

# AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB BULLETIN

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Ameraucana Breeders Club, 4599 Lange, Birch Run, MI 48415

Yearly Membership Dues are \$10.00 / Family, \$7.50 / Individual and \$5.00 / Junior.

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*Merry CHRISTmas & Happy New Year!*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Marcia Delaski, Skandia, MI
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- Julie & Kelly O'Brien, Davisburg, MI
- Don & Leslie Jones, Broken Arrow, OK
- Bob Kretschmer, Delavan, WI
- Judith Oldenburg/Graf, Mount Pleasant, IA
- Kerri Clarkson (junior), Colden, NY
- Paul W. Dekanek, Mohawk, NY
- Scott Neil, West End, NC

Some former members that have rejoined include: Pat Church, Wayne Meredith, Rusty Hart & Eric Wilhelmi. Welcome back!

The deadline to submit articles & ads for the next bulletin is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Ameraucana Breeders Club Treasurers Report**

1/1/98 - 11/26/98

Checking Account at Frankenmuth Credit Union, 485 N. Main, Frankenmuth, MI  
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<u>Opening Balance as of 1/1/98,</u>	<u>\$142.30</u>
Income - Membership Dues & Donations,	\$625.50
Income - Handbook Ads,	\$476.00
Income - Designated for Awards,	\$55.00
<u>Subtotal,</u>	<u>\$1,298.80</u>
Postage,	\$174.00
Check Printing Charge,	\$11.00
Handbook Printing,	\$837.40
Supplies,	\$38.01
<u>Balance as of 11/26/98</u>	<u>\$238.39</u>

Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary / Treasurer

It's election time and a ballot is enclosed. Thanks to Bernard Kellogg for accepting the duties as election commissioner.

We have 74 memberships and 36 of those have already paid their dues through 1999. If the mailing label on this bulletin is highlighted it means your membership dues for 1999 are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

A membership information form is also enclosed. Please fill it out and send to the club secretary. This information will help when requests come through my office to know what varieties you breed/exhibit and/or are looking for. Kind of an Ameraucana Clearing House. If you don't mind other members having your phone number and/or e-mail address, include them also. I will try to include this updated membership information in an upcoming bulletin.

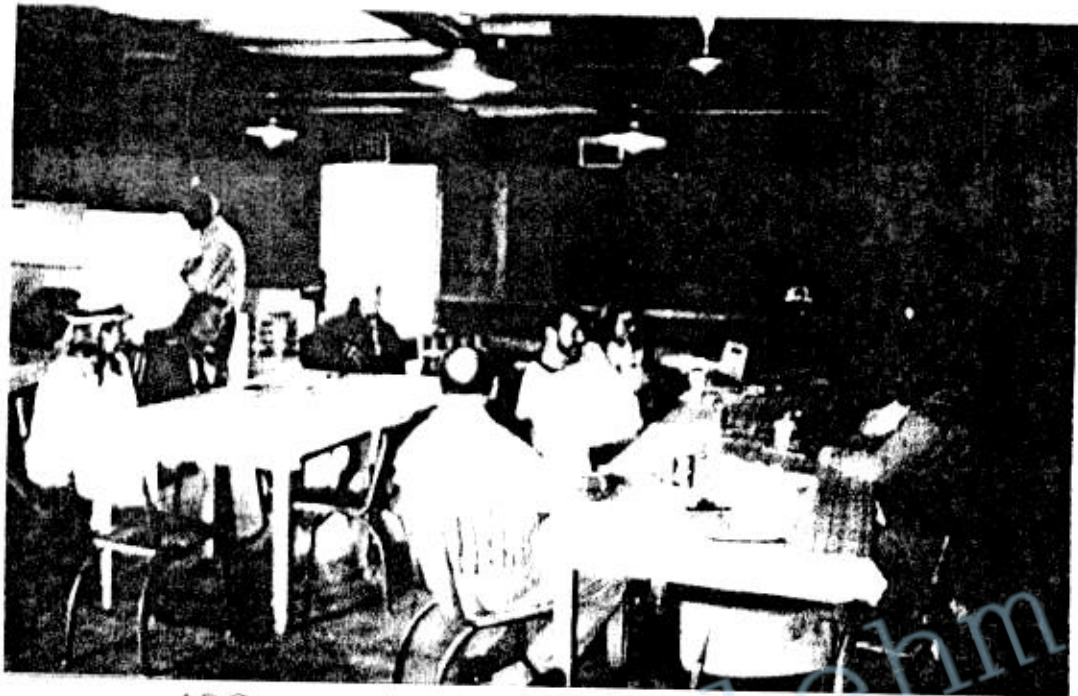
You can send correspondence to my e-mail address [wknx@acd.net](mailto:wknx@acd.net).

The new handbooks are printed and may be purchased for \$6 each, including shipping and handling. New members receive one free. The total cost of the printing was \$837.40 and \$593 has been raised from selling ads in the handbooks, sale of handbooks and designated donations. Thanks to Leon Williams, Ron Klemmedson, Jeannette Frank, Robert Rennolet, Koralyne Kibbee, Mike Gilbert, Don Cable, Ruth Whitney, Earl Jones & John Blehm for supporting this project financially.

Jeannette Frank, while cleaning, found (10) ten of the old handbooks and forwarded them to me. After consulting with your President (Gilbert not Clinton) we will take bids from members wishing to purchase these collectibles. Let me know how much you would be willing to pay per book and how many you want at that price. This will raise funds for the club treasury. They will go to the highest bidders buy January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to Jim Fegan on becoming an APA judge. Jim is from Michigan's Upper Peninsula (say ya to da U.P. eh?). To the best of my knowledge we now have four ABC members that are judges: Jim Fegan, Jeannette Frank, Earl Jones and Duane Urch.





ABC annual club meeting at Alma, MI  
Kim Smith, Ruth Whitney, Dick Ross, Earl Jones,  
Arne Schmidt (the back of his head), Rusty Hart,  
Jeanne Trent, Mike Gilbert, and Mark & Carolyn Kristof



Ruth Whitney & her Reserve Champion Ameraucana at Alma, MI

8/29/98

Hi John-

Got the ABC newsletter today. Good job-...I know you are busy with business, etc but I nominate you as S/T & Mike Gilbert as Pres. You guys make a good team.

Take care - Ameraucanally, Jeannette (Frank)

Aug. 18, 1998

John,

I do hope you received the Montana reports that were sent & that you will use them in your bulletin. I am sending another, w/a picture, this was a great win & a surprise. When the judge went to my hen, placed her 1<sup>st</sup> then AOCCL Champ - hours later it was announced she was Best in Show. It was a small show, but lots of good birds. I am waiting for a reply from the Calif. Show secretary, before placing a meet. I've asked for the count on Ameraucanas at last year's show. Good way to promote the breed - and some new members....

Sincerely, Koralyn (Kibbee)

Show Report - Montana Fair Billings, 8/12-13/98

Judge: John Henderson bantams (10) & no LF.

BB bantam - blue wheaten hen by Koralyn Kibbee.

RB bantam - blue wheaten pullet by Cathy Dicky.

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Koralyn & Larry Kibbee

OCTOBER 1998



MONTANA STATE FAIR SHOW #2

9/22/98

Roger Woodruff, of Spokane, Washington, is breeding LF blacks and whites using stock from Duane Urch and me. His friend and former ABC member, Gary Broadbent, is working on LF silvers.

Sept. 98

Dear John:

Enclosed find my check for \$20.00 for two years membership in Ameraucana Club. It just seems I never get around to sending this in, well this will do me for 98 and 99. I hatched around 1,000 Ameraucana standards this year so right now I'm just drowning in them. Waiting for them to get big enough to start selling culls.

Regards, Wayne Meredith



Sept. 98

Hi John:

*My Ameraucanas are doing ok. Have several nice black and a pair of blues. Quite a few of the cockerels have been getting color in the hackles. 3 blacks and the blue look good...have one nice white cockerel that is looking good yet. He was hatched in March...*

*Thanks for everything, Bob (Rennolet)*

9/14/98

Iris Robertson, of Belchertown, Massachusetts is looking for some wheaten eggs to set. She has some "mutt" birds and is more interested in the egg color than variety. Her phone number is (413) 323-0273

9/29/98

Dear Breed Club,

...ask for meets for our upcoming Winter Show on December 5-6, 1998... Even if you are unable to award our show with a National, Regional, or District Meet this year, keep us in mind for the next year...

Sincerely, Dave Wulff

Show Report - Illini Poultry Show, Belvidere, IL, Sept. 19 & 20, 1998

Judges: Duane Urch - bantams (13) & Henry Mager - Large Fowl (4)

BB bantam - blue wheaten pullet by Eric Wilhelmi

BB LF - black pullet by Jeoff Stevens

6 Oct 98

Dear John

*I'm new to this chicken growing and would like to know what Ameraucana chickens really are. Are these related to the ones that lay the colored eggs? I'd sure appreciate it very much to have you explain a little bit about them.*

*Thanking you, Richard (Matthiesen)*

10/29/98

Thanks to the Bay City Poultry Association for being a great host to the Ameraucana Breeders Club (ABC) national meet. The meet was held October 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, in Alma, Michigan. The weather couldn't have been nicer. Thirteen ABC members exhibited just over 100 Ameraucanas, between bantams and large fowl. The Ameraucanas were all cooped in the same area. Many of the cages were new and color posters were displayed welcoming the ABC members. Beautiful trophies and generous cash awards were offered by the Bay City Poultry Association, plus there were specials from some of their members. Show secretary Richard Ross and the other officers met all of our needs. Judge Troy LaRoche was very thorough and took the time to judge the Ameraucanas according to the Standard. A LF black pullet shown by Earl Jones took top honors as Champion Ameraucana and Reserve Champion was a L.F. black

cockerel shown by Ruth Whitney Awards were given for the Best of Variety and Reserve of Variety in the top 10 varieties shown. Besides the awards given by the Bay City club many ABC members donated, including Don Cable, Jeannette Frank, Koraly Kibbee, Mike Gilbert and Ron Klemmenson. We held a club meeting on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Gilbert and members introduced themselves. In Attendance were Mark & Carolyn Kristof, Rusty Hart, Jeanne Trent, Ruth Whitney, Earl Jones, Kim Smith, Dick Ross, Arne Schmidt, Mike Gilbert and John Blehm. A treasurer's report was given by John Blehm, under new business the 1999 national & nomination of officers was discussed and then awards were given out. New ABC handbooks were available and sold at the show and both Ruth Whitney and Earl Jones donated toward the printing costs. Jeanne Trent was quoted as saying "Ameraucana people are the best!"

Show Report - Bay City Poultry Association, Alma, MI, 10/9-11/98

Judge: Troy LaRouche - bantams (41) & LF (64). 12 ABC members exhibited.

Champion Ameraucana, BB LF & BV LF black - pullet by Earl Jones.

Reserve Champion, RB LF & RV LF black - cockerel by Ruth Whitney.

BB bantam & BV wheaten - pullet by Mike Gilbert.

RB bantam & BV blue wheaten - pullet by Ron Klemmenson.

Others that received awards are: BV bantam buff pullet by Mike Gilbert, BV LF silver pullet by Jim Fegan, BV bantam black pullet by Mike Gilbert, BV LF buff pullet by Arne Schmidt, BV LF white pullet by Mike Gilbert, BV LF blue pullet by Jeanne Trent, BV LF blue wheaten pullet by Mike Gilbert, BV bantam white cock by Arne Schmidt, RV bantam buff pullet by John Blehm, RV LF silver pullet by Jim Fegan, RV bantam black pullet by Ruth Whitney, RV bantam wheaten by Jeanne Trent, RV LF buff pullet by Arne Schmidt, RV LF white pullet by Arne Schmidt, RV LF blue cock by Larry Donahue, RV LF blue wheaten pullet by Mike Gilbert and RV bantam white cockerel by Arne Schmidt.

**Jones and Ross  
ABC National  
Black Ameraucana  
2-3K, 1BV-BB-2-3-4P  
Champion Ameraucana  
BB Dominique Large Fowl  
RB Modern Large Fowl  
Best Light Goose - Brown Chinese  
See you next year**

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**NOVEMBER 1998**



Thank You Bay City  
Reserve Champion Black  
Ameraucana cockerel  
**Ruth Whitney**  
National Ameraucana Meet 98  
BB-BV Silver Gray Dorking Std  
**Kim Smith**  
Champion Guinea  
**Ed Smith**  
Wonderful Weather



Show Report - Minnesota State Poultry Association, Hutchinson, 10/23-25/98  
Judge: Bart Pals - bantams (25) & LF (12).  
BB bantam & Reserve AOCCL - wheaten pullet by Mike Gilbert.  
BB LF & Champion AOSB - white pullet by Mike Gilbert.  
RB bantam - wheaten pullet by Sandy Pasche.  
RB LF - blue wheaten pullet by Mike Gilbert.  
Other ABC members exhibiting included: Diane Gilpin, Arne Schmidt, Ron Klemmenson, & Robert Walchak.

11/17/98

Please note a new address for the Daniel Pasche family. 32736 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Starbuck, MN 56381. Home phone (320) 239-4562

Nov. 98

The Illini Poultry Show, Belvidere, Illinois would like to host an ABC meet, Sept. 18 & 19, 1999.

That reminds me, sometime in the next few months the ABC directors will make a decision on where to place our national. If you want a show to be considered, please have them send a bid to me.

11/2/98

Dear John,

*We have been raising Ameraucanas for three years. At the present time we are trying to sort out the correct varieties according to the American Standard of Perfection. We are primarily going to work with the brown reds...*

*Thanks, Paul (Smith)*

Show Report - Blue Ridge Poultry Club, Galax, VA, 10/31/98

Judges: Glenn See - bantams (4) & LF Richard Holmes (2)

BB bantam - brown red cockerel by Scott Eutsler

11/12/98

Mr. Blehm,

*I must say that the new handbook is very good. I like that you included articles that were in the old one. Very nice - ...I have a request for...meet(s)...*

North West Mont. Fair., Kalispell, Montana, 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Aug.

Twin Falls, Idaho, June 5 & 6

Mont. State Fair,

Great Falls, Montana

Utah, Oct, 99

*This past week, we traveled to Caldsell, Ida. Oh, my, what a long trip - Judge didn't care for my wheatons (bantams) but Betty Rundquist did "well" w/a Large white pullet from Mike G. Beautiful bird! We traveled home in a snow storm - 300 of the 500 miles, was awful...we had a malfunction & cooked 2 ½ dozen eggs - ready to hatch - very sad - that was to be our summer show string.*

*Sincerely, Koralyn Kibbee*

11/18/98

Dear John,

Thanks for my copies of the new Handbook and my congratulations on a job well done! Your selection of articles is especially good and provide a balance between the club history and practical information for current and future Ameraucana breeders. Your use of color was an exceptional idea. Best wishes for continued success with the club and the breed.

Sincerely, Don Cable

Nov 1998

Dear John,

It was such a pleasure meeting you at Poultry nationals. Thank you so much for bringing the Ameraucana's. I am so excited about them. I'd like to get some more hens and a rooster with some other hens of another color. I am interested in getting some wheaten, which I noticed that you don't have. I will contact you in early spring about more stock. I'd also like to get in touch with Rusty Hart about artwork.

Thanks again, Julie (O'Brien)

November 24, 1998

Hello John,

...Thank you for sending the catalog. "Very informative". I went to Richmond, VA for a poultry show last weekend, and found an older blue wheaten rooster. This weekend there's one in Winston Salem, NC.

Thanks again, Scott (Neil)

Dick Orr has completed his paper A History of the AMERAUCANA Breed and the AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB. It is 6 ½ pages long and I had planned on including it in the new handbook. It arrived too late to include and still get the handbooks printed in time for our national. We handed out 30 copies at the Columbus show and I plan to put it in a future bulletin. Dick has put a lot of time into this project.

Show Report - Ohio National, Columbus, 11/13-15/98, 12,294 total entries.

Judges: ? - bantams (25) & LF (44), 13 ABC members exhibited.

BB LF & BV black - cockerel by Don & Leslie Jones.

RB LF & RV black - hen by Don & Leslie Jones.

BB bantam & BV brown red - cockerel by Scott Eutsler.

RB bantam & BV wheaten - hen by Jeanne Trent.

BV bantam black - pullet by Mike Gilbert, BV bantam blue wheaten - pullet by

Ron Klemmenson, BV bantam blue - pullet by John & Sue Marshall, BV bantam

buff - pullet by Mike Gilbert, BV LF blue wheaten - cock by John & Sue Marshall,

BV LF wheaten - cockerel by Mike Gilbert, BV LF buff - pullet by John Blehm, BV

LF brown red - cockerel by Scott Eutsler, BV LF white - pullet by Mike Gilbert &

BV LF blue - cockerel by Robert Rennolet.



REFLECTIONS ON THE ABA/WPA OHIO NATIONAL SHOW  
COLUMBUS, OHIO - NOVEMBER 13-15, 1998

Scott Eutsler

As a relative newcomer to the exhibition poultry "game", I looked forward to the National with great anticipation. As perhaps the last combined National in the foreseeable future, I considered this event as one not to be missed.

I wondered if the National possibly could live up to my expectations. First, it promised to be one of, if not the, largest poultry shows ever in the U.S. Second, it offered me a rare chance to be with one of my dearest friends in the world... Ron Klemmedson (now affectionately known as "The Geezer.")

Third, I would have a chance to renew a friendship begun this summer with Mike Gilbert. Fourth, it would give me the opportunity to meet Ameraucana "legends" like Jim Fegan, John Blehm and other ABC members, and "hang out" with them in the Club booth. Fifth, the National would provide the chance to see if one of the "mine run" birds my family and I had gotten from Mike and Ron this summer could measure up and "fly with the big birds."

There were many other preconceptions I had regarding this event and I wondered if I were setting myself up for a major disappointment.

Fortunately, for one of the few times in my life, my expectations were not only met but exceeded by the National. I arrived early and cooped my birds in. Hot on my heels were Ron and Mike and we took care of their little buddies and proceeded to locate the ABC booth site and set it up. "Ameraucana Central" was to be the source of constant pleasure for me.

An oasis in the desert of less interesting breeds (O.K., so I'm biased, I won't apologize for my good taste), the booth was a place to socialize, share ideas, sell (and, for me, buy) birds, plus was a surprisingly good opportunity to promote the breed and attract new members.

We also had the chance to introduce a promising, but as yet unrecognized, new variety...The Golden Quail...which turned a lot of heads. We had so much interest in my favorite breed in a state that has not always been so kind to it. It was really great!

We had a wonderful Seminar on Saturday, presented by Jim Fegan and Mike Gilbert, intended to convey information on the finer points of our breed to poultry judges. I think their Edsel had a flat tire because no judge worth his or her salt would have missed it intentionally; but, alas, none attended. Nevertheless, Room 3 was standing room only, even after rounding up all known extra chairs. I'm not above mentioning that the game fanciers who had the room prior to the ABC had several empty chairs. (What does that tell you about the popularity of our feathered gems?)

Saturday night's party at the Voinovitch Building was not overwhelming but the spirits (can you believe \$3.00 for a can of Budweiser?) of the ABC were not dampened. Discussions about future ABC Nationals took place and Virginia...(long live the newly revitalized Southern District!)...was considered for 2001. Jay Horn was overheard planning to charter a bus in California, pick up Koralyn in Montana, scoop up interested members all across the Midwest with major stops for Arne, Ron, Jeannie, Jim, and John and then work his way back East to the Blue Ridge Mountains for this event.



If he doesn't come, I'm going to introduce some truly bizarre recessive genes into his breeding program. If he shows, I'll have five pounds of shrimp for him.

Seems like I was forgetting someone on that bus charter. Oh, yes...Mike Gilbert. No one who knows anything about Ameraucanas could forget about Mike!

The genius shared by Mike and other Ameraucana forefathers in the creation of this breed is notable. As it has been so aptly stated, Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Through the decades, Mike has been the constant thread that has woven and held together the fabric of the ABC.

His tireless efforts, perseverance and unselfish devotion to the breed and Ameraucana fanciers everywhere is what puts Mike in a class by himself. I heard it said at the show that it was strange that Mike wasn't up there with Best of Breed in either Bantam or Large Fowl. I'd like to say that in the opinion of anyone who knows, Mike was indeed there as he was in every blue-egged, muffed and bearded, pea-combed, slate-shanked bird exhibited. I don't know if I've ever met a more positive and selfless person than Mike and if there was an award for "Mr. Ameraucana", he'd be wearing the ribbon. I wonder how he'd look in a swimsuit!?

I know as Mike is reading this, he is feeling funny and sort of embarrassed by these accolades. I've one thing to say to you in this regard, Mike. "Too bad. Deal with it. It's the truth!" Mike, on behalf of Ameraucana folk everywhere, thanks for your help, guidance, and friendship. We love you!

Please pardon that little digression. I think I was saying something about the Ohio National.

I suppose I'll end this missive so the Club doesn't have to spend more money for postage to cover the added weight in paper the words would require.

Let me sum up my experience in Columbus with ABC in one word. That word would have to be...not incredible, or fantastic, or marvelous, or exhilarating, or unbelievable, or unparalleled. or...it would be - I've got it....

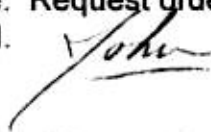
#### TERRIFAUCAANA

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Many ABC members were at the Columbus Show. Some exhibited and some just came to visit and have a good time with chickens and fellow chicken people. I may have missed some, but here are the club members that I know were there: George Patterson, Larry & LJ Donahue, Earl & Carol (Eric's parents) Wilhemi, Karen Defazio, Geoff Stevens, Ron Klemmenson, Duane Urch, Rusty Hart, Robert Rennolet, Mike Gilbert, Ruth Whitney, Kim Smith, Arne Schmidt, Jeanne Trent, John & Sue Marshall, Kelly & Julie O'Brien, Earl Jones, Jim Fegan, Jay Horn, Scott Eutsler, Kerri Clarkson, Don & Leslie Jones, Bob Kretschmer, Judith Oldenburg/Graf, ... oh! and I was there too - John Blehm.

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Duane Urch, 2142 NW 47<sup>th</sup> Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060 and I sell & ship day-old chicks. Duane may even sell hatching eggs. I'm not sure. Request order forms now, if you may be interested. One of my order forms is enclosed.







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September 3, 1998

Dear John,

Have just received the latest Club bulletin which prompts me to write you again and answer some of your correspondence to me. My compliments for an interesting Bulletin !

I would be willing to serve as the Eastern District Director, just so as to fill that spot, but suggest that I be relieved from the responsibility of arranging District Meets, on the basis of past experiences. I have several times in the past arranged District Meets in conjunction with recognized Shows in New England, only to find that I have been the **sole exhibitor**. While I have acquired my fill of blue ribbons on my own birds, this has not resulted in any participation from others. As you no doubt are aware, there are a very limited number of members in New England, and they are not located close enough together allow any Show location to draw them to any Show. Even the Boston Show did not draw any but myself. And as you are aware, one cannot gain a rosette from the Club without having more participation from other members. I continued to show until recently only to publicize the breed.

I have bad news with respect to my Ameraucanas. My mixed flock was seriously depleted in the Spring by various rascals. We have caught three raccoons, two skunks, and one possum, so far, but not before they killed all but one of my large fowl Ameraucanas, and many of my bantams, along with other breeds. They seemed to prefer the large fowl ! I lost all my White LF (from Mike Gilbert), and many others. Right now I have only one golden duckwing LF left. Of the bantams, I have still got a pair of blue wheateons, a white hen, and a pair of blacks. My prized blues are gone, along with the splashed, that Mike had admired at the show in Alma. Even more serious, from the point of value, is that they cleaned out all but one of my Araucanas (a hen), of which I had some really good specimens. I understand that I am the only fancier in New England to have standard-bred Araucanas. I should also claim my mother-in-law as a victim of one of the skunks also, when she tried to release it !

I realize that you are looking for completion of the Ameraucana history, and I have it about ready to go to you, but wonder if there isn't some way that it could be formatted so that it wouldn't have to be re-copied -- that is, re-typed. It would be a lot of work to set it up again. Let me know how you would like it set up, and I could probably print it out so that it would match your needs, and then could simply be off-set as is.

I would like to take an ad in the new Handbook, and am forwarding a check (\$25.00) to cover cost of a namecard size ad. Am enclosing a namecard if you can use that. Thanks.

I would like to say that prior to departing this life, my White LF cock (from Mike) sired a brood with the Buff-laced Polish (from Jim Fegan)-- both mother and father were taken, but the eggs were brooded by another hen. We now have 13 youngsters, half of them white and half of them buff, but all of them with the same appearance -- crests, and muffs. Quite like the British standard version of Araucana (which is quite unlike OUR Araucana standard).

I definitely am anxious to re-start my stock of Ameraucanas -- we'll see what happens. I am interested in coming to the National, but will have no birds to show. Thus, may be coming to look and maybe acquire a new start. That's all for now - have to get to WORK !

*Dick*



## President's Message

Mike Gilbert

By the time this is read the Thanksgiving season will be behind us and preparations for Christmas will be well underway. For most of us the 1998 show season is over, leaving behind warm memories to rekindle on those cold winter nights when nature's white blanket covers the sleeping earth. The Gilbert family has reduced our flock to nearly the size we would like to keep over for the 1999 breeding season. Bantams in all eight varieties and large fowl in blue-wheaten, brown-red, and silver are all included in our plans. Some of the birds in our breeding flock were shown this past season but everyone seems very healthy, with no signs of any respiratory problems at all. As a preventative, we like to treat the show birds with aureomycin tablets before during and after each show. Some say it doesn't help prevent virus infections, but we are happy with the results.

Highlights of the show season include placing two birds on champion row at our district meet in Hutchinson, Minnesota; top bantam at our national meet in Michigan (the first time we have accomplished that with a wheaten); and reserve AOCCL on a black pullet at the Land of Blackhawk show on a black pullet that is now owned by Arne Schmidt. The greatest thrill, however, had to be the enormous interest in the Ameraucana breed displayed at the great Ohio National show in November. Sales and inquiries were very strong in Columbus, and the breed seminar we sponsored was extremely well-attended in comparison with some of the other meetings held there. Jim Fegan did an outstanding job of presenting key points of our breed standard at our seminar, and discussion was lively. It was so great to have Ameraucana enthusiasts from California to Virginia and many points between participate. And yes, it was a joy to see a brown-red bantam take best of breed at last. Southern district director Scott Eutsler deserves a lot of credit for raising and conditioning to near perfection that beautiful little cockerel. And Ron Klemmedson was just as pleased as Scott, since Ron had put together the mating that produced the winner. In large fowl, the blacks took top honors both at Alma and at Columbus. Congratulations to Earl and Dick, Ruth Whitney, and the Oklahoma Jones's for raising and conditioning some beautiful birds. Congrats also to Jeanne Trent on her reserve of breed bantam at Columbus, a nice wheaten hen. We had hoped to see Don Cable at the Ohio show, perhaps, but such was not to be.

The new handbooks are out, and John Blehm has done a wonderful job. No Ameraucana breeder should be without a copy. The book would make a nice holiday gift.

Speaking of books, the new A.P.A. coloring book includes a page devoted to the Ameraucana breed; thanks, Ruth, for sponsoring it.

Now it is time for our biennial election. Take time to vote for the officers of your choice who will lead the best breed club in existence for the next two years. And it's time to get those matings put together to produce the 1999 winners. Good luck to all, and may God bless each of you. See you next year.



**AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB**  
**Ballot for Election of Officers**

New officers shall assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup> & serve for two years.  
Completed ballots must be received by the election commissioner by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mail to: Bernard Kellogg, PO Box 152, Readstown, WI 54652

President: Mike Gilbert\*

Secretary/Treasurer: John W. Blehm\*

District Directors  
Central: Arne Schmidt\*  
Ron Klemmenson

Eastern: Richard Orr\*

Southern: Scott Eutsler\*

Western: Koralyn Kibbee\*

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**Thanks to the Bay City Poultry  
Association for being excellent  
hosts to our National Meet!**

Arne Schmidt  
Pat Church  
L. J. and Larry Donahue  
Kim Smith  
Earl Jones  
Duane Urch  
Jim Fegan  
Jeanne Trent  
Ruth Whitney

Bernie Kellogg  
Ron Klemmedson  
John Blehm  
Mike Gilbert



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We are offering day old **Ameraucana** chicks that will be sold "Straight Run". You may request the color varieties you prefer, but depending on our hatches an assortment will be included, in your order. The varieties are listed on the order form. Chicks are shipped on Tuesdays and should arrive within 48 hours. Shipment will be by **PRIORITY MAIL** or **EXPRESS MAIL**, according to postal regulations. Your local Post Office will call you to pick up your chicks as soon as they arrive. To order please send the information requested below, along with your payment for the chicks. Pay the additional shipping fees, at your Post Office, C.O.D

Years of selective breeding are behind these chicks, but unwanted characteristics may show up. No guarantees will be made. A limited number of chicks will be available so please order early.

We support the Ameraucana Breeders Club, the National Poultry Improvement Plan, Poultry Press, and John 3:16.

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## 1999 ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ or: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred shipping: April( ) May( )

( ) 25 Amer. chicks, bantam - may include buff, black, white \$50.00

( ) 25 Amer. chicks, large fowl - may include black, blue, silver, white \$50.00

Ameraucana Breeders Club members check here ( ) and deduct \$5.00

Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: John W. Blehm



# AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

*John W. Blehm, Secretary / Treasurer, daytime (517) 777-5050, evening (517) 777-9683, e-mail [wjnx@acd.net](mailto:wjnx@acd.net)  
Ameraucana Breeders Club, 4599 Lange, Birch Run, MI 48415*

Yearly Membership Dues are \$10.00 / Family, \$7.50 / Individual and \$5.00 / Junior.  
Members receive quarterly Bulletins & are eligible for awards offered by the club.  
New Members also receive a ABC Handbook.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) Raise and/or Breed the following Ameraucanas:

	Large Fowl	Bantam
Black	( )	( )
Blue	( )	( )
Blue Wheaten	( )	( )
Brown Red	( )	( )
Buff	( )	( )
Silver	( )	( )
Wheaten	( )	( )
White	( )	( )
Other _____	( ) _____	( ) _____

Will you sell and/or ship:

	Sell	Ship
Hatching Eggs	( )	( )
Chicks	( )	( )
Started Stock	( )	( )
Adult Stock	( )	( )

Are you in the market for any Ameraucana Eggs, Chicks, Etc..? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Poultry you Have: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Remember ALL memberships are renewable on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.  
Please return this from when paying club dues to the Secretary/Treasurer.*