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Ameraucana blue wheaten male – new ABA portrait

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New Member Welcome...

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Jane Knapp, Charlotte, MI
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Shelby Harris, Greenwood, IN
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Treasurer's Report

2/25/05 – 5/18/05

ABC Checking Account #22869, Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$1,734.07</u>
Income - Dues, Directories & Donations	\$419.00
Income – ABC Store sales-patches, shirts, etc.	\$88.00
Income – New Handbook ads & Donations	\$160.00
Income – Designated for National Meet Awards	\$10.00
<u>Subtotal,</u>	<u>\$2,411.07</u>
Expense - Postage,	\$93.00
Expense - Supplies & Printing,	\$32.84
Expense – National Meet Awards % Paul Smith	\$10.00
<u>Balance as of 5/18/05</u>	<u>\$2,275.23</u>

Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer

President's Report

FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN
by M. K. Gilbert, May 2005

Your secretary-treasurer, John Blehm, along with Michael Muenks and yours truly have been working as a committee to produce a new and updated version of the Ameraucana Breeders Handbook. Our supply of the blue-cover edition of 1998 has been used up. Michael has written several extensive, interesting articles for the new edition, John is working hard to edit, assemble, and produce it, and I have contributed a couple of brand new articles also. At this writing I believe Don Cable is working on an article as well.

We can always use good photographs that represent the breed and a specific variety in a positive and complimentary manner. Please submit any and all photos you deem worthy to John as quickly as possible. Digital is preferred because of the ease of transferring and reproduction, but all submissions would

be considered for inclusion. Be sure to include a brief description and to credit the breeder and/or owner. I don't think it's too late to submit a personal advertisement for the new handbook, with or without a photo, so check with John Blehm for details. It's a very good value, as it reaches the target demographic.

Although I don't spend nearly the time as formerly in perusing the poultry related internet websites, I have noticed that more and more internet users and advertisers are aware of the differences between standard-bred Ameraucanas and the so-called "easter egg chickens" that many hatcheries continue to pawn off on the unsuspecting public. Most of the time the hatcheries advertise them as "Araucanas" or "Americanas," and when they don't even spell the breed name correctly it's usually a pretty good sign that the seller is not offering pure stock. A much higher percentage of message board users are using the proper spelling than was the case even a few years ago. I believe our website, www.ameraucana.org, and the msn site "abcsharingplace" have served us well to educate the general public. So thank you Rita, Vicky, and John for providing this much needed service.

After an intentionally small January hatch our next chicks did not arrive until April 2nd this year. We are currently at about 200 chicks, with a new hatch scheduled for every weekend up until June 4th. The later chicks won't be ready for the National Meet in October, but they often turn out to be some of the best "keepers" for breeding the following year. Many of the late chicks are the results of ongoing breeding projects with few of them expected to be showable anyway.

The Minnesota State Poultry Association will be honoring our former member, friend, and director, the late Arne Schmidt, at their annual show in late October, 2005. Although this is only a week or two after our ABC National in Missouri we hope many of our ABC members turn out to help honor a super human being. Bev (Mrs Arne) Schmidt will be there and I suspect other members of his family will too. At the request of the host club, ABC Central District Director Teresa Brittnacher scheduled an ABC state meet since our national and district meets were already committed. The Minnesota club's show is very well organized and the people who run it are first class. We hope to see many of you at Sedalia on October 15th and again at Hutchinson, MN, just a short time later. That's it for now.

North Central District Report

by Teresa Brittnacher, Director, 5/15/05

Its not spring yet!!!! We've been having a very cold spring so far. The hens we let hatch eggs are losing chicks because of the cold and a lot are still not fertile. I got a nice batch of Wheaten and Buff and black Ameraucanas from John and there doing great. I've placed a State Meet at MN State Poultry Assc. Show in Hutchinson the last week end in Oct. Get any more requests in soon for this year. After the last news letter which by the way John does a great job on. I got a few E-mails on Ameraucanas, I love that keep them coming. Good hatching too all, And have a good summer.

Northeastern District Report

- no report -

Southeast District Report

by Beth Collier, Director, 5/25/05

This year has brought a busy and productive spring. We have culled heavily and have reduced our flock to only include our favorite breeds and varieties. Our hatching is going well and a new crop of chicks are in the growing pens. We have expanded our farm to include Icelandic Sheep and Cashmere Goats and have become a part of Tennessee's Farm Tour Project. Tour groups come in on busses and we demonstrate traditional crafts, like spinning and blacksmithing and we let folks see the sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, pheasant and peafowl (yes it is quite a menagerie). No one actually goes into our chicken houses, but just look at a few display cages, or at our large pheasant runs. The good thing is that we get paid for this! Another way to make our farm profitable (or shall I say *try* to make our farm profitable). We all have to think of ways to pay for our chicken feed!

So far the only show listed in our district is the one listed below. Let me know if you have others you would like to add. Volunteer State Poultry Club, October 15, 2005 in Dickson, TN (Yes I know this is the same day as the National, but it is my home show) Contact me for more information.

South Central District Report

by Paul Smith, Director, 5/16/05

Greetings from the South-Central District - home of the 2005 national meet. Angela, Matthew and I went to the Missouri State Show which was the Ameraucana state meet, held in Sedalia on April 16. Their facilities are very nice and more than adequate for our national. I felt a few fanciers were surprised to see so many quality Ameraucanas and one on champion row in each of the two judging's at the double judged show. It's a different poultry club that will be hosting our national meet, but I've been told a lot of the same fanciers will be showing. They will really be surprised to see a couple hundred top quality Ameraucanas showing from all across the United States on Oct. 15. Make plans to attend!

Michael Muenks showed 13 bantams. They were very nice and in great condition having come straight out of his breeding pens. Michael's white hen won BB in both judging's. His brown-red cock won RB in the first judging and his brown-red hen won RB in the second judging.

Michael also showed some large fowl Ameraucanas, along with Angela Stanley and Angela and I. Michael's silver cock won RB in the second judging done by Dwayne Jonas. Our blue cockerel was chosen BB and reserve AOSB in the second judging, defeating our black hen and black pullet which were BB and RB respectfully, in the first judging done by Art Rieber. Our black hen also won champion AOSB in the first judging. Angela Stanley's black hen won reserve black in the second judging. A total of 15 bantams, 13 in the open & 2 jr show wheaten hens shown by A.J. Buford, one LF jr. blue pullet shown by Amber Stapp and 16 LF in the open class for a grand total of 32 Ameraucanas were shown.

This was our first time to participate in a double judged show. It was quite an experience, fun to see how different judges saw the birds, and challenging to keep up with all the placings of the two shows being conducted at the same time.

Even though Sedalia is in our district it is still 526 miles from our place to the fairgrounds. While we were there, we managed to secure a block of 20 rooms at the Best Western Motel, on 3120 South Limit St. (South 65 HWY.) Sedalia, MO. Phone 660-826-6100. We have their meeting room booked from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for our annual business meeting on Friday Oct. 14. The Carousel Restaurant has great food at reasonable prices. They have agreed to serve us off their menu for our awards dinner party on Saturday evening. They have a large selection of food from soups and salads to choice steaks. An indoor swimming pool in the motel topped off the facilities to make the Best Western a perfect selection for our Ameraucana national meet headquarters. We will be leaving our travel trailer at home and staying in the Best Western. I bet I know where Matthew will be most of the time. I hope he doesn't turn into a fish! LOL!

The best & reserve variety awards (hand painted plates and mugs , respectfully) have been paid for. Angela and I sent a check to Areatha Mahan for \$256. Hal and Pam Marietta have made a cash donation to help with the national meet awards expense. Anyone, who desires to help support the Ameraucana Breed Club awards, may do so by sending it to: Paul Smith, 2257 CR 224, Gainesville, TX. 76240. There are still several other awards to purchase. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. John and Kathy Blehm have donated 10 ABC T-Shirts: Best & Reserve Ameraucana by a jr. Best LF Brown Red, Buff, Silver, AOV, Best Bantam : Brown Red, Buff, Silver & AOV.

Thanks, John, Kathy, Hal and Pam for your help with the club's awards. The club also needs items for it's annual raffle. Plans are well underway to make the Sedalia National Ameraucana Meet another great successfull national.

The 2005 spring hatching season is almost complete for us. We have one more incubator due to hatch. Even though it gets too warm for an incubator to hatch well - I just couldn't resist trying a few more wheaten and some of our blue and black show hen's eggs, so I set four hens which are due on Memorial Day weekend. As of mid May we have hatched a total of 922 Ameraucana chicks since Christmas - down several hundred from what we normally hatch in the spring hatching season. We didn't retain enough breeding females to fill our incubators. The one still due is almost full with help from Michael Muenks hens. Thanks Michael.

Much consideration was given to selecting a show for our South-Central district meet. I decided to try the Oklahoma State Poultry Federation Show in Shawnee, OK. on Dec. 10 & 11, 2005 again. Unfortunately, the active showing ABC members in the South-central district are scattered throughout the six state area. Angela and I were the only ABC members who showed at the district meet last year. There were several other members there showing other breeds, but didn't bring any of their Ameraucanas. Contact Steve Jones, 9677 Butler Lane, Poetry Texas 75160, Phone: 972-636-9093, e-mail: ghia4me@sprynet.com for a catalog. This is one of the best and the largest show in our district. Please try to support it by showing some of your best Ameraucanas.

May the Lord bless you with a great growing season.

Hope to see you at the fall shows.

Western District Report

by Koralyn Kibbee, Director, 5/5/05

Dear Ameraucana Friends,

Thank you, thank you to all of you that sent E. mails, cards, wrote get-well letters & so many calls.

Now that I've been given a 2nd chance on living, family & friends are so very important. And just the past few days, I've made it out to the chicken coop! There's not many birds left, Ameraucana's are still here, all the Old English and Brahma's have new homes.

If all goes well, I will be able to continue being your Western Director. I would like to put out the word, to anyone that may want to take my place, let John know.

June 4 & 5 we are planning a road trip to Filler, ID for the Snake River Show - will be good social event. I may take a white cock and a blue wheaten ckl. named Mr. Gilbert.

Correspondences

3/4/05

*Hi John – “been a gonna” send my dues – keep forgetting. Got the Bulletin today. Enjoyed it a lot. Nice photo of the shirts. Didn't know Bernard had died. Can't recall when I last saw him. Several times he came to the c-ville show and went with me to spend Sat. night @ Rex's mom's house. Can't believe how many new members. I'm so glad the nucleus is still here...I thought Don Cable's tribute to Bernard was good. All these new people have no idea how long & hard it's been. To be approved & some kind of stature. Anyway “we've come a long way baby”. My birds look beautiful. Always do in the winter, colder it gets – better they look. Not many eggs though...Paul Smith what a great guy we got in him. I'll for sure be @ Midland. The Nat'l – I really really want to. I'll start saving \$ now. I should have birds to show. God love you & Kathy, I do
Jeanne (Trent)*

March, 2005

Hi John,

*This is getting harder for me to remember what I paid and not. The time flies...Last year in July open heart surgery. That went good and made a few shows, had some fun meeting a few poultry people. Then Dec. 24 had a small stroke. This is coming along. Hope to raise a few mongrel chickens as they called our effort some years ago. They came a long way and still getting better. Have set 30+ white eggs and not one good one. I need new blood as old Mike is from Mike G. only 8 years he is still in good shape, looks fine but...Mike just hasn't done the job. Randy sent a ckl down...pullets are laying good...
Thanks,
John (Bashaw)*

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ming ABC Meets

Idaho State Meet, requested by Susie Winder
Snake River Poultry Show, Filer, June 4-5
Contact: John Klimes, (208)423-5808

Pennsylvania Special Meet, requested by Rita Johnson
Endless Mountains Poultry Show, Harford, June 11
Contact: Judi Sartell, buckwheat@epix.net

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Neil Townsend & Kathy Gratsch
Buckeye Fancy Feather, Canfield, June 11
Contact: Paul & Rhonda Simmons, (330)426-6870

Montana State Meet, requested by Paula Kellerman
Gallatin Co. Fair & Open & Youth Poultry Show, Bozeman, July 22-23
Contact: Sue Schockley – Fair Manager, (406)582-3270

Texas State Meet, requested by Paul Smith
Red River Bantam Club Show, Decatur, Sept. 24, 2005
Contact: Monty Fitzgerald, (940)644-5622

NC District Meet, requested Teresa Brittnacher
Wisconsin International Poultry Show, Portage, Sept. 24-25
Contact: Teresa Brittnacher, brittnachertk@netzero.net (920)864-2612

New York Special Meet, requested by Rita Johnson
Eastern NYS Poultry Show, Cobelskill, September, 25
Contact: Jamie Matts, mattsit@aol.com

Montana Special Meet, requested by Jeannette Frank
Montana Poultry Fanciers, Big Sky Expo, Great Falls, October 1-2
Contact: Koralyn Kibbee, singletreebantam@wmconnect.com (406)284-6978

Michigan State Meet, requested by John W. Blehm
Bay City Poultry Club, Midland County Fairgrounds, Oct. 8th-9th
Contact: John W. Blehm, john@chickhatchery.com (989)777-1234

ABC National Meet, placed by the Board of Directors
Southern Missouri Poultry Club, Sedalia, Oct. 15 (with ABC meetings the 14th)
Contact: Pat Johnson, hawkeye@positech.net (417)993-0099

Tennessee State Meet, placed by Beth Collier
Volunteer State Poultry Club, Dickson, October 15
Contact: Beth Collier, bethcollier@yahoo.com (615)789-5943

Washington Special Meet, requested by Barb Hoover & Lisa Cree
Pacific NW Poultry Association – Winter Classic, ? , October 22-23
Contact: Linda Gallacher, lgallacher@att.cnet (541)461-6647

New York State Meet, requested by Rita Johnson
Yankee Fall Classic, Syracuse, October 22-23
Contact: John Pierce, mapierce@usadatanet.net

Minnesota State Meet, requested by Mike Gilbert.
Minnesota State Poultry Association Show, Hutchinson, Oct. 28-29-30

Western District Meet, requested by Susie Winder
Boise Valley Fancy Feathers, Caldwell, November 5-6
Contact: Becky Stanton, mwstanton1948@aol.com (208)549-1785

Washington State Meet, requested by Lisa Cree
Washington Feather Fancier's Winter Show, Chehalis, December 10-11
Contact: Mike Dooms, mpdooms@localaccess.com (360)736-2751

South-Central District Meet, requested by Paul Smith
Oklahoma State Poultry Federation Show, Shawnee, Dec. 10 & 11, 2005
Contact: Steve Jones, ghia4me@sprynet.com (972)636-9093

Meet Reports

*BB=best of breed, RB=reserve of breed, BV=best of variety, RV=reserve of variety, C=cock,
H=Hen, K=cockerel, P=pullet, AOV=Any Other Variety,
AOCCL=All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams, AOSB=All Other Standard Breeds*

Eastern Iowa poultry Association, Iowa City, IA 11/26-27/04

State Meet, reported by Phil Shank

19 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Lewis Cunningham

BV black C by Al Nichols – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors

also BB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

RV black P by Jerry De Smidt – out of 3 shown by 2 exhibitors

BV buff P by John & Lois Bashaw – out of 7 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV buff C by John & Lois Bashaw – out of 7 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV wheaten C by Al Nichols – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV wheaten H by Al Nichols – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV white P by Al Nichols – out of 7 shown by 1 exhibitor

also RB

RV white P by Al Nichols – out of 7 shown by 1 exhibitor

12 large fowl shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Jim Adkins

**BV black C by Jerry De Smidt – out of 11 shown by 1 exhibitor
also BB, Champ. Ameraucana Over-All & Reserve Champion AOSB.
RV black H by Jerry De Smidt – out of 11 shown by 1 exhibitor
also RB
BV blue wheaten P by JoAnn Simon – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor**

South Arkansas Poultry Show, El Dorado, 4/2/05
No Ameraucana entries.

Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Show, Harrington, DE 4/2-3/05

State Meet, reported by Richard A. Barczewski

3 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Jerry Yeaw

**BV blue wheaten H by Jack Kiska – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor
also RB**

RV blue wheaten C by Jack Kiska – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

**BV wheaten K by Bill Gladhill – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor
also BB**

16 large fowl shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by Jerry Yeaw

BV black K by Larry Clionsky – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV black P by Larry Clionsky – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue C by Larry Clionsky – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV blue wheaten C by Larry Clionsky – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV silver C by Larry Clionsky – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV wheaten C by Jack Kiska – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV wheaten H by Jack Kiska – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

**BV white H by Camille Lewandowski – out of 7 shown by 2 exhibitors
also BB**

**RV white K by Larry Clionsky – out of 7 shown by 2 exhibitors
also RB**

BV AOV(?) H by Hannah Haller – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

Missouri State Poultry Association Show, Sedalia, 4/23/05

State Meet, reported by Bernita Miller

13 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Dwayne Jonas

BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown

BV blue wheaten C by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown

RV blue wheaten H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown

**BV brown red C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown
also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All**

RV brown red C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown

BV buff C by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown

RV buff H by Michael Muenks – out of 3 shown

BV wheaten H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown

RV wheaten C by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown

**BV white H by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown
also BB & Champion Ameraucana Over-All**

RV white C by Michael Muenks – out of 2 shown
15 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Dwayne Jonas
 BV black H by Paul & Angela Smith – out of 5 shown by 3 exhibitors
 RV black H by Angela Stanley – out of 5 shown by 3 exhibitors
 BV blue K by Paul & Angela Smith – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors
 also BB & Champion AOSB
 RV blue H by Paul & Angela Smith – out of 4 shown by 2 exhibitors
 BV silver C by Michael Muenks – out of 5 shown by 1 exhibitor
 also RB & Reserve Champion AOSB
 RV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 5 shown by 1 exhibitor
 BV white C by Michael Muenks – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

Dayton Fancy Feather, Greenville, OH, 4/23-24/05

State Meet, reported by Rob Sando

4 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Mike Wasylkowski

BV brown red C by Kevin Roy – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor
 also BB

RV brown red H by Kevin Roy – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor
 also RB

24 large fowl shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by Lewis Cunningham

BV black C by Kathy Gratch – out of 7 shown by 4 exhibitors
 also BB, Champion Ameraucana Over-All & Reserve AOSB

RV black H by Kathy Gratch – out of 7 shown by 4 exhibitors
 also RB & Reserve Champion Ameraucana Over-All

BV blue H by Larry Holmes – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV black H by Kathy Gratch – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV black C by Kathy Gratch – out of 2 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV buff C by Rob Sando – out of 1 shown by 1 exhibit

BV silver P by Charli & Brandon Patterson – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV silver K by Charli & Brandon Patterson – out of 4 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV wheaten H by Kathy Gratch – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

RV wheaten C by Kathy Gratch – out of 3 shown by 1 exhibitor

BV white H by Kathy Gratch – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

RV white C by Kathy Gratch – out of 5 shown by 2 exhibitors

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Club Notes

- Thanks to Susie Winder of ID for her generous donation toward publishing our new Handbook.
- The Ameraucana Breeders Club has a used Lexmark x83 all-in-one color copier for sale. Barbara Campbell used it as the club Secretary, but I don't need it. We are a non-profit club and it would be in the club's interest to sell it.
It is an ink-jet type copier, not a computer printer. We paid \$299.95 for the copier and \$39.99 for the 2 year extended warranty, plus \$30 tax. We are asking half the original price we paid for it - \$185 for the copier which includes a about three more months of the extended warranty, \$20 for 1 new black cartridge and about \$20 for shipping for a total of \$225.00. Barbara can answer questions about it: barbara@blueeggacres.com. The Board of Directors will consider bids from all members. Please contact Mike Gilbert or me with any offers.
- Where should we place our 2006 ABC National meet? We generally try to place our Nationals far enough in advance to include the info in the winter Bulletin. Members need as much advance notice as possible to plan their hatches so their birds will be ready to exhibit. 2006 presents one of those rare situations that the APA and ABA are holding joint National meets at the Crossroads of America show, in Indiana. There is a lot of work going into this show and it will be huge – one to remember. The group that is putting it on would like the ABC to place our 2006 National meet with them. At this point they are not offering any cash to breed clubs that place meets with them, but may have some money to offer later this year. As I recall they are only offering a table & chairs, and four awards. There are both advantages and disadvantages to placing our meet at an APA/ABA joint meet. We have standing bids from the Bay City Poultry Show, here in Michigan and from the Eastern Iowa Poultry Association. Now is the time to solicit a bid from any show club that you would like to host our National next year. Forward all bids to your District Directors, with copies to me, and let them know where you would like the National placed. All bids must be received by July 15th. The Board will then vote by August 1st and the results will be in the fall Bulletin.
- The ABC places meets at the requests of our members. Please contact your District Director to request a meet. Remember that according to our Explanation of Meet Policy, “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”.
- Our ABC Forum was "hacked" on 4/30/05, so we have started over. Please take some time to join. It is very easy to use and is part of our website: www.ameraucana.org. From any page on the website you can click on a link to the ABC Forum. For now we have all the discussions under the heading

“Ameraucana Marketplace”. This is the ideal place to buy & sell Ameraucana chickens, eggs and related items. Also, the ABC Forum is the place to keep up with what’s going on with the club. We’ll keep you posted with information about our upcoming National meet and where the 2006 ABC National will be. You even have the option to “Subscribe” to the Ameraucana Marketplace. If you do you’ll receive an Email letting you know every time a new message is posted, so you don’t have take the time to check it everyday.

- **Don’t forget the ABC Sharing Place:**
<http://groups.msn.com/ABCSharingPlace>. A friendly place to ask questions about Ameraucanas and just talk chicken.
- **It’s t-shirt weather! We have two styles in various sizes available.**
100% cotton preshrunk, black shirts with a 12” diameter ABC logo in white on front in sizes Small, Medium, Large & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12 each.
50% cotton/50% Polyester, natural (off white) with a 2 5/8” diameter ABC logo in brown on left front in sizes Medium, Large, & XL = \$10 each and XXL = \$12 each.
These are priced to move and the shipping is included! Make checks payable to John W. Blehm, 4599 Lange Rd., Birch Run, MI 48415.
- **ABC 4” diameter patches are \$7 each (only 8 left).**
Copies of the ABC Bulletins from the first six years, 1979 – 1984, are available for \$30.
Current ABC Handbooks are \$6 each (these were slightly damaged in the mail).
The 2005 Ameraucana Breeders directories are available, from the Secretary for just \$2 each to members.
Shipping is included with all of these items. Make checks payable to: Ameraucana Breeders Club and send to the Secretary.
- **As always advertising in the Bulletins is FREE to ABC members.**
- **All memberships are renewable on January 1st of each year. A membership form is available on the ABC website. We accept payment for up to two years beyond the current. Dues are still \$15 per Family membership, \$10 per Individual and \$8 per Junior. Make checks payable to: Ameraucana Breeders Club and send the Secretary.**
- **The deadline to submit articles, ads, reports, etc. for the next bulletin is August 15th.**