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*The 2004 Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet, hosted by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club on September 25th, boasted this Supreme Champion Ameruacana Over-All/Champion AOCC/Champion Bantam Chicken of the Show
by Mike Gilbert*

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Ameraucana Breeders Club Districts

North Eastern: ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, PA, NY,
NJ, MD, DE and OH

South Eastern: VA, WV, TN, KY, NC, SC,
GA, FL, AL, MS and Washington DC

North Central: ND, SD, NE, MN, WI, IA, IL, IN,
and MI

South Central: TX, OK, KS, MO, AR,
LA, CO and NM

Western: WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, UT, CA, NV,
AZ, AK and HI

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.

Ameraucana Breeders Club District Map



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cindy A. Noll, 132 Windfield Dr., Fleetwood, PA
Orlando & JoAnn Simon, 1421 230th Ave. Luck, WI 54853
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AND WELCOME BACK.....

Duane Urch, 2142 47 Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060
Jeoff Stevens, 6402 E. Buss, Clinton, WI 53525
Janis A. Orndorf, 11741 Sycamore Rd., Mt Vernon, OH 43050
Dawn Olson Family, 40 Skegenae Trailer Court, Horace, ND 58047

ELECTION RESULTS

Ameruacana Breeders Club officers for the 2005-2006 term are as follows:

President: Mike Gilbert
Secretary/Treasurer: John Blehm
W Director: Koralyne Kibbee
NC Director: Teresa Brittnacher
SC Director: Paul Smith
NE Director: Kathy Gratsch
SE Director: Beth Collier

MINUTES OF THE AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB NATIONAL MEET PORTAGE, WI – 9/25/04 – 3pm

John Blehm, Chadd Blouch, Teresa Brittnacher, Randy Buske, Larry Clionsky, Nancy Dean, Ashley Dutcher, Mike Gilbert, Wayne Gritter, Koralyne Kibbee, Wayne Meredith, Michael Muenks, John Roberts, Angela, Paul & Matthew Smith, Duane Urch and Bob Walchak were present.

A Meeting Agenda and Minutes from the last Meeting were handed to each person present.

North Central District Director, John Blehm, welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

President Mike Gilbert presented the awards from the egg judging competition.

The Meeting was officially called to order by President Mike Gilbert, at 3:10.

A motion was made, by Wayne Gritter, and seconded, by Larry Clionsky, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes & Treasurer's report and accept the Minutes as reported in the handout and the quarterly Treasurer's report that was reported in the last club Bulletin. The motion carried.

Election Results

Only six ballots were cast. Many felt the low response was due to the fact that no office was contested. A motion was made, by John Blehm, and seconded, by Wayne Gritter to advise the Board of Directors to revise the By-Laws as follows:

When only one person has accepted the nomination for any office, that opening will not appear on the ballot. The nominee will assume the office by acclamation. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The ABA Portrait Project

Mike Gilbert reported that the ABA has a new artist working on the portraits. Mike will continue to work with the ABA and their artist to develop the wheaten Ameraucana portraits for the upcoming Standard.

The APA Standard Revision

Corrections for Ameraucanas include allowing leg colors from slate to black for blue and brown red varieties, like the black variety.

Black Gold Update

Wayne Gritter gave a report on the development of the bantam black gold variety, stating we need uniformity.

ABC Promotional Items

Mike Gilbert informed everyone of the ABC merchandise available at our club table.

Awards Criteria

A motion was made, by John Blehm, and seconded, by Larry Clionsky to advise the Board of Directors to revise the *Explanation of ABC Meet Policy* to change the word "members" to "exhibitors" the first 4 times it is used in the Policy. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Egg Competition

Everyone spoke favorably about the judging and would like to see it at future Meets. It got the interest of non-members and showed what the Standard for Ameraucana eggs should be.

Arne Schmidt Memorial Award

Ideas were discussed about what type of award would be used. Since Arne had black, blue, buff and white LF, John Blehm suggested we feature 4 separate memorial awards with Arne's photo on them, one per year for four consecutive years for BV. The first year would be awarded to BV LF black, the second for blue, the third for buff and the fourth for white. Mike Gilbert said Bev Schmidt may make a donation for the awards.

National Meets

Wayne Gritter suggested we place our 2006 National Meet at the joint ABA/APA National Meets in Indiana. Mike Gilbert appointed Wayne as a committee of one to work with the show club and his ABC NC District Director to obtain a bid.

Mike Gilbert appointed District Directors, Paul Smith and Beth Collier, as a committee to work on obtaining bids, in their districts for our 2005 National. Paul mentioned that many of the shows, in his district, are one day events and felt our National Meets should be longer. Mike asked John Blehm to work with Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Campbell to notify all members that we are accepting bids thru November 1st for our 2005 National Meet from all show clubs. The board will then vote on a location and place the Meet by November 15th, so the information can be in the next Bulletin.

Handbooks

Mike Gilbert appointed Michael Muenks and John Blehm to work with him as a committee to update the Handbook, prior to the next printing.

ABC Lifetime Achievement Award

Wayne Meredith was presented with the award by Mike Gilbert.

Website

John Blehm reported that the cost to host the club's website, which had been covered by a barter agreement with a business's website, is now about \$35 per month. John asked for ideas from members to lower this cost to the club.

President's Vote

Mike Gilbert reported that NE District Director, Neil Townsend, proposed a by-law change to have the President vote only to break a tie.

Adjourn

Duane Urch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Blehm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Blehm

NC District Director

From The Hills Of Western Wisconsin

By M. K. Gilbert

The Summer/Fall edition of the American Poultry Association quarterly news letter, News and Views, lists the proposed standard changes for the Ameraucana breed on pages 17 and 20. For those of you who are not A.P.A. members (you should consider joining) we will reproduce the wording verbatim here.

"Ameraucanas: Proposal to revise the text under General Disqualifications for the Ameraucana breed to: Presence of ear tufts, absence of muffs and beard, yellow foot and toe soles."

"Ameraucanas - Blue and Brown Red: Proposal to revise shank and toe color descriptions as follows: Slate to Black, bottoms of feet and toes white."

"Ameraucanas: Proposal to revise the text for all Ameraucana earlobe color descriptions as follows: Comb, Face, Wattles, and Earlobes: Red, except female earlobes to be very pale, matching color of their skin."

The proposal to refer Ameraucana brown red coloring to match that of Brown Red Cochin bantams instead of Brown Red Modern Games was inadvertently omitted, and A.P.A. committee member Sam Brush has been contacted about that. He assures us that change will be made as well. If any A.B.C. member has a problem with any of the above changes, be sure to contact any club officer. To save time it might be best to contact the president directly. I believe we all voted on these measures and we did reach general agreement, but correct me if that is not the case.

I would like to congratulate Wayne Meredith for being presented with the annual "Breeder of the Year" / "Lifetime Achievement award at the national meet in Portage last October. Wayne has been in the blue egg chicken business for about 40 years, and his stock has been foundational to many of the Ameraucana strains we have today, especially in large fowl. Wayne, we appreciate and thank you. Hope you are enjoying that beautiful plaque.

The blue egg contest seemed to be a success at the national meet, and it was the general opinion of the members present that we should do it again every year at the nationals. Congratulations to the four divisional winners: Wayne Meredith for large fowl hen eggs, Larry Clionsky for large fowl pullet eggs, Bob Walchak for bantam hen eggs, and John Blehm for bantam pullet eggs. Great job gentlemen!

It was a real pleasure to have our Northwestern District director, Koralyn Kibbee, in attendance at the national meet. She is so very helpful and generous with her time and talents. Hopefully we can return the favor sometime when we have our A.B.C. national meet in the west. I'm looking forward to that day.

Finally, a huge thank you to our outgoing officers and directors who chose not to run for office for the 2005/2006 term. Barbara, Neil, and John - thanks for your service.

We welcome John Blehm as our new secretary treasurer, Kathy Gratsch as our Northeastern district director, and Teresa Brittnacher as our North Central district director. Since we have so few members in the present Southwestern district, the directors have voted to eliminate the district and merge those four states in with the South Central district under Paul Smith's leadership, and the Northwestern district (which will now be the Western District) under Koralyn Kibbee. As part of the deal, Colorado will shift from the Northwest to the South Central district.

Finally, get well wishes to Jerry DeSmidt, our valued member from Pulaski, Wisconsin, and a great breeder of large fowl Ameraucanas. Jerry recently underwent an emergency appendectomy, but I understand he is now on the road to recovery. I know he would love to hear from any of you. I hope to see him at the Eastern Iowa Poultry Association show the day after Thanksgiving, my final show of the year.

Until next time, God Bless you all, and have a great Thanksgiving, CHRISTmas, and New Years. Don't forget that all memberships expire December 31st and need to be renewed to keep these newsletters coming to your door.

Greetings From The South-Central District

Show season is in full gear and breeding season just about to begin for most fanciers in the SC district. It was a big boost to the Ameraucana breed to have both the reserve champion bantam and large fowl at the Portage, Wisconsin national meet. Congratulations to Mike Gilbert on his black bantam pullet which also won champion Ameraucana.

Congratulations also to John & Anne Foley on their large fowl black pullet which also won reserve champion Ameraucana. Special thanks to them for sending her to us, especially since we lost all of that bloodline last Jan. The national meet has been the highlight of the show season for us the past 5 years. This show season has been kind of different with the national meet being the first show of the season for us.

We also had a good show in Springfield, MO. on Oct. 9. Ameraucanas were well represented in both bantam and large fowl, even though several of the local breeders were unable to attend. The Southern Missouri Poultry Club is moving to Sedalia, Missouri on Oct. 15, 2005. It will be the ABC National meet. It was one of five shows considered by the board of directors to host our ABC national meet. Special thanks, to all board members, who expressed their confidence in the SC district's members ability to have a good national show, by voting for Sedalia. I don't feel that the SC district has been ready to host a national meet in the past, but is now! Presently we are recruiting all Ameraucana breeders who are interested in helping to make the Sedalia national the largest and best meet that ABC has ever held.

Abilene, Texas had a good show. Special thanks to Edna & C.W. Carey for their continued support of Ameraucanas with their good blacks.

Remember our district meet is at the Shawnee, Oklahoma show on Dec. 11 and 12. Hope to see you there. It will be our last show of the season as we plan on putting all our birds to work in the breeding pens.

Hope all have a joyful holiday season and remember to be thankful.

From Our house to yours Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Paul Smith

North East District Directors Report

Well Folks;

Just got in from the Ohio National Show in Columbus. They had approximately 3752 head, but only a small hand full of Ameraucana Large Fowl & Bantams.

This has been an interesting two years serving the ABC as North East District Director. Starting in 2005 our club will have some new officers, please support them strongly so our club has a strong future.

In closing I would like to send a big congrats to the South Central District for winning the 2005 ABC National Meet!!

My spring project is hatch half as many and CULL twice as hard.....

Neil Townsend

North Western District Directors Report

Dear ABC Members and Friends,

My first trip to an "Ameraucana" National was so worthwhile. I don't know why I waited so long - maybe I wasn't sure of "flying", its been 22 years and things have changed. I "flew" thru with an A+, made my gates and didn't get lost!! There were very good connections and I have to thank Mike Gilbert for being a most perfect "taxi". He and his wife were so wonderful, as was John and Mrs. Blehm - what a time I had, thank you!

I enjoyed spending time at the meet table, helping Mike with the egg judging was very educational for me. I think this should be done, maybe at every meet. I hand carried 3 entries - thought I may get a 1st on one entry 'til Ol Hawk-Eye, with his magnifying glass found a hairline crack!! I must say that judge was good (19 entries).

Sure met a lot of nice folks, "Hi Teresa!" Getting to meet the Wisconsin youth leader was a highlight of my trip and being there for awards presented to Corallina Brown, 15 year old super gal, 1st one in the US to achieve the level of Poultry Master, highest level in the APA/ABA youth program.

At our recent "Big Sky Expo" I had the honor of announcing that 3 Montana youth were moving on to their 3rd levels. This is awesome! Our own Beau McLean is now in college out in Oregon. Beau plans to lay out his goals for his Master's level. The Big Sky Expo was a district meet, but it was poorly represented. I did have good competition in the class - won Reserve AOCCL on a white hen and 1st place bantam trio.

While I was in Wisconsin I purchased 4 white bantam pullets from John and a blue wheaten cockerel from Mike. They were shipped later and came through in fine shape.

Now we have fall and winter to get our birds back in full-feather. I love the "caring" part of having chickens (animals in general). Good luck to you all - may 2005 be very good!

Koralyn

SHOW REPORTS

NATIONAL MEET, 9/25-26/04, in Portage, WI

Hosted by - Wisconsin International Poultry Club

Displays, judged by Jim Fegan:

Champion Display - black LF by Jerry DeSmidt

Reserve Champion Display - blue LF by Jerry DeSmidt

82 bantams shown by 7 exhibitors, Judged by Jim Fegan

*BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All, Champion AOCCL & Reserve Champion Bantam Chicken of the Show - black pullet, by Mike Gilbert

*RB & Reserve Champion AOCCL - white hen, by Alnice Nichols

Champion Bantam Trio - young black trio by Mike Gilbert

Reserve Champion Bantam Trio - young black trio by John W. Blehm

*BV black - Mike Gilbert (P), 12 shown by 3 exhibitors

RV black - Bob Walchak (P)

BV blue - Mike Gilbert (P), 9 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV blue - Mike Gilbert (P)

BV blue wheaten - Mike Gilbert (P), 8 shown by 3 exhibitors

RV blue wheaten - Mike Gilbert (K)

BV brown red - Mike Gilbert (P), 6 shown by 3 exhibitors

RV brown red - Bob Walchak (P)

BV buff - Bob Walchak (P), 14 shown by 3 exhibitors

RV buff - Mike Gilbert (C)

BV silver - Mike Gilbert (P), 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV silver - N.A.

BV wheaten - Bob Walchak (P), 7 shown by 4 exhibitors

RV wheaten - Bob Walchak (K)

*BV white - Alnice Nichols (H), 15 shown by 5 exhibitors

RV white - Randy Buske (P)

BV AOV black gold - Mike Gilbert (P), 8 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV AOV black gold - Mike Gilbert (K)

105 Large Fowl were shown by 10 exhibitors Judged by Jim Fegan

BB, BV, Res. Champion Ameraucana Over-All & Champion AOSB - black pullet, by John Foley

*RB, BV, Reserve Champion AOSB - white pullet, by Jerry DeSmidt

Champion LF Trio - young black trio by Jerry DeSmidt

Reserve Champion LF Trio - old black trio by Jerry DeSmidt

*BV black - John Foley (P), 37 shown by 8 exhibitors

RV black - Paul Smith (P)
BV blue - Paul Smith (P), 21 shown by 4 exhibitors
RV blue - Paul Smith (K)
BV blue wheaten - Paul Smith (P), 9 shown by 4 exhibitors
RV blue wheaten - Paul Smith (P)
BV brown red - John W. Blehm (P), 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
RV brown red - N.A.
BV buff - Jerry DeSmidt (H), 8 shown by 4 exhibitors
RV buff - John W. Blehm (P)
BV silver - John W. Blehm (P), 7 shown by 3 exhibitors
RV silver - John W. Blehm (K)
BV wheaten - Wayne Meredith (C), 4 shown by 3 exhibitors
RV wheaten - Paul Smith (K)
*BV white - Jerry DeSmidt (P), 15 shown by 3 exhibitors
RV white - John W. Blehm (P)
BV AOV smoke - John W. Blehm, 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV AOV - N.A.

Egg Competition, judged by Mike Gilbert:

Best LF Hen Eggs - Wayne Meredith
Best LF Pullet Eggs - Larry Clionsky
Best Bantam Hen Eggs - Bob Walchak
Best Bantam Pullet Eggs - John W. Blehm

Junior Show:

5 bantams were shown by 3 exhibitors
BB & Champion AOCCL wheaten cockerel by Kimberly Malvitz
RB brown red hen by Ashley Melotte
7 Large Fowl were shown by 3 exhibitors
BB & Reserve AOSB white pullet by Kimberly Malvitz
RB black pullet by Kimberly Malvitz

Although none of the junior exhibitors are ABC members, Kimberly Malvitz was awarded plaques for Best and Reserve Ameraucana by a junior exhibitor.

AMENDED REPORTS:

Badger Poultry Club, June 5, 2004

The entry that reads: Champion AOCCL, Champion Ameraucana- BV, BB Buff cock by Mike Gilbert should have read:

Champion Bantam Chicken of the Show, Reserve Bantam Over All to a white call duck, Champion AOCCL, Champion Ameraucana- BV, BB Buff cock by Mike Gilbert

Heartland Classic, March 27-28, 2004

The entry under Bantams that reads: RB-RV Wheaten hen by Michael Muenks should have read: RB-RV Wheaten hen by a non member

STATE MEET, 8/28/04, Colorado State Fair

20 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, Judged by John Westcott

BB - wheaten cockerel by a non member

RB - blue wheaten pullet by James La Chey

STATE MEET, 10/9-10/04, in Midland, MI

Hosted by - Bay City Poultry Club

19 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, Judged by Lewis Cunningham

*BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All & Res. Champion AOCCL - white cock, by Jeanne Trent

*RB - white pullet, by John W. Blehm

BV black - John W. Blehm, (P), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV black - John W. Blehm (K)

BV blue - John W. Blehm (P), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV blue - John W. Blehm (P)

BV blue wheaten - John W. Blehm (K), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff - John W. Blehm (P), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV buff - John W. Blehm (P)

BV wheaten - Jeanne Trent (P), 4 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV wheaten - Jeanne Trent (P)

*BV white - Jeanne Trent (C), 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

*RV white - John W. Blehm (P)

14 Large Fowl were shown by 4 exhibitors, Judged by Lewis Cunningham

*BB, Res. Champ. Ameraucana Over-All & Res. Champ. AOSB - black hen, by a non-member

*RB - black hen, by a non-member

*BV black - a non-member (H), 6 shown by 4 exhibitors

*RV black - a non-member (H)

BV blue - John W. Blehm (P), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff - John W. Blehm (P), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV silver - John W. Blehm (K), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV silver - John W. Blehm (P)

BV white - John W. Blehm (P), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV white - John W. Blehm (K)

STATE MEET, 10/9/04, Brownsville, KY

Hosted by Green River Poultry Club

1 bantam shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Ralph Sheriff Jr.

BB, Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All - BV blue wheaten cockerel by Beth Collier

10 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Ben Burkett

BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All, Champion AOSB - BV brown red hen by a non member

RB, Reserve Champion AOSB - BV white pullet by Beth Collier

BV black - Beth Collier (P), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue - Beth Collier (H), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV blue - Beth Collier (P)

BV wheaten - Beth Collier (K), 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV wheaten - Beth Collier (P)

DISTRICT MEET, 10/16/04, Dickson, TN

Hosted by Volunteer State Poultry Club

8 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Leroy Whitson

BB, Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All, Reserve Champion AOCCL - BV blue wheaten cockerel by Beth Collier

RV blue wheaten - Beth Collier (K), 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV brown red - Beth Collier (P), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV wheaten - a non member (P), 3 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV wheaten - Beth Collier (P)

BV black gold - Beth Collier (K), 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV black gold - Beth Collier (P)

1 large fowl by 2 exhibitors, judged by Leroy Whitson

BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All, Champion AOSB - BV black pullet by Beth Collier

RB, Reserve Champion AOSB - BV blue wheaten cockerel by Beth Collier

RV black - a non member (P), 2 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV blue - Beth Collier (H), 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV blue - Beth Collier
RV blue wheaten - Beth Collier (P), 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV wheaten - Beth Collier (P), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

SPECIAL MEET, 10/2-3/04, Lucasville, OH

Hosted by Southern Ohio Poultry Association
3 large fowl shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Troy Laroche
BB - BV black hen by Larry Holmes
RB - BV blue cock by Larry Holmes

STATE MEET, 10/23-24/04, Hutchinson, MN

Hosted by Minnesota State Poultry Association
34 bantams shown by 5 exhibitors, judged by John Thomforde
Best AOCCL Trio of Show - whites by a non member
BB - BV white pullet by a non member
RB - BV buff cock by Mike Gilbert
BV blue wheaten - a non member (K), 6 shown by 5 exhibitors
RV blue wheaten - Mike Gilbert (P)
RV buff - John & Lois Bashaw (K), 2 shown by 2 exhibitors
BV wheaten - a non member (K), 10 shown by 4 exhibitors
RV wheaten - a non member (P)
RV white - John & Lois Bashaw (K), 15 shown by 2 exhibitors
5 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Jim Adkins
BB - BV blue wheaten pullet by JoAnn Simon
RB - BV silver pullet by a non member
RV silver - a non member (P), 4 shown by 2 exhibitors

SPECIAL MEET, 11/7/04, Springfield, MO

Hosted by Southern Missouri Poultry Club
10 large fowl shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Pat Malone
BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All, Reserve Champion AOSB - BV wheaten cockerel by Paul & Angela Smith
RB, Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All - BV blue cockerel by Paul & Angela Smith
BV black - Paul & Angela Smith (P), 4 shown by 1 exhibitor
RV black - Paul & Angela Smith (K)
RV blue - Paul & Angela Smith (P), 3 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV blue wheaten - Paul & Angela Smith (P), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
BV buff - Paul & Angela Smith (K), 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

UPCOMING MEETS

South Central District Meets

Oklahoma District Meet, Oklahoma State Poultry Federation, Shawnee, OK. Dec. 11 - 12, 2004
Contact: Cassie Garrett Rt. 1 Box 12-5 Garvin, OK. 74736 580-286-7225
2005 ABC National Meet, Southern Missouri Poultry Club, Sedalia, MO October 15, 2005

North Central District Meets

Indiana State Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter, Indiana Poultry Breeders Association, Connersville, Dec. 6th-7th Contact: David Wulff (765) 825-0621 info@poultrypress.com

South Eastern District Meets

North Carolina Special Meet, The Guil-Rand Fowl Fanciers Fall Show December 4, 2004, Greensboro, Contact Karl Urshel at 1-336-951-3309 or use the on line entry at www.guilrandfowlfanciers.com
Tennessee State Meet, Upper Cumberland Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show December 11, 2004 Cookville, TN, Contact David Rose at 1-931-788-6676 or email rosewood1@citlink.net

NOTICES

Dues and Breeder Directory

ALL memberships are renewable on January 1st! Please refer to the membership list, that is enclosed, if you're not sure you have paid your dues for 2005. If your membership listing has an (04) after it, your membership will expire on 12/31/04. Please send your 2005 dues to :

John Blehm
4499 Lange
Birch Run, MI 48415

A membership renewal form is in the back of this Bulletin for your convenience.

The renewal form should also be used as an application if you want to be listed in the **2005 Breeder Directory**. The Breeder Directory portion of the form should be filled out **ONLY** if you wish to be listed.

NOTE TO BREEDERS CURRENTLY LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY: If your updated listing is not submitted by Jan. 15th, it will be assumed that you no longer wish to be listed in the directory and your name will be removed.

Membership Forms are also available on the club's website, www.ameraucana.org and can be printed from there.

Note: John Blehm will assume the Secretary/Treasurer office on January 1st. and all ABC correspondences should be directed to him beginning in the new year.

The handbook revision committee has started work on the handbook and is selling ads for the following prices: ¼ page for \$30.00, ½ page for \$50.00, and a full page for \$90.00. Club members who purchase a ¼ or ½ page ads for the handbook will receive a complimentary copy of the 2005 club handbook, and club members who purchase a full page ad will receive two complimentary copies of the 2005 club handbook. Club members with questions about the handbook or interested in purchasing ad space should send inquiries or payments to John Blehm at the following address:

John W. Blehm

4499 Lange

Birch Run, MI 48415

John@ChickHatchery.com

(989)777-1234

The size, style, etc. of the club handbook will be determined by the cost and how many ads we sell. Support your club by buying an ad early! Please contact Mike Gilbert, John Blehm, or Michael Muenks if you have any suggestions for the 2005 version of the club handbook.

Attention Members Of The Board:

Around the first of the year I'll update the Board page on the ABC website, www.ameraucana.org, as some new officers take office.

Teresa & Kathy,

Please Email or send a photo of yourself and a short bio for the website.

Everyone else,

Email or send a photo (preferably of yourself) if you would like yours updated along with any changes you would like made to your bio.

Thanks,

John Blehm

- The Board of Directors voted recently to change the wording in the first paragraph of the Explanation of ABC Meet Policy. A copy of the revised policy is included with this issue.
- The deadline to submit articles and ads for the next Bulletin is February 15, 2005.
- The deadline to submit requests to your district director for meets to be listed in the Spring issue of the newsletter is February 10, 2005.
- Advertising in the Bulletin is FREE of charge to members.

FOR SALE

Bantam Hill will have hatching eggs available in the following varieties of bantam Ameraucana: white, black, blue, buff, blue wheaten, wheaten, a few brown red, and third generation black gold. Large fowl Ameraucana hatching eggs will be available in the following varieties: white, black, blue, and blue wheaten x wheaten. Watch for details in the ABC Sharing Place Breeders List for information on chicks. Eggs are generally available toward the end of March. Contact Michael at michael_muenks@yahoo.com or 573-796-3999.

Chick Hatchery - day old Ameraucana chicks. 7 varieties of bantams and 7 varieties of large fowl will be offered in 2005. For more information and an order form go to: www.ChickHatchery.com, or send a SASE (#10) to John W. Blehm, 4599 Lange Rd., Birch Run, MI 48415-8137.

Heavyweight ABC t-shirts

100% cotton preshrunk, black shirts with 12" diameter ABC logo in white on front.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12.00 each

50% cotton/50% Polyester, natural (off white) with 2 5/8" diameter logo in brown on left front.

Sizes Medium, Large & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12.00 each

Any amount over the cost of the shirts and postage will go to the club. Make checks payable to John W. Blehm, 4599 Lange Road, Birch Run, MI 48415-8137

ABC Bulletins - the first 6 years!

10 copies of the original Ameraucana Bantam Club Bulletins, from 1979 thru 1984, were made and set in 3-ring notebooks. There are 6 copies left and then they are gone. They contain much of the history of the Ameraucana breed, many varieties and this club.

\$30 each, includes shipping. Any amount over the production cost and postage will go to the club. Make checks payable to John W. Blehm, 4599 Lange Road, Birch Run, MI 48415-8137

ABC Caps

Attractive blue 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

Attractive patches of the ABC logo are available from your secretary @ \$7 each. This price includes postage.

2004 ABC National Meet Income/Expense Report (these amounts are reflected in the financial report below)

Credits: Donations (member/\$275, WIPC/\$204) Auction/\$185.....	\$ 664.00
Debits: Awards (trophies, plaques, cash).....	571.16
Balance	\$ 92.84

Financial Report 11/24/04

Previous Balance 8/24/04.....	\$ 822.23
Credits: Dues, Directories, Donations, Caps, Patches, ABC t-shirts, Bulletins, Auction.....	875.00
Subtotal	\$ 1697.23
Debits: Supplies, Postage, Awards.....	839.99
Balance as of 11/24/04	\$ 857.24

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

EXPLANATION OF ABC MEET POLICY

Current policy as set by the Board of Directors allows for ABC meet awards at two tiers or levels. At least three exhibitors must show in competition to qualify for rosettes or other club-sponsored awards. At the first level an award is earned for best Ameraucana and an award is earned for reserve Ameraucana. Large fowl and bantams may compete in order to qualify. If there are only three or four exhibitors of Ameraucanas at a club meet, BB and RB Large Fowl and BB and RB Bantams will be judged against each other to determine Champion and Reserve Champion Ameraucanas for ABC award purposes.

At the second level, if five or more exhibitors show in competition, awards may be earned for champion and for reserve champion large fowl and also for best and reserve bantam, for a total of four awards. However, in order for any member to receive a club award, he or she must compete against at least two other exhibitors. Nonmembers are not eligible for club awards. If members holding a "family" membership enter a meet as individuals, they may compete against each other for purposes of club awards.

The site of the annual National Meet is selected by the ABC Board of Directors. Any member may solicit a bid from any show secretary and forward it to an ABC officer for consideration, preferably to his or her district director. All other meets (district, state, and special) are placed by the appropriate district director at shows within his or her district. The secretary will be promptly notified by the director of all meets scheduled. Meets will only be placed by a district director if a member in his or her district requests a meet for a specific show in time for the distribution of information via the ABC quarterly Bulletin prior to the entry deadline for that show. For planning purposes, members need to know well in advance when and where meets are placed. Directors, as a general rule of thumb, should only place meets where it is reasonably expected that three or more members will show.

In the unlikely event a member is refused placement of a meet by his or her District Director, the director shall provide a satisfactory explanation to the member. If the member is not satisfied, he or she then may appeal the decision in writing to the ABC Secretary, who shall poll the Board of Directors. The director will have an opportunity to defend his or her decision to the entire Board; a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be final in any such dispute.

AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB AWARDS

WITH 3 OR 4 EXHIBITORS . . .

CHAMPION AMERAUCANA ROSETTE
RESERVE CHAMPION AMERAUCANA..... ROSETTE

WITH 5 OR MORE EXHIBITORS . . .

BEST OF BREED BANTAM..... ROSETTE
RESERVE OF BREED BANTAM..... ROSETTE
BEST OF BREED LARGE FOWL..... ROSETTE
RESERVE OF BREED LARGE FOWL..... ROSETTE

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Please fill 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 and are eligible for awards offered by the club.

New Members also receive a 40 page ABC Handbook and a current copy of the ABC Breeders Directory.

Renewing members: Please include an additional \$2, with your dues, for a copy of the ABC Breeders Directory and/or \$6 for an additional Handbook.

PLEASE INDICATE: NEW MEMBER () or RENEWAL / FORMER MEMBER ()

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Please include the following breed information **ONLY** if you want to be listed in the 2005 Breeders Directory. Please keep in mind that the Breeder Directory should be a reliable source of quality Ameraucana stock. It should not be used to advertise "Easter Egg Chickens" or any other kind of poultry.

I (we) Breed the following Ameraucanas:

	Large Fowl	Bantam
Black	()	()
Blue	()	()
Blue Wheaten	()	()
Brown Red	()	()
Buff	()	()
Silver	()	()
Wheaten	()	()
White	()	()
Other (please list):	()	()

Do you sell and/or ship:

	Sell	Ship	Deliver to Shows	No Shipping
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.