

Ameraucana Bulletin

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Since 1978

Welcome New Members

Karen Carpenter, WA - Lifetime Membership

Jean, Steve & Stephanie Davis, CA

Stacy Wozney & Tyler (10) and Ava (8), WI

Preston & Ruth Gwinn and James, Chris & Jacob Hurst, IN

Carrie & Tyler Hill (Tyler is a junior), KS

Kurtis & Alexis Roberts, CA

Jim & Peggy Maness, KY

Kevin & Christie Merrill, NC

James Mangin, PA

Rhonda E Marsden, MI

Aidan J Jones, CO

Michelle Klaes, PA

Lisa Marshall-Thomas, AL

Lee Gerry, SK

Leann Schmock, WI

Carrie Gildersleeve, WI

Luigi A Bottella, RI

William "Todd" Hawkins, VA

Angelina Bittues, ME

Preston Cummings, TX

Loree Iaconangelo, GA

Jim Broaddus, KY

Cathy Soldan, TN

Justin Smithey, GA

Rachel Carlberg, NC

Brice Acton, OH

Susan Davis, VA

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A 4 legged large fowl black Ameraucana - John W Blehm 2012



Election Year

"It is also time to remind everyone that this is an election year. We are taking nominations for the positions on the Board of Directors. This includes all the District Director, Secretary/Treasurer and President positions."

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President's Message ~ Connie "Jean" Ribbeck



Well, it's hard to believe it is time for the Summer Bulletin already. It is also time to remind everyone that this is an election year. We are taking nominations for the positions on the Board of Directors. This includes all the District Director, Secretary/Treasurer and President positions.

"Any paid member in good standing may send in a nomination for candidates for the various offices. All nominees must be members of the Ameraucana Breeders Club at the time of nomination. Officers shall be elected every two years by means of a mail ballot sent to each member. Such ballots shall be mailed by the Secretary/Treasurer via the club bulletin in the fall of the election year. Voting may be by mailing a marked ballot or via email within ten days after receipt directly to the Election Commissioner. When only one member accepts the nomination for any office, that person will be elected by acclamation. The election shall be completed and the new officers declared by mid-December and the new officers shall assume office on January 1st."

If you would like to be a part of the group that helps the Club move ahead and promote the Ameraucana Breed this could be something you might want to consider doing. The official duties of the officers are listed in our Constitution on the Club website and on page 5 of the new handbook.

The main thing our Directors do is:

- place meets
- write articles for our bulletins with meet results
- write an occasional article for the Poultry Press
- participate in internal Club business - usually via e-mail with the other Directors
- general correspondence with members
- promote the Ameraucana Breed

There has been consideration of possibly splitting the Eastern District back up because the current Director is unable to adequately attend meets from one end of the District to the other. Membership is also up in that particular group. A decision will have to be made before the election and in time for anyone that may consider being a Director for either the Northeast or Southeast to be nominated should that come to be.

Some of you may have read on the Club Forum that I am cutting back on my birds. I have had to give up some project colors and am selling the silver LF pen and the wheaten/blue wheaten LF pen. I need to cut back now so that I can continue to be able to care for them in the future.

I will also not be returning to run for President at this time as I feel I need to take a step back for a while. I will continue to breed, show, and promote the Ameraucana, just as a "regular" member.

Eastern District Report ~ Sharon Yorks, Director

We have had several shows in this district, but I'm waiting on clarification & corrections on some so they will all be posted in the next bulletin – The National Meet will be here before you know it. I hope everyone has been able to hatch out (or buy) their show prospects and are making plans to attend this year's meet in Lucasville, OH. Below is a list of prizes and awards that will be offered to our members. There will be over \$1000 in prize money, plus an additional \$2000+ in prizes and awards. I appreciate everyone who has joined in to help make this event special and I'd like to recognize who they are:



Hakes' Twin City Poultry Supplies (TCP), Manna Pro, Matt Parker, Clif Redden, Harold Knapp, Sharon Yorks, Woodhaven, Patty Pickard, Jean Ribbeck, Max Strawn, Mike Gilbert, Duane Schroeder, Jeff & Cheryl Vance, Debbie Mock, Russell Blair, John Blehm, Will Kitsch, Bill Wulff, Sheryl Allred, Country Star Farm, AG Bedding, LLC, Sunnyside Up Micro-Farm, Workman BanLams, Sam Brush, BioNatural America Institute, Smith Brothers Feed, TSC, Spencer Feed and Supply.

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It should be a fun time for everyone and it is my goal that no one will walk away empty handed. Be sure to get your reservations made before accommodations run out.

(This list will be posted on our website's forum so be sure to check it for updates.)

Awards for 2014 National Meet

- Champion Over-All** **Rosette & \$50**
Custom 3-hole LF Carrying Box w/plate (Sponsored by Clif Redden)
Manna Pro Product Basket
- Reserve CH Over-All** **Rosette & \$25**
Custom 2-hole LF Carrying Box w/plate (Sponsored by Country Star Farm)
Manna Pro Product Basket
- BB Bantam** **Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate - Manna Pro Grit & Oyster Shell basket**
Framed Winning Picture w/Certificate - Ribbon
A Bag of No Dust, Splinter-free Shavings
ABC Bantam Traveling Plaque
- RB Bantam** **Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate - Manna Pro Grit & Oyster Shell basket**
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A Bag of No Dust, Splinter-free Shavings
- BV Blue LF** **Arne Schmidt Memorial Traveling Plaque**
- BV Bantam & LF.....** **\$20 (All Recognized Varieties & Best AOV)**
RV Bantam & LF..... **\$10 (All Recognized Varieties & Reserve AOV)**

Additional Prize Money for Variety Classes

BANTAMS

Blue	BV- \$20 – Woodhaven	RV- \$10 – Woodhaven
Blue Wheaten	BV- \$20 – Woodhaven	RV- \$10 – Woodhaven

LARGE FOWL

Black	BV- \$20 – Clif Redden	RV- \$10 – Clif Redden
Blue	BV- \$20 – Sharon Yorks	RV- \$10 – Sharon Yorks
Blue Wheaten	BV- \$20 – Max Strawn	RV- \$10 – Max Strawn
Buff	BV- \$20 – Will Kitsch	RV- \$10 – Will Kitsch
Wheatens	BV- \$20 – Duane Schroeder	RV- \$10 – Duane Schroeder
White	BV- \$20 – Matt Parker	RV- \$10 – Matt Parker
AOV	Best AOV- \$20 – Clif Redden	

Best Trio Bantam **TCP \$20 gift certificate - Framed Certificate** - \$15 by Mike Gilbert
Custom 4-hole bantam Carrying Box w/plate (Sponsored by...)
A Bag of No Dust, Splinter-free Shavings

Best Trio LF **TCP \$20 gift certificate - Framed Certificate** - \$15 by Mike Gilbert
Custom 3-hole LF Carrying Box w/plate (Sponsored by Sunnyside Up Micro-Farm)
A Bag of No Dust, Splinter-free Shavings

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Reserve Trio Bantam
Reserve Trio LF

TCP \$20 gift certificate - Framed Certificate - \$10 by Mike Gilbert
TCP \$20 gift certificate - Framed Certificate - \$10 by Mike Gilbert

Best Display Bantam or LF

Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate - Framed Certificate
A Bag of No Dust, Splinter-free Shavings

Res Display Bantam or LF

Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate - Framed Certificate

Best Bantam Hen Eggs
Best Bantam Pullet Eggs
Best LF Hen Eggs
Best LF Pullet Eggs

Jean Ribbeck Egg Award - a Fowl Stuff nest box by John Blehm
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A Manna Pro Gift and a Certificate to each of the winners

JUNIOR SHOW

Best Overall in Junior

Award Medal – Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate - Rosette
Framed Winning Picture w/Certificate

BB Bantam Junior
RB Bantam Junior
BB LF Junior
RB LF Junior

Award Medal – Manna Pro Basket – ABC Patch
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JUNIOR BANTAMS & LARGE FOWL

BV for all recognized varieties & Best AOV \$7 - The Patty Pickard Family

Commemorative Duffel Bags

(For all ABC members exhibiting two or more birds- While supplies last)

Participation Appreciation Table

(A free drawing for all participating members)

- The American Standard of Perfection • Baskets of Manna Pro products • Poultry shipping boxes
 - Baskets of various sizes of leg bands • Bags of oyster shell & grit • Kitchen/chicken scales
- Baskets of mealworms and ForageCakes • Big container of mealworm • A basket of hen saddles
- Baskets of GroMax & Farm 360 • Bags of no dust, splinter-free shavings • Poultry Press subscription
 - Bantam 4-hole carrying box • (2) Day-Old Chick Orders (10 chicks each) from Max Strawn
 - (3) Certificates for a dozen Ameraucana Hatching Eggs from Jeff & Cheryl Vance
 - The list is still growing...



Ameraucana Sale Fundraiser for 2015 National Meet

Highest Bid on Donated Bird
2nd Highest Bid on Donated Bird
3rd Highest Bid on Donated Bird

Twin City Poultry Supplies \$35 gift certificate
Twin City Poultry Supplies \$30 gift certificate
Twin City Poultry Supplies \$25 gift certificate

Large Fowl

(6) buffs (2 trios) - Will Kitsch (3) wheaten (trio) – Duane Schroeder (2) blacks (pair) - Cliff Redden
(2) blues (pair) – Sharon Yorks (1) white (k) – Matt Parker (1) splash – Debbie Mock
(1) white (female) - Woodhaven

Bantams

(3) wheaten/blue wheaten (trio) - Woodhaven (2) blues (pair) – Russell Blair
(It would be nice to be able to display more bantams)

Additional Incentives Awards

Person who drove the furthest w/birds Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate
Most varieties placed in show (Open) Twin City Poultry Supplies \$20 gift certificate

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2 Junior Contests

"JUNIOR ESSAY CONTEST" Write a 200-300 word essay on one of two topics: "Why I Like Ameraucana Bantams" or "How I Condition My Ameraucana for Exhibition." The winner will receive an Ameraucana bantam breeding trio.

"DRESS UP YOUR CHICKEN" He/she can resemble a famous person, another animal, or even some kind of an object. Use your imagination! The winner will receive a High Sierra Elite Business Daypack Backpack with Laptop & Tablet Compartments.

For more information about these contests, there's a flyer on our website's forum under the topic of, 2014 National Meet Incentives, or feel free to contact me for details.

Eastern District Meet Report - Carolina Feather Fanciers – Greensboro NC

North Carolina Special Meet, April 12, 2014

1 Open Bantam by 1 exhibitor, judged by Dwane Jonis
BB & Champion AOCCL- BV silver C by Amy Colbert, out of 1

1 Open LF by 1 exhibitor
BB - BV wheaten C by Jerry Sineath, out of 1

No Junior Exhibitors

Starting with our Fall Bulletin we will feature a classified ad section for member ads, instead of display ads. The Breeders Directory has listings for all members that want to be listed. Before we offered the Breeders Directory the club offered free ads in the Bulletins for members and that policy has continued.

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Bantam Ameraucana in buff, lavender & silver
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North Central District Report ~ Duane Schroeder, Director



Finally some warm weather after a brutal winter and early spring. It seemed to take the girls longer than usual to start laying at peak levels, but now they are again *paying their rent*.

I learn something new with each hatching season and this one was no different. I had kept artificial light in the breeding coops for 14 hours a day. By January the laying had stopped. I don't know if this was solely related to the severe cold temperatures, or if they just needed a break from laying.

By April they were back at it so I filled up the incubators again. On the night of the 18th day, after lockdown, I unknowingly lost power in my basement for 8 hours. The next morning, the temperature in the incubators was around 65 degrees. I had read not to panic, and sure enough I had about an average hatch rate.

As reported on the ABC Forum, Wayne Meredith will no longer be raising Ameraucanas so that he can take winter vacations to warmer climate states. From my experience, I know how difficult it is to be away from home for any extended period, even with a reliable bird sitter. Good luck, Wayne, and thanks for your contributions to the development of the breed.

South Central District Report ~ Paul Smith, Director



Greetings from the South-Central District

We have just finished our eighth hatch of the season with a total of 960 hatched. 792 have been sent out in 46 boxes. Life gets in a hurried rush when we get to hatching full capacity. It's set two incubators on Monday and hatch two incubators the next Monday. We have two more hatches one on Tuesday after Memorial Day and one June 9. Then we will be ready for a break from hatching.

We kept the first hatch and a few left over after orders were filled during each hatch. Plan on showing more this fall.

Clif Redden and Max Strawn both hatched a lot this Spring. Great to have them and Sharon Caywood get involved with hatching and showing their Ameraucanas. The more ABC members involved, the better the Ameraucana breed will become and the more we will see an Ameraucana win over all champion, like Clif's black cockerel at Shawnee, Oklahoma at the SC District Meet.

It was decided by the ABC members showing at Shawnee last year to hold our 2014 district meet there. Any member who desires an ABC meet in the SC district needs to contact me so we can get it set.

Hope everyone is blessed with a great growing season and some champions develop out of their Ameraucanas.

God Bless, Paul Smith

Strawn Family



Ameraucana
(large fowl)
Black, Blue,
Splash,
Wheaten,
Blue Wheaten,
Splash Wheaten



Wyandotte
(large fowl)
Blue Laced Red



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Ameraucana
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wheaten, blue wheaten,
splash wheaten & lavender

Rhode Island Red
Single Comb

ADULT BREEDERS IN THE FALL

Paul & Angela Smith
psmith@ntln.net - (940) 768-8405
2175 CR 224, Gainesville TX 76240

Western District Report ~ Christina Korfus, Director

No Report

The all new 2014 version of our ABC Handbook is available! They are just \$6 from the club and that includes postage in the US and Canada. Send a check to the club secretary, made out to the ABC, if you are interested and I'll pop it in the mail or go to the Club Merchandise page of our Ameraucana.org website and order online using PayPal.



Upcoming Ameraucana Meets

June 7, 2014

NC District Meet, placed by Duane Schroeder
[Coulee Region Poultry Club](#), Trempealeau County
 Fairgrounds, Galesville WI
 Contact: Mike Gilbert Chantecler7@gmail.com

June 14, 2014

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Sharon Yorks
 Buckeye Fancy Feathers, Canfield OH
 Contact: Paul & Rhonda Simmons rjos2256@gmail.com
 (330)426-6870

July 5, 2014

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
[Humboldt Poultry Fanciers Association](#), Ferndale CA
 Contact: Harry Majors (707)496-6350
HarryMajors2000@yahoo.com

September 20-21, 2014

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Jamie Corey
[Eastern Ohio Poultry Association](#), Tallmadge OH
 Contact: Nathanael Medley (740)946-4039

October 4-5, 2014

National Meet, placed by Sharon Yorks
[Southern Ohio Poultry Association](#), Lucasville Ohio
 Contact: David Adkins johndavid.adkins@gmail.com
 (740)259-2852

October 4, 2014

Wisconsin Special Meet, requested by Kirsten Thompson
 West Central WI Pigeon & Poultry Club - Cedar Showdown,
 Menomonie WI
 Contact: Dan Paff juddan@live.com

October 11-12, 2014

Michigan State Meet, requested by John W Blehm
[Fall Fowl Fest](#), Birch Run MI
 Contact: Matt Boensch mjwaterfowl@charter.net

October 11, 2014

Pennsylvania Special Meet, requested by Heather Rhoad
 Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers - Expo Center, Lebanon PA
 Contact: Carl Richard frich93359@aol.com

October 25, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
 Friendship Poultry Club, Morganton, NC
 Contact: Carol Hipps friendship_poultryclub@yahoo.com
 (828)381-9949

November 1-2, 2014

Nebraska State Meet, requested by Gordan Gilliam
[Nebraska State Poultry Show](#), Lancaster Event Center,
 Lincoln, NE
 Contact: Vicki Gilliam gilavina@hotmail.com

November 22, 2014

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
 Gold Rush Fowl Association show, Sonora CA
 Contact: Chris Tamayo csbantams@gmail.com (916)508-
 5550

November 29, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
 Forsyth Fowl Fanciers, Winston Salem NC
 Contact: Mark East slatefano@yahoo.com (336)341-9281

December 13, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
 Cape Fear Poultry Association, Smithfield NC
 Contact: Carol Lynn SultanLady@embarquail.com (910)897-
 8001
 or Wilbur Hanley langshanman@gmail.com (919)796-2936

January 24, 2015

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
[Pacific Poultry Breeders Association](#) show, Stockton, CA
 Contact: Anthony Rose arose@valleyalphaelectric.com

Treasurer's Report

CKing account at Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI

Previous Total Balance of 2/22/2014 =	\$5,008.78
Previous CKing Balance as of 2/22/2014 =	\$3,753.82
Income (includes \$1,500 transferred from PayPal)=	\$2,049.00
Expenses =	\$128.51
Checking Balance as of 5/24/2014 =	\$5,674.31
PayPal Balance as of 5/24/2014 =	\$64.18
Ending Total Balance as of 5/24/2014 =	\$5,738.49

Club Notes ~ John W Blehm

From the Members Only section of our ABC Forum - Wayne Meredith is retiring

"Just a note to let everyone know that this is the last year I will be raising Ameraucana's. I have decided to give up my animals so I can get out of this winter weather for some extended vacations next year.

I'll probably have chicks and hatching eggs available later on, but this spring has been very slow, because of the extremely cold Spring, here near the very cold Lake Michigan.

All adult birds will be available after hatching season is done.

I have truly enjoyed raising Ameraucana's for the many past years, and appreciate all the help I have had from my fellow Breeders, and the friendships we have created. Wish you all the Best for the Future of this Breed."

Sincerely: *Wayne Meredith*

Greetings from frigid, tons of snow, Northern Michigan - Jeanne Trent, March 2, 2014

Is it spring yet? The calender says in two weeks it will be spring and daylight time begins in one week. I have a goofy Silkie setting on Ameraucana eggs a week now since the end of Feb.!!! and our temps. have been 0° to minus a bunch at night. I have never had a hen want to set this time of year and when it is so cold. Also I've been getting eggs all winter, not everyday but eggs all winter. In all the years I've had chickens that has never happened.

I read an article in "Backyard Poultry" that in these extreme weather conditions to add Calf Manna to the bird's feed. It has molasses and other good stuff to help them during really cold weather. So I got some and they seem to like it. They look great and are in beautiful feather condition. If Calf Manna has helped - wonderful and I feel good I've helped them get through the cold. My rule is as it gets colder give them plenty of feed and water. I also add whole corn. One of the best thing I ever bought was a heated waterer. The birds have unfrozen water and I don't have to deal with frozen water and frozen water containers. I just did chores. It was 0°. The water was fine, not even a film of ice.

I'm hoping to go to the Ameraucana National Meet in Lucasville, Ohio in October. I've been to Lucasville to one of the swap meets. It was great fun. There was everything imaginable to buy, little turtles, donkeys, antiques, chickens, pigeons, etc. The people were super nice. I would urge you, if you can, to attend that show. I also plan on attending the Michigan show (Fowl Fest) at Birch Run, also in October. Hopefully I'll have nice looking birds then.

Is it spring yet? My goofy Silkie thinks so. Can't wait for spring as I put another log on the fire.
Happy Hatching, *Jeanne Trent*

More Club Notes ~ John W Blehm

I have proposed several changes to the constitution/by-laws that the Board of Directors has agreed to place on the ballot this fall for the membership to vote on. As secretary I feel these changes will help define some areas of the constitution better and help to ease the load of this position. The entire proposal will be on the ballot, but here are a few of the ideas. In Article IX - Interpretation, I would like to add "A simple majority is required for passage of membership votes and an absolute majority is required for passage of Board of Director votes" and "Email counts as Mail". In Article VIII - Club Meets, I would like to remove much of the language and move it to the Meet Policy. This will allow the board to have greater flexibility in making changes to the policies. Article II - Secretary/Treasurer, says the Secretary "shall" distribute meet awards and I would like to add the option of having an appointee take on that task.

Sorry...In the last Bulletin Sonya Meeks & family was welcomed to the club, but I left the "a" off Sonya.

Deadline for the next Bulletin is August 15th. Please email reports, articles, photos, ads and stuff to me by then.

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