

Ameraucana Newsletter

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Welcome New Members...

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Silver Ameraucana pullet

Michael J. Muenks ~ President



Is it possible that summer is already here? Time flies and the spring hatching season is a distant memory and the fall show season is looming. Your early cockerels hatched in January are already trying to crow and I smile as I hear them in my mind. The chicks are emerging from the rough looking stage and now the shiny adult feathers are emerging and as they begin to fill out. Feeding is moving to a mix that produces high quality feathers. As you feed your eye moves over the young birds with a critical eye as you consider which are among the first group to be culled. Sketchy notes are jotted down noting leg bands or toe punches from breeding pens that worked out and more importantly, those that didn't.

Being a proponent of flock mating I am always looking for uniformity once the flock is established. For those not familiar with flock mating, the basic principal is a large breeding group of related hens line bred to a lead cock. There are different applications of flock breeding, but in general, the goal is that pleasing to the eye flock that looks "the same." Of course, you might also call it the lazy breeder's approach to line breeding. I say that tongue and cheek, because the most influential poultry book I have read, *Start Where You Are With What You Have*, by Ralph Sturgeon advocates the idea of flock breeding. Long out of print, this little gem of a book is a treasure trove of knowledge.

On a personal note, the new job is finally beginning to settle into a routine and I am emerging from under the piles of work exhausted, but with satisfaction that I have survived the heaving season and now know what to expect for next year. In retrospect, I am thankful that I did not breed the Nubian dairy goats last fall nor order or attempt to hatch chicks this spring. I'm sure my wife and kids would have strung me up since I was working most of my waking hours. I will be hatching this summer in preparation for next year. While not ready for the fall show season, summer hatched chicks always lay for me at the right time for the early spring hatching season and I find them the most economical way to expand a flock for the following breeding season. Targeted hatches can be done because one knows where to fill in from the spring hatch. Also, don't forget that summer hatched pullets will fetch a good price in January as people are looking for birds to round out their flocks.

Best wishes to all this summer!

John W Blehm ~ Secretary/Treasurer



- From an email on 4/28, regarding David Waldrop, from Mississippi:
*"David's health had been slowly going down for the last two years and he passed away on April 17. David "fought a good fight and kept the faith". He enjoyed following your Ameraucana Clubs, learned a lot and taught others locally about this breed and how to keep the blood lines clearly defined.
Sincerely, Luanne Waldrop"*

- Our newest Ameraucana Handbook is being printed and I should have copies in the mail to every member very soon. First time new club members will receive one when they join. Extra copies can be ordered thru me and eventually I'll add them to our site's Ameraucana Merchandise page.

- This is an election year. Let me know by October 1st if you would like to run for one of the club offices. The qualifications and responsibilities are outlined in our constitution. So far Beth Curran, Jeanette Frank & Russ Blair are running for the Director jobs, Gina Neta is running for Secretary/Treasurer and I'm running for President.

- The ABA has secured the rights to republish Ralph Sturgeon's book, *Start Where You Are With What You Have*. It is \$10 thru them.

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- This was posted on our [Ameraucana Forum](#) last month, but in case you missed it the board of directors has agreed to put up \$1,390 in cash awards for our 2016 Ameraucana National Meet, plus \$200 in ribbons & rosettes in junior competition. This is on top of any awards offered by our members, bringing the total to over \$1,900 as of today!

The hosting show club will give us \$200 again for entering 100 or more birds. That will be designated toward rosettes and ribbons in Jr competition. Every kid entering an Ameraucana will be offered a yellow exhibitor ribbon or higher award(s) for certain wins.

There is already \$320 in cash awards this year from members (Royce Van Blaricome, Russ Blair, Robert Rennolet & Mike Gilbert), some of which was unclaimed last year due to varieties not shown. Please feel free to contact me with any more donations, whether designated for specific wins or to be used as per consensus of the club board. It would be nice to have \$20 for Jr BB LF, since we already have \$20 for Jr BB bantam and \$10 for RB wins.

Only Ameraucana Alliance Members, with paid memberships before judging begins, are eligible for these Open Show awards from our club & it's members.

Some members prefer cash and some prefer trophies of some sort. Open show winners have the choice of either cash or non-cash for club sponsored awards. Dollar amounts are associated with each win and each winner may decide whether to receive the cash or a non-cash (hardware) award, such as a plaque, rosette, coaster, etc. of fairly equal value with shipping figured in. This gives winners the option and by having non-cash awards made after the meet the winner's name can be included in custom designed awards.

Both member and Non-member junior competition winners are eligible for Rosettes and Ribbons offered by the Ameraucana Alliance.

Eggs entered into the egg judging contest become the property of the Ameraucana Alliance. The complete list of awards will be in the Fall Newsletter. Remember Oct. 15th, in Lebanon, Indiana.

- As I work this weekend putting together this newsletter I've received many emails from members about the Ameraucana Breeders Club dragging my name thru the mud again. Many fanciers just see it all as what they call drama and politics. They are partially right. It doesn't seem to be about the Ameraucana chickens we breed and exhibit, but it still has to do with our Alliance...the club we belong to, so it can't be totally dismissed. Some of what has been said on Facebook has been posted on our Ameraucana Forum to keep all informed and it gives us a chance to address many of the accusations. Please feel free to ignore it all. Our Board of Directors will deal with it. If you have questions of me, please post them on our forum for all members to see my replies. I don't want to fuel their fire, but also we need to continue to be transparent and honest.

- I asked Jerry Segler for some breeding history to include in our new Ameraucana Handbook. I forwarded his reply to Mike Gilbert and much of it was used in his [HISTORY OF THE AMERAUCANA FOWL](#). Jerry's original reply follows...

I got my bantam start from Ralph Brazelton as started chicks shipped to me. Whites and silver / white mixes. I bought a white cock with white legs at a sale. He was also from Brazelton I used him to get the yellow out of the legs leaving slate. I met Ralph at a show in Springfield IL once. A couple of other times also . He raised Orpingtons also. He had some LF whites that had white legs and looked like white Orpingtons with beard and pea comb. Really nice guy that had the Colonel Sanders type white beard and mustache. The silver mixes were from a white cock and silver hens . He no longer had a silver cock . Due to the white cock none had salmon breast. I crossed to silver Duckwing OE to bring back the color.



I used the whites on black OE to start the blacks. Blue popped up in that cross so the whites carried blue. I later added black Belgian D'Anvers to the black. Jim Tuckwood got some blacks from me and I believe you got some blacks from him. So you helped spread them around.

Brown reds were started from a brown red EE bantam hen that looked OE. White ear lobes and no beard. Tried to get blacks from them but kept only black ER chicks. Did not know about extended black at the time. So ignorance helped create brown reds. Saw some brown red OE at a show and realized what color I had. Added brown red OE to the mix to set the color. Mike took a liking to the brown reds and kept them going when I had employment problems in the 80's.

Beth Curran ~ Director of Club Meets

Greetings, friends! 2016 is flying by, can't believe it's almost Summer. June 1st gets mixed reviews here: it's the last day of school and Walker is looking forward to having more time with his birds (YAY!), and the first day of hurricane season (boo-hiss). With warmer weather has come the usual visitors. While catching birds for the NPIP tester I encountered the first snake of the season. I can say they literally heard me scream in Raleigh, lol, because she was on the phone with her home office at the time. Last week I found a rat snake in the bantam barn, a big fellow more than capable of eating a small bird, so he now resides elsewhere. I don't discourage the smaller ones, though, since they seem to find copperheads even more tasty than eggs. ;-)



Speaking of eggs, this has been one frustrating year. Only about a third of the flock was laying when I needed them to be, and of the eggs I did get my hatches were terrible. I still managed to end up with a handful, including some blue LF for the first time, and I have a couple of broodies still setting. Fingers crossed as we enter hot weather - it is always so hard on the young birds.



Meanwhile we were able to break the show drought with a trip up to Smithfield for the Cape Fear show. I am always amazed at how such a small club can put on such a nice show year after year - what an awesome bunch! In the junior show, Walker won BB and reserve AOCCL with a bantam wheaten cock bred by Jeff Sonsalla, and RB with a bantam silver cock we bred out of some of John's birds. In open I had the only bantam, a silver hen, and the only LF buff, with the cock going BV and the hen RV.

Unfortunately, the Southern Hospitality show in Greensboro, NC had to be postponed due to renovations to the building not being completed in time. It has been rescheduled for December. This is a really great show as well, and they go all out with a big home-cooked breakfast that is unequalled. Mark our calendars for

December 17th and take a break from Christmas shopping to enjoy some good food and fellowship!

Check out the meets on our website, and if you don't see your favorite show listed, let me know and I can fix that. ;-) I try to only request meets for shows I know members plan to attend, so as not to make unnecessary work for show committees, but every member has the right to request a meet at any APA/ABA sanctioned show, and it's easy to do, all I need is your name, the name and date(s) of the show, and contact information for the host club. Just remember to get your meet requests to me in time to be placed and published in the newsletter preceding the show.

Have a safe & fun summer, and I hope to see you at nationals in October!
Beth



Walker & Tickles, one of my F2s from the buff project

Jim Fegan ~ Director

I'm looking forward to the possibility of being semi retired come the end of June.



Mike Gilbert ~ Director of Recruitment & Promotion



Not much to report this quarter from the sunny hills of western Wisconsin. We are gearing up for our local Coulee Region Poultry Club show on June 4th, which is hosting a club meet of Ameraucana Alliance. At this point I don't have exact numbers, but I did notice a good number of folks entering Ameraucanas in both large fowl and bantams. We will have a full report for the next newsletter.

I do have a progress report on my attempt to create a line of gold based (S locus = s instead of S - silver) black Ameraucana bantams. Some of you may know I acquired a nice black cockerel from Russ Blair at our national meet in Lebanon, Indiana, last October. I would assume he is a close relative of the cockerel that took reserve bantam of the entire show for Russ, as the type is very similar. My plan was to cross him onto an all black pullet out of brown red breeding; she would obviously be gold based. As suspected I got solid black pullets and nearly all the cockerels had leakage of silver or amber. That confirmed what I suspected, i.e., the black male from Russ was SS (pure silver). As of this date, there is one young cockerel that has, so far, remained totally black with no leakage. He is Ss, split for silver and gold. The next step is to mate him back to his mother and one or two of his better sisters. If I get a couple of cockerels with just a little red leakage from the mother/son mating, that will indicate they are ss, or pure for gold. That is what I want. All pullets hatched from those males will be s-, hemizygous for gold. Remember, the S/s locus is carried on the sex-linked chromosome, so females only get one while males get two. After that it will be just a matter of raising many more birds and selecting males as breeders with no red leakage. So why bother? I feel that with gold based blacks it is possible to get better green sheen and better undercolor, especially in male birds. Time will tell if that holds true over the long run. I relate all this to give the reader a little insight into what goes into the breeding-for-improvement process. You need a definite goal in mind, you need a plan to achieve that goal, and you need to dedicate a number of years to following through. It would also be helpful to have a Plan B, but in this case I don't have one. On the other hand, the little black hen I'm using out of brown red breeding is a steady, persistent layer of nicely colored blue eggs and has nice type. Now I just have to keep her and the young cockerel alive and healthy until next breeding season.

In other news, as noted on the Forum, I had a nice visit with one of our early breeders of Ameraucana bantams. Randy Buske has not shown in a good number of years, but still was raising those nice White Ameraucana bantams. He is selling his place and will have no way of keeping livestock anymore, so he brought me his last ten bantams. We had a great 3 1/2 hour visit, ate some of Mary's freshly made rhubarb cake, and he caught me up with what has been going on in his life. It is always so rewarding to reconnect with old friends. We agreed to stay in touch.

Ameraucana Meet Report

Cape Fear Spring Show

Springfield, NC - 3/12/2016

1 bantam by 1 exhibitor, judge: Melody Jonas

BB, BV - silver H by Beth Curran, out of 1

8 LF by 4 exhibitors, judges: Daniel Dysart, D. Jonas

Ch AOSB, **BB**, BV - black H by non-member, out of 4

Reserve AOSB, **RB**, RV - black C by non-member

BV blue H by non-member, out of 2

RV blue H by non-member

BV buff C by Beth Curran, out of 2

RV buff H by Beth Curran

4 junior bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge: Melody Jonas

RB, BV - silver C by Walker Curran, out of 2

RV - silver H by Walker Curran

R AOCCL, **BB**, BV - wheaten C by W. Curran, out of 2

RV - wheaten H by Walker Curran

3 junior LF by 2 exhibitors, judge: Melody Jonas

BB, BV - black H by Walker Curran, out of 3

RB, RV - black H by non-member

Gina Neta ~ Director



Spring means lots of little chicks hatching and growing around our farm. This is my favorite time of year for raising chickens – anticipating the babies and watching them grow. I especially enjoy watching hens raise chicks the way mother nature intended. I have learned a lot about collecting and setting, hatching and raising but to watch an old pro like a broody hen take on this task with such proficiency and ease, I realize I am still very much a novice and have a lot to learn.

Case in point: I put together a small breeding group of white Ameraucanas earlier this year and began collecting eggs. During this time one of my bantam Cochin hens went broody, and she was quite determined to carry out her plan. Towards the end of the period of collecting eggs, I looked at her again while receiving several threatening pecks on my hand as I took away her pen-mates' eggs she was sitting on and thought: why not? So I shook my finger at her and gave her a stern lecture about how these particular eggs were important to me and so she better not screw it up! I gave her 5 of the nice blue eggs and cordoned her off in her own protected area. I set the remaining 15 eggs in my table top incubator on an automatic turner where I can carefully monitor and adjust temperature and humidity and the countdown began. Three weeks later the Cochin, seemingly with ease and without breaking a sweat, hatched all five eggs and today has a brood of happy healthy (although very people-wary) chicks under her excellent care. I would love to follow this up by reporting similar results with the eggs under my careful tutelage but alas, I cannot. Five of the fifteen eggs hatched under my watch - officially titling the Cochin a show off and a braggart.

My hatches this year have been all over the board in terms of success. Some batches hatched great, and others hatched quite poorly. I always evaluate things like the overall health of my breeder birds, their diet, genetics, and my general husbandry practices. I believe I've checked all the boxes and have addressed each of these areas adequately but as many of you know...we can still get unexpected results.

As we watch our chicks grow and have our eyes on the special individuals – those that stand out from the rest - remember to put October 15 on your calendar for our Ameraucana Alliance National Meet and feature the best of the best for all of our viewing pleasure. If I've met you before – I can't wait to see you again. If I've not met you yet – I am looking forward to talking chicken with you.



*Here is the inspiration for my report
Those are White Ameraucana chicks*

Ameraucana Meet Report

Washington Feather Fanciers Spring Show

Monroe, WA - 3/19/2016

11 bantams by 3 exhibitors, judge: Steve Batey

BB, BV - black H by Karen Carpenter, out of 4

RV - black H by non-member

BV - blue K by Karen Carpenter, out of 2

RV - blue P by non-member

RB, BV - blue wheaten H by non-member, out of 1

BV - white C by Karen Carpenter, out of 1

Best AOV, BV - splash K by Karen Carpenter, out of 2

RV - splash P by Karen Carpenter

BV - lavender H by Karen Carpenter out of 1

16 large fowl by 4 exhibitors judge: Tony Albritton

RB, BV - black P by Karen Carpenter, out of 2

RV - black P by Karen Carpenter

BV - blue H by Karen Carpenter, out of 3

RV - blue K by Karen Carpenter

BV - blue wheaten P by R. Van Blaricome, out of 5

RV - blue wheaten C by Royce Van Blaricome

BV - wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome, out of 3

RV - wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome

R AOSB, **BB**, BV - white H by non-member, out of 3

RV - white P by non-member

SANDY SHELLS by Sue Paolini



There was a discussion on the forum about porous or sandy shells, and having not at that point experienced it, I was rather interested in the phenomena. Shortly afterward, I did find a black Ameraucana that gave me sandy or rough or porous shells when I was checking eggs for the incubator. While they have many nicknames, they always have the same distinctive appearance: the ends of the shells, usually both but sometimes just one end, look like bits of sand was caught into the egg while it was gestating. It gives a very rough appearance and should be tossed or eaten, but definitely not incubated, as this shell is not as protective as a typical smooth shell against airborne disease.

Luckily sandy shells are recessive. They have the genetic signature of -PO- for porosity but there is no chicken calculator that will help here. Instead, if you have a hen that lays a sandy shell, whether bought or bred, the remedy is the same: rehome her or at least do not use her eggs as it could lead in the worst case, to a whole bad hatch.

While it is true that one of the cockerels may be carrying the PO signature as well, unless it rears its head and a sandy shell appears, there is little to worry about. May all your eggs be smooth.

Why Batteries? by Sue Paolini

Battery brooders are expensive and so most people forego the cost. Perhaps this article, from Successful Broiler Growing by Edmund Hoffman, 1913, will convince you otherwise.

- 1. Batteries permit an assembly line production of birds, with the breeder knowing the definite number of chicks started that week and the ability to follow their growth far easier than floor raising.*
- 2. Coccidiosis and other diseases that spread through the droppings are not a serious problem; consequently birds do not get the usual setback and grow faster in less time.*
- 3. Chicks started in batteries grow more rapidly up to 12 weeks than those started on floors or bins.*
- 4. Battery raised birds tend to be more uniform, though Hoffman did not know why and felt more experimentation should be done here. He suggested it maybe a more uniform brooding environment.*
- 5. Battery raised birds have a lower feed cost than floors or bins, this was thought to be attributed to less waste.*
- 6. More birds can be raised per square foot in a battery brooder than on the floor.*

Why Floors?

- 1. Battery brooders are expensive while boxes and floors are cheap.*
- 2. Respiratory diseases occur more frequently because of the large groups in a small area.*
- 3. Labor requirements are higher because of more thorough cleaning is required.*
- 4. Battery reared birds are wilder and hard to handle.*

A good battery brooder should be well built and made of sturdy materials. Obviously easy to clean with an automatic water supply, adjustable feed and water openings and a very dependable temperature control/heating element. Battery brooders should not as a rule be kept in rooms that get cooler than 65 degrees at night and should not get much hotter than 78 degrees as battery brooders generate a lot of dust, and if the temperature rises to high, a fan for ventilation should be employed.

Humidity is always an issue with batteries as with chicks overall and for the first week, the humidity should be on the high side and as the temperature is lowered so should the humidity. Chicks in too dry a condition get a dull shrunken appearance, tend to grow slowly and have the great variation in the rate of growth and feathering. LED lights which run cooler than fluorescents, should be used to light the brooder room, but the room as a whole, should be on the dark side.

Have your chickens had their vitamin B today?

Deficiency symptoms can be mistaken for diseases

By Jeannette Frank Great Falls, Montana

(originally printed in Countryside May, 1985)

Right after the fair in August, 1980, I opened my chicken coop door one morning to let the chickens out to range and found one of my new Naked Neck pullets with her head twisted under her. My immediate reaction was ... "Oh! No! She's dead!"

She wasn't!! I put her in a cage and gave her a drink of water. Since it was a weekend and I was cleaning the chicken coop, I was close by and I made a point of picking her up often and stroking her long velvety-soft neck into the correct position and giving her a drink of water. That night I put her in a separate building thinking she would be dead by morning.



This went on for two days and nights and lo and behold she seemed to be normal. On the fourth day I put her back with the rest of the pullets. I really felt proud of my accomplishment. I soon found I would never want to use her for a breeder. She had what is known as B-1 Syndrome.

About one month later I found one of my 16-week-old Belgian d'Anver pullets with the same twisted neck. My efforts to help were in vain. However, the loss of this particular pullet spurred me into some research.

A couple of weeks later my son's 18-week-old Cubalaya cockerel developed the same problem. After conferring with a local veterinarian it was generally thought to be a virus of some sort. We tried massage and an injection of Terramycin. The cockerel continued to get worse. Nothing helped, and after 2 ½ days he died.

I continued to read anything and everything I could that might explain what could be causing this strange malady of my poultry. I ruled out what is known as limberneck because the cases were isolated and all the chickens were fed the same food. Limberneck is caused by botulism, or food poisoning. I also ruled out Newcastle Disease because this would affect more than one bird in a two or three week time limit. And so far in a two month span only three birds had been affected...two in one building and one in another building. The only real clue I had was what is commonly called "wry neck." I had known about wry neck for quite some time. It is generally associated with Silkies and generally is a recessive but hereditary gene. The adults may not show any sign of wry neck but sooner (or later) the offspring will.

Wry neck is a slightly to badly twisted neck. The bird looks as if it has stood on its head to get a different look at the world. Looks very uncomfortable, and probably is!!

Two weeks after the Cubalaya died my son's blue tasseled rooster started looking at the world upside down. Needless to say, I was ready to destroy the whole flock of birds. However, I proceeded stubbornly. In all my reading of books and magazines I thought I finally found the problem but it still didn't make sense since only a few birds had been affected. But I decided that lack of B-1 was the problem. I had read that lack of Vitamin B-1 was one of the major factors in "wry neck." Why only a few birds?? Same reason only some Silkies have wry neck...the recessive gene.

(I used to have nightmares of walking into my chicken house and having all my chickens looking cockeyed at me.) Well, I cried a little, gave the blue rooster a shot of Terramycin, cried some more, put the rooster into a cage with half a bale of straw and called another veterinarian and held my breath. How do you describe, via the telephone, an upside-down neck?

When the doctor called me back he confirmed what I thought and explained that it wasn't just Silkies that had the recessive B-1 syndrome gene. The doctor wasn't any more positive than I as to what would really help, but he was the first one who was willing to listen and try to help. What we decided to try was B-1 injections and B-1 vitamins.

It is now going on four months later and the rooster has only a slightly cocked head. Within eight hours after the initial injection he showed improvement. It has been a long slow project but it has been worth it to see him act like a normal rooster again.

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Since the above incident I have talked to several veterinarians, including the State Vet, and all have concluded that it can be a recessive gene brought to the surface by a lack of vitamin B-1...and it can affect any bird.

My son's rooster is still being treated with a vitamin B-1 tablet in his water once a week. I'll never use him for breeding but he doesn't care.

I also found another resource for my commercial feed. Read the label. Does it say "thiamin?"

Editor's note: There's more to this story: Jeannette originally wrote this (and sent it to Backyard Poultry) in early 1981. It wasn't printed because several advisors were uncomfortable with the vitamin B-1 theory and thought that limberneck or Newcastle disease were more likely.

However, in the more than four years that passed since she changed feeds Jeanette has not had any problems with her flock. What's more, she kept digging for more information...found it...and wasted no time in sharing it with us.

Dr. B. R. Cho, poultry pathologist at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, confirmed that a chicken which loses its ability to stand or sit upright and topples to the ground with its head still retracted, may be suffering from the vitamin deficiency. Commercial poultry rations should be balanced, but look for vitamin B-1 (or thiamine) on the label. Alfalfa meal, wheat bran, and wheat middlings are sources of thiamine, or more expensive brewer's yeast could be used.



*Vitamin B-1 deficiency
(from ThePoultrySite.com)*

However, because the vitamin deficiency causes an extreme loss of appetite, supplementing the feed may not be adequate for birds already affected. In this case oral administration of the vitamin is necessary. The bird should respond in just a few hours.

Dr. Cho added that an adult chicken can show signs of the vitamin deficiency after about three weeks on an inadequate diet, but young chicks will be affected in less than two weeks. The birds lose their appetites, lose weight, have ruffled feathers and leg weakness and an unsteady gait.

Countryside Daily/Backyard Poultry magazine is doing an online breed of the month feature and Ameraucanas will be spotlighted in July. They would like a "video and good pictures". If you have some really good photos to be considered please email them to John@FowlStuff.com before the end of June to forward to them.

Ameraucana Meet Report

NorCal Spring Show

Red Bluff, CA - 4/2/2016

31 bantams by 5 exhibitors, judge: Connor Keagan

BB, BV - black C by Debra Hogan, out of 19

RB, RV- black H by non-member

BV - buff K by Debra Hogan, out of 3

RV - buff K by Debra Hogan

BV - silver H by Debra Hogan, out of 4

RV - silver H by Debra Hogan

BV - wheaten H by non-member, out of 5

RV - wheaten C by non-member

41 large fowl by 5 exhibitors, judge: Connor Keagan

RB, BV - black P by non-member, out of 10

RV - black P by non-member

BV - blue K by Debra Hogan, out of 1

BV - blue wheaten K by Debra Hogan, out of 7

RV - blue wheaten P by Debra Hogan

BV - brown red H by Debra Hogan, out of 7

RV - brown red P by Debra Hogan

BV - silver K by Debra Hogan, out of 4

RV - silver P by Debra Hogan

BV - wheaten K by Debra Hogan, out of 3

RV - wheaten K by Debra Hogan

Res AOSB, **BB**, BV - white H by D. Hogan, out of 5

RV - white H by Debra Hogan

BV - lavender H by Debra Hogan, out of 4

RV - lavender K by Debra Hogan

Important Dates

Deadline for the next Ameraucana Newsletter is August 15th. Please have reports, articles, photos, ads, etc. to me by then.

That is also the date to request meets be placed by, thru Beth, for any shows that have an entry deadline after September 1st...the date the Fall Newsletter is due by. Request meets as early as possible & request meets at both shows when there are double shows.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account at Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI

Previous Total Balance as of 2/28/2016 =	\$3,229.51
Previous Checking Balance as of 2/28/2016 =	\$2,717.32
Income	\$1,240.00
E x p e n s e s	
\$137.01	
Checking Balance as of 5/29/2016 =	\$3,820.31
PayPal Balance as of 5/29/2016 =	\$401.29

Upcoming Ameraucana Meets - Go to AmeraucanaAlliance.org for updates

July 8-24, 2016

California Club Meet, requested by Debra Hogan
California State Fair, Sacramento CA
Contact: Nita Boatman boatman6@yahoo.com

October 1-2, 2016

Ohio Club Meet, requested by John W Blehm
Southern Ohio Poultry Association Show, Lucasville OH
Contact: David Adkins johndavid.adkins@gmail.com

October 8-9, 2016

Michigan Club Meet, requested by John W Blehm
Michigan Poultry Fanciers – [Fowl Fest](#), Birch Run MI
Contact: Matt Boensch mjwaterfowl@yahoo.com

October 15, 2016

Ameraucana National Meet
Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon IN
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December 17, 2016

North Carolina Club Meet, requested by Beth Curran
Carolina Feather Fanciers Assoc., Greensboro NC
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January 28-29, 2017

California Club Meet, requested by Debra Hogan
Pacific Poultry Breeders Assoc., Winter Show, Modesto CA
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Every new member has had a topic started about them on our [Ameraucana Forum](#).

It is in the Members Only subforum. You have to login to see it and to reply.

Many members have never logged in to our club's forum. I understand you may be busy, but if and when you have some time please login and let us get to know you. There you can find a little background on fellow members. I generally check out our forum a few times a day and suggest you check it out daily or maybe weekly...as time permits.

Quarterly Ameraucana Newsletters are nice, but our [Ameraucana Forum](#) is available 24/7!

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