of my blue wheatens and my last 2 pairs of Old English.

A new friend in Oregon, has 6 blue wheatens under a hen. Her name is Donna Walker.

Good luck to Everyone! Have a fun Summer!

### **TO SAVE A CHICK**

By Don Cable, May 2006

A few days ago I didn't get out to my bantam house until nearly eight that morning. Bantams sometimes hatch on the 20<sup>th</sup> day, but I was both surprised and disappointed to find that what had been my steadiest broody hen was off the nest with two chicks. I went to the nest and found three cold eggs, indicating she had been off the nest for some time. There was one chick, apparently dead and attached to the interior of the egg by a thin membrane. I placed the eggs under a couple of other broodies and returned to the nest to dispose of what appeared to be a dead chick. When I picked the chick up, the tiny membrane snapped, freeing it from the shell. As I carried it in my hand, I thought I felt it move. It was very cold, but moved again, apparently responding to the warmth of my hand. I had been leaving a plastic waterer in the sun to dry, so I set the chick in the base, directed to the warming of the morning sun and went about my chores.

An old poultry adage is that chicks that do not hatch with the rest of the clutch or are only partially free from the shell should not be saved as they are weak and will never amount to much. I must confess to have been very much in agreement with this point of view over the years. This being so, why did I bother to try to give this chick a chance at life? As I went through my chores I began to second guess myself. After all, the chick was a Nankin bantam, a very old rare breed, and as a professed preservationist this alone could be justification for saving the chick. Also, fertility and hatchability had not been up to last year, and I had only seven chicks out so far this Spring. In other words, after a lot of soul searching, I had talked myself into saving that chick!

Finally, I decided that if the little fellow showed a spark of life I would, in spite of what I thought better sense, try to save him. When I returned to the water dish the warm sun had apparently bought him a new lease on life as he sat, down fluffed up a bit, and letting forth a weak but distinctive, occasional peep. I took him in hand and returned him to the hen that had hatched him along with his two siblings. The hen was at first hesitant to accept him, but finally settled down as he crawled under the protective warmth of her breast feathers. I checked in on the family several times during the rest of the day and all seemed to be going well enough for the chick with such a precarious start.

Nankin chicks are usually hatched a rich buff, but a few will occasionally show darker spotting on or about the head. The chick in question carried a distinct head spot, unlike his nest mates and so is easy to identify. I am not certain "Spot" will make it beyond a few days or even weeks, much less make it to the big show this November in Indianapolis, but the magic in the spark of life will continue to impress this aging poultry fancier. As Chief Dan George said in the movie Little Big Man, "Sometimes the magic works and sometimes it doesn't."

### **Correspondences**

3/3/06

Hi John,

*Guess I forgot to send my dues. Too many other activities going on in Dec/Jan. My husband had surgery just before Christmas...I've been trying to teach me about computers since I now have one...I do have an email address now [j9395@netzero.net](mailto:j9395@netzero.net). ...Thanks, Jeannette (Frank)*

May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006

*Thank you for the wonderful newsletter. Can you please update me contact information...*

*Jim Adkins, PO Box 306, Sonora, CA 95370  
209.890.5326 [centre4poultry@aol.com](mailto:centre4poultry@aol.com)*

5/22/06

John,

*...our show had the best year ever and the ameraucana were awesome - never had more exhibitors or birds. To think that only 5 years ago it was just Kathy and I showing. This is a great thing for the breed...*

*~rob sando~*

### **Upcoming ABC Meets**

Wisconsin State Meet, requested by John Bashaw  
Badger Poultry Club, Dairyland Classic, Richland Center, June 3  
Contact: Ruth Lefeber (608)725-2179

Idaho State Meet, requested by Susie Winder  
Snake River Poultry Show, Filer, June 3-4  
Contact: John Klimes (208)423-5808

Pennsylvania State Meet, requested by Rita Johnson  
Endless Mountains Poultry Show, Harford, June 10  
Contact: Judi Sartell, [dymonds@nep.net](mailto:dymonds@nep.net) (570)756-2447

Montana Special Meet, requested by Koralyn Kibbee  
Gallatin Fair & APA Open Poultry Show, Bozeman, July 21-22  
Contact: Sandra Fiegi, (406)388-6906

Iowa State Meet, requested by Koralyn Kibbee  
Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, August 16  
Contact: Al Nichols, [coyotecornergh1@aol.com](mailto:coyotecornergh1@aol.com) (515)961-3028

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South-Central District Meet, placed by Paul Smith  
Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, December 9-10  
Contact: Steve Jones, 9677 Butler Lane, Poetry, TX. 75160

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

### **Meet Reports**

*BB=best of breed, RB=reserve of breed, BV=best of variety, RV=reserve of variety, C=cock, H=Hen,  
K=cockerel, P=pullet, AOV=Any Other Variety,  
AOCCL=All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams, AOSB=All Other Standard Breeds*

#### **Southern Ohio Poultry Breeders Association Show, Marietta, 4/1**

Special Meet, reported by Jeff Oxley

2 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Dysart, Lacy & Adkins

BV blue wheaten C by Patty Pickard – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

- also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

BV wheaten H by Patty Pickard – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All

3 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Dysart, Lacy & Adkins

BV black H by Robert Sando – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff C by Robert Sando – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV Silver P by Patty Pickard – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

the report didn't mention which LF was BB or RB

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

#### **Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia, 4/15**

State Meet, reported by Bernita Miller

21 bantams shown by 5 exhibitors, judged by ?

BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue wheaten C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 3 exhibitors

also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV blue wheaten H by Jared Carver – out of 3 shown by 3 exhibitors

BV brown red C by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff K by Darrel Fausett – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV buff C by Michael Muenks – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV wheaten P by Chris Link – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV wheaten P by Chris Link – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

4 large fowl shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Sam Brush

BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV black C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue C by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV silver C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor  
JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

**Sussex County Poultry Club, Sussex Co., NJ, 4/23**

State Meet, reported by Ailene Sliker

12 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Dwight Scott

BV black H by Gale Miko – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV black P by Janet Little – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors - also RB

BV blue C by Gale Miko – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV blue H by Gale Miko – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue wheaten H by Gale Miko – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitor2

RV blue wheaten P by Jack Kiska – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitor2

BV buff H by Gale Miko – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV buff C by Jack Kiska – out of 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV white P by Janet Little – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All

4 large fowl shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by Don Nelson

BV blue wheaten C by Jack Kiska – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

also BB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV blue wheaten H by Jack Kiska – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB

(another place in the show report says the above were wheatens)

JR Show - No Ameraucanas were exhibited

**Dayton Fancy Feather, Greenville, 4/29-30**

Special Meet, reported by Robert Sando

10 bantams were shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Danny Pagent

BV blue wheaten C by Patty Pickard – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV brown red K by John Brown – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV brown red K by John Brown – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV wheaten C by Patty Pickard – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV wheaten H by Patty Pickard – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB

BV white C by Kathy Gratsch – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

22 large fowl were shown by 6 exhibitors, judged by Lewis Cunningham

BV black H by Larry Holmes – out of 6 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV black H by Kathy Gratsch – out of 6 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV blue H by John Brown – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV blue H by John Brown – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue wheaten C by Kathy Gratsch – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor – also RB

BV buff C by Robert Sando – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV silver ? by Chari Patterson – out of 7 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV silver ? by Chari Patterson – out of 7 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV wheaten K by Tom Kernan – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV white H by Kathy Gratsch – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

also BB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV white H by Kathy Gratsch – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

JR Show Champion Ameraucana Over-All, Bantam blue wheaten H, by Craig Wilcox

## Club Notes

- This is an election year for all elected offices in our club according to the Constitution and Bylaws. This is the official call for nominations and they will be accepted thru August 20<sup>th</sup>. A ballot will be in the next Bulletin and the results posted in the last Bulletin of the year. Elected officers will assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Please email or send your nominations to me and don't be shy about nominating yourself. Besides others may not know you are willing to serve and we need people like you to help lead this organization.  
I will not accept a nomination for Secretary/Treasurer for the next two year term.
- According to Article X this is also the year you may propose amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws. If you have any in mind please email or send them to the President, Mike Gilbert, by August 10<sup>th</sup>. He will submit the proposals to the Board or Directors who will decide, by August 20<sup>th</sup>, which ones should be on the ballot to be voted on by the membership.
- The Board or Directors has approved Lifetime memberships. An Individual Lifetime membership is \$200 and a Family Lifetime membership is \$300.
- Please send your donations for ABC National meet awards, to me. So far only one member has made a donation. The money will be used for both cash awards and to buy tangible awards such as plaques, hand painted plates, etc. Kathy and I are donating ABC t-shirts for BV and RV for all 16 varieties of Ameraucanas at the National.  
Frankenmuth, Michigan is a beautiful city and the facilities for our National meet are fantastic. I included most of the details in the last Bulletin, but there are a few changes. A Schedule of Events is posted on the Bay City Poultry Club website, [www.baycitypoultryclub.org](http://www.baycitypoultryclub.org). Our club meeting is now scheduled for 2:30. Keep checking that website for any updates. It is an on-line Show Catalog and includes a printable Entry Form.  
Hopefully many of you will want to get together for an ABC banquet Saturday evening at 7:pm. We'll enjoy "World Famous" family style chicken dinners at the Bavarian Inn. The dinners are \$16.95 for 13 & up and \$6.95 for 6 to 12 year olds. We'll make a group reservation.
- If you are not checking out the **ABC Forum**, [www.ameraucana.org/abcfourm](http://www.ameraucana.org/abcfourm), at least once a week you are missing out on a lot of what's going on in the Ameraucana world! Some of the recent topics include, [Question on clearing up brassiness in white](#), [Discovering your jeans \(ha ha\)](#), [Lavender by design...](#), [Fixing Splayed Legs](#), [At what age can baby chickens be ID's male or female?](#) and many more.
- Don't forget the ABC Sharing Place: <http://groups.msn.com/ABCShareingPlace>. It's a place to share your Ameraucana experiences.

- The ABC places meets at the requests of our members. Please contact your District Director to request a meet and send a copy to me, if you do it by email. Remember that according to our Explanation of Meet Policy, “Meets will only be placed by a district director if a member in his or her district requests a meet for a specific show in time for the distribution of information via the ABC quarterly Bulletin prior to the entry deadline for that show”.
- ABC t-shirts are available in two styles in various sizes.  
100% cotton preshrunk, black shirts with a 12” diameter ABC logo in white on front in sizes Medium, Large & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12 each.  
50% cotton/50% Polyester, natural (off white) with a 2 5/8” diameter ABC logo in brown on left front in sizes Medium, Large, & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12 each. These are priced to move and the shipping is included! Make checks payable to John W. Blehm, 4599 Lange Rd., Birch Run, MI 48415.  
I will also have them available at our National meet, in Michigan, for just \$6 each!
- All **new** ABC 4” diameter **patches** are being made. They are a great value at two for just \$5!!!  
Copies of all three ABC Handbooks are available for just \$5 each. Just let me know which year(s) you want, 1982, 1998 or 2005, when you send your check. Copies of the ABC Bulletins from the first six years, 1979 – 1984, are available for \$30 in notebooks (only 3 left).  
Copies of the ABC Bulletins from 1985 thru 1993 are available for only \$35 per set! There are a few issues missing, that no one has been able to locate. I am only offering 12 sets of these Bulletins.  
The 2006 Ameraucana Breeders directories are available, from the Secretary for just \$2 each to members.  
Shipping is included with all of these items. Make checks payable to: Ameraucana Breeders Club and send to the Secretary.
- As always advertising in the Bulletins is FREE to all ABC members.
- **“Annual dues...shall be payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> for each...year”**. Feel free to pay for up to two years in advance. A membership form is available on our website, [www.ameraucana.org](http://www.ameraucana.org). Annual Dues: \$15/Family, \$10/Individual & \$8/Junior. Due to postage costs only Family memberships are available to members without a US Zip code. Individual Lifetime memberships are \$200 and Family Lifetime memberships are \$300. Let me know of any corrections or updates that need to be made to your membership information.
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