The idea for the “Ameraucana Breeders Award” was conceived by Don Cable and instituted, in 2001, at our National Meet, in Galax, VA. The club president decides on which member will receive the honor each year. Mike Gilbert was the president at the time and chose John Blehm to receive the first award, but before Mike presented it he was surprisingly presented with the first Ameraucana Breeders Award, dated 2000.

In 2004 the title was changed to “Ameraucana Lifetime Achievement Award” and a member has been honored with it each year since then.

This annual award continued as a tradition and in 2019 the board of directors developed a written policy to detail the process. The recipients are members that has been in the club for many years. Many have been breeders that have developed and/or improved varieties of Ameraucana, have served as officers in the club, published articles promoting the breed and club, traveled extensively to club sanctioned meets to exhibit Ameraucanas, donated financially to the club, and the list goes on.