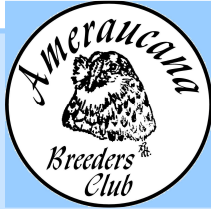


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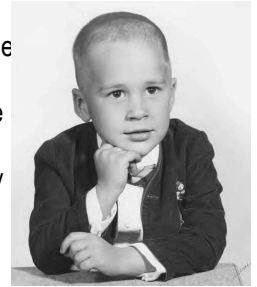
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President's Report, John Blehm

Another hatching season is getting close to the end. I look forward to the and look forward to shutting down the incubators each year also. Progress is generally made and seen in the chicks and that is where the satisfaction comes in. I've hatched over 1,400 bantam and large fowl Ameraucana chicks, so far this year, plus chicks of other breeds. Many boxes of day-old chicks were sent to people around the country with very good results, again this year. Some were in the mail for less than 24 hours. It's nice to hear back from the customers about the condition of the chicks when they arrive.



About 25 years ago I saw some bantam lavender (self blue) d'Anver chickens at our local poultry show. I was new to showing poultry and still fairly new to breeding Ameraucana chickens. Anyway, I really liked the color. I found out that a gal named Patty owned them and as I recall she wanted \$100 for a trio! That was and still is too rich for my blood. A few years ago I decided to develop a lavender variety of Ameraucana. The main reason is that I like the color, but also I never liked the idea of the blue variety not breeding true and figure the true breeding lavenders can replace them in my flock. With help from Susie Winder I was able to purchase some inexpensive d'Anver to use to get the color. Michael Muenks used lavender Old English Game bantams to get the color and shared his birds with me. The d'Anver and OEG were crossed with black Ameraucanas. The F1 chicks all looked black, since it is dominant to lavender, but they all carried the n,vn bnb n n lavender gene. When bred together some pure lavender showed up in the F2 generation, with Ameraucana type. Good blue egg color is the norm already with these bantams. Hundreds of them are now in the hands of fanciers all around the country. The next set was to develop a large fowl version. Finding large fowl lavenders of other breeds is just about, if not, impossible in this country. I decided to use the bantam lavender Ameraucanas crossed with large fowl black Ameraucanas to achieve the goal. They are looking good, but still on the small side. Size is the only difference, so that is what we are selecting for and there are several of us working on getting this variety up to size. In another couple years we should be ready to have both lavender varieties accepted by the APA.

There is British lavender Araucana and although most call the variety "self blue" in this country, lavender is a more correct name. The term self blue is misleading and is used to describe more than the lavender variety by some poultry breeders. The gene that creates the lavender color is called "lavender", so it's only natural to use the word lavender to describe the variety. By the way, I'm hearing about fanciers of some other breeds that are now getting on the bandwagon and developing lavender varieties of their favorite breeds. Some may be using lavender Ameraucanas to get there!

Don't forget about our ABC National meet, in November. Some of us have made hotel reservations at the Country Inn & Suites Columbus North. It's a few bucks cheaper than the host hotel, plus offers a continental breakfast. This will be our big shebang for the year and I hope to see you there!

North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director



Hello everyone! The hatching is done for us this year we did not have any fertility with our bantam blue and blacks. All the other varieties had good fertility and hatched well for us. Our first couple of hatches were great and then we started having problems with the incubator again this year, and we decided to get a new one. The older birds that were hatched in January are looking good and the youngest are too small to tell. I have had a lot of inquiries for Ameraucanas and have sent them to other breeders in their area; I did not get the number of chicks out that I wanted. I hope all is well for every one and in good health; I had a run in with pneumonia in the beginning of April and can still tell. I get winded easy.

I hope to see you at some Poultry shows this year. Jake and I are planning on going to the ABC nationals and would like to see everyone there.

South Central District, Paul Smith, Director



Greetings from the South Central District! It's hard to believe that hatching season is almost over! Time passes very fast when we are having fun and very busy. I always look forward to starting hatching season, but ready for it to end in May. It requires a lot of time and extra work, with the cleaning of the incubators, sorting and disinfecting the eggs, toe punching each chick, tending to the orders, assembling the shipping boxes, boxing the chicks, making trips to the Post Office, keeping records, writing e-mails, checking to make sure the chicks were received on time and in good condition, sending refunds for any received DOA. Once we get started hatching, an incubator is either set or hatched every Monday, so Mondays are on overload during hatching season.

Presently we have had seven hatches with the arrival of 634 Ameraucana chicks, mostly blacks. The blue and splash lagged behind all season. Normally blue mated to blue produces 50% blue, 25% black and 25% splash; blue mated to black normally produces 50% blue and 50% black, but ours mated like these have mostly produced blacks this season.

The wheaten, blue wheaten and splash wheaten have been in short supply all season. We had several old hens that decided to retire this year and never laid an egg. Since we are not running a chicken sanctuary, but an Ameraucana breeding farm-I'm sure glad that we like chicken noodle soup. We didn't keep any for young breeders, due to selling most of them as day old chicks last year. Presently we only have three pullets for potential breeders for our 2010 crop of wheaten. There will be one more hatch so we may gain a few more potential breeders. Presently we only have about 130 head from our 2009 hatches as 487 have been sent out. There has been more orders for chicks this year than any other year since we started raising them 14 years ago (EELs for four years then Ameraucanas for ten years).

Barbara & Paul Ambuhl from near San Antonio have recently purchased a new Dickie incubator and are getting started raising show Ameraucanas and Araucanas. Pam Hamilton from Missouri has a great start with the 2008 S.C. District champion black hen. Those like Michael Muenks and Angela and I, who have been working with this hobby of breeding Ameraucanas for a while, here in the S.C. District, to keep the quality and numbers up at the Ameraucana meets. It's good to see the ABC membership list grow, but it's great to see breeders participate by showing their birds.

Hopefully when the hatching is all finished for 2009, we can complete the final touches, on our new house, and get moved in before three years is up since we started the most difficult task that I've ever attempted!

May the Lord Bless each with a great growing season.

Larry Clionsky Ameraucana

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Western District, Connie “Jean” Ribbeck, Director

Spring has finally sprung here in the Pacific Northwest. We are finally expecting temperatures in the low 70's this week. I have been patiently waiting to plant a garden for the first time in four years, but there is still snow on Mount Spokane. Old timers around here warn against planting until the snow is gone.

Finally, we have about four batches of chicks started. The next one in line is for shipment. I am really enjoying having separate rooms for the incubators and brooders. My husband wasn't too thrilled when the new stackable brooder arrived. It came with very poor instructions and tiny illustrations. Fortunately I was at a show in Montana while he put it together. I'm sure many "sentence enhancers" were used.

This year I plan to start a "size" improvement plan for my LF silver line. I have a couple large black hens with great egg color to breed with a nice silver cock. I imagine it will take quite a few generations to get the proper color back, but I feel it is needed.

If anyone out there has any extra room you may consider taking in one of the rarer varieties and work on improving them. I know a lot of people want to produce new colors, but there are approved varieties that still need years of work.

Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director

I have placed the Northeast District meet at Cobleskill, NY on September 27, 2009. This show is located in the eastern part of the state, so we should draw members from surrounding states. This is a beautiful section of New York, a well run show, and a great group of people to be with. I would like to see and meet all Ameraucana breeders who can make this show. Let's have a good turn out so we can show off our birds and create more interest in this most deserving of breeds. Contact Jamie Matts, 283 State Hwy 235, Harpursville, NY 13787 for a show catalog.

I would like to suggest to our breeders to hatch extra chicks this year. We tend to cut back too far in the fall (I am very guilty of this) and can't help new breeders in the spring. By hatching extra now, we can have some birds to sell at fall shows we attend. There is an interest in Ameraucana out there and we must be in a position to help.

Thank you Mr. Gilbert, Nicole Pickard

My name is Nicole Pickard and I am 7 years old. I just got my first pair of bantam chickens from Mr. Mike Gilbert. I am so excited about showing them at the National Meet in November.

Thank you, Mr. Gilbert, for my Buff Ameraucana - I really love them.



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Southeast District, Barbara Campbell, Director

Spring has sprung here in east Tennessee! Hens are clucking, roosters crowing and chicks are peeping.

I've placed the Southeast District Meet with the Bluegrass Poultry Association. Details are in the Upcoming Meets section of this newsletter.

Time is drawing near for the deadline of August 1, 2009 to receive bids from clubs to host our 2010 National Meet. It is an exciting prospect to hold the National Meet in our district. It will be 5 more years before we have this opportunity again. I have sent a Request for Proposal form to the Bluegrass Poultry Association. Randy and Anthony Garner and I attended the spring show held by the Upper Cumberland Fancy Feather Club in order to check out the facility. We all agreed it would probably not do for our National as it is held in an open barn on the fairgrounds in Cookeville, TN. It would be fine if we have nice weather but not good if it is either very hot or cold and raining. If any of you have suggestions for a club and location, please let me know soon so I can get a Request for Proposal out to them.

On another note and from personal experience, I'd like to stress the importance of networking. Some of you know of my visual handicaps, legally blind and color blind. I'm not telling you about the handicaps to elicit pity but to offer an explanation. Partly due to my poor vision and partly due to simply overlooking some major faults over the years, this past year I had to cull everything I hatched and raised. Even though I selected birds without feather stubs and a male with red lobes and good color, all the offspring had either stubs, brown lacing in the breast or white in the earlobes. I was very discouraged and ready to give up. Thanks to Randy (Larry) Garner, I am able to start over. Randy had purchased 25 chicks from me in 2006. Out of the 25, he bred from the best 5 and has done an excellent job of selecting breeders. He and his brother Anthony have built up quite a large flock from these first 5 birds that have all the right characteristics and they supplied me with enough eggs and breeders to get back into the hobby. Somehow it helps knowing that Randy's flock originated from me, I must have done something right! I would again like to offer an apology to all that purchased stock from me over the past couple of years. Hopefully you got at least a few good birds. I can assure you that these major faults won't be overlooked again. I've made a checklist of everything to look for in the birds and have a crew of 5 family members to help me! Oh, and Randy has offered to come up from Georgia if necessary. Thanks Randy, I owe you big time!

Until next time, here's hoping you all have a good growing season!

2010 National Meet

The Ameraucana Breeders Club is currently taking bids through August 1, 2009 for the 2010 Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet. The meet will be in the Southeast District in 2010. Show clubs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia are encouraged to submit a bid.

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Treasurer's Report

ABC Checking Account, Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, MO	
Opening Balance January 1, 2009	\$ 852.47
Income – January Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	328.00
Income – February Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	527.00
Income – March Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	307.50
Income – April Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	147.00
Income – May Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – June Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – July Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – August Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – September Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – October Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – November Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0.00
Income – December Dues, Club Items, Donations, etc	0.00
Income Subtotal (opening balance + months)	2161.97
Expense - Postage	400.90
Expense – Office Supplies	5.35
Expense – Other: Memorials	0.00
Expense – Memberships, Advertisements	148.40
Expense – Bank Charges (return item fees)	0.00
Expense – National Meet Awards/Awards	0.00
Expense - Refunds	19.00
Expense Subtotal	573.65
Ending Balance as of May 29, 2009	\$ 1588.32
Respectfully Submitted, Michael J. Muenks, Secretary/Treasurer	

Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Harrington, DE Meet Report

State Meet, March 7-8, 2009, reported by Richard Barzewski

14 large fowl were shown - judged by Tim Bowles

BB, BV black C by Susan Bachman – out of 8, **Champion Ameraucana**
 RB, RV black H by Camile Lewandowski, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**
 BV blue C by Carolyn Blum – out of 2
 RV blue C by Larry Clionsky
 BV buff P by Carolyn Blum – out of 2
 RV buff P by Carolyn Blum
 BV silver P by Carolyn Blum – out of 2
 RV silver P by Carolyn Blum

4 bantams were shown - judged by Paul Kroll

BB, BV blue wheaten C by Carolyn Blum – out of 1
 RB, BV wheaten H by Carolyn Blum – out of 2
 RV wheaten H by Carolyn Blum

Club Notes

The deadline to submit articles, ads, reports, meet requests, etc. for the next bulletin is August 15, 2009 and need to be sent to the club secretary.

Bulletin advertisements are free to all members!

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Club Merchandise

1982 Club Handbook - \$5
 1998 Club Handbook - \$5
 2005 Club Handbook - \$5

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Bulletins 1979-1984 - \$30
 Bulletins 1985-1993 - \$35

Breeders Directory - \$2

Egg Shell Reference Chart
 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5

Make Checks Payable to the Ameraucana Breeders Club and send to the club secretary.

Cornhusker Poultry Club

Avoca, IA Meet Report

State Meet, May 10, 2009, reported by Alnice Nichols

1 large fowl was shown, judged by Gary Rossman

BB, BV white C by Amy Polivka – out of 1

9 bantams were shown

BV black C by Al Nichols – out of 2

RV black H by Al Nichols

BV blue H by Al Nichols – out of 6

RV blue P by Al Nichols

BB, BV white C by Al Nichols – out of 9, **Reserve AOCCL, Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV white H by Al Nichols, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

BV AOV (splash) H by Al Nichols – out of 2

RV AOV (splash) P by Al Nichols

South Eastern Ohio Poultry Breeders

Marietta, OH Meet Report

Special Meet, March 28, 2009, reported by Patty Pickard

4 large fowl were shown

BB, BV black C by Rob Sando – out of 2, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV black by Rob Sando

BV white by Kathy Gratsch – out of 2

RV white by Kathy Gratsch

2 bantams were shown

BB, BV blue wheaten K by Kathy Gratsch – out of 1, **Champion Ameraucana**

RB, BV wheaten by Kathy Gratsch – out of 1

Junior Show 3 large fowl were shown

BB, BV black H by Nicole Pickard – out of 3, **Junior Show Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV black by Malisa Spring

Junior Show 3 bantams were shown

BB, BV blue wheaten H by Caleb Pickard – out of 1, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

RB, BV wheaten by Caleb Pickard – out of 2

RV wheaten by Caleb Pickard

United Poultry Fanciers Avoca, IA Meet Report

Special Meet, May 10, 2009, reported by Alnice Nichols

1 large fowl was shown, judged by Gary Rossman

BB, BV white C by Amy Polivka – out of 1

17 bantams were shown, judged by Terry Britt

BV black H by Al Nichols – out of 2

RV black C by Al Nichols

BV blue P by Al Nichols – out of 5

RV blue H by Al Nichols

BB, BV white C by Al Nichols – out of 6, **Reserve AOCCL, Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV white C by Nancy Dean, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

BV AOV (splash) H by Al Nichols – out of 2

RV AOV (splash) P by Al Nichols

3 Ameraucana were shown in the Junior Show, judged by Terry Britt

BV blue H by Nathan Downey – out of 1

BB, BV white C by Nathan Downey – out of 3, **Reserve AOCCL, Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV white H by Shannon Phillips

Cascade Spring Poultry Show

Monroe, WA Meet Report

Special Meet, March 21, 2009, reported by Pam Lyng

5 large fowl were shown - judged by Paul Wieser

BV blue wheaten C by Royce Van Blaricome – out of 2

RV blue wheaten H by Royce Van Blaricome

BV buff H by Ian Witecki – out of 1

BV wheaten C by Royce Van Blaricome – out of 2

RV wheaten H by Royce Van Blaricome

1 bantam was shown - judged by Ken Cooke

RB, RV wheaten H by Megan Neugebauer – out of 1

2 Ameraucana were shown in the Junior Show – judged by Ken Cook and Paul Wieser

BV buff large fowl H by Ian Witecki – out of 1, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

RV wheaten bantam H by Megan Neugebauer – out of 1

Pacific Northwest Poultry Association Stevenson, WA Meet Report

Special Meet, April 18-19, 2009, reported by Kathy Giberson

2 large fowl were shown - judged by Eric Kutch

RB, BV blue wheaten C by Royce Van Blaricome – out of 1, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

BB, BV wheaten C by Royce Van Blaricome – out of 1, **Champion Ameraucana**

4 Ameraucana were shown in the Junior Show – judged by Joshua Simon and Eric Kutch

BV brown red large fowl H by Aaron Kashas – out of 1

BV wheaten bantam C by Maria Meisenhelder – out of 3, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

RV wheaten bantam H by Sam Meisenhelder

Dayton Fancy Feather Club Greenville, OH Meet Report

Special Meet, April 25-26, 2009, reported by Bud Blankenship

13 large fowl were shown

BV black P by BGMS-Rooster Inn – out of 5

RV black C by BGMS-Rooster Inn

BV wheaten H by Rob Sando – out of 1

BB, BV white P by Rob Sando out of 7

RB, RV white P by Rob Sando

8 bantam were shown

BV blue wheaten C by Kathy Gratsch – out of 3

RV blue wheaten H by Rob Sando

BB, BV wheaten H by Kathy Gratsch – out of 3

RV wheaten C by BGMS-Rooster Inn

RB, BV white H by Kathy Gratsch – out of 2

RV white C by BGMS-Rooster Inn

1 Ameraucana was shown in the Junior Show

BV black large fowl K by Brandi Powell – out of 1, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana, Reserve AOSB**

Missouri State Poultry Association Sedalia, MO Show 1 Meet Report

State Meet, April 18, 2009, reported by Bernita Miller

22 large fowl were shown - judged by Art Reiber

BB, BV black H by Pam Hamilton – out of 10, **Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV black K by Pam Hamilton

BV blue K by Darren Garron – out of 5

RV blue C by Michael Muenks

BV brown red H by Jessica Majors – out of 2

RV brown red K David Huddleston

BV silver C by Michael Muenks – out of 4

RV silver by Michael Muenks

26 bantams were shown – judged by James Miller

BB, BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 4, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV black H by Michael Muenks

BV blue H by Michael Muenks – out of 2

RV blue H by Michael Muenks

BV blue wheaten C by Tiffany Springer – out of 4

RV blue wheaten C by Tiffany Springer

BV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 3

RV silver H by Michael Muenks

BV wheaten H by Tiffany Springer – out of 8

RV wheaten H by Tiffany Springer

BV AOV splash C by Michael Muenks – out of 3

RV AOV splash H by Michael Muenks

1 Ameraucana was shown in the Junior Show – judged by Dwight Madson and James Miller

BV bantam black P by Jacob Jones – out of 1, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana, Reserve AOCCL**

Rocky Mountain Poultry Association Hamilton, MT Show 1 Meet Report

Special Meet, May 2, 2009, reported by Jamie Rensmon

7 large fowl were shown - judged by Gary Rossman

BB, BV black C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1, **Champion Ameraucana**

BV blue H by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

RB, BV buff C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

Ameraucana

RV buff H by Connie Ribbeck

BV white P by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

BV AOV H by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2

RV AOV C by Connie Ribbeck

9 bantams were shown – judged by Gary Rossman

BV blue wheaten P by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 5

RV blue wheaten H by Koralyn Kibbee

BB, BV wheaten H by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 4

RB, RV wheaten C by Nadine Wisniewski

Missouri State Poultry Association Sedalia, MO Show 2 Meet Report

Special Meet, April 18, 2009, reported by Bernita Miller

22 large fowl were shown - judged by James Miller

BB, BV black H by Pam Hamilton – out of 10, **Champion Ameraucana, Champion AOSB**

RV black K by Pam Hamilton

RB, BV blue K by Darren Garron – out of 5

RV blue C by Michael Muenks

BV brown red K David Huddleston – out of 2

RV brown red H by Jessica Majors

BV silver C by Michael Muenks – out of 4

RV silver K by Michael Muenks

26 bantams were shown – judged by Art Reiber

BV black H by Michael Muenks – out of 4,

RV black H by Michael Muenks

BV blue H by Michael Muenks – out of 2

RV blue H by Michael Muenks

BV blue wheaten C by Tiffany Springer – out of 4

RV blue wheaten C by Tiffany Springer

BV silver H by Michael Muenks – out of 3

RV silver H by Michael Muenks

BB, BV wheaten H by Tiffany Springer - out of 8

RB, RV wheaten H by Tiffany Springer

BV AOV splash C by Michael Muenks – out of 3

RV AOV splash H by Michael Muenks

1 Ameraucana was shown in the Junior Show – judged by Dwight Madson and James Miller

BV bantam black P by Jacob Jones – out of 1, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana, Champion AOCCL**

Rocky Mountain Poultry Association Hamilton, MT Show 2 Meet Report

Special Meet, May 2, 2009, reported by Jamie Rensmon

7 large fowl were shown - judged by Gary Rossman

BV black C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

BV blue H by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

BV buff C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2, **Champion Ameraucana**

RV buff H by Connie Ribbeck

BV white P by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

BV AOV H by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2

RV AOV C by Connie Ribbeck

9 bantams were shown – judged by Gary Rossman

BV blue wheaten P by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 5

RV blue wheaten H by Koralyn Kibbee

BB, BV wheaten H by Koralyn Kibbee – out of 4

RB, RV wheaten C by Nadine Wisniewski

From Under the Black Locust, Michael Muenks



For the second year in a row, Missouri has had what I would term a “real” spring. What I mean is that spring went on for more than a couple of weeks. In my memory, spring has usually been about two weeks of non-winter and then right into summer-like weather. This year, for the second year in a row, we had another “real” spring. Many weeks of cool rainy weather with highs in the low fifties; it was magical. We did have so much rain that the early garden basically died, but still the flowers and trees were truly magical. I first encountered what I will call “real” spring almost twenty years ago when I traveled from Jefferson City, MO to Madison, WI multiple times in the spring for weekend drum corps practices. I didn’t know what I was missing growing up in Missouri where spring is a short affair! The last two years have really reminded me of the discovery of “real” spring.

It has been a odd spring to say the least in the world of Ameraucana for me personally, but I have a about 100 chicks to work with and hope to hatch a few more before the heat of summer sets in for good. I hope everyone, who can, takes Harold’s advice and saves some pullets and cockerels back to sell in early winter 2010. I am always amazed at the number of people I turn away who are looking in early spring for Ameraucana. Even if you cannot keep a lot of extra birds, a couple of trios might be worth your time and money to keep for early spring sales.

Show clubs have been doing a great job getting meet reports back to the club in a timely fashion. I am in much better shape this spring than in 2008. In fact, they are doing such a great job that I am receiving meet reports from shows where a meet was not placed, to the best of my knowledge.

There appears to have been a couple really nice spring meets. I will comment on the double show April 18, 2009. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of Ameraucana being shown at the meet. Pam Hamilton whipped us all with her outstanding large fowl black Ameraucana hen that I am sure Paul Smith remembers from the 2008 South Central District Meet. We also had several folks showing for their first time and people who were new to Ameraucana.

After many experiments with feed, I have settled a crumble that is keeping my egg production up. I have settled on a game bird feed. Yes, Michael Gilbert, I have finally listened to your advice from many years ago. I still would like to see hatchability a little higher. I have good fertility out of the hen, but there is still a nutrient deficiency that causes the embryos to die around day twelve or so. Ann Charles from the Araucana Club gave me some advice on Araucana fertility that I am going to try. If I have luck I will report back!

My cross of the ½ blue wheaten x ½ silver cock with the silver hens worked out well and they were all very fertile. I have a nice small group of chicks I am watching grow out.

2009 National Meet Update and Awards

The 2009 Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet in Columbus, OH will be upon us in just a matter of months. Harold Knapp, the Northeast Director, has been working with several members in the Ohio area and is well on his way to planning a great national for all of us to attend.

After consulting with several members in his region, Harold has decided to try a silent auction of Ameraucana to raise money for the 2010 awards. Harold is soliciting donations of quality pairs or trios of both large fowl and bantam Ameraucana for a silent auction on Saturday



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2009 National Meet Update and Awards, continued

morning and afternoon. The results of the auction will be announced before the club meeting so that all members may attend the meeting. Hopefully the silent auction will go well and will start a tradition. If you are willing to take a turn at staffing the club table, please contact Harold.

The Ohio National has a good website where one can find information about restaurants, lodging, the show rules, and directions to the show location. Several club members have made reservations at Country Inn and Suites Columbus North. It is not too early to begin making lodging arrangements.

For awards, the club has \$100 from the Ohio National, along with a donation from Harold Knapp and Michael Muenks to start with for the Open Show. Jeff and Patty Pickard have donated money for Junior Show awards. We will be sending bids out to a couple of people who make painted plates and mugs in hope of getting the very best price possible. If you would like to donate money or items as awards, please contact Michael Muenks. If you would like to donate toward a special variety please let Michael know. Checks may be made to the Ameraucana Breeders Club or may be sent to the PayPal address.

The following awards will be given at the 2009 National Meet Open Show:

Champion Ameraucana	ABC Rosette
Reserve Champion Ameraucana	ABC Rosette
Best Display, LF or Bantam	Certificate and \$5.00
Best Trio, LF or Bantam	Certificate and \$5.00
Best of Breed Bantam	ABC Rosette and \$5.00
Reserve of Breed Bantam	ABC Rosette and \$5.00
Best of Breed Large Fowl	ABC Rosette and \$5.00
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl	ABC Rosette and \$5.00
Best of Variety Bantam	Hand Painted Plate
	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White
Reserve of Variety Bantam	Hand Painted Mug or Small Hand Painted Plate
	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White
Best of Variety Large Fowl	Hand Painted Plate
	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl	Hand Painted Mug or Small Hand Painted Plate
	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White
Best LF Black	The Arne Schmidt Memorial Traveling Plaque
Best Bantam Hen Eggs	Certificate and \$5.00
Best Bantam Pullet Eggs	Certificate and \$5.00
Best Large Fowl Hen Eggs	Certificate and \$5.00
Best Large Fowl Pullet Eggs	Certificate and \$5.00
Other awards pending	

Only Ameraucana Breeders Club Members are eligible for awards from the ABC & its members.

The following awards will be given at the 2009 National Meet Junior Show:

Best of Breed Bantam	Medallion
Reserve of Breed Bantam	ABC Rosette
Best of Breed Large Fowl	Medallion
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl	ABC Rosette
Best of Variety Bantam	\$7.00
	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White, AOV
Best of Variety Large Fowl	\$7.00
	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White, AOV



**Welcome to our
New Members!**

Tim Byrd, KS

Joyce Davis, CA

Walter Elliott, OK

Michael & Julie
Gabbard, AR

Andrew Garland, IN

Amanda Harper, VA

Lee Hisey, OH

April Howington, TX

JoLynn Ignatovich, CA

Wanda Jacques-Gill, CT

Linda Lizotte & Jeffrey
Kendall, SC

Megan Mayall, IN

Jill MacNaughton, MI

Rian, Heather, &
Matthew Perkins, IN

Richard Pugh, OK

John Tant, AL

Susan Touchette, CT

Evan & Heather Walden,
ARJennifer Wolkonowski,
TN**Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets****June 6, 2009**

Special Meet, requested by Mike Gilbert
Badger Poultry Show, Richland Center, WI
Contact:
Ruth Lefeber, dottestuff@yahoo.com,
(608)725-2179
8648 Irish Ridge Road
Cassville, WI 53806

June 13, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Buckeye Fancy Feathers, Canfield, OH
Contact:
Rhonda Simmons, rjos@comcast.net,
(330)426-6870

August 15, 2009

Iowa State Meet, requested by Al Nichols
Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA
Contact:
Al Nichols, coyotecornerqh1@aol.com

September 27, 2009

Northeast District Meet, placed by Harold Knapp
Eastern New York State Poultry Association,
Cobleskill, NY
Contact:
Jamie Matts
283 State Highway 235
Harpersville, NY 13787

October 3, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Jerry De Smidt
West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club "Red
Cedar Showdown", Menomonie, WI
Contact:
Dan Paff, judan@wwt.net
6977 County Hwy N
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

October 3-4, 2009

Ohio State Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Southern Ohio Poultry Association Fall Show, Scioto
County Fairgrounds, Lucasville, OH
Contact:
David Adkins, (740)259-2852
1988 Cook Road
Lucasville, OH, 45648-9006

October 17, 2009

Indiana State Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter
Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon, IN
Contact:
Doug Akers, dakers@purdue.edu (765)482-7182
Ron Patterson, rpatter815@earthlink.net
(765)676-6192
<http://www.bccn.boone.in.us/ces/>

October 24, 2009

Southeast District Meet, placed by Barbara
Campbell
Bluegrass Poultry Association, Franklin County,
Fairgrounds, Frankfort, KY
Contact:
www.bluegrasspoultry.com
Laura Haggarty
PO Box 35
Williamstown, KY 41097
lhaggarty@blueone.net

November 14-15, 2009

National Meet, placed by Rob Sando
Ohio National
Columbus, OH
Contact:
Eric Markley, 419-568-7402, Cell 419-303-6909,
markley@ohionational.org

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