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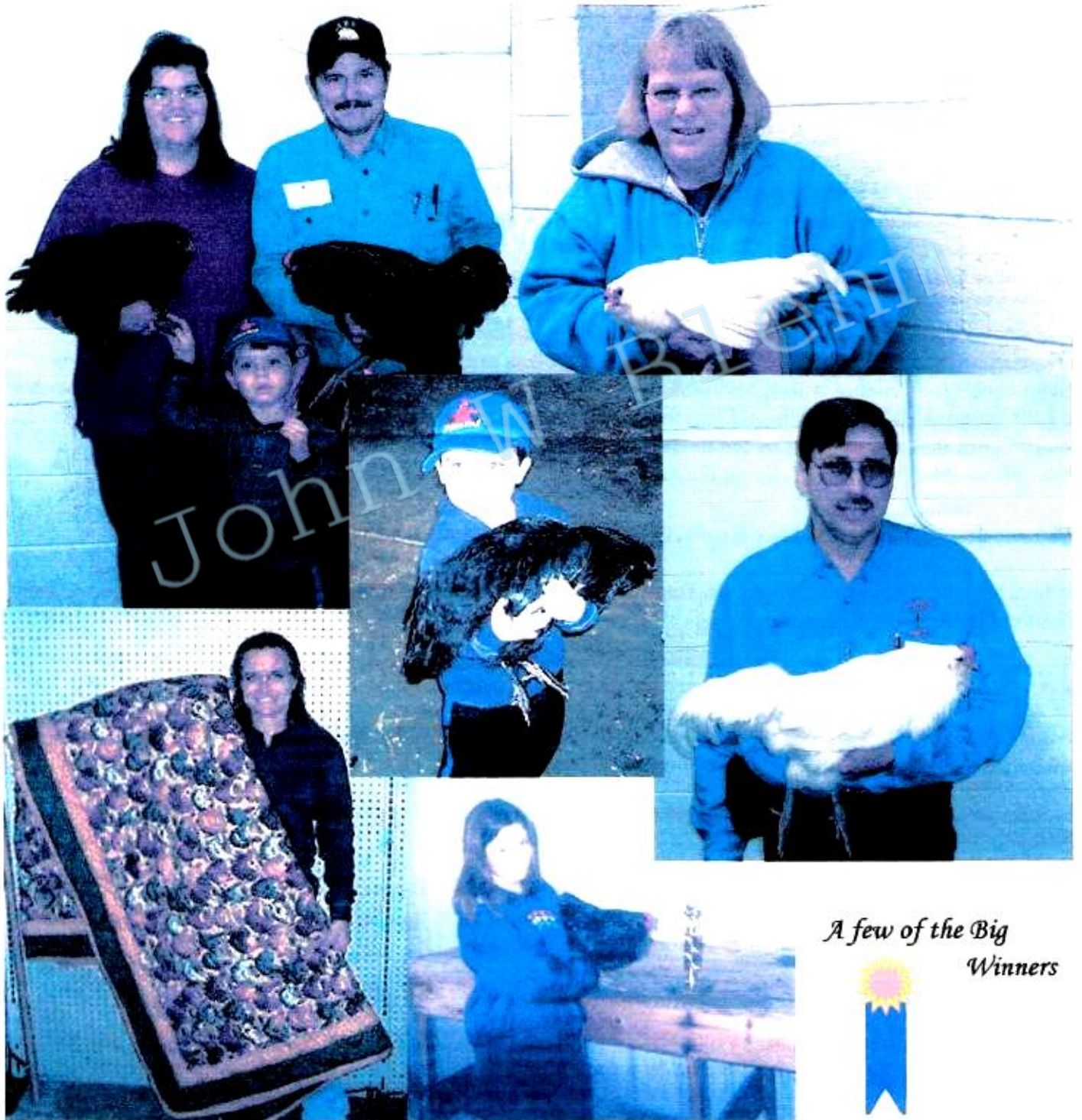


Bulletin

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*A few of the Big
Winners*



Welcome New Members

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Cover photos clockwise from top left: Angela, Paul and Matthew Smith with their BV/BB/Champion Ameraucana/Champion AOSB black cockerel and RV black pullet. Donna Townsend with her BV/RB white bantam cock. John Blehm with his BV/RB large fowl white cockerel. Junior member Amber Rousseau with her BB/Champion AOSB Jr division large fowl black cock. Member Beth Collier was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt that was donated by members Neil and Donna Townsend and Barbara Campbell for the raffle. Center photo: Matthew Smith helping his mom and dad to pack up after the show.

2003 Annual National Meet Report, Lucasville, Ohio, October 4-5

We finally made it home about noon on Tuesday, Oct. 7th. 1,102 miles up and 1070 miles back home-we found a short cut in Northern Kentucky!

Nine exhibitors, all whom are ABC members, from 5 states exhibited 84 head in the large fowl open show. There were entries from 2 other members, who were unable to show.

8 whites were shown. BV (best variety) was a cockerel in the trio by John Blehm. He was also RB (reserve breed). Carl Shepherd had RV (reserve variety) on a hen.

Barbara Campbell had some outstanding wheaten and 2 of her pullets won BV and RV in the class of 13 wheaten.

There were 5 silvers shown. Unfortunately some had been out free ranging on fresh cut grass and they were disqualified due to greenish foot bottoms. Our cock and pullet were not disqualified but they were not marked for BV nor RV.

There were 10 buff shown. Angela and I had BV on a cockerel and RV on a pullet.

8 blue wheaten were shown. Barbara Campbell's cockerel won BV beating our RV hen, which had never been beaten in 3 years! Congratulations Barbara on a super cockerel !

There were 16 blue. Angela and I had BV on a cockerel and RV on a pullet.

There were 23 black. Angela and I had BV on a cockerel in a trio. He was selected as BB (best of breed), Champion Ameraucana (bantam verse large fowl) and Champion AOSB (competing against 3 Malay, 2 Marans, 9 Phoenix, 2 Shamo and 4 Sumatras). We also had RV on a pullet.

There were 2 trios of buff, 1 trio of whites and 2 trios of black. Our blacks won the best trio.

There were only two displays shown, both by Angela and I. Our blacks scored 106 points while our blues scored 66 points. A display consist of the same variety. The points are figured by the placing and the number shown in the class. First place is 6 times the number shown. Second place is 4 times the number shown. Third place is three times the number shown. Fourth place is 2 times the number shown. Fifth place is 1 times the number shown. The trio score is doubled. Then the points are added from each class for a total score.

There was 1 splash blue shown bringing the total to 84 head of large fowl in the open class.

Three large fowl were shown by 2 juniors. Amber Rousseau's black cock was BB and jr. champion AOSB. Amber was presented with a trophy from the ABC. Kevin Roy had the RB on a white hen.

5 exhibitors showed 66 bantams. There were also 2 others who had made entries, but were unable to show.

There were 15 whites. BV was a cock by Donna Townsend. He was also RB. Donna also had RV on a hen.

14 wheatens were shown. Wayne Gritter had BV on a cock and RV on a pullet.

13 blue wheatens were shown. The BV, BB and Res. Champion Ameraucana was a cockerel by a non member of the ABC. RV was a pullet by John Blehm.

11 blacks were shown. Neil Townsend had BV on a cockerel.

Donna Townsend had RV on a pullet.

3 blues were shown as a trio. John Blehm had BV on a pullet. John's blue trio won best bantam trio from the 5 trios shown.

There were 10 Golden Quail shown. Wayne Gritter had BV on a cockerel and RV on a pullet. A special thanks goes to John Blehm for providing the bantam show results.

Paul Smith

North Eastern District Report

Hi there folks,

Lucasville was a swell place to have our ABC National Meet. A great big thanks to all the people that came by the raffle table and bought tickets. We raised almost \$300.00 for the club.

Many 25th Anniversary plaques were passed out to the winners, when we had our evening get together at the Renos Road House. With a real nice donation from the Southern Ohio Poultry Assoc., The National meet cost the club nothing.

Well. after hosting the 2002 and 2003 National ABC meets I want to tell any clubs interested in hosting 2004 in another district to get your bids in to Barbara by, I believe December 31, 2003 is the deadline.

One thing I would hope that we could some how have as part of the ABC National meet bid, is for all the cages to be one level high like in Lucasville. I feel that it is much better at Nationals for the judges to evaluate. If you have any questions please let the board know your ideas. Thanks. Email me at anytime at loudandproud@csonline.net

Sincerely,

Neil Townsend

Alphabetical order of large fowl winners at the National Ameraucana meet in Lucasville, Ohio on Oct. 4 & 5, 2003 chosen by Jeanette Frank at the Southern Ohio Poultry Association 10th Annual Fall Show.

BV black cockerel, champion Ameraucana, champion AOSB by: Paul & Angela Smith



BV blue cockerel by: Paul & Angela Smith



BV blue wheaten cockerel by: Barbara Campbell



RV black pullet by: Paul & Angela Smith
BV Buff cockerel by: Paul & Angela Smith



RV blue pullet by: Paul & Angela Smith
BV wheaten pullet by: Barbara Campbell



RV blue wheaten hen by: Paul & Angela Smith
BV white cockerel, reserve champion AOSB by: John Blehm



RV buff puller by: Paul & Angela Smith



RV wheaten pullet by: Barbara Campbell



RV white hen by: Carl "Eli" Shepherd



From the Hills of Western Wisconsin

By Mike Gilbert

Those who read the Ameraucana Column in Poultry Press or Showbird Journal already know the Gilberts were unable to show at Lucasville due to a funeral. But Mary and I were able to leave Wisconsin on Friday about 3 pm and arrived at the National Meet in Ohio shortly after noon on Saturday. We still had a lot of fun visiting with old friends, making a few new ones, delivering some sale Ameraucanas, and picking up breeding stock for a new member in Wisconsin. We also attended the club meeting (think I can still hear those trains rumbling through when I close my eyes), participated in the club raffle (great quilt - congratulations Beth), enjoyed a meal with many other club members at Reno's Roadhouse, discussed the future of the Black Gold (formerly golden quail) variety of Bantams with Wayne Gritter and others, and appointed Beth Collier interim director of the Southeastern District. We also announced the winner of the ABC Breeder of The Year award; unfortunately Rande Buske was not in attendance to receive his beautiful walnut plaque, but he will get it eventually. So it was kind of a whirlwind weekend, but very enjoyable all the same.

Congratulations to the 2003 winners. Paul and Angela Smith of Texas had champion A.O.S.B. on their black cockerel, while John Blehm of Michigan took reserve ameraucana large fowl with a white cockerel. A blue-wheaten cockerel by the Bridges of Georgia was champion ameraucana bantam, and a really nice white cock bird by Neil and Donna Townsend of Pennsylvania was reserve bantam. Trophies were also awarded to the junior exhibitors with best large and bantam ameraucanas, the champion AOSB going to new junior member Amber Rousseau.

Sorry to report I missed the North Central District meet October 25-26 at Hutchinson, Minnesota as well. Another conflict, this time a nephew's wedding. But John Bashaw (Minnesota) reports Arne Schmidt (MN) had a nice large white ameraucana on champion row, while he (John) took best ameraucana bantam on a buff pullet. John's buffs are from John Blehm's line via another up and coming ameraucana breeder, Bob Walchak of Wisconsin.

In fact the only show I've been able to attend since the National was a special ABC meet at the Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, show in mid-October. Jim Fegan, whose opinions and skills I respect, judged the ameraucanas. As usual Jerry DeSmidt took top A.O.S.B. with his black pullet, and also had reserve large ameraucana. In the bantams, yours truly had champion A.O.C.C.L. with a buff pullet (in a class of 43), while Gary Rossman had reserve on a nice white cockerel. Gary had another excellent year showing his white bantams, and is studying for his A.P.A. judges license. We're pulling for you, Gary.

We are looking forward to the Iowa State Meet at Iowa City November 28-29th.

Word has it that Michael Muenks and Angela Stanley will be traveling north to represent Missouri, Jerry DeSmidt and John Bashaw will be there to represent Wisconsin and Minnesota, while Al Nichols and others will be there from the state of Iowa. It should be a great show.

Please keep Eastern Director Neil Townsend in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with recent cancer surgery. Neil seems to be in good spirits, just needs to see the doc every three months or so for a checkup. He and Donna did great work at the National Meet with the awards and the club raffle. Thanks so much you two.

Last call for bids on our 2004 ABC National Meet. So far we have just one bid in writing - that from the Wisconsin International to be held at Portage September 25-26th. Anyone desiring a different venue should have the appropriate show secretary submit a written bid to our dedicated secretary, Barb Campbell, prior to the end of December. Thanks to Barb for her continual efforts on our behalf, and to all the members who make this a great club to be associated with. Have a very blessed CHRISTmas.

North Central District Report

By John W. Blehm, 11/17//03

Another ABC national meet is over. The Southern Ohio Poultry Association put on a great show, in Lucasville. It was neat to have our own ABC member, Jeannette Frank, judge the Ameraucanas. We met some club members for the first time and gained some new members. The show results and more about it are elsewhere in this Bulletin. Even if you don't exhibit birds, you should consider going to next year's national meet to see the birds and talk chicken.

The Board of Directors will decide on the location of the 2004 ABC national and the information should be in the next Bulletin. Any member can solicit a bid from a show club and pass it on to their District Director for consideration.

Merry CHRISTmas and have an EGGciting New Year!

South Central District Report

Greetings from the South-Central District

Show season is well underway. We have seen the all other standard breed class (AOSB) grow from one of the smallest to the largest class in many of the large fowl shows in the district. Since Sept.27, through Nov. 8, Angela, Matthew and I have been to six poultry shows with Ameraucanas filling the champion 5 times and the res. champion 4 times in the AOSB class.

The Missouri state meet in Springfield was extremely encouraging to me. During the past five years of showing there hasn't been an Ameraucana bantam show in the SC district as good as the Springfield show. ABC member Michael Muenks showed some outstanding bantams in wheaten, blue wheaten, white and buff. Michael's buff pullet won BB (best of breed) and reserve champion all other comb clean legged (AOCCL). I've been hoping someone in the SC district would start raising and showing bantams, thanks Michael. Michael purchased a start of large fowl in buff, blue and black, while at the show. Scott Rinne also purchased a pair of blue and black and joined the ABC. Kathy Gillett also purchased a start of blue and black while at the show. Angela Stanley also purchased a black pullet. Jr. member Amber Stamp showed a blue cock and won BB in the jr. show. Amber also purchased a black pullet. Our black cockerel won BB, champion Ameraucana, champion AOSB and 3rd best large fowl. Our blue wheaten hen was RB, Res. AOSB and Res. Ameraucana. Missouri is in the process of becoming the place for a National meet in the SC district, just like Mike Gilbert suggested.

Abilene, Texas held our state meet. Unfortunately there was not enough ABC member participation for it to qualify as a meet. CW & Edna Carey showed some outstanding black pullets that won the BV in the blacks. Angela and I had the only Ameraucanas in the other varieties. Our blue cockerel won BB and champion AOSB. Our wheaten hen was RB. A special thanks goes to the Carey's for requesting the meet, and congratulations on the success with their blacks.

The state fair of Texas at Dallas held a special Ameraucana meet. Congratulations goes to jr. member Katie Shank on her blue wheaten hen which won champion large fowl in the jr. show. She was also BV in the open show. Katie also had BV buff on a hen in the open show. Aden Shank had BV in the open show on a white hen. Angela and I had BB and champion AOSB on a blue hen and RB and res. champ AOSB on a blue pullet.

Idabel, Oklahoma held the Oklahoma state meet. Unfortunately there was not enough ABC members showing for it to qualify as a meet. Richard & Peggy Butler showed a blue cockerel that won first place. Future ABC member Richard Cramberg had RV blue on a cock. BV, BB, res. AOSB was our blue hen. RB was our black cockerel. In the jr. show, Garrett and Jodi Butler showed a nice black pullet winning BB and a nice blue pullet which won RB. We had the opportunity to visit the O'Rear Family farm and see their Ameraucanas while at Idabel. They had some very nice young black Ameraucanas.

Presently a state meet is scheduled for El Dorado, ARK. in April. Breeding and hatching season are rapidly approaching hopefully everyone already has all the breeding birds they need to successfully complete their hatches. Everyone I have visited with has already sold all their extra breeding quality birds. All we have left are a few nice blue cockerels.

May the Lord bless each with joy, happiness and good hatches of Ameraucana chicks.

From our house to yours Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Smith

South Eastern District Report

Hello,

My name is Beth Collier and I am the new director for the Southeastern District. I would like to thank the members for putting their faith in me. I hope I can serve you well.

First let me introduce myself. I live in Charlotte, Tennessee, as small town about 1 hour west of Nashville. I am a nurse and work for the Tennessee Dept of Health practicing in public health. I am married and have 3 grown sons and 4 grown stepchildren. I raise large fowl Ameraucana in black, blue, splash, wheaten and blue wheaten. I have just started with bantams in wheaten, blue wheaten and am working with other club members in developing golden quail. I also raise Belgian Bearded d'Uccle in black, white, mille fleur and porcelain. My husband Steve also raises chickens and has d'Anvers, Dutch bantams and Sebrights.

I would love to work with others who live in this district to plan and place shows so that we can make the member requirement. If you would like to place a meet, please call me at 615-789-5943 or better yet, email me at bethcollier@yahoo.com

I am placing a special meet at the Upper Cumberland Fancy Feather Club show on December 13, in Cookville, TN. At this time I have no other meets planned in this district.

Beth Collier

North Western District Report

"News Flash" - Our new member and new breed owner, Susie Winder, of Homedale, Idaho, had a good win on a wheaten bantam pullet - Reserve Champion of class. Susie was a very happy lady. She had recently purchased the pullet, along with 2 more and a cockerel, from yours truly.

Montana is very excited about the APA Semi - and of course we are asking for Ameraucana awards. If you'd like to help, please contact me.

There are several Utah members, and Utah has a great Spring Show coming up in March, 2004. I'd like one of you Utah members to arrange a "MEET" at that show. It's a good show and we need our Ameraucanas there. Thanks you.

North Western Director
Koralyn Kibbee

South Central District Meets

Arkansas State Meet, requested by Milton Dyer, El Dorado, Arkansas, 1st weekend in April, 2004.
Contact: Billy Atwood 870-942-7361

North Western District Meets

North Western District Meet, requested by Jeannette Frank, APA Semi-Annual, April 23-25, 2004. More info at a later date.

North Eastern District Meets

Ohio State Meet, requested by Rob Sando, Dayton Fancy Feather Club, April 24-25, 2004, Greenville, Ohio.
Contact: Rob Sando (937)996-0117

South Eastern District Meets

Tennessee Special Meet, placed by Beth Collier, Upper Cumberland Fancy Feather Club, Dec. 13, 2003. Triple W (indoor) Arena, Cookville, TN Contact: David Rose rosewood1@citlink.net 1-931-788-6676



Any member wishing to sponsor an award for any of the meets may do so by getting in touch with the appropriate contact. If you should choose to do this, please let your District Director know.

Show Reports

Southeast Oklahoma Poultry Club, May 3, 2003

Judges: Open, Pat Malone; Junior, Danny Williamson 15 Ameraucanas by 4 exhibitors in the Open class, 8 Ameraucanas by 6 exhibitors in the Junior class. All large fowl

Open Show

Reserve Champion AOSB - BV, BB Blue hen by Paul & Angela Smith

RB - BV Black hen by Paul & Angela Smith

RV Black - hen by Paul & Angela Smith

RV Blue - cock by Paul & Angela Smith

BV Blue wheaten - hen by Paul & Angela Smith

RV Blue wheaten - pullet by Paul & Angela Smith

BV Silver - hen by Paul & Angela Smith

BV Wheaten - cock by Paul & Angela Smith

RV Wheaten - pullet by Paul & Angela Smith

Junior Show

Champion AOSB - BV, BB Black pullet by Samantha O'Rear

BV Blue - pullet by Steven O'Rear

RV Blue - cock by Steven O'Rear

United Poultry Fancier's Show, May 10-11, 2003

Judge: Jerry Yeaw 4 large fowl Ameraucanas by 2 exhibitor

BB - White hen by Bryan Taylor

RB - White cock by Bryan Taylor

Packerland Poultry Club Show, September 6, 2003

Judges: Bantams (8), Jim Fegan; Large Fowl (5), Don Karasek 13 Ameraucanas by 3 exhibitors

Champion AOSB, Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Black large fowl pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

Reserve Champion AOSB - BV, RB Blue cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt

Champion AOCCL, Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB White bantam cockerel by Gary Rossman

Reserve Champion AOCCL - RV, RB White pullet by Gary Rossman

Large Fowl

RV Blue - hen by Jerry DeSmidt

BV White - pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

RV White - hen by Jerry DeSmidt

Illini Poultry Show, September 13-14, 2003

Judge: Kirk Keene 13 Bantams by 4 exhibitors

Champion AOCCL - BV, BB White cockerel by Gary Rossman

RB - RV, RB White pullet by Gary Rossman

BV Brown Red - hen by Teresa Brittnacher

Wisconsin International Show, September 27-28, 2003

Judges: Bantams, Don Karasek; Large Fowl, Jim Adkins 30 Ameraucanas by 8 exhibitors

Champion AOSB, Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Black large fowl pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

Champion AOCCL, Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB White bantam pullet by Gary Rossman
Bantams (27)

RB - RV White cockerel by Gary Rossman

BV Black - pullet by Robert Walchak

RV Black - cockerel by Robert Walchak

BV Blue Wheaten - pullet by Mike Gilbert

BV Brown Red - cockerel by Robert Walchak

RV Brown Red - hen by Teresa Brittnacher

BV Buff - pullet by Robert Walchak

RV Buff - cockerel by Robert Walchak

BV Wheaten - hen by Teresa Brittnacher

RV Wheaten - cockerel by a non member

Large Fowl(3)

RB - BV Blue cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt

Eastern New York State Poultry Show, September 28, 2003

Junior Class

Champion AOSB - BV, BB Black pullet by Sean McKee

Reserve Champion AOSB - BV, RB Blue cockerel by Sean McKee

Montana Poultry Fanciers Big Sky Expo, October 4, 2003

Judges: Bantams, Jerry Yeaw; Large Fowl, John Thomforde 19 Ameraucanas by 4 exhibitors

Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB White bantam cockerel by Larry and Koralyn Kibbee

Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Black large fowl pullet by Paula Kellerman

Bantams (16)

RB - BV Black cockerel by Larry and Koralyn Kibbee

RV Black - pullet by Larry and Koralyn Kibbee

BV Buff - cockerel by Larry and Koralyn Kibbee

RV Buff - pullet by Larry and Koralyn Kibbee

BV Wheaten - pullet by Susie Winder

RV Wheaten - pullet by Susie Winder

RV White - pullet by Larry and Koralyn Kibbee

Large Fowl (3)

RB - Black cockerel by Paula Kellerman

State Fair of Texas Poultry Show, October 11-12, 2003

Judge: Paul Kroll 20 LF Ameraucanas by 4 exhibitors

Champion AOSB, Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Blue hen by Paul and Angela Smith

Reserve Champion AOSB, Reserve Champion Ameraucana - RV, RB Blue pullet by Paul and Angela Smith

Champion Large Fowl in Junior Show - BV Blue Wheaten by Katie Shank

BV Black - cockerel by Paul and Angela Smith

RV Black - hen by Paul and Angela Smith

BV Buff - hen by Katie Shank

RV Buff - pullet by Paul and Angela Smith

RV Silver - pullet by Paul and Angela Smith

RV Silver - cock by Paul and Angela Smith

BV White - hen by Aden Shank

Volunteer State Poultry Club, October 18, 2003

Judges: Bantams, Ed Mongold; Large Fowl, Henry Mager 7 Ameraucanas by 3 exhibitors

Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Blue LF cock by Beth Collier

Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Blue Wheaten pullet by Beth Collier

Bantams (7)

RB - RV Blue Wheaten cockerel

BV Wheaten - by Beth Collier

RV Wheaten - by a non member

Large Fowl (7)

RB - BV Black pullet by Beth Collier

BV Blue Wheaten - by Beth Collier

BV Wheaten - by Beth Collier

RV Wheaten - by Beth Collier

Beaver Pigeon and Bantam Club Show, October 18, 2003

Judge: Jim Fegan 23 Ameraucanas by 9 exhibitors

Champion AOCCL - BV, BB Buff pullet by Mike Gilbert

Champion AOSB - BV, BB Black pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

Bantams (11)

RB - White cockerel by Gary Rossman

BV Blue Wheaten - pullet by Mike Gilbert

RV Blue Wheaten - cockerel by Mike Gilbert

RV Buff - cockerel by Mike Gilbert

Large Fowl (12)

RB - Blue pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

RV Black - pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

RV Blue - cockerel by Jetty DeSmidt

BV White - hen by Jerry DeSmidt

RV White - pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

Bluegrass Poultry and Rabbit Association, October 25, 2003

Judges: Donald Frahe and Wil Burton

Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB Black LF cockerel by Amber Rousseau

Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB LF silver cockerel by Amber Rousseau

Abilene Poultry Association Show, October 25, 2003

Judge: Cecil Moore 21 Large Fowl Ameraucana by 3 exhibitors

Champion AOSB - BV, BB Blue cockerel by Paul and Angela Smith

RB - Wheaten hen by Paul and Angela Smith

BV Black - by Edna Carey

RV Black - by Edna Carey

RV Blue - by Paul and Angela Smith

BV Blue Wheaten - by Paul and Angela Smith

RV Blue Wheaten by Paul and Angela Smith

BV Silver - by Paul and Angela Smith

RV Silver - by Paul and Angela Smith

RV Wheaten - by Paul and Angela Smith

Maryland State Poultry Fancier's Association, November 1-2, 2003

Judge: Tim Bowles 29 Ameraucanas by 5 exhibitors

Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB bantam Wheaten pullet by Bill Gladhill

Reserve Champion Ameraucana - BV, BB large fowl Wheaten pullet by Beth Coyne

Bantams (6)

RB - BV Blue Wheaten hen by Bill Gladhill

RV Blue Wheaten - cockerel by Bill Gladhill
RV Wheaten - pullet by Bill Gladhill
BV White - hen by Bill Gladhill
RV White - cock by Bill Gladhill
Large Fowl (23)
RB - BV Blue Wheaten cockerel by Beth Coyne
BV Black - pullet by Beth Coyne
RV Black - hen by Larry Clionsky
BV Blue - hen by Larry Clionsky
RV Blue Wheaten - pullet by Beth Coyne
BV Buff - cockerel by Larry Clionsky
RV Buff - pullet by Larry Clionsky
RV Wheaten - cockerel by Beth Coyne
BV White - hen by Larry Clionsky
RV White - hen by Larry Clionsky

Minnesota State Poultry Association Show, October 24-26, 2003

Judge: Art Rieber 27 Ameraucanas by 15 exhibitors

Bantams (13)

BB - BV Buff pullet by John and Lois Bashaw
RB - BV White pullet by Al Nichols
BV Brown Red - cock by Al Nichols
BV Buff - pullet by John and Lois Bashaw
RV Buff - cockerel by John and Lois Bashaw
BV Wheaten - hen by Al Nichols
BV White - pullet by Al Nichols
RV White - cock by Al Nichols

Large Fowl (14)

BB - BV White pullet by Arne Schmidt
RB - BV Black pullet by Arne Schmidt
BV Blue - pullet by Arne Schmidt
BV Buff - pullet by Arne Schmidt
RV Buff - pullet by Arne Schmidt

Our Members Write . . .

Good news from Rooster's Inn.

It's been the best year yet for our Ameraucana large fowl in the fairs this summer.

The Hamilton County Fair in Cincinnati OH ran July 30th thru Aug. 3rd. My 8 1/2 year old Wheaten Ameraucana cock was Best In Show over approximately 500 birds. Tim Bowles had Best Bantam with a black Sumatra cockerel and brought an excellent string of birds, providing more competition among exhibitors.

Three days later, I was loading the Chickenmobile (mini van) headed to the Ohio State Fair. Due to shoulder problems, I had to cut back on entries for all fairs and 4 were selectively eliminated from the summer schedule. It took me over 4 hours cooping in 32 birds, one animal at time. C'lell Agler, superintendent of the poultry department, promised the inclusion of Ameraucanas in the 2003 premium books. This gave me three opportunities to enter in the Miscellaneous Other Breed division. There was a class for Black, AOV Ameraucana and AOV of the M class. I showed two displays. Thank you C'lell. Our Ameraucanas were a hit in Columbus!

When I arrived to gather the chickens for transport to the Darke County Fair in Greenville OH, I didn't see my Black Ameraucana cock in the coop with the rest of my display. My heart skipped several beats...then I noticed the coop

card missing too. I suspected he might have been moved to champion row. Subsequently, it had to be class champion. My comment was who ever judged really knew these Ameraucanas and large fowl in general. Lewis Cunningham judged. I mentioned to C'lell that it was a good win with my Ameraucana. Absolutely, he agreed...It's the Reserve Large Fowl of the show.

I got early release from the state to enter Darke County in Greenville. With over 1500, land and water fowl in this show, I figured at best, it may be possible to pull a couple BB's or a class champion. It was hot, feathers were ruffled and whites weren't white.

That AOSB class of large fowl, competing with those Sumatras, Aseels, and Games, is a real tough class to win (especially with Tim Bowles and Dave Adkins judging).

My van broke down and had to be towed. I had to work on the days of judging and didn't have transportation. As if it couldn't get worse, I slipped on greasy work gloves, causing me to slip and fall from the flat bed tow truck. Don't think it could get worse? My Monday gutter day was doing that. I had a routine orthopedic appointment. The doctor noticed a bruise on the arm (I didn't know was there), at which point he became hostile and belligerent. He started blaming all my problems on the chickens and repeated "hyper motivated" many times (another Dr. had used this as a descriptive statement only). If I wanted to hear those words 20 times, I would have taught them to my parrot. (If you ever have shoulder problems, you wont find anyone of help in Cincinnati. Go straight to the Cleveland Clinic.)

Trying to separate fact from fiction, hurting and confused Monday night, I was fast getting depressed and wondering when I could ever apply for my APA judges license. Tears gushing from my eyes were like Niagra Falls. The phone rang. I knew the voice was that of Kevin Roy who was at the fairgrounds reading me writing on the coop card of the Black Ameraucana cock. "It says: Champion Large Fowl and is sitting next to a D'Anver Champion Bantam". Waterfowl was to be judged on Tuesday.

By Wednesday my van was running nice, judging was completed, and I headed back to Darke County for the crowing contest. When I got there, I found out the Ameraucana was Reserve Champion Over All Poultry.

I had several BB's and RB's. The old Wheaten Ameraucana was RB of the 26 shown. My bantam White Bearded Polish hen was Champion AOCCL and my Black Sumatra hen was Res. AOCCL. I had Res English Class with a Black Australorp large fowl.

The entire experience of these fairs was wonderful. Darke County was fun and exciting. C'lell Agler and Carl Stough at the state did a nice job and were very accommodating. Cleo Stump, superintendent of the Darke County show, brought humor and unity to the event. Tim Bowles and Dave Adkins surprised me with placing an Ameraucana up in the show, neither are fans of this breed.

The fair experience really helped pull me from the gutter and dismiss much of the other crap. The final thought was praise and Thank God for creating chickens. I believe they are God's version of earth angels.

Hi Mike,

I contacted C'lell Agler today. He informed me that awards are offered for Ameraucanas in both large fowl and bantam classes at the Ohio Nationals, further clarifying it was an error missed in printing.

Late entries will be accepted from any exhibitor who wants to show Ameraucanas in Columbus.

Having our national meet in Lucasville was the most special poultry event I have yet experienced. Part of poultry exhibition is the ability to stand by your breed when nobody else does. There have been plenty of hard knocks. SOPA has shown marked consideration for our breed in recent years. It was exciting when I realized that 7 years ago, Bambino was the only Ameraucana in the show. There is still much more work to be done, and my mission is far from over. I will be satisfied when we outnumber the Cochinchina bantams and have more show champions.

I had the opportunity to speak with Jeanette Frank and am most thankful for the opportunity to meet her. While some may not agree, I praised her detailed judging for our national meet.

Volunteering to clerk was a compromising decision. I didn't have time to spend with club members. But considering the magnitude of this show, opportunity for exposure and experience was overwhelming. It was the qualifying meet for those Guinea fowl. Clerking that class was unbelievable and part of poultry history. Not only was I there to observe a qualifying meet, I was part of it! It was participation at an entirely different level than being an exhibitor or observer. I kept wondering what the qualifying process for Ameraucanas must have been like...probably quite emotional?

I want to thank all ABC club members for making our national meet in Lucasville so special and the most spectacular SOPA meet I have ever attended. Neil Townsend did a terrific job coordinating the event.

Kathy Gratsch

Greetings fellow members. What an exciting and interesting weekend in Lucasville, Ohio for our National Show. The weather was cool and rather nice. For the first time, I had the pleasure of meeting quite a few of our great members. I can assure you that we do have a lot of great, nice, friendly members - members that I have heard and read so much about. This will make the club a lot more interesting to me.

Up until our National Show, to my knowledge, there were no Ameraucana bantams in Ohio. Mostly, I had only read about them. Since we had only large fowl, I thought it would be nice to purchase some bantams in an attempt to hopefully get them started in Ohio and perhaps in other close states.

I wanted to surprise Kathy Gratsch with a nice pair of wheaten and a pair of blue wheaten bantams that I purchased from Mike Gilbert. Not knowing about this, she got busy and purchased some herself on Saturday. I slept 'til late Sunday morning. When I got into the show room, I learned that Kathy had purchased quite a few more bantams from John Blehm of Michigan. I brought extra cages for the birds from Mike Gilbert, but now had to get busy figuring out how to haul home this many bantams! Together we now have bantams from Mike, John, and Neil and Donna Townsend and possibly other breeders that I'm not aware of at this time. All in all, we now have around 20-22 bantams in black, blue, brown red, blue wheaten, wheaten and white.

Kathy was surprised and very pleased when Barbara Campbell and I presented her with a nice blue wheaten cockerel large fowl that I purchased in advance from Barbara to surprise Kathy with at the show. Kathy also purchased two large fowl splash and one blue large fowl.

I really appreciate all the help that our great members were to us in getting started in Ameraucana bantams at such low prices, especially John Blehm who parted with quite a few nice bantams.

We all owe Neil and Donna Townsend for manning our booth most of the time. Our banquet was real nice and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Paul and Angela Smith of Texas carried away quite a few of the nice plaques presented at the banquet. And to think, they showed only large fowl! It was nice to meet and talk to both of you.

Once again, I want to thank our great members for a most pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,
Carl "Eli" Shepherd



Notices

- The Directorship of the South Western District is still available. The A.B.C. needs someone from this district to step up to the plate and serve their area. Duties are listed in the A.B.C. Handbook, and details are in the summer issue of the newsletter. Contact club president Mike Gilbert directly if interested.
- The deadline to submit articles and ads for the next Bulletin is February 15.
- The deadline for requesting meets to be listed in the Spring issue of the newsletter is February 10, 2004, so your director has time to get the info to me by Feb. 15
- The Guil Rand Fowl Fanciers will be holding a Spring Show on April 17, 2004 in Greensboro, NC and would like to host an ABC meet. Any member wishing to request this meet, contact SE District Director, Beth Collier.
- The Colorado State Fair in Pueblo, CO would like to host an ABC meet at their 2004 summer show. If interested in requesting this meet, contact NW District Director, Koralyne Kibbee.
- APA Yearbook Ads - Any member wishing to participate by placing an ad on our club page in the 2004 APA Yearbook needs to have ad copy along with payment made out to the APA to John Blehm no later than January 15, 2004. Prices are as follows: 1 square or 1/8 page is \$16. 2 squares or 1/4 page is \$32. 4 squares or 1/2 page is \$64.
- ABA Yearbook Ads - The ABA has not announced prices or a deadline for ads as of this printing. Please read the ABA column in the December issue of the Poultry Press for details. John Blehm will also be handling these ads His deadline will likely be about 2 weeks prior to the ABA deadline listed in the Press.
- Advertising in the Bulletin is FREE of charge to members.
- Attractive caps with the club logo are available from Larry Clionsky for \$15 each, \$5 of which Larry donates back to the club. Contact Larry for ordering info: 9 Zion Church Rd., Grantville, PA 17028 (717)-469-9772 clionsky@yahoo.com
- Club patches are available from your secretary @ \$7 each. This price includes postage
- The 2003 Breeder Directory is available from your secretary @ \$2 each for members, \$5 each for non members.
- Be sure to check out the ABC Sharing Place, a forum where Ameraucana fanciers can go to share ideas. The site can be accessed at <http://groups.msn.com/abcshareingplace>

Classifieds

- We are offering day old potential show quality, large fowl Ameraucana chicks in black, blue, blue wheaten, buff, silver, wheaten and (barred in development). We will have 10 hatches one every 2 weeks, Jan 12th and ending May 17th. For information: Paul & Angela Smith, 2257 CR 224, Gainesville, TX. 76240, 940-668-0719 (nights) or e-mail sw_psmith@velose.com
- Blue Egg Acres Ameraucanas is now accepting orders for spring hatching. I practice selective breeding for the production of exhibition quality birds. Specializing in large fowl Wheaten, Blue Wheaten and Silver varieties Will ship hatching eggs, day old chicks, started and adult stock. Barbara Campbell 392 Whitaker Hollow Rd., Lake City, TN 37769 (865)494-0876 * Blue_egg_acres@hotmail.com
www.blueeggacres.com

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All!

- More on the APA/ABA Yearbook ads: Your check and ad info will get you on the list - first come basis. We need six ads per page and will do as many as we can. If we do not get enough participation to fill a page with six ads we will return the extra checks.

Financial Report 11/30/03

Previous Balance 8/15/03.....	\$ 596.48
Credits: Dues, Directories, Donations(SOPA/Natnal 500.00)Caps, Patches, Raffle(291.70).....	1388.82
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$ 1985.30</u>
Debits: Supplies, Postage, Awards(National:733.60).....	1284.98
<u>Balance as of 11/30/03</u>	<u>\$ 700.32</u>

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

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Members residing in, or citizens of, countries other than the United States of America, shall be deemed members of their district of closest geographical proximity.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP !!!

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AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Barbara Campbell, Secretary / Treasurer

Ameraucana Breeders Club, 392 Whitaker Hollow, Lake City, TN 37769

Please print out this form and mail to the above address.

Yearly Membership Dues are \$8.00/Junior(17 & under) \$10.00/Individual and \$15.00/Family.

Members receive quarterly Bulletins & are eligible for awards offered by the club.

New Members also receive a 40 page ABC Handbook.

Please include an additional \$2 with your membership dues for a copy of the ABC Breeders Directory.

NAME(S): _____
ADDRESS: _____
POST OFFICE: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please include the following breed information ONLY if you want to be listed in the 2004 Breeders Directory OR if you are already listed and need to update your listing. Please keep in mind that the Breeder Directory should be a reliable source of quality purebred ameraucana stock. It should not be used to advertise "easter egg" chickens or any other kind of poultry.

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	()	()

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

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