

Charlie & Carole Meuthing (one fowl place) Sunman, IN

These folks I met at Columbus are really interested in promoting Ameraucanas. They go to a fair amount of shows and have also O.E.

Carl Fosbrink

His main claim to fame has been Barred Rocks and is presently president of the Rock club. He has some Ameraucana Bantams and also wants to promote the Ameraucanas.

Phil Jenkins

He was in the original ABC standard club, has had Ameraucanas for many years and enjoys perfecting color varieties.

Burt & Jodi Thompson, Ulm, MT.

Jeannette recruited these folks and so far all I know is they are really enthusiastic Ameraucana people.

We welcome all the new members and hope you enjoy the Ameraucanas as much as we.

#### Ohio National, Columbus, General Report

Tom and I were sorely disappointed he and I were the only members of the Central District to show. I traveled 9 hrs. to get there. There are members much closer than I in the district that could have gone. However it was not to be. We had 36 birds standard & bantam. Only 6 bantam. Tom took the honors in the standards on a great blue pullet. I got BB in bantam. One fowl place had a white pullet that was the only competition.

I feel here is as good a place as any to state this. The only way we can gain respect and recognition as a breed and a club is to go to those shows nearest us and take our Ameraucanas even if we are the only ones. Put up a special. Even anything. But go and enter the birds properly as Ameraucanas if other birds are put into the same class with tuffs, wrong color legs, single combs or whatever. Bring it to the judges attention, nicely of course, just so they know what we are about. We do have a standard and we are recognized and we have a great breed of chickens. Like Jeannette earlier said, "the judges don't even want to bother with us. But if we all in our separate parts of the country "stuck to our guns" and showed our birds, we would little by little gain recognition." I have been belittled, threatened and you name it by judges in this midwest area. But I always show up. Finally with "One fowl place's" help last year I got the nerve to question a judge. That's what we all must do. You can't keep your Ameraucanas at home waiting until others show up or they get show quality. That won't happen until you go to the show & take the best you have even if it's only one or two. I'm getting ready to go to the Bay City, Michigan show. It's the closest one for me. I've gone 6 years now and this year the BCPA is offering a trophy for Champion Ameraucana Bantam and Champion Standard. So you see, perseverance and determination takes over. If John & Lois show up we'll have maybe 30 Ameraucanas. The judges better scurry to the standard or know the breed.

I, at the Columbus show had requested a club table, and was I thrilled when we finally got there to see that a table was set up for us along with everyone else's. Albeit the name was incorrectly spelled (Americana, Again I stress, Ameraucana). We were front &

center between the HHH and the Rock club. Various people stopped by to ask what is Ameraucana and what is Araucana? We were then able to explain and even show the difference. Folks, having a club table is a great thing. I urge any of you going to a show to do the same. Rusty and I took a card table and chairs. 9 hrs. we didn't know if things would be provided. As it turns out they were but the point is those things didn't take up that much space. So if in doubt take it. Next have a little sign, ABC club, on display, handbook, bulletin whatever. ~~The~~ main thing is at a poultry show time drags at times, people are wandering around. So if you're sitting at a club table, folks will stop & talk. I have yet to meet a poultry person who won't talk. Then you are there to answer questions, show off your birds and maybe even gain a new member. Any of you may sign some one up. Just get name and address to me. Having a table also puts us "in with the rest", shall we say. If we act important therefore we are plus it's a great place to put all your stuff (camera, medicines, extra jacket, lunch, and take a break). I'm off to Bay City in a couple weeks and I'm having another club table.

I met Bill Wulff, the new PP editor and new owner. What a super guy. Turns out he used to have Ameraucanas, is truly interested in the breed, and will help promote us. There was a mix up about our ad but that is straightened out so look for our ad in February's PP complete with the logo.

I also met Sid Shoemaker of Shoemaker's Poultry Supply. Another great person. We had a long chat about poultry diseases.

Next was Glenda Heywood of HHH. She travels all over and is another promoter of ours. She gave me some tips on how to get a fairly new club going. Thanks Glenda.

I felt the trip was a great success, maybe not for me personally (Tom whooped me) but for the club! Three new members, quite a few Ameraucana, Araucana things straightened out. It was great. Each one of you can do the same at any show you go to. I also feel as Jeannette, we all should in our own small way in our small circle of shows resolve in 1987. The US of A will meet and greet Ameraucanas.

While the flame is burning, here's fuel to the fire in the form of a message from our good friend, Don Cable, just in with today's mail.

SIERRA SLOPE

Greetings to friends old and new and a sincere thanks to those that have kept in touch these many months since I served as your secretary. I am busy building a little home in the foothills of the Sierras and hope to be moved in and have a few bantams again by summer.

Our new president, Jeanette Frank, has my promise of support and I do hope that all of you will do likewise. It can be a lonely and tedious job getting out the bulletin and it is hoped that all of our officers will have the active participation of the membership by way of news items and articles without having to plead and twist arms.

Our adoption and sponsorship of large Ameraucanas has resulted in several compliments reflecting the wisdom of this decision. Both large and bantam Ameraucanas were admitted to the APA in 1984 and appeared in the 1985 edition of the Standard of Perfection along with Wheaten bantams in colored illustration. None of this of course, is news, and yet muffed and tailed birds in both large and bantam continue to be referred to as "Araucanas" in the ads and literature of several commercial hatcheries and in Poultry Press as well. Some how the word still hasn't gotten around.

Speaking of commercial hatcheries, on the flip, or positive side, there is one that has probably started more potential poultry fanciers than any other group or organization, and that is the Murray

McMurray Hatchery, of Webster City, Iowa. You cannot believe the number of people who have said that they received their first inkling that there was such a thing as a poultry fancy upon receipt of that old McMurray catalog and literature in the mail one fine spring day. Every summer it is my pleasure to judge the 4-H poultry at half a dozen county fairs scattered throughout Northern California, and invariably, I run into kids showing various breeds raised by them from chicks received from Murray McMurray. But it is not just kids- I have spoken with many adults who have indicated that McMurray was their introduction to this great hobby as well.

There seems to be a body of research coming to light that people respond positively both physically and psychologically to their animals. And while this may be a hot news item to many, I suspect that poultry fanciers knew this - at least, intuitively - all along. I remember my wife quizzing me on many occasions about "what I was doing out there" when I had to be called to dinner evenings, or had to be rounded up by one of my children, or chided for wasting time, when I was just sitting under a tree out in the chicken yard. How do you tell someone who hasn't the foggiest notion of what this chicken business is all about? How do you describe the peace and feeling of well being gained from just putting around with a few bantams after returning home after a day's work? You know the feeling and I know the feeling and I feel sorry for those who may never know it.

Our club lost a great friend when Frank Gary passed away as those who were with us early on, especially my pal, Mike Gilbert will testify. Now that we have been accepted by both the ABA and APA, I suppose that we are no longer considered firebrands, but if anyone thinks that it was easy, or pleasant to gain that recognition, think again, and it was Frank Gary who was with us from the beginning, and he won't be forgotten.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to those who cast their ballots making me an honorary vice-president- it is a great honor.

Don Cable

Thank you Don. You covered several things to which we all can relate, it sure is good to hear from you.

### The Shows

Minnesota State Poultry Assn., Hutchinson, MN.  
5 exhibitors, 20 entries.  
BB. Gilbert, white pullet  
RB. Horman, white pullet  
BV. wheten pullet, Gilbert  
RV. wheaten cockerel, Gilbert

That's all the information I have on that show. Mike says there were 5 exhibitors so we should have maybe a district meet there next year, or even the national meet. We need to have a national meet in '87. Please let me know your thoughts.

Marylou Phelps went to Highland.

BB and RB on pullets, 12 birds shown, 3 exhibitors, and she got a trophy.

IL. MO. show.

12 birds, 3 exhibitors.

BB and RB. Phelps.

That's about all the information I have on that. Good going Mike, Dave and Marylou. I can only report on what you folks send me. Keep those reports coming!

Other News

Tom and Kay Lippincott had their 50th wedding anniversary in November. Below is a news clip about that event. Congratulations to the both of you. Kay has had health problems but was able to enjoy the open house. Take care Kay. We'd love to see your picture for the 51st.



**OPEN HOUSE**  
celebrating the 50th anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas Lippincott will be held at 2572 Loudon St., Gravnille on November 29th from 2 until 6 p.m.

I have found a place only 20 miles from here that does patches and things. They quoted me a really decent price for the embroidered ones. Hopefully in March's edition I will be able to say "Folks, here they are. Order them".

Marylou Phelps (Springfield, MO.) went to the ILL. MO. show and came home with laryngo. She lost some birds but treated her patients with Vet-RX. She cannot say enough for that product. To me it's much like Vicks, and with laryngo you need something to aid the congestion of the birds. As Marylou said, "The birds virtually drown in their own bloody mucous". Anything to relieve that would be great. Vet-RX is such a product as is vics, "save the baby" whatever. The point is if laryngo should strike, a camphor type ~~type~~ thing does help. Put it on their nostrils and also I hear putting it under the wing is good so when they tuck their heads under the wing they will breathe the vapors. Laryngo is very contagious but you can vaccinate everyone should it strike. I would recommend getting in touch with Sid Shoemaker, (Gilead, OH.) and you will have the vaccine within a few days. The most common method of dosage is in the eye but Rusty took some of his and my birds to a show, back at home all his M'ille's got sick with laryngo. We got the vaccine and treated all our birds. (Yes it was quite a project) but we put a drop on the nostril. You just put a drop and make sure they breath it in. The vaccine is blue so it's easy to tell when it disappears. We found this method fairly easy with no adverse effects. Marylou did the eye method. No adverse effects, but I hear you could lose an eye. Just thought we'd both pass along our experiences. My birds never did get it and they should have. They were at the same show, rode in the same car, ect. but not a one of mine. The thing is we should protect our birds in the first place by vaccinating them.

I didn't get a whole lot of response on Breeders' Directory information. So I'll save that for March when breeding time is near and hopefully more of you will have sent information for me to pass along. Trading eggs is a great way for us, scattered all over, to help each other.

Dues are now due. Some folks have paid great and thank you. But we need the support of all of you. It's only \$5.00. Steal it from your egg money.

Closing thoughts

Many thanks to those of you who have written. It's one of the best parts of my day to hurry home and get the mail. The big file drawer in my ugly old desk is just aching to be filled with thoughts from each one of you. May the winter continue as mild as it already has, (It was 50 degrees here in Norther Michigan today).

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but let us encourage one another and  
all the more as you see the day ap-  
proaching".

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