

Ameraucana Newsletter

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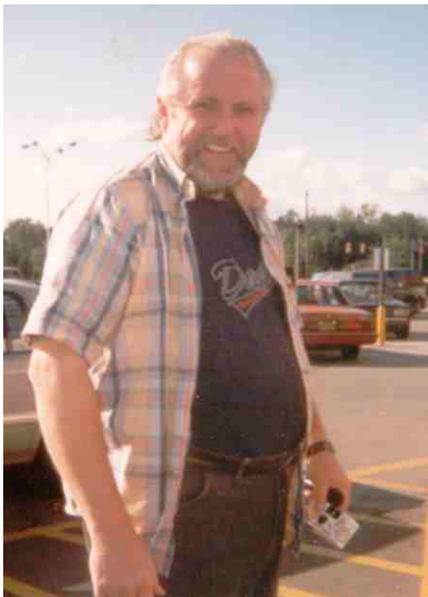
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Our 40th Anniversary! Celebrating and reminiscing...like going way back in time



Mike Gilbert, Jeanne Trent, Jeannette Frank, Bernard "Pop" Kellogg, Mary Lou Phelps & Don Cable
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"...The association has gone thru many changes in the past forty years. Today it is strong and thriving because of the leadership qualities of the officers..."
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Neil Townsend



Koralyn Kibbee
 1938-2011



Jerry Segler

Beth Curran ~ President

Greetings friends - hope this finds you all well. Things are pretty quiet around here this year. I had my right knee replaced in April, with the left one to follow the end of July, so I decided to forego hatching since the guys will have enough extra work with me out of commission without having to contend with babies. It's been frustrating for me because I want to be doing, working, getting things done but the they have been real troopers. Walker has almost completely taken over the care of the birds and Mike has pretty much done everything else. I've been blessed with a great family!

I have also been truly blessed with wonderful friends who have my back. They have stepped up to cover many (most) of my club duties. They have taken on quite a few of my birds to both lighten my load here and keep them in production to get as many quality birds on the ground as possible, and ultimately into the hands of people who need them. They have shared experiences, offered encouragement, and sent prayers. And they have offered me eggs and/or birds to help me get up and running again when I'm ready. There was no what's in it for me, no attempt to profit, just genuine cooperation, love and support.

This experience defines what this club means to me. You don't have to be part of a breed club to raise and show birds. Many people do so quite successfully without ever joining any. But for me, I'm glad I didn't decide to go it alone because, frankly, I'm not sure how I'd pull this off without the support of my amazing friends - I love you all!

Beth



Russ Blair ~ Director

Greeting's my fellow Ameraucana Alliance Members, I hope all is well at this time of publication. Perhaps your breeding season has filled your brooders with an overflow of abundant show quality Ameraucana this year? Unfortunately, this has been a very slow start for me with very few hatched so far. Last summer we had issues with our well and decided to have a pond dug for water consumption. In order to do this, I had to remove a 12 x 40 coop in order to fit the 1/2 acre pond and get the drainage correct. Which made me cut back to the bare minimum of breeders I wintered this past year. The good news is I am very close to having the pond filled, after a week and a half of non-stop pumping, which lets me begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.



I highly doubt I will have very many prospects finished for our National Meet in September. I don't think this will stop me from coming, I just may need to condition some of my breeders to bring is all. I still haven't heard for sure from the hosting club of

our National Meet if they are allowing us to hold another silent auction? I have tried contacting them twice and guess I will try again after typing this report. I am going to move forward in high hopes they will allow this. If you plan on attending our National Meet and notice some extra breeding quality Ameraucana in your grow out pens and would like to donate a few please contact me. You can do these two ways by emailing me at slicktree@hotmail.com or feel free to call me at (419)410-2613. I believe we may even accept Ameraucana related

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merchandise as well, or that is the hopes.

Even if you can not make it to our National Meet I strongly urge you all to get out and exhibit your best at any poultry show close to you. Better yet get out of your comfort zone and go experience one you have never attended. Remember as well according to our meet policy you only need an anticipated three Ameraucana exhibitors to request a meet. So be sure to also get your meet request in to Mike Gilbert prior to our news letter publication so everyone has plenty of time to prepare and attend them. I know this past April I did this very same thing for the Dayton Fancy Feathers Club spring show.

This was the very first time I have attended this show and let me tell you it was a very well ran show with a spacious show room. They had wide isles and single stacked cages, which I feel gives every bird the same opportunity to exhibit there best. In my opinion this would be a great show to host our National Meet some day. I believe we had an impressive turnout of 19 large fowl and 52 bantams entered, and an impressive 6 members exhibiting and another one attending for the fellowshipping. Kraig Shafer respectfully took BV BB and Res Ch AOSB with his LF White C, Jeff and Sherry Vance took BV RB with a LF Black H, Carol Straight took RV LF Black with a K, and Dante Pirouz had BV LF Splash with a P. In the Bantam class Jeff and Sherry's Black K really had the judges looking, but on this day I was the lucky one placing BV BB with a Black C and they ended up taking RV RB with their Black K. If anyone is interested in the full report with pictures please visit our Ameraucana forum.

In closing I would like to ask all of our members to keep Beth Curran, Neil and Donna Townsend in your prayers. Unfortunately, they are all going through some medical issues and could really use them right now. Also remember this is an election year and all the requirements for each elected officer are listed in our by-laws and constitution. It truly is our members that make our Alliance one of the greatest breed specific clubs out there. We have come a long way and I am very hopeful in where we are heading, so please get involved and I hope to see you all at a poultry show real soon.

Take care, and God Bless
Russ Blair

Ameraucana Meet Report

Florida Poultry Fanciers Association

Florida Sunshine Classic - Lake City, FL 1/6-7/2018

Blue card show:

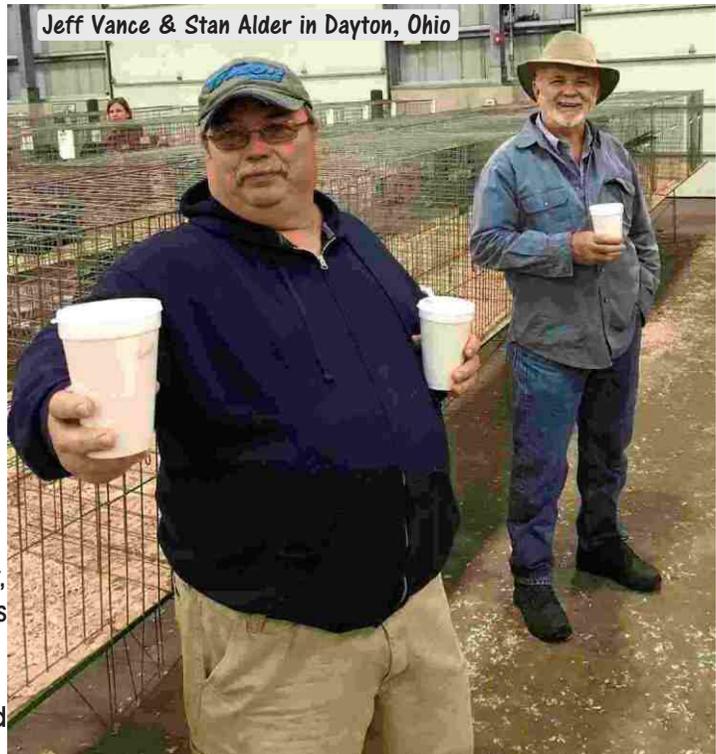
9 bantams by 2 exhibitors, judge Lewis Cunningham

BV self blue H by Rebecca G Howie out of 1

White card show:

9 bantams by 2 exhibitors, judge Mike Sayre

BV self blue H by Rebecca G Howie out of 1



Ameraucana Meet Report

Central Heritage Poultry Classic

Central Heritage Poultry Classic - Kissimmee, FL 3/31/18

Red card show:

2 bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge Terry Britt

BB, BV wheaten H by Rebecca G Howie out of 2

RB, RV wheaten H by Rebecca G Howie

2 large fowl disqualified, judge Danny Padgett

Gray card show:

2 bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge Danny Padgett

BB, BV wheaten H by Rebecca G Howie out of 2

RB, RV wheaten H by Rebecca G Howie

2 large fowl disqualified, judge Terry Britt

Junior Competition:

2 bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge Danny Padgett

4 large fowl (2 DQ) by 4 exhibitor, judge Danny Padgett

Jeannette Frank ~ Director

Forty years! Can you believe that? So much has happened in those forty years for both the Ameraucana breed and me personally.

I have watched the Ameraucana breed work to become a recognized breed both as a large fowl and bantam by the APA and the ABA and accepted by poultry people all over the USA.

I, personally, believe the gentleness of the breed is one of the factors that has helped make it a favorite, especially with the young people. I don't recall ever hearing about an aggressive Ameraucana. I know when I did keep Ameraucanas my youngsters never had a problem handling them.

The varieties of the the Ameraucana is an attractive feature. The dedicated breeders have done a lot to improve and develop the varieties accepted and some are working to add new varieties. I have found that when Ameraucanas are crossed with just about any other breed the color patterns are outstanding. And before you ask, No, I am not in favor of promoting cross breeding of any kind. It is just that I have seen so much I had to comment. I am all for keeping the varieties clean.

Have to admit the pea comb is a great factor in keeping Ameraucanas. Doesn't freeze for anyone keeping them where the wind blows cold and the snow piles high. And, likewise, in the hot and humid (or hot and dry) the comb is not a problem.

As for the egg color, it is always an interesting factor when people realize it is as sky blue inside as out. There again, when, crossbred it is a telltale sign when the egg is anything but sky blue.

The association has gone thru many changes in the past forty years. Today it is strong and thriving because of the leadership qualities of the officers and the members. The officers can work hard for the breed and the association but without the membership backing them what do you have?

I can remember some pretty lean years and at one time I was the sole office, Pres, VP, S/T and editor all in one. The district directors were pretty much non existent. Putting out the newsletter was a real challenge. I made up puzzles and quizzes and used the cut and paste method to put it together. I realize it is still a struggle sometimes to get enough articles but the newsletter is always a good read.

I have met some great people because of the Ameraucana. So many are no longer with us but without their contribution the association would not be as great as it is. Hopefully in another forty years the breed and association will be one of the greatest.

Jeannette Frank



Ameraucana Meet Report

Pacific Poultry Breeders Association

Winter show - Medesto, CA 2/2-4/2018

54 bantams by 5 exhibitors, judge Don Karasek

BB, BV black H by Debra Hogan out of 19

RB, BV buff C by Debra Hogan

BV buff P by Debra out of 4

RV buff C by Debra

BV silver H by Debra out of 7

RV silver C by Debra

BV wheaten H by Debra out of 13

BV wheaten P by Debra

BV white K by Debra out of 8

RV white P by Debra

BV splash wheaten K by Debra out 1

BV self blue H by Debra out of 2

79 large fowl by 15 exhibitors, judge Don Nelson

RV blue H by Celeste Rickette out of 8

BV blue wheaten C by Debra Hogan out of 7

RV blue wheaten H by Debra

BV brown red P by Debra out of 8

RV brown red K by Debra

BV buff K by Debra out of 8

RV buff H by Debra

BV silver C by Debra out of 7

RV silver H by Debra

BV wheaten K by Debra out of 6

RV wheaten H by Debra

BV white H by Debra out of 8

RV white H by Debra

Deadline for the next Ameraucana Newsletter is August 20th. Please have reports, articles, photos, ads, etc. emailed to John by then to be considered.

Mike Gilbert ~ Director

This year, 2018, marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of what has become our Club. We started out as the Ameraucana Bantam Club, morphed into the Ameraucana Breeders Club in 1985 after the A.P.A. gratuitously recognized Ameraucana large fowl as a breed, and split into two groups many years later, one of which is Ameraucana Alliance. So our roots go back 40 years. The details may be read in Richard Orr's history piece, and is supplemented by my own written history which is included in the current Alliance Handbook. We will celebrate the occasion at this year's Alliance National Meet at Portage, Wisconsin, come September 28-30. Make plans now to attend and participate.



Looking back over the past 40 years is a little painful for me, because so many friends who were Ameraucana supporters and breeders are living in a different dimension now. I won't say they are dead because their spirits live on, waiting for that day when all are raised bodily to meet our Creator face to face. But I miss them all the same. I miss fellow Wisconsinite and former country school teacher Bernard Kellogg's comical wit and some of his peculiar ways. I loved it when he took me to that special room to view his collection of 500 to 600 glass and ceramic "hens on a nest." I have my own, much smaller collection now, including one or two from his. Bernie was always a joy to spend time with. I miss Arne Schmidt, a gifted florist and vocalist from Minnesota who was so generous and kind with his time and his money. I miss Jeanne Trent of Michigan, who we first met at the 1983 Ameraucana qualifying meet held at the Ohio National. She would call several times a year and reminisce. I remember the last time I saw her, at a National Meet in Michigan where we each won identical sets of coffee cups in a raffle. I think of her every time I drink coffee from my one remaining cup. I miss Bruce Hutchinson, who attended Ameraucana National Meets in Iowa, and who would send me pecans from his trees in Alabama. So kind and generous. I miss John Wunderlich, a renowned poultry judge from the St. Louis area, who raised Ameraucana bantams for a time and was there to help out at the 1983 Ohio National. John sent me hatching eggs, totally unsolicited, from his prize winning Wheaten Old English stock. Those eggs proved to me that wheaten and blue wheaten chicks could have some dark markings in their chick down and still grow up colored to perfection in both genders. Too many others.

And there are those who were formerly very active in our club, but for health reasons are no longer able to participate. Don Cable, whose idea it was to form the Ameraucana Bantam Club, and whose drive and knowledge saw us through to both A.B.A. and A.P.A. recognition for the breed, is in a nursing home along with his wife. As Don once put it, we were "kindred spirits." His former mailing address in Orangevale, CA, is still embedded in my memory bank. It was Don who gently taught me the proper spelling is "cockerel" instead of "cockeral" when I was still new to the game. Mary Lou Phelps of Missouri, whose "Sweetie" bird, a wheaten bantam hen, won top bird at not one, not two, but three different national meets. On one occasion her car failed at the close of a National Meet in Iowa, and I felt bad I didn't have the mechanical skills to help. Thanks to Providence, Jerry Segler of Illinois was there and got her on the road again. Barbara Campbell of Kentucky, who with failing eyesight served as our Secretary for several years. She specialized in large fowl wheaten and blue wheaten Ameraucanas. Declining vision forced her to retire, but we miss seeing her and husband Dick. And many more.

There are others who have been inactive, but who we will probably see in Portage this year. My good neighbor Bob Walchak is raising Ameraucana Bantams once again this year and expects to participate. We only live about five miles apart, so we stay in touch. Our former secretary Michael Muenks may possibly show up as well. If he makes the A.A. Meet in Galesville, I'll make sure he goes home with some Ameraucana bantams to show in September. It would be great to see Wayne Meredith too, but I don't even know if he still lives in Wisconsin.

It is raining as I write this. My best friend "Bear," a chocolate Lab/Setter cross, is lying at my feet, having had a malignant tumor removed from his ear last week.

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I worry if the cancer had spread. And I ponder whether this year will be my swan song with the Ameraucana breed. I have given it 40-plus years; maybe it's time to let go. The breed is in good hands with our many current members.

Jensen Pierson ~ Director



I hope everyone is having a fabulous growing season for our 2018 hatches! While our last newsletter lacked show reports due to the time of year I am excited to see some of the spring shows hosting this amazing breed and breeders! Congratulations, not to just the winners, but to everyone that was able to participate. I am a firm believer that these birds will one day be a common sight on the champion rows at shows in the years to come. Already we have seen a vast improvement in this breed over the past 5 years. Keep the show entries coming everyone!

I wanted to give everyone a little glimpse as to what I have been up to this summer. Ohio decided to "skip" spring this year so I have been playing catch-up with my barn maintenance. I am currently working on fortifying my outdoor dog kennels to safely house my growing birds through the spring and summer months. One of the biggest hurdles with this setup is what to do about the flooring. I am always left with a muddy mess after birds have been in the kennels for an extended period. I have tried rubber mats, but it ended up with more work for me by scraping the mats clean every few weeks. I tried just a dirt floor with hay. The hay ended up clumping to the ground in layers and would not break down fast enough. This year I decided to try something new, rough chopped pine mulch. Let me tell you guys, best. Thing. Ever. It's heavy so the rain will not wash it away, and has a lovely pine aroma to boot! To top it off it will eventually return to the soil, so no need to shovel it out. It is also softer than gravel, which would have been my other option. A deep half foot bedding of pine mulch now covers the floor of my kennels. I will be putting them in all of my outdoor setups in the future. I have hope that the pine mulch will hold up to my expectations. Happy hatching and raising everyone!



Ameraucana Meet Report

Central Florida Poultry Breeders Association

Orange Blossom Special - Bell, FL 2/24/2018

Blue card show:

8 bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge Anthony Ashley

BV silver H by Rebecca G Howie out of 2

RV silver H by Rebecca G Howie

BB, BV wheaten P by Rebecca G Howie out of 6

RB, RV wheaten C by Rebecca G Howie

2 large fowl by 1 exhibitor, judge Tom Carey

White card show:

8 bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge Terry Britt

BV silver H by Rebecca G Howie out of 2

RV silver H by Rebecca G Howie

BB, BV wheaten P by Rebecca G Howie out of 6

RB, RV wheaten C by Rebecca G Howie

2 large fowl by 1 exhibitor, judge Anthony Ashley

Junior Competition:

2 bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge Anthony Ashley

2 large fowl by 1 exhibitor, judge Byron Stalvey

Awards list for Ameraucana National Meet

Wisconsin International, Portage, WI - September 29-30, 2018

Open Show Competition:

Champion Ameraucana Overall.....	\$100
Reserve Champion Ameraucana Overall.....	\$100
Best of Breed Bantam.....	\$100
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	\$50
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	\$100
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	\$50
Best of Variety Bantam (recognized & Best AOV).....	\$50
Reserve of Variety Bantam (recognized & Reserve AOV).....	\$20
Best of Variety Large Fowl (recognized & Best AOV).....	\$50
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl (recognized & Reserve AOV).....	\$20
Champion Bantam Trio.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Bantam Trio.....	\$20
Champion Large Fowl Trio.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Large Fowl Trio.....	\$20
Champion Display Overall.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Display Overall.....	\$20
Exhibitor.....	"40th Anniversary" Purple/Black Commemorative Rosette
Best Multicolored Bantam (Blue, Silver, Brown Red, Wheaten, and Blue Wheaten)...	40th Ann. Plaque by Mike Gilbert

Ameraucana Egg Competition:

Best Bantam Eggs.....	\$50
Reserve Bantam Eggs.....	\$50
Best Large Fowl Eggs.....	\$50
Reserve Large Fowl Eggs.....	\$50

Junior Competition:

Best of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette & \$20 by Royce Van Blaricome
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette & \$10 by Royce Van Blaricome
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette & \$20 by Royce Van Blaricome
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette & \$10 by Royce Van Blaricome
BV Bantam and Large Fowl.....	Blue "Ameraucana National Meet" Ribbon
RV Bantam and Large Fowl.....	Red "Ameraucana National Meet" Ribbon
BV Bantam (recognized & Best AOV).....	\$10 by Russ Blair
Exhibitor (other than BV & RV)....	Yellow "Ameraucana National Meet" Ribbon

☺ Only Ameraucana Alliance Members are eligible for these awards by the club and our members, except nonmembers are eligible for ribbons & rosettes in Junior Competition only.

☺ Eggs entered into the egg judging contest become the property of the Ameraucana Alliance.

☺ Some members prefer cash and some prefer trophies of some sort. 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 the winners the option and by having non-cash awards made after the meet the winner's name may be included in custom designed awards.

Ameraucana Meet Report

NorCal Poultry Association

Show - Red Bluff, CA 3/23-25/2018

54 bantams by 6 exhibitors, judge Steve Beaty

BB, BV black H by Debra Hogan out of 17

RB, BV buff P by Debra Hogan

RV buff H by Debra

BV silver H by Debra out of 8

RV silver H by Debra

BV wheaten H by Debra out of 12

BV white P by Debra out of 8

RV white H by Debra

BV self blue/lavender H by Debra out of 5

RV self blue/lavender P by Debra

62 large fowl by 9 exhibitors, judge Steve Beaty

BB, BV black H by Debra Hogan out of 9

RV black H by Debra

BV blue K by Debra out of 7

RB, BV blue wheaten H by Debra Hogan out of 5

RV blue wheaten P by Debra

BV brown red H by Debra out of 9

RV brown red P by Debra

BV buff H by Debra out of 5

RV buff P by Debra

BV silver P by Debra out of 7

RV silver C by Debra

BV wheaten H by Debra out of 5

RV wheaten P by Debra

BV white H by Debra out of 7

RV white P by Debra

BV self blue/lavender P by Debra out of 7

RV self blue/lavender H by Debra

Treasurer's Report

Checking accounts at Great Lakes Federal CU, MI

Previous Total Balance as of 2/24/2018 =	\$3,609.48
Previous Checking Balance as of 2/24/2018 =	\$3,380.14
Income	\$1,181.83
\$ 279.74 x p e n s e s	
GLFCU Checking Balance as of 5/28/2018 =	\$4,282.23
PayPal Balance as of 5/28/2018 =	\$31.95
Ending Total Balance as of 5/28/2018 =	\$4,314.18

Upcoming Ameraucana Meets

July 13-29, 2018

California Club Meet, requested by Debra Hogan

[California State Fair](#), Sacramento CA

Contact: Eunita Boatman (916)263-FAIR

(916)263-3149 entryoffice@calexpo.com

September 29-30, 2018

Ameraucana National Meet

[Wisconsin International Poultry Club – Wisconsin International](#), Portage WI

Contact: Steve Tone info@wisconsininternational.com

(608)371-WIPS

October 20-21, 2018

Nevada Club Meet, requested by Debra Hogan

[Northern Nevada Poultry Fanciers Association](#), Reno NV

Contact: Garrett Wells nnpfa@hotmail.com (541)921-0471

or (775)502-6782

November 3-4, 2018

Michigan Club Meet, requested by John W Blehm

[Michigan Poultry Fanciers – Fowl Fest](#), Birch Run MI

Contact: Matt Boensch mjwaterfowl@yahoo.com

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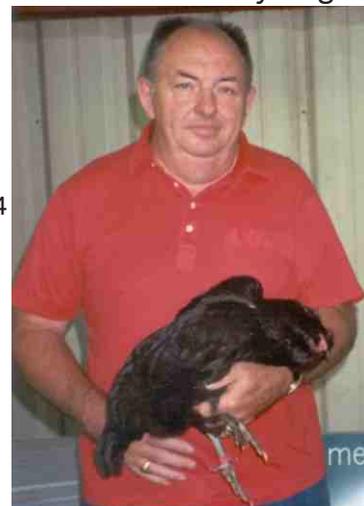
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