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AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB BULLETIN

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**Jeanne Trent** wasn't too far behind. She and I had no trouble recognizing each other. Wouldn't you think that two people who had written reams of letters to one another would have run out of things to say? NO WAY!! I think we could have talked forever...we tried Friday night but then morning came and Jeanne had to go to bed. Jeanne gave me a show coat that I'm afraid to wear 'cause I might get it dirty. Thank you, Jeanne. I will wear it proudly for all to see, as soon as I get my club patches sewn on. (Think I can get Jerry to let me wear it to work?) I got to meet Jeanne's protectors....**Rex**, her man, and **Paki**, her dog. I really don't know which is the quieter of the two. Paki buried french fries in my room (don't know if they were for him later or for me). Rex and Paki are both special and I can see why they are devoted to Jeanne. She is neat.

We waited at the showroom Friday night until 10:30 p.m. for Mike Gilbert and Dave Horman to come in from WI. We finally decided to let them find us..they did. We were all sitting in my motel room having a general get-acquainted session until most of us realized we had a lot to do the next day and went to bed.

Saturday morning was white and cold but we managed to get to the show room (well, most of us) fairly early.

The club had a good showing of birds and a great judge. Jeanne has the details elsewhere in this newsletter. I really enjoyed watching the judge, **Russ Carlson**. He didn't mind answering questions and was willing to explain as he judged. I have worked with several judges and generally find they are a great group of people. Most of them are willing to listen to what the exhibitors have to say. And they do try to stay up on all the changes in the world of poultry. Russ Carlson made a point of letting the rest of the exhibitors at the show know that the Ameraucana Club was there and was worth while.

The Ameraucana Breeders Club held its annual meeting at our headquarters, The AmericInn. Again, the details are in this newsletter. The meeting went great and the highlight was the beautiful plaque Mike Gilbert presented to Don Cable in behalf of all the club. If we are fortunate maybe the picture can be reproduced in this newsletter.

We had an informal gathering after the banquet Saturday night in my motel room. This time **Mike Gilbert** and his wife, **Mary**, was with us. I think I met all of Mike's family. They are a beautiful family. **Robbie** tried hard not to get caught in front of my camera. (I hope I caught him. He is so special. Reminds me of someone I know.) I want to wish **Melissa** good luck in her runs and in her future. Really neat family. **Jason** with his transformers and Mary patiently loving them all. By the way - a special thanks to Mike for the fantastic certificates. I love mine.

**Dave Horman** is a real charmer with his quiet smile and gentle teasing. I helped him load some of his birds in his truck Sunday. You have to be great at Chinese puzzles and a contortionist to boot. If you have ever met Dave now you know why he has to stay so slim and limber.

And last but not never least...**Don Cable**. Words will never express how much he means to me. He has been my greatest supporter and has never failed to have the words of encouragement when I needed them for my birds and the club. I just wish I could have found a cardinal for him to see.

I want to mention that watching Don and Bernard was like watching the Katzenjammer Kids. Always up to something, those two.

The host club...Minnesota State Poultry Association...was a warm group of people willing to help in anyway. **Duane Urch** was a big supporter of the ABC and became a member. Thank you, Duane. The exhibitors were a friendly bunch. Ready to talk, walk and listen. Everything was great. The weather could have been just a bit warmer.....especially for a Californian that I won't mention by name.

I had the advantage of being the observer this time. I really don't have the words or enough paper to tell you all my feeling and thoughts. Any of you that know me well know how sentimental I am. None of you will ever really know how great **this** particular show was for me. The Ameraucana Breeders Club is a club to be proud of and I am. I doubt that I will see any of you again but then again I just may show up in 1989. Keep the champions hatching. Jeannette Frank



## Sierra Slope

Echoes of the National Meet...results of the meet are detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin. The following are those that took part and in a real sense made it "go".. Jeannette Frank, bless her heart, looking and acting presidential - making arrangements, providing transportation for most of us (especially me!), acting hostess to our club "get together", shaking hands, making introductions, in short, the prime mover and shaker for the club along with secretary Jeanne Trent, the other half of the "dynamic duo" that has helped make ours a club on the move as we enter a decade of service to Ameraucana breeders. With Rex and her precious pup in tow, Jeanne managed to handle the club chores, show a few and win big, too! We are in very good hands with these two and they deserve our support and thanks. The Wisconsin gang was on hand, including my old pal, Mike Gilbert and family. He made off with the Lion's share of the bantam awards as usual and was his usual gracious self in spite of losing a bit of sleep bunking with that brute of the North woods, Dave "Chainsaw" Horman, whose snoring is legendary. The judge indicated that Dave's birds might have done better, but they seemed to have been suffering from a lack of sleep. Also present and doing very well in her first national meet, was the classy little lady from Missouri, Mary Lou Phelps. She has some very nice bantams and it was a treat to watch her feed oaties to her "wheaties"! Mary Lou is already beating the bushes down her way to scare up support for our next national meet in '89. One of the highlights of the meet was to finally meet the big cheese of the "Readstown Coffee Boys", the one and only Bernard Kellogg, with whom I have been corresponding for a decade. I was not in the least disappointed - as a matter of fact, "Barnyard" kept me in stitches the whole weekend with his stories, jokes and anecdotes and if you have never met him, you are in for a real treat. He had made up a fine bulletin board with photographs of various club members and was appointed club historian, a job he will do well. The Saturday night banquet was the usual affair with the exception of the "entertainment" which followed. After a turkey dinner, the main speaker regaled the crowd with his presentation, "You Are What You Eat". The host club provided what can be loosely called a "Magic Show". The real magic was that the attending crowd did not hoot them off the stage. The act was reminiscent of one of the poorer performances on the old Gong Show, but unfortunately, there was no gong. The kindest trick might have been for the magicians to have disappeared. Curiously, throughout the entire performance, the crowd was utterly silent. Not a peep. I attribute this to shock or apoplexy, or perhaps both.

The club managed to pick up several new members at the show and of course we welcome these people. It was a weekend that I shall not forget and I do hope to meet with these folks again, if not next year, certainly at our next get-together in 1989. For a national club of modest size, it is incredible that we have so much talent and genuinely nice people. If you have never attended one of our national meets, plan to do so in the near future, and I guarantee you'll have a great time. Finally, I would like to once again express my sincere thanks for the beautiful service award presented to me at our club meeting (a special thanks to Mike Gilbert) as it was a wonderful surprise and greatly appreciated. Best wishes to you all as we enter our tenth anniversary as a national club. Things will be great in '88! Don Cable

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Comments from Mike Gilbert on the National. "A great time was had by all who attended our 1987 National Meet at the Minnesota State Poultry Association Show October 24-25. Many of us met in person for the first time, although we felt like old friends from having written and talked on the phone for a number of years. Our judge, Russ Carlson, did a very repectable job under rather difficult circumstances, and he had kind words to say for our club and our efforts.

We are planning another grand get-together at our next National Meet, tentatively scheduled for Highland, Illinois, in 1989. Hopefully we can all make the journey and also draw in more of our club members next time. I'm personally looking forward to it."



Mary Lou's comments on the Hutchinson show:

It was a long drive but worth every mile and every penny. The Ameraucana Breeders Club held their first National since the club re-organized and got back on its feet. We're up to about 70 members now.

The Ameraucana club had seven exhibitors with 63 bantams and ten large fowl. Tom Lippincott from Ohio had entered 12 large fowl but didn't make it to the show. Mike Gilbert, Wisconsin had champion bantam and champion Ameraucana on a great white female and had reserve champion on a super wheaten pullet (which I got to bring home). I had the champion trio with a young trio of wheatens. We went on to sweep the all other comb clean leg class.

While there, we were treated (?) to a light dusting of "Minnesota Frost".... Better known as snow....Saturday morning. The weather wasn't the greatest by any means, but the hospitality was warm and friendly and a good time was had by all.

It was an honor for me just to meet Don Cable who flew in from California. To us he is **MR. AMERAUCANA** and what a super person he is! He and Mike Gilbert and Jerry Segler from Illinois were the driving force behind the development of the Ameraucana bantam. The large fowl have a way to go, but with more and more people getting interested in them, they'll go a long way.

We had a very nice club meeting in front of the fireplace at our motel, The AmericInn, on Saturday. We caught up on old business and plotted our course for the next couple of years.

All in all, I wouldn't have missed the trip of anything. I really enjoyed it. We're looking forward to our next National meet in 1989.

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JT's Show Comments - What can I say that hasn't already been said? We had a great time. Mike won everything. I did come away with a trophy, two of the certificates and \$12.00 plus three BW pullets and a nice wheaten cockerel. Maybe this spring I'll have better luck with bantams.

We acquired three new members. Bernard did a fine job on the picture bulletin board, which we decided to keep and add to. Anyone wanting pictures of themselves, birds or whatever relating to the club send to BK and he'll add to the board. I'm trying to talk him into the Bay City, MI show on Jan 30-31, but I have a feeling he won't be around until the Centerville, MI show on Mothers Day. At any rate send those photos to: Bernard Kellogg, Box 152, Readstown, WI 54612.

The MN folks were really great to us. We were front and center bantam and large fowl. Our club table was next to all their awards. Plus at the banquet, which we all (except Rex who stayed at the motel to dog sit with Paki and they enjoyed a movie while we were entertained by magicians) attended and sat together. Each judge was asked to say a few words. Our judge, Russ Carlson commended us on how we were "getting things together", our birds looking consistent and how hard we have worked. Well, we all sat up a little straighter and felt proud. That and our meeting at the Inn when Don got his plaque stick out most in my mind. Don had no idea and he was totally overcome (so was some of the rest of us). The magicians - well, what can you expect from magicians from South Dakota? You got it - not much. We all went back to the motel suite and just kind of laughed about it. It was that bad - really.

We had another just chicken talk. I did get kidded about "getting a letter from Jeanne Trent...you have to carry it in on a wheel barrow."

The next thing I remember most is when I arrived there with no sleep. JF and I sat up like two teenagers chit chatting. Remember we had never met before. We got thoroughly acquainted. JF is an organized person, we must keep her. Mike Gilbert and I decided horse people, dog people, maybe some other poultry breed clubs might be as nice to each other, but we doubted it. We decided maybe because we are a relatively new breed and finally are getting recognized and we help each other - eggs, chicks, even birds - but MG and I decided NO. We are just special people who love these birds and only another AM person would understand.

Those of you who get PP - I wrote an article and sent pictures right after the Hutchinson Show but apparently the MN folks didn't get their report in so Bill didn't put anything in the Nov. or Dec. issue. He assured us that it would be in the JAN issue. It's late and I have to work in the morning so I'll finish the rest later. JT



AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEETING

AmericInn lobby - 12:17 p.m. Nine people in attendance.

Opening invocation by Mike Gilbert.

Don Cable moved that Mike Gilbert also be honorary vice president. Seconded by Dave Horman. Motion passed.

Don Cable moved that we install Bernard Kellogg as club historian. Seconded by Jeanne Trent. Motion passed.

Mike Gilbert motioned those whose dues had not been paid for the year 1987 by Oct.24 be dropped from our membership list. Seconded by Mary Lou Phelps. Motion passed.

✓ Don Cable volunteered to write the addendum to be added to all the Ameraucana handbooks regarding the addition of the large fowl.

Mike Gilbert motioned we drop our club ad in the HHH. Seconded by Dave Horman. Passed. Bernard Kellogg moved the club get standard club awards for any club meets. Seconded by Mary Lou Phelps. Passed. (Club rosettes with club logo for any Ameraucana meet having at least two club members showing. Club patches offered as reserve awards if more than three club members are showing.) Don & Bernard offered to donate to this cause with grateful help from any other members.

Don Cable also made a statement that the two J's were doing a good job keeping the club going. Gratefully accepted by the two J's. (Jeanne & Jeannette)

Election of new officers due in Oct.'88. We must be thinking of that.

Meeting concluded with Mike Gilbert presenting a club plaque to Don Cable. Our beautiful logo was on the plaque.

Adjourned to lunch.

UPDATE ON THE MEETING: I found out the rosettes weren't all that expensive. Burt Trophies - \$20.00 to get the initial dye and so much per rosette. I have under my bed 30 beautiful rosettes, logo in center. 15 Champion Bantam and 15 Champion Large Fowl. They are quite nice so anyone having a AM meet with two or more club members exhibiting is entitled to the rosettes and with three members -club patches for reserve. (The club patches just have not been selling. We decided that in the show books the two offerings would look prestigious.)

In three weeks (or less depending on how fast this newsletter gets out) the first testing will be at the Bay City, Michigan Show. We have six members in Michigan and I have written to all of them. I would hope all six of us will be present. It is only a three hour drive for me...how nice and my kids look great.

By the time you get this bulletin those of you receiving the Poultry Press should see our ad, photos and article. We urge all of you to subscribe to the PP. Bill Wulff will print anything any of us have to say. He is a fine fellow and truly appreciates any close knit group such as ours struggling along to be recognized and respected. JT

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Any articles of interest to the ABC members welcomed!!!

Get in your information sheet for the Breeders Directory, Please.  
Send to the address on the front of this newsletter ASAP.

AMERAUCANA BANTAM SHOW RESULTS  
 Hutchinson, MN. Oct. 23-25, 1987  
 ( 63 Ameraucanas shown by 8 exhibitors)

WHEATENS (29)

Pullets (7)

1. Gilbert (RB) (BV)
2. Urch
3. Phelps
4. Phelps
5. Phelps  
Urch  
Trent

Cockerels (3)

1. Phelps
2. Gilbert
3. Urch

Hens (5)

1. Gilbert
2. Phelps
3. Trent
4. Urch
5. Urch

Cocks (5)

1. Gilbert
2. Phelps
3. Urch
4. Urch
5. Schmidt

Trio (9)

1. Phelps (Hen RV)
2. Gilbert
3. Urch

WHITE (18)

Pullets (5)

1. Gilbert (BV) (BB)
2. Gilbert, R. (Jr.)
3. Kellogg
4. Horman  
Horman

Cockerels (6)

1. Gilbert (RV)(BOSB)
2. Horman
3. Kellogg
4. Schmidt
5. Horman  
Horman

Hens (2)

1. Gilbert
2. Horman

Cocks (2)

1. Gilbert
2. Horman

Trio

1. Horman

BLUE WHEATEN (10)

Pullets (4)

1. Gilbert (BV)
2. Gilbert
3. Phelps
4. Horman

Cockerels (3)

1. Phelps (RV)
2. Gilbert
3. Horman

Hens (1)

1. Horman

Cocks (2)

1. Trent
2. Trent

SILVER (2)

Pullets (1)

1. Kellogg

Cockerels (1)

1. Kellogg

BLACK (20)

Pullets (1)

1. Kellogg

Cockerels (1)

1. Kellogg

BLUE (2)

Pullets (1)

1. Kellogg

Cockerels (1)

1. Kellogg

BEST DISPLAY OF AMERAUCANA BANTAMS

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|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Mike Gilbert    | 109 Points |
| 2. Mary Lou Phelps | 91 Points  |
| 3. Dave Horman     | 55 Points  |



## Ohio National Show

I didn't go - we were still recovering from the Hutchinson journey. My friend, Tim and our resident artist, Rusty, took 11 of my kids down. Tom Lippencott beat me with a black cockerel I had given him and Carl Fosbrink took BB on a black bantam hen. He's actually helping Matt Betz, a kid, get going and according to Rusty and Tim, Carl is doing a great job. The black bantam hen was beautiful

I sent 11 birds and Rusty & Tim came back with 22 for me. Some AM's and a present from a new member, Beverly Fledderjohann. Six silkies. That's fine. They are natural moms, but who are the boys and who are the girls? Doesn't matter as long as the girls set.

Which brings to mind...I get letters (and am I behind in letters - I will catch up) from a lot of folks wanting birds, eggs or anything. We need a **BREEDERS LIST!!!** We must have a list of who has what and is willing to ship eggs; meet at shows, or what ever. Please send me what you have and what you are willing to do. This is a "must do" if we want to continue to expand. I would like (the club would) all of you to send that information now so it can be in the spring bulletin. I have plenty of large fowl eggs and lots of packing things. UPS is right on my way to work. I'll be the first to offer. Matter of fact, the UPS office has already asked me when I was going to start shipping. It won't be long before I'll start to send eggs. **PLEASE GET THE BREEDERS LIST TO ME ASAP!**

## NEW NEWS

Looks like the Poultry Press beat me. On page three there are four pictures of us. Then the MN show has a two-page thing. We have a nice ad, but what happened to my article? Plus the MN. people didn't even mention a thing about our National. There is an article on page 22 by Tom Lippencott about the difference between the AMERAUCANAS and Araucanas. I will write to Bill Wulff to find up what happened to my article. Thanks, Tom, for the article about the difference.

Received a letter from Jeannette today. We decided to take out a club page in the American Poultry Association Yearbook. Please send your information and money to Jeannette. She is taking care of that (bless her) because I'm busy keeping track of dues (are yours paid of 1988?) and answering letters.

Info re: APA Yearbook ads.... we are allowed six member ads at \$10.00 per ad per club page. This is one of the best bargains for national advertisement that I can think of so: Send your ad and check or money order for \$10.00. (If you don't want to do your own art work for the ad just let me know what you want and I'll see if my daughter can do your ad.) These ads are about 1/8 of a page. There is a catch - you must be a member of APA but you do receive a copy of the yearbook. We do have a deadline so ~~don't~~ don't delay.

Send info and money to: Jeannette Frank; P.O. Box 824, Great Falls, MT 59403-0824

## NEW MEMBERS

We have picked up several new members. I won't go into detail on them because this is a rather lengthy. We welcome each and every one of them. Please be patient...I will get all of the info to you shortly.

Ken Reuther - MI

Duane Urch - MN

Arne Schmidt - MN

Elva Hempell - MO

Alen Hommerding - MN

James Lonergan - WI

Larry Alley - NC

We'll include the new members bios with the **BREEDERS LISTS** in the Spring Newsletter.

Guess that's about it from here. Jeannette is doing all the hard part - stapling and mailing. Dave just doesn't have the time and I am up to my ears trying to get caught up on the rest of the correspondence and dealing with the new year. Just remember:

**EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE GREAT IN '88!**



## Great News

I took to Hutchinson a female colored male. I didn't enter him. I just wanted everyone to see him. He is not hen feathered nor is he a crowing female...just a hen colored wheaten male. Really not a wheaten either...more of a golden but perfect in all other aspects. Mike Gilbert and Dave Horman couldn't believe him. I didn't enter him because I didn't know what variety to call him. We finally put him in a cage. Mike's advice was to put him with my females that are lacking the black in the tail. I have another male similar to the one above but this one has blue in his tail. I would have taken him also but he sleeps high in the apple tree and I couldn't reach him. We are all kind of excited to see what "Golden Boy" produces this spring. If I ever reach the other one Dave Horman may have him just so we can see what happens. A new color, perhaps?? Now I have GG (Gorgeous George) and Golden Boy.

Just got a letter from Jeannette. One of her geese was almost frozen in the water tub. Mike Gilbert lost his best cock last winter in the water. Be Careful. It's been awfully cold everywhere. We don't have electricity so my birds eat snow for water in the winter. I have one group that roosts in the apple tree even in the worst of storms. No shelter...and it has been cold. My advice is to feed a lot of good scratch and don't baby them. Don't shut them up. We discussed my birds at the Hutchinson show....I either have a very hardy strain of AMERAUCANAS or AMERAUCANAS are really tough. I think I have a combination of both. The worst thing I think is to keep them too insulated - then you are asking for trouble.

I just wrote the newsletter and assembled it...Jeannette is doing the rest (plus ad libbing and deleting so Jeanne is as surprised as the rest of you as to what, when and how this newsletter is coming out).

We are such a great group and such beautiful birds. This club is on it's way. CHAMPION row is just around the corner...I know it.

Get the BREEDERS LIST to me now and YOUR APA ad to Jeannette - NOW!!! TODAY, please.

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November 27-29, 1987 Claremore ,OK Show

### AMERAUCANAS

Wheatens   Cock - 1st Mary Lou Phelps; 2nd Don Davis  
              Hen - 1st Don Davis; 2nd ML Phelps  
              Cockerel - 1st Mary Lou Phelps  
              Pullet - RV, RB Mary Lou Phelps  
              Young Trio - Cockerel BV, BB Mary Lou Phelps

Blue Wheatens   Cock - 1st. RV, Don Davis  
                      Hen - 1st Don Davis  
                      Cockerel - 1st BV ML Phelps  
                      Pullet - 1st ML Phelps

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Oct 31-Nov 1, 1987 Ill-Mo Show, Highland, ILL

BEST OF BREED and RESERVE OF BREED... Mary Lou Phelps

Thanks Mary Lou for the above reports and keep up the great job!!  
She also sent the report on the Dominques for the above show...she did well.

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"AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL MEN." Gal. 6:10