Ameraucana Newsletter

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A warm welcome to our new members!

Charlene Haste - Hidden, AR

Shylan Milligan - Foster, OK

Andi Vandevere Gentry, AR

Emilee Landrath - Rosman, NC Jim Wise - Lake Wales, FL

Anna Babst (Perez) - Mint Hill, NC

Leanne Talaber - New Brunswick, Canada

Erica Todd - New Braunfels, TX

President – Russell Blair



Greetings my fellow Ameraucana Alliance members and fanciers. As I sit to write this, I find it hard to believe how quickly this year has gone. When most of you read this our 2023 National meet will be well under way or in the history books? With the fall showing season ending for me I look back and am very grateful for the many blessings our lord and savior has poured out upon me. Not only did I get some pretty big wins at the DFFC and fowl fest shows but I got to see and meet some new friends along the way. That is the greatest gift I can receive in this wonderful hobby I find so much joy in. One new friend, Pedro Nunes Marques, travelled all the way to Chesaning MI from Brazil to meet some of the Ameraucana legends like Mike Gilbert and John Blehm. If you are unaware of what he is doing perhaps you should visit our forum and see how much Pedro has done for our

Ameraucana down in South America. The pictures of his "chicken coop" will make any poultry enthusiast jealous. Keep up the good work Pedro and thanks again for the shirt, keep an eye out for it in some of the upcoming National pictures.

I would like to also announce that this year's Lifetime Achievement award was awarded to our long-time member Stan Alder. Not only has Stan been a long-time member, but he has also worked very hard at improving the large fowl blues. Which will be pretty evident in Knoxville Tennessee if I were to take a guess? I could go on and on but most of you know as well as I do, how deserving he is of this prestigious award. I look forward to presenting it to him at our annual meeting. Congratulations again Stan, oh despite what you say you are most deserving of it my friend.

Ok now for the big announcement, if you haven't been on our forum that is. I am proud to announce our board of directors have decided on a venue for our 2024 Ameraucana Alliance National Meet. We had 5 bids come in and it made the decision very hard, so we voted to have two National Meets. The first meet, Ameraucana Alliance Northern National, will be hosted by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club September 28-29th at the Columbia County fairgrounds in Portage Wisconsin. Our second meet, Ameraucana Alliance Southern National, will be hosted by the Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Club November 2-3 at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center in Fayetteville Arkansas. Hopefully this will allow some of our members the opportunity to attend one of our epic national meets that haven't been able to yet?

I know I am forgetting a bunch of stuff, but such is life, I guess? I hope everyone has a very blessed Holiday and a very Merry Christmas. Be sure to take a few minutes to hug your loved ones or make that

phone call, even if you're busy. The one thing I know for sure is life is short and the revolutions around the sun seem to speed up the older you get. Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your President, take care and God Bless.



Director – Janie Vilá



Hello fellow chicken keepers. I really hope that this year has been a good one for all. I struggled yet again with raising my chicks this year so did not make quiet the progress I had hoped. I had been using a large zinc covered metal planter that I picked up at TSC and was using that for my hatches, which were great this year. I did not know however that when heated, Zinc emits a fume that is toxic and kills chicks within days. As a result, I lost chicks left and right. Sterilizing everything in between hatches. It was very frustrating and disheartening. So much so that I let more that one variety go. I have doubled back with some Bantams and hope to have some success with them.

This last quarter has given me a lot to reflect on as well. If it was not for the other directors and President, you would not have received last quarters newsletter as I lost my dad unexpectedly in August. I want to thank each and every one of them for stepping in and taking charge so that I could help my mom and my sister make necessary arrangements etc. I am incredibly grateful not only for the help to make sure that all of the members received the newsletter, but also for them checking in on me. Making sure I was okay. So, to Russell, Rebecca, Mindy, Jeff, and Mike, Thank you for your friendship and for caring.

I will say a million times that this club has taught me a lot about the word Alliance itself. ALL of us that are members, we are all doing this for the love of the breed. Those poofy cheeks and beards. The mannerisms of the birds are gentle and kind. Those beautiful blue eggs. What is not to love about them!

I attended the Dayton Fancy Feather Club show with my dearest friend Stacy Melton this past fall. It was cold and windy. But we camped and had a great time. The one thing that struck me the most at that show was the attendance of children exhibiting their birds. It was honestly something that made my heart so happy. These younger generations are the next generations of chicken tenders. They will go through their own life changes and possibly move away from the poultry world like my son William has, for a while. However, I have faith that they will rekindle their love of chickens and showing. We as their teachers need to always remind



ourselves to teach them kindness and grace in winning and grace in losing. We are the ones that shape these young minds. Let's teach them to be an alliance of folks as well. The last thing I want to mention about this Alliance Meet in Ohio is that it



was also the ABC national. There was a really nice selection of varieties to see there from our club and from theirs. There was a large number of really nice Blues, Wheaten, White, Black, Brown Red, Silver, and Splash in both large fowl and bantam. It was great to see Jerry, Stan, Alex, Russell, and to meet a few new faces of folks I have interacted with online but had never met in person. It brings me great joy to go as a spectator and help my friend Stacy get her birds ready to coop in.

Speaking of shows! I cannot wait to see how

folks do at the Ohio National!! While I am not attending, I did gladly give my time to help my friends, both seasoned and new bathe their birds to prep them. 31 birds were washed in a mere 24 hours. I wonder if I should start a chicken grooming service! I seriously hope that everyone gets there safely and has a fantastic time at this HUGE show. 11,600 birds entered. That is mind boggling.

Until next quarter, I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season as well. I am sure that incubators will soon be turned on and running, hatching next year's winners.



Director - Becky Howie



Hi everyone, hope your spring and summer plans for your flocks have progressed well and now those grow outs are looking like you expected and are ready for the current Autumn Show season. The season got off to a great start in October here and Landon and I attended the HOTOPA show in Fayetteville, AR. This a favorite of mine, held at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center and a very wellorganized show. Landon did well with a Reserve AOCCL for a Wheaten hen.

I just returned from the Ohio National show. What a good time I had! The show itself was really overwhelming and there were so many exhibitors I got to see, some old-time connections and many new folks I had talked with on social media and

finally got to meet. I rode there with Tracy Buck, who is part of the Self Blue bantam group who were

attending their first qualifying meet to get the Self Blue bantam accepted by the APA. I am happy to report they did very well at the show and the judge gave them valuable feedback about their birds. The next qualifying meet will likely be in Shawnee, OK in 2024.

Rachel Dunn, a youth member, who chose to show in the Open class had the Best of Breed with a stunning Black hen. Congratulations Rachel, great job breeding, conditioning and showing your lovely hen! She also won RV with a Black bantam cockerel.

My own Blue Wheaten pullet was Reserve of Breed, so I am feeling pretty proud of her.

Another bit of really big news was the Splash Variety of Ameraucana were accepted by the APA after a very successful showing of Splash LF at the Ohio Nationals. Congratulations to all the dedicated breeders who have done a wonderful job of standardizing the beautiful Splash variety.

By the time this Newsletter arrives many of us will be in Knoxville, TN for the Ameraucana Alliance National, held at the Dixie Classic Poultry show. That is the big one of the year, a real gathering of Ameraucana Alliance members, the usual competition for top honors, raffles and as always a Silent Auction of high-quality stock to add to your breeding program and a start on a new variety to expand your poultry addictions!



It's renewal time for those whose memberships expire on December 31 of this year. I am sending out reminders via email and post cards to members who get hard copies of the Newsletter. If you or your children are collecting points, it is especially important to keep your membership in good standing to retain all the points accumulated to the end of 2023. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. If you did not receive an email or card, your membership is still good through 2024.

May your Holiday Season be filled with lots of love and warm memories to cherish in the years to come.

Director - Jeff Sonsalla



Winter is almost here again. We had one cold snap from the end of October into the beginning of November, but otherwise it has been fairly mild here in Wisconsin so far. It looks like the cold weather will be here in time for deer hunting and Thanksgiving though.

The Alliance account balance is doing well. It is good to see new members joining each month. The treasurer's report is in the later pages of this newsletter.

My smaller flock has been doing well. I had some trouble with gnats in June, but they have been good since. I currently have only large fowl Wheaten and

Blue Wheaten, bantam Wheaten and Blue Wheaten and bantam Brown Red.

Now is the time to settle in for winter as well as getting the breeding pens ready for the next hatching season. Hopefully this next hatching season will be a good one. I am looking forward to seeing little Ameraucana chicks fresh out of the incubator again.

It is exciting that our National meet in Knoxville, Tennessee is almost here. There will be many Alliance members and Ameraucana to see. The Ameraucana National is always a great time. I recommend all members to try and make it if possible.

Wishing everyone a quiet winter, a Merry Christmas, and a successful hatching season in 2024.

Director - Mindy Waters



Dear fellow Ameraucana fanciers,

I hope you are all well. I have been enjoying the Ameraucana photos posted from shows all over the country. It seems many are having quite the show season. That is so exciting for the breed! It makes me happy to see so many getting out there and showing off these wonderful birds.

I decided to take a break from showing this fall to spend more time focusing on my family and my gardening adventures. I grew over 150 dahlia plants this year and

live in a zone that requires digging them up at the end of the growing season before the ground freezes and kills the tubers. So, after a successful 10 days of deer hunting with my husband and kids, and a few more days spent processing venison for the freezer, I began digging up tuber clumps and moving them to our well pump house. I am about half-way done with the dividing process and putting them into storage containers with vermiculite. They need to be stored at around 40-50 degrees all winter. Before this year, I had always thought dahlias were too high maintenance for me. I was probably right about that, but I'm still planning to expand next year! They are so beautiful and for now, I am enjoying my new passion.

As for the birds- my Ameraucana grow outs are looking nice so far and I'm looking forward to our spring shows here in Washington. We will be having a double show on March 16th in Monroe, and I have requested meets for that show. I may also request a meet for the CRPE show in April in Stevenson if I'm able to attend. I really hope we see a good turnout of Ameraucana chickens from all over the Pacific Northwest! Please let me know if you have any questions about exhibition or about these shows. I would be glad to help you get started if you're unfamiliar with showing poultry.

In other news, the board of directors have voted to close our Ameraucana Alliance members only MeWe group due to inactivity. The platform was not user friendly, and many members did not find it beneficial. The group has been removed from the MeWe platform. We will continue to use the website forum, as well as the open Facebook group in the future. We have also created a subcommittee to address the rules of the Facebook group and how we enforce them. If you have any recommendations or concerns, we welcome you to reach out about this topic.

I cannot believe it is December and the end of the year is quickly approaching. I wish everyone all the best for the holiday season. Spend as much time with your loved ones as you are able and make memories to cherish forever.

Warm Wishes,

Mindy Waters

Director - Michael Muenks



Happy late fall/early winter fellow Ameraucana Alliance members! Warmest Season's Greetings! As I write this article the Ohio National has just ended and splash Ameraucana have been accepted by the American Poultry Association (APA) in this their 150th year anniversary. As some may know, I was "banned" from poultry show travel in November as we were on grandbaby #1 watch. I am happy that grandbaby #1 arrived on November 11, 2023, and is named Maverick Michael Lepper. Being named after me was a surprise that made me tear up when they told me. It was my daughter and

sons-in-law's little secret for months and months.

I did manage to sneak to the Missouri State Poultry Association's fall double show in Sedalia, MO. It was a nice show this year although only Daniel Cook and I had Ameraucana in the Open Show. There were several shows that moved weekends to avoid conflicts with the 150th APA Anniversary at the Ohio National. The show was a bit smaller than normal, but it was a nice day.

I want to thank all the members who responded to my call for meet requests in 2024. We have never had so many placed this early. There are a few new shows on the list, and I was really pleased to get requests for a couple shows in California. There used to be quite a few meets in California. Getting meet requests at least six months prior to the show gives the best chance of getting the meet into the show catalog and advertised by the show club. I encourage all members to make meet requests for shows you expect to attend. Don't assume that another member is going to make the meet request.

I'm a bit relieved to be thinking about the 2024 breeding season. As you read this article I will have already had my pullets and hens on layer feed for 3 weeks and the early/late eggs in the incubator with a few chicks in the brooder. I have been working to "right size" my flock and keep a manageable number of breeds and varieties. I have a serious liver condition that has developed in the last six months, and I have limited energy most days. The good thing about the liver condition is that I have had to really evaluate breeds and varieties. Several are already gone, and I have the list of the next to go if things go downhill health-wise. It is interesting to think about which breeds and varieties one enjoys the most and those that one is keeping "because."

2023 was an interesting year here at Bantam Hill when it comes to Ameraucana. I have had to chuckle as I look back at what my plan was last December and where I ended up. I had hoped to have a brown red and silver year with Ameraucana bantam and large fowl along with getting at least one generation of ermine large fowl crossed with bantam. That was my intended focus. The silver and brown red work was a complete and total bust in both large fowl and bantam. I have a few to work with, but the hatches were terrible along with some weak grow outs that I ruthlessly culled. It was quite the year, and I completely missed my goal of having birds to share. I did have good success with producing the needed "tweener" ermine males and I've already hatched a second generation from them that are in the brooder. I am only keeping the "tweener" male ermines and taking them back to black bantam females from my black bantam line. I'm happy with the progress toward bantam ermine. I had a great number of black bantams hatch this year which was completely unintentional. I just wasn't having much luck with silver and brown red, and decide, "okay, it will be a black bantam year." For 2024 I plan to make it another brown red and silver large fowl/bantam and ermine bantam year. Silvers and brown red are tough nuts to crack, but I am determined to make some good progress. Silver and brown red are by far my favorite varieties of Ameraucana.

I had commented a few months ago in a forum that I saved eggshells and fed them back to my hens/pullets. I had a few requests for my process. Eggshells from raw eggs or boiled eggs that have been peeled are all cooked in the microwave until the outer membrane begins to brown. Usually around two to three minutes depending on how many shells I have and the power of the microwave. I let them cool a bit and then I put them in a zip lock bag, crush and toss the bag in the freezer. I use them as I would oyster shell. I know some people that use an oven to accomplish the drying/sterilizing process. I sometimes have piles of eggshells

when there are a lot of eggs and I'm feeding them to the dogs and chickens. They work great as an easy way to get calcium back into the hens that have thinner eggshells.

Another wintertime tip to help the birds on cold nights is to give them a bit of cracked corn or scratch grain an hour or two before roosting. A small bit of grain will keep their gizzards busy through the night and generate some warmth without messing up their normal daily ration of food intake. Which leads me to my closing.

As always, I close with my reminder to not forget to feed grit. Grit is a chicken's teeth. I am always amazed at how much they consume.

Meet Reports

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show - White Card, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH -October 7-8, 2023 68 bantams entered, judged by David Adkins RB, BV black pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 17 RB black pullet, by Jerry DeSmidt BV blue pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 9 RV blue cockerel, by Russ Blair BV blue wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 5 RV blue wheaten cockerel, by Russ Blair BV brown red hen, by Lindsey Helton, out of 6 RV brown red cockerel, by Russ Blair BV buff hen, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 6 RV buff cockerel, by Russ Blair BV self blue pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 5 RV self blue pullet, by Matt Boensch BV silver pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 3 RV silver pullet, by Russ Blair BV splash pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 2 RV splash cock, by Jerry DeSmidt BB, BV wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 8 - Champion AOCCL, Reserve Champion Bantam, Reserve Supreme Grand Champion of Show RV wheaten hen, by Jerry DeSmidt 60 large fowl entered, judged by David Adkins BB, BV black cockerel, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 16 - Champion AOSB RV black pullet, by Jerry DeSmidt RB, BV blue pullet, by Stan Alder, out of 15 – Reserve Champion AOSB RV blue cockerel, by Smantha Wulff BV blue wheaten hen, by a non-member, out of 3 RV blue wheaten hen, by a non-member BV buff cockerel, by a non-member, out of 2 RV buff hen, by a non-member BV self blue hen, by Stacy Melton, out of 5 RV self blue hen, by Stacy Melton BV wheaten pullet, by a non-member, out of 2 RV wheaten hen, by a non-member BV white cock, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 10 RV white pullet, by Jerry DeSmidt BV AOV ermine pullet, by Brian Bailey, out of 2

RV AOV ermine cockerel, by Brian Bailey BV AOV splash hen, by a non-member, out of 5 RV AOV splash pullet, by Stacy Melton

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show – Blue Card, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH – October 7-8, 2023

68 bantams entered, judged by Paul Monteith BV black pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 17 RB black cockerel, by Russ Blair BV blue pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 9 RV blue cockerel, by Russ Blair RB, BV blue wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 5 RV blue wheaten cockerel, by Russ Blair BV brown red hen, by a non-member, out of 6 RV brown red cockerel, by Russ Blair BV buff hen, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 6 RV buff cockerel, by Russ Blair BV self blue pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 5 RV self blue pullet, by Matt Boensch BV silver pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 3 RV silver pullet, by Russ Blair BV splash cock, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 2 RV splash pullet, by Russ Blair BB, BV wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair, out of 8 - Champion AOCCL RV wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair

60 large fowl entered, judged by Paul Monteith BV black cockerel, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 16 RV black pullet, by Jerry DeSmidt BB, BV blue cockerel, by Bruno Menarim, out of 15 - Champion AOSB, Champion Large Fowl of Show RV blue hen, by a non-member BV blue wheaten hen, by a non-member, out of 3 RV blue wheaten hen, by a non-member BV buff hen, by a non-member, out of 2 RV buff cock, by a non-member BV self blue hen, by Stacy Melton, out of 5 RV self blue hen, by Stacy Melton BV wheaten pullet, by a non-member, out of 2 RV wheaten hen, by a non-member BV white hen, by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 10 RV white cock, by Jerry DeSmidt BV AOV ermine pullet, by Brian Bailey, out of 2 RV AOV ermine cockerel, by Brian Bailey BV AOV splash hen, by a non-member, out of 5 RV AOV splash pullet, by Stacy Melton

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Junior Show – Green Card, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH – October 7-8, 2023 <u>8 bantams entered, judged by Brad Blankenship</u> BV black hen, by a non-member, out of 3 RV black cock, by a non-member BV blue hen, by a non-member, out of 1 BB, BV blue wheaten cockerel, by Gavin Bailey, out of 2 – Champion AOCCL, Champion Bantam of Show, Supreme Grand Champion of Show RB, RV blue wheaten pullet, by Gavin Bailey BV wheaten cockerel, by Gavin Bailey, out of 2 RV wheaten pullet, by Gavin Bailey

<u>2 large fowl entered, judged by Brad Blankenship</u> BB, BV black pullet, by a non-member, out of 1 – Champion AOSB RB, BV blue wheaten cockerel, by a non-member, out of 1

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Junior Show – Yellow Card, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH – October 7-8, 2023

8 bantams entered, judged by Tim Ballenger RB, BV black cock, by a non-member, out of 3 RV black hen, by a non-member BV blue hen, by a non-member, out of 1 BB, BV blue wheaten pullet, by Gavin Bailey, out of 2 RB, RV blue wheaten cockerel, by Gavin Bailey BV wheaten pullet, by Gavin Bailey, out of 2 RV wheaten cockerel, by Gavin Bailey

<u>2 large fowl entered, judged by Tim Ballenger</u> BB, BV black pullet, by a non-member, out of 1 – Champion AOSB RB, BV blue wheaten cockerel, by a non-member, out of 1

Michigan Poultry Fanciers Fowl Fest – White Card, Chesaning, MI – October 14-15, 2023 33 bantams entered, judged by Nate Rynish BV black cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 4 RV black pullet, by Russ Blair BV blue cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 4 RV blue pullet, by Russ Blair RB, BV blue wheaten cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 3 RV blue wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair BV brown red cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 3 RV brown red cockerel, by Russ Blair BB, BV buff cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 6 – Champion AOCCL RV buff cockerel, by John Blehm BV silver cockerel, by John Blehm, out of 5 RV silver pullet, by Russ Blair BV wheaten pullet, by John Blehm, out of 2 RV wheaten cockerel, by John Blehm BV white pullet, by John Blehm, out of 2 RV white cockerel, by John Blehm BV AOV lavender pullet, by John Blehm, out of 3 RV AOV lavender pullet, by John Blehm BV AOV lavender silver cockerel, by John Blehm, out of 1

<u>4 large fowl entered, judged by Nate Rynish</u> BB, BV black pullet, by Laurie Ashley, out of 4 – Champion AOSB RB, RV black cockerel, by Laurie Ashley – Reserve Champion AOSB

Michigan Poultry Fanciers Fowl Fest - Green Card, Chesaning, MI - October 14-15, 2023

33 bantams entered, judged by Mike Wasylleowski RB, BV black cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 4 RV black pullet, by Russ Blair BV blue cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 4 RV blue pullet, by Russ Blair BV blue wheaten cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 3 RV blue wheaten pullet, by Russ Blair BV brown red cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 3 RV brown red cockerel, by Russ Blair BB, BV buff cockerel, by Russ Blair, out of 6 RV buff cockerel, by John Blehm BV silver cockerel, by John Blehm, out of 5 RV silver pullet, by Russ Blair BV wheaten pullet, by John Blehm, out of 2 RV wheaten cockerel, by John Blehm BV white pullet, by John Blehm, out of 2 RV white cockerel, by John Blehm BV AOV lavender pullet, by John Blehm, out of 3 RV AOV lavender pullet, by John Blehm BV AOV lavender silver cockerel, by John Blehm, out of 1

<u>4 large fowl entered, judged by Mike Wasylleowski</u> BB, BV black cockerel, by Laurie Ashley, out of 4 – Champion AOSB RB, RV black pullet, by Laurie Ashley – Reserve Champion AOSB

The Mega Show, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Norman, OK – November 4, 2023 <u>4 bantams entered, judged by Jeff Hallbach/Bryan Shelton</u> BB, BV black hen, by Patty Williams, out of 3 RB, RV black cock, by Patty Williams BV blue hen, by Patty Williams, out of 1

<u>10 large fowl entered, judged by Jeff Hallbach/Bryan Shelton</u>
BB, BV black hen, by a non-member, out of 4
RV black cock, by a non-member
BV blue pullet, by a non-member, out of 2
RV blue pullet, by a non-member
BV white pullet, by a non-member, out of 2
RV white pullet, by a non-member
RB, BV AOV splash hen, by a non-member, out of 2
RV AOV splash hen, by a non-member

The Mega Show - Junior Show, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Norman, OK – November 4, 2023 <u>1 bantam entered, judged by Jeff Hallbach/Bryan Shelton</u> BB, BV black cockerel, by a non-member, out of 1

14 large fowl entered, judged by Jeff Hallbach/Bryan Shelton BB, BV black pullet, by a non-member, out of 10 RB, RV black pullet, by a non-member BV white pullet, by a non-member, out of 2 RV white cockerel, by a non-member BV AOV splash wheaten cockerel, by Kyson Cox, out of 2 RV AOV splash wheaten cockerel, by Kailynn Cox

Upcoming Meets

December 1-3, 2023

National Meet Dixie Classic Poultry Show, Jacobs Building - Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914 Contact: mummados@gmail.com, https://tvpoultryclub.com/handbook/ December 2, 2023

Oklahoma

Club Meet, requested by Patty Williams Oklahoma Mini Mega Show, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 615 E. Robinson, Norman, OK Contact: Richard Peter, Apajudge1009@aol.com, (405) 706-0484, poultryshowcase.com

December 9, 2023

Oklahoma

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks Oklahoma State Poultry Federation, Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, 1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, Ok 74802 Contact: oklahomastatepoultryfederation@gmail.com

January 26-28, 2024

California

Club Meet, requested by Nicole Rickett Pacific Poultry Breeders Association, Lodi, CA Contact: Denise Stevens, (916) 813-9692, DeniseStevens13@yahoo.com

February 24, 2024

California

Club Meet, requested by Nicole Rickett Greater California Show, Fresno, CA Contact: Sue or Alan Gallegos, (559) 855-3951, gcspf@netptc.net, Gcspf.com

March 2, 2024

North Carolina Club Meet, requested by Anna Babst Forsythe Fowl Fanciers Spring Show, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC Contact: James Eaton, Jr., (336) 279-6167, www.facebook.com/groups/222892614570457

March 9, 2024 **Arkansas** Club meet, requested by Laurie Ashley Backwoods Benefit Poultry Show, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Rison, AR Contact: Frankie Harper, (870) 461-0396, frankieharper657@gmail.com

March 16, 2024 Washington

Club Meet, requested by Mindy Waters Cascade Spring Show 1, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272 Contact: Emmett Wild, magpie.wild@yahoo.com

March 16, 2024

Washington

Club Meet, requested by Mindy Waters Cascade Spring Show 2, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272 Contact: Emmett Wild, magpie.wild@yahoo.com

April 20, 2024

Missouri

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks Missouri State Poultry Spring Show and Swap #1, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO Contact: Bernita Miller, 300 N. Franklin, Windsor, MO 65360, bmiller@iland.net, (660) 647-2427

April 20,2024

Missouri

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks Missouri State Poultry Spring Show and Swap #2, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO Contact: Bernita Miller, 300 N. Franklin, Windsor, MO 65360, bmiller@iland.net, (660) 647-2427

April 27-28, 2024

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Spring Show 1, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH Contact: Amanda Heitzman, amanda.heitzman@hotmail.com, (937) 681-6002

April 27-28, 2024

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Spring Show 2, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH Contact: Amanda Heitzman, amanda.heitzman@hotmail.com, (937) 681-6002

May 25-26, 2024

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair Saulk Trail Poultry Club Show #1, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI Contact: Amy and Lucas Gabbard, (517) 212-0824, Saulktrailpoultry@gmail.com

May 25-26, 2024

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair Saulk Trail Poultry Club Show #2, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI Contact: Amy and Lucas Gabbard, (517) 212-0824, Saulktrailpoultry@gmail.com

June 1, 2024

Wisconsin Club Meet, requested by Laurie Ashley Coulee Region Poultry Club, Inc., Trempealeau County Fairgrounds, Galesville, WI Contact: Jim Laatsch, JimSparky2000@yahoo.com (253) 241-9981

September 28-29, 2024

Northern National Meet

Wisconsin International Poultry Club, http://www.wisconsininternational.com/ Wisconsin International, Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage, WI Contact: Terry Lund, terry@prismglassworks.com, (608) 455-2318

October 5, 2024

Iowa

Club Meet, requested by Laurie Ashley Eastern Iowa Poultry Show 1, Benton County Fairgrounds, Vinton, IA David Boysen, davideboysen@gmail.com, (319) 572-1551

October 5, 2024

Iowa

Club Meet, requested by Laurie Ashley Eastern Iowa Poultry Show 1, Benton County Fairgrounds, Vinton, IA David Boysen, davideboysen@gmail.com, (319) 572-1551

October 5-6, 2024

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show 1, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH Contact: Amanda Heitzman, amanda.heitzman@hotmail.com, (937) 681-6002

October 5-6, 2024

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show 2, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH Contact: Amanda Heitzman, amanda.heitzman@hotmail.com, (937) 681-6002

November 2-3, 2024

Southern National Meet

Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Club, http://www.hotopa.com/ Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Club Fall Show, Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, Fayetteville, AR Contact: Jacob Bates, jakeab42@hotmail.com, (479) 965-5222

November 30, 2024 North Carolina Club Meet, requested by Anna Babst Forsythe Fowl Fanciers Fall Show, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC Contact: James Eaton, Jr., (336) 279-6167, www.facebook.com/groups/222892614570457

Membership Renewals for 2024



The Holidays and end of the year celebrations will be coming up soon. The end of 2023 is also the time to renew your Membership. I will send emails and post cards out the first half of November to everyone that is due to renew. Watch for them and don't forget to respond. I will not contact Members who are paid up to the end of 2024, 2025 and further. If you have a question about your Membership, feel free to send me a message via FB, the Forum or email at rebeccah@mac.com. Thank you!



Treasurers Report

Checking Account at Waumandee State Bank, Arcadia, WI

Previous Balances as of 11-15-2023	
Checking	\$2,767.37
PayPal	\$375.11
Total Balances	\$3,142.48
Income	\$250.26 memberships &
	name badges
	Total = <u>\$250.261</u>
Expenses	=\$64.98
	=\$14.58
	Total = \$79.56
Balances as of 11-15-2023	
Checking	\$3,062.92
PayPal	\$250.26
Total Balances	\$3,313.18

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Sonsalla - Treasurer

Newsletter/ Meet Deadlines

Newsletter Deadline

Have something to share in the Ameraucana Alliance Newsletter? Great! Email your ads, articles, opinions, stories, photos, etc. to janievila@hotmail.com by February 15, 2024. Please send ads, articles, opinions, and or stories in Word or Rich text.



Meet Request Deadline

If you have a meet request, with an entry deadline after March 1, 2024, email it to <u>Michael Muenks@yahoo.com</u> by February 15, 2024. Please request meets as early as possible. If there are multiple shows at the event such as a double show, please make a meet request for each show at the event.

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