

AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB BULLETIN

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Minutes of 1996 Ameraucana Breeders Club held at the National Meet at Hutchinson, MN on October 27, 1996. Meeting convened at 9:05 A.M. Those present were: Dora Ann and Cliff Ikenberry (KS), John Blehm (MI), Jim Fegan (MI) and son John, Mike Gilbert (WI), Arne Schmidt (MN), John Bashaw (MN), Emily Gilpin (MN) and mother, Diane, and Jeannette Frank (MT).

President elect, John Blehm, presided in absence of President, Don Cable. After a roll call of officers each member introduced themselves.

Election results were given as follows: John Blehm of MI was elected as new Pres.; Jeannette Frank (MT) sec/trea.; Alice Lee (NY) Eastern District Director; Arne Schmidt (MN) Central DD; Stewart Cleveland (GA) Southern DD; Ken Duvall (WA) Western DD.

Financial report reviewed. General discussion of expenses vs income. Mike Gilbert moved to accept as given, Cliff Ikenberry seconded, motion passed.

Discussion of newsletters involved 4X a year vs 6X a year. The question was..would it benefit the club financially if the newsletter was mailed only four times instead of six. JFrank pointed out that if the newsletter is sent 4x the #of pages is more and as long as there are only ten pages (five back to back) the newsletter can be mailed for the 32¢. Club decided to dispense with envelopes and cover. This is to be tried and reported on by JFrank for overall expenses.

James Fegan commented that our club newsletter is one of the best put out by any club he is a member of because of all the input from the members.

Correspondence regarding the APA Standard revisions was given by Mike Gilbert who has been working with Diane Jacky on the new pictures to be used in the upcoming APA Standard of Perfection. He said he had black and white copies of the pictures for anyone wishing to see them. JFrank reported that the chairman of the Standard revisions committee, Pat Malone, had stopped at the club table to comment on how pleased he had been with all the revisions and corrections our club had made to the committee regarding our breed.

New business covered a fairly wide range of topics: Mike Gilbert explained that it is not too early to start thinking about and planning for the 1997 ABC National. Alma, MI has expressed an interest. Any of you can ask your association about soliciting for the ABC show. We do need to get these requests to the Board of Directors ASAP. Please get them to J. Frank quickly. Make Feb. 1, 1997 your deadline to get them to JF. (Sooner would be better)

Mike Gilbert told the club members about the Bantam for 1997. The club can have a photo (black & white) of the Ameraucana on one month for \$60.00. Motion to do so made by MG, seconded by CI, passed. Mike Gilbert will take care of photo.

Discussion regarding a club Breeders Directory..JFrank will try to include one with the Mar/Apr '97 newsletter. The cooperation of all members is necessary for this to be done. 1

JFrank reported that Smith Poultry Supply had asked about selling the ABC Handbook at shows. After some discussion MG motioned to supply the seller with the handbooks at a fee of \$3.00 each and let them sell them. J.Fegan seconded. Motion passed.

General round table discussion of various topics continued until the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M. with a photo of all members present taken.

Ameraucana Breeders Club Election Results 1996

President:
John Blehm (Mi) (22)*
Richard Orr (ct) 9
Write in: Don Cable (CA) 3
Jeannette Frank 1

Secretary - Treasurer
Jeannette Frank (Mt) (31)*

Write-in: Oswald Morgan one vote each.

Districts:

Eastern Districts:
Alice Lee (NY) (3)*
Write in: Orr 1

Central District:
Arne Schmidt (Mn) (14)* 612-674-4291
Write in:
Kelllogg (2)

Southern District:
Stewart Cleveland (Ga) (4)* 706-376-7280
Write in:

Western District: (Wa)
Ken Duvall (9)* 425-831-6326
Tim Wheeler (Ca) 1
Write in:

Oct. 15, 1996

* elected

36 ballots - 52% voted
Bernard Kellogg EC,



SHOW REPORT 1996 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB NATIONAL SHOW HUTCHISON, MN

BANTAMS: 30 exhibited

Blue Wheaten	- pullet	- BV	- Eric Wilhelmi (WI)
	cockerel	- RV	- Wilmer Vorwer (MN)
Buff	- pullet	-BV, BB, BEST AOCCL	- Mike Gilbert (WI)
	cockerel	-RV	- Mike Gilbert (WI)
Black	- hen	-BV	- Mike Gilbert
Wheaten	- pullet	-BV	- Mike Gilbert
	cockerel	-RV	- Mike Gilbert
White	- pullet	BV, RB	Mike Gilbert
	cockerel	RV	- Mike Gilbert

LARGE FOWL: 15 exhibited

Black	- pullet	- BV, BB	- Arne Schmidt (MN)
	cockerel	- RV	- Arne Schmidt
Blue	- hen	- BV	- Arne Schmidt
Silver	- pullet	- BV	- Jim Fegan (MI)
	cockerel	- RV	- Jim Fegan
White	- pullet	- BV, RB	- Jim Fegan
	cockerel	- RV	- Jim Fegan
Buff	- pullet	- BV	- Arne Schmidt

ON THE ROAD

Congratulations to our new Board of Directors. With the new people and Jeannette Frank remaining as our Secretary-Treasurer, we ought to have a fresh start with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas for the betterment of the club. I am very optimistic about the new slate of officers and pledge my support to club President John Blehm and all of our Directors. These people have chosen to carry the burden of club service and they deserve the support of all. I have had the pleasure to serve in all of the elective offices at one time or another over the years and am happy to turn over the leadership to a younger active breeder and exhibitor with much promise. I am glad too, that Jeannette Frank has decided to stay on in her present position. Our club bulletin is the best in the business and has remained so since she assumed the task. And it is a task, believe me. If our new Directors and the membership at large will send in their news items on a regular basis, it will be a great help to Jeannette. Do this, please.

I was a bit under the weather during the period of time our National Meet was held and just this past few days received reports from both Jeannette and Mike Gilbert, along with photographs of some of the winning birds. Congratulations are in order too, to our newly elected Central Director Arne Schmidt for winning the Bruce Hutchinson Memorial Award on his large Blacks and Mike Gilbert for the Champion AOCCL on his Buff bantam pullet. The latter win was especially sweet due to the competition and my only regret is that Dick Orr was not present to savor the occasion. I understand that Ameraucana entries were down a bit from previous years, but from the photographs provided to me, the quality was never better, a true test of the skill of the breeders within our club. My thanks to all who supported our National Meet.

Thanks are in order too, for the service to the club by our Election Commissioner, Bernard Kellogg. Bernie has assumed this position since the club was formed and has always done it well. My wish is that he will continue as our Election Commissioner for many years to come. Thanks, Pop Kellogg!

I have settled in here on the Arizona desert for the winter where it is unseasonably warm (90° today, 11/10) but will not complain, having seen what many of you are dealing with weather-wise. I turn blue just thinking about it! I can be reached until the latter part of April at:

Wagon West RV Park
50126 E. Hwy. 60-70
Salome, AZ 85348

Don Cable

10/26 a balmy & beautiful day
in N. Michigan

Hi to all AM people,

As I write I am "green" with envy of those of you who are right now at the show in Hutchinson. I simply could not go. Too far. Too much for me to go alone as I couldn't talk anyone to accompany me. I hope the weather in MN is as nice as it is here this week-end.

I must apologize for not getting this written sooner so it have been in today's club newsletter. I just got mine today. I hope you'll enjoyed the cover. I was amazed when the local newspaper called me and wanted to do an article on me and 4-H. On second thought 4-H does need support. Tango was surely a beautiful cow. I had forgotten how beautiful until I dug out that old photo. I'll tell you one thing, it's a lot more work to get a white cow ready for a show than it is a white chicken.

My main reason for writing is to give a report of the Alma, MI show Oct 12/13. We had 9 exhibitors. All from Michigan! That's amazing! I remember 10 years or so ago John Blehm and I were the only ones. We had 31 AMs large and small plus LJ Donohue, a jr, shoud 6 or so birds. There were also 3 birds listed as Araucana, but they were Ameraucanas, non-standard color patterns but conformation, comb, beard, etc was AM. The judge, Rick Porr, disqualified them. Which was good as they didn't fit either AM or AR. Earl Jones, a judge and a poultry person for years, got best LF on a black pullet. She was a nice bird. Ruth Whitney got reserve LF on a white pullet, also a nice bird. I had entered 4 LF. Mine were nice but smaller. The LF AMs s/b quite big and full. In the bantam dept. yours truly took full honors. I entered 6 wheaten, 3 were really nice I thought and in perfect condition. We also had splash, white, buff and black. Of the bantams some were too big and several were moulting. Fall shows are difficult because fo the moulting problem. One of my pullets got best and my cockerel got reserve of breed. The pullet got best AM overall and was considered for best AOCCL. A flawless dark Cornish got AOCCL. I don't even like Cornish but I had to appreciate how good she looked. I had in my mind's eye judged both LF and bantam AMs and I was right. I had picked the eventual winners. LF we need a good size but bantams we have to be careful not to get them too big.

Many comments were made on the two long rows of AMs from all people. I got many comments on my 6 wheaten. They are such a striking, eye catching kind of bird. The males are so beautiful and the females so "pretty", for lack of a better word. It was great and so wonderful to be finally respected and complimented on such beautiful birds. I remember 12 or so years ago all kinds of negative reactions at the shows. My birds were stuck in the last row, last to be judged and then not even seriously judged. As the saying goes "We've come a long way baby." And we have. As MG has told me so many times, you have to cull, cull, cull, get rid of the wierd color patterns, non-beards, wrong combs, etc., etc., OH and not to forget egg color - blue is correct. A pure AM lays a blue egg, not olive, green or heaven forbid brown. Get rid of such birds, give them away, sell them. Don't keep them and breed from them. Be a ruthless culler as Mike says, as well as John Blehm and Don Cable. That's how we have gained respect and all that. We have a standard and stick to it. No "oops" allowed.

I had a chance to talk to Rick Porr, the judge. Years ago I never would have even approached a judge. They are God aren't they and what do I know? Wrong. They are real people and more than happy to talk to you, answer questions, etc. Don't be shy aor feel indadequate. Anyway, Rick told me this group of AMs were the best he's seen. We in teh midwest are doing a great job. He knows we have a wonderful club. Probably one of the best of teh breed clubs. He really liked my 6 wheaten. He says the AM's have improved so much over the years. He's read the standard and respectfully judges them.

I went to the show with 9 birds came back with 7 more. Ruth Whitney, a club member, had young guineas. I have been trying to have guineas a year now. I got 3 nice pearl guineas from her, then I found 2 Silkies, I have a few cuz and John Blehm had some LF black pullets to spare. So I got two of them. Once again I can only tell all of you poultry people are teh best. We share. We help each other.

Come spring I'll have more than enough eggs to share. I;m more than happy to do that. I must tell you my project right now is to try to get a trio of wheaten to Nova Scotia. I got a phone call from Daniel Dalton in NS. He likes and wants AMs. and can't find them in Canada. He found my name in an old poultry publication and had USA information find me and he called. Is that neat or what?

Rusty and I are off to Columbus in a few weeks. I'm taking 5 just to show off. I'll have the only AMs in that big show.

Congrats to John Blehm as president. John is the worlds greatest person. and a lover of AMs.

Many kind thoughts to all of you, Jeanne Trent

IMPRESSIONS OF THE 1996 NATIONAL MEET

M.K. Gilbert

The water dishes in the outside pens had an inch of ice in them this morning, the last day of October, 1996. Even the inside pen waterers were frozen over, so it must be time to put the glass windows back on. We use only screens all summer for better air circulation. Tens of thousands of leaves wait to be raked off the back lawn, but memories of the recently concluded national Ameraucana meet and A.P.A. national show at Hutchinson, Minnesota, linger on. Perhaps the most accurate one-word description of these memories would be "bittersweet."

The sweetest part for me was meeting once again with the wonderful friends and kindred spirits of the Ameraucana Breeders Club. Interest in Ameraucanas ran high. We gained several new members, sold all the bantams we dared part with, received orders for more, and attended a club meeting under our newly elected leadership. John Blehm (president-elect), Arne Schmidt (new central district director), and our capable and dedicated secretary-treasurer, Jeannette Frank, conducted a useful and informative business meeting.

Then there was the thrill of seeing an Ameraucana bantam on champion row in a 3400 bird show. I'm not convinced the little buff pullet was worthy of this honor, but we will accept it with gratitude and with humility. To attain champion A.O.C.C.L., many fine Cornish, Polish, Houdan, Ameraucana, and others of this class were passed over that could easily have been chosen instead. Thank you judge Russ Carlson.

On the downside, the fewest Ameraucanas were shown at a national meet in at least ten years. We had more birds at Hutchinson the last time a national was held there, in 1987. Some of this may be due to the high entry fee of \$2.50 per bird, some due to the high costs of feed, travel, motels, and eating out. But some of our former number have apparently lost interest or gotten out of the hobby altogether, and that really is a shame. We missed them, and even if they never come back their contributions won't be forgotten.

Many of the Ameraucanas shown, including some of my own, were not in peak condition. Some were later-hatched and not finished out. Some were hatched very early and way past their prime. This is why we need plenty of lead time before a major show, to plan when to hatch. Six or Seven months is sufficient for most bantams, though male wheaten's muffs may take even longer to turn completely black. Large fowl may take a month or two longer yet. So let's get the 1997 national planned A.S.A.P.. Any member can solicit a bid from your favorite host club and submit it to your district director or the secretary-treasurer. To date, two sites have been mentioned. they are the Alma, Michigan show and the Wisconsin International show to be held either in Janesville or Milwaukee.

Also, it appeared a few of the Ameraucanas were not prepared for exhibition. Any of them, but especially lighter colored birds, will benefit from a bath a couple of days prior to a show - using a little bleach for whites if necessary. Long upper beaks can be neatly trimmed using an ordinary fingernail clipper. Combs can be shown off by using a toothbrush on them with a mixture of 50% denatured alcohol and 50% olive oil. This clears away the dead outer scales allowing the red of the comb to shine with a healthy appearance. The same mixture can be used to soften and brighten the shanks and toes.

Some birds are naturally more wild than others, so it is extremely important to breed for temperament along with other traits. Handling birds gently and frequently at home will yield better results at shows. I have yet to see an extremely wild bird on champion row.

Some of the white males were brassy across the back. Keeping them off green grass and yellow corn, substituting oats instead, might help keep them whiter. If it doesn't, the problem is genetic. The particular strain may be carrying the gold gene instead of silver.

I thought Jim Fegan put down some very nice silvers; it was interesting for me to see the progress after using a new male (from Wayne Meredith) in 1996. While there is still work to be done on the large silvers, especially with the female color in eliminating shafting and lacing, it appears the males' color surpasses that of most Silver Leghorns.

Bantam silvers, on the other hand, appear to be nearly nonexistent. The last good one I saw belonged to Jerry Segler and was later killed by a dog. With the thought that a little competition might be good for this variety, I am announcing a futurity. The best display of bantam silvers shown at our national meet in the year 2000 will receive a prize of \$100.00. The national would be held somewhere in the midwest to provide the best possible participation in this contest. That gives anyone the opportunity to breed them up over a period of four breeding seasons. A display will consist of one each in the cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet classes plus a trio or three other birds, for a total of seven.

The Ameraucana national meet is a major highlight of the entire year for me, as I hope it is for many of you. Each year it affords the opportunity to measure the results of at least 12 months of planning, preparation, and work. One's progress can be measured through comparison with other strains, comparing notes with other breeders, and obtaining the opinion of an impartial judge. Please join us in 1997, won't you?

Christmas Thoughts

*Let us keep Christmas, its meaning never ends
...the time of year to wish happiness and good will
to friends and loved ones, near and far...the time to
share the joys of the past and the hopes of the
future, and to remember all we have to be thankful
for. If we can do this for a day, why not forever?*

*Let us keep the true spirit of Christmas. Today,
tomorrow and always.*



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November 1996

Dear Jeannette;

There are two items that have come up in the newsletter that I would like to address. First, the comment that the Ameraucanas are "America's newest breed", and secondly, another comment that the membership of the ABC seems to be becoming more "keepers of poultry than breeders".

These comments were made in good faith, I am sure, and in the interest of the breed, but I believe that both comments are putting the wrong slant on the subject, and unintentionally may be playing into the hands of the large number of people, including officials and Judges, who STILL disrespect our "AMERAUCAANA" breed, and insist that it isn't a recognized breed, saying that "they are nothing more than out-crossed Araucanas", or even stronger terms!

In all fairness to those who emphasize it's newness, it must be recognized that a "breed" isn't a "breed" until the ABA and APA say so !! Regardless of it's origin and HISTORY, we are governed by what the APA recognizes. And the "Ameraucana" wasn't a named "BREED" until recognized officially, after formation of the ABC, and through the tireless efforts of it's leaders and exhibitors !!

We members are aware that the "Ameraucana" Standard was approved by the ABA (for bantams) in 1980, and later approved by the APA for bantams and LF in 1984. By this action, it became America's newest STANDARDIZED and RECOGNIZED BREED.

But we also should be aware that bearded muffed and tailed blue egg layers were being seriously bred long before that time. Charter Member Harry Cook was breeding the prototype to the Ameraucana prior to 1960, and Clarence Begler some 40 years ago, to mention only two such breeders. Such birds were being advertised in the Poultry Press more than 35 years ago. Mike Gilbert, our 2nd Honorary VP, was raising such birds and showing them, and it was his photo in the Poultry Press, with his wheaten "American Araucana", in 1977, that led to the communication between Don Cable and himself, that led to formation of the Club.

These birds at that time were being bred and shown as "Araucanas", and traced their roots back to the early importation of "Araucanas" from Chile, which started in earnest only in the 1930's. From that time on, breeders developed the "Araucana" in two parallel types, tufted rumpless, and the bearded muffed tailed type--(and everything in between)--as blue egg layers. In the interest of brevity, just let me emphasize that the birds now known as "Ameraucanas" have a long history -- greatly improved upon by our ABC breeders following adoption of the proposed Standard. As for the "Araucanas", their existing Standard, calling for a tufted rumpless configuration, wasn't approved until 1976, just before ours was !!

On the second point, I understand the desire of some members to have more "breeders" raising Ameraucanas, but I think it is somewhat unfair to criticize those of us who have neither the time nor space to devote to serious breeding--as being only "keepers". From the letters that I read in the newsletter, it would appear that there are a lot of members who are very interested "keepers", but don't make a serious effort to breed new varieties of Ameraucanas. They are interested in acquiring good stock of Ameraucanas, and raising them, and maybe SHOWING them -- but not necessarily making a profession out of it. They LOVE their Ameraucanas! I am one of those myself, I try to acquire my stock from expert breeders (I do breed when I can). And I do show them, although I find myself competing against myself, because there are few other exhibitors in this area (New England). I do what I can to publicize them. On the other hand, there are some serious "breeders" who DO NOT SHOW their birds. Which is more important to the Club ??

Don't you agree that BOTH aspects are important to the fancy ?? So let's hear it also for those members who love "keeping and showing" the Ameraucanas, but haven't the space, time, good health, or interest to become "Professional Breeders".

Thanks for letting me express myself on these subjects.

CORDIALLY, DICK ORR



SINGLE TREE BANTAMS

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Oct. 1996 284-6978

Dear A.B.C. & Jeannette,

Opened the newsletter & there's an article talking about Birchen & Brown Red Ameraucanas, I'd just recently called you, asking all kinds of ?? on Birchen. I've hatched several, even took the two best ones, to the Twin Falls Show, Oct. 19-20, wanted the judges valuation, Ed Carter gave them good points & gave me pointers for improvement.

I've been fooling around with these Ameraucanas for years - I've sold wheator Bantams to Sandra Woolstenhulme also Betty Rungquist, hope these gals raise some nice ones and enter them in a few shows. I've also written & talked to Vernon Green, he had large Whites. I haven't seen him at the show lately! For quiet awhile now, I always put out "info" & member forms for A.B.C. I'm hoping this has something to do with the new members!

I have "Blue" eggs in the incubator, always trying for that "Better" one!



Ken D. you drove right by us - last May - Next time stop in, we love visitors.

Birthday's - Larry July 11 - Koralyn Oct. 10.

Your Chicken Lady
Koralyn

11-14-96

Hi Jeannette,

Just thought I would add some input. From reading our newsletters over the past year it seems that we've all experienced at one time or another our birds getting sick and not always being able to diagnose the sickness.

Well, I've been there and thank goodness for friends. I have a friend in Fairburn, GA who got me to show my birds in the first place and taught me the difference in show birds and production birds. Here is where he really helped. When he taught me how to vaccinate my birds.

The main reason for this is that when we go to the shows or even have our birds out on the grounds they may not catch a disease that they come in contact with. Although he did teach me one thing such sickness as coccidiosis is not bad if you use it to your advantage.

By this, I mean he said to let your chicks get a touch of it. Then treat for it. After that your birds will have an immune system build up and should never have coccidiosis again.

On the other hand, if we get a disease in our flock and find out that this is a sickness that travels fast through our flock I really think we should destroy the sick birds ASAP!

But most people that have not had any experience with this would think this was inhumane. If you can save the rest of your flock that's worth while. Most of the time if the sick bird lives it is a carrier of that disease and seems to die at an early age anyway.

I once owned a book and it's first page had a picture of a medicine cabinet. And in that cabinet it had sevin dust, a sulphur drug for coccidiosis and a hatchet. I once thought that was cruel but now I understand.

I hope this will help someone.

Your ABC member,

Chip

(Ed. note: Congratulations to Chip and his wife, Denise, on the birth of their new daughter, Caitlin Mikayla. Mother, new daughter, father and older sisters all doing fine, according to dad.)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY

First and foremost - **THANK YOU, BERNARD.** for a grand job as Election Commissioner. Second - Thank you for a job well done by the officers stepping aside as of 1/1/97. Third - a hearty congratulations to the newly elected officers. And last but not least, my personal thank you to all who voted to keep me in office another two years.

It is your continued correspondence that makes this club and the newsletter worthwhile and my job easy. I'm looking forward to a great 1997 - full of letters and other correspondence. One thing I would like from all of you is for you to fill out the membership form completely when you send in your 1997 club dues so I can work on a club directory. And of the new officers...please send me a personal bio of yourself so I can introduce you to all the club members in the next newsletter. Deadline is Jan. 10, 1997.

A bit about the 1996 ABC National Show at Hutchinson, MN. The first time I met all the club greats was in 1987 at the National held at Hutchinson, MN. Show report and club minutes are elsewhere in this newsletter. The trip was fast and uneventful both ways. Saw a lot of old friends and met some new ones. Signed up a couple of new members and talked to a lot of people while manning the club table. The new barn is large and impressive. I had a good seat to watch people (one of my favorite hobbies). We had a great judge, Russ Carlson. I met Russ for the first time at the show in 1987. He is not afraid of the Ameraucana breed and does a great job judging. His clerk was none other than Amelia McAlexander. Good combination to watch. The banquet tables had dozens of beautiful wicker baskets of flowers and eggs. Very professional. I wish I had gotten a picture. I was very surprised when we were told they were the work of Arne Schmidt...our newly elected Central DD. Dora Ann and Cliff Ikenberry were there. Cliff looks good (as always) but a bit lighter in weight..he still gives great hugs tho. I showed Dora Ann how to make my dishcloth and she presented me with two beautiful rose pot holders...muh too pretty to use. Enjoyed visiting with John Bashaw, John Blehm (with a quick hello to Kathy), Wilmar Vorwerk, Eric Wilhelmi, Jim & John Fegan (Jim is in the judges apprentice program) and Mike Gilbert. Emily Gilpin is our new junior member. She is quite a young lady. Watch out, fellows, she knows a good bird when she sees one. She'll give you some competition. All too soon I was heading home to reality tired but so pleased that I got a chance to go.

I'm sure this will be late getting to you but want you to know I wish you all a wonderful THANKSGIVING and a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. See you in 1997.

Janette

P.S. On the personal side...my #2 daughter, Denise, and son, Eric, have moved back to MT from Texas. Good to have them home. Fishing wise...we went fishing Nov. 3 for the last time til the ice gets thick. We brought home ten 1#-2# rainbows. We caught several others but ten is the limit and we were catching enough for my sisters also. Merry Seasons to all.

Oh - the cover of the newsletter is for old time sake



And a last one. First used in 1989.

AMERAUCAANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues: Family \$10.00 Individual \$7.50 Juniors \$5.00 (all dues due by 1/1)

name: _____

address: _____

city: _____ state: _____ zip: _____

phone: () _____ birthdate: _____

If you are paying a family membership would you please list family members names and ^{+ birthdates} ages?

(Use additional paper if necessary.)

Use this space below to list the breeds, varieties of large fowl you raise and/or sell:

Use this space below to list the breeds, varieties of bantams you raise and/or sell:

Use this space below to list any other type of poultry or/and livestock you keep:

Any comments, thoughts, ideas or general information?

Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to:

Questions? Don't hesitate to ask!
(406) 761-5853

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Love ...
like a wildflower garden
thrives and grows
in our hearts.



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