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President's Report, John Blehm

Our 2009 ABC National meet isn't far away and before you know it, it will be history. If you haven't already made plans to come, do it today. Whether you exhibit birds or not this is the best opportunity of the year to meet and compare notes with Ameraucana breeders from around the country. You'll see some of the best Ameraucanas displayed and maybe we can put together an "Ameraucana Central" offering birds for sale. The show club's website is: OhioNational.org. Go there to request a show catalog. Of course go to Amerauanca.org and the ABC Forum to get more information about our meet. Don't forget to bring a camera!



Kathy and I have been busy getting things ready for our local show: Grandpa Tiny's Frankenmuth Fowl Fest. I'm the show superintendent and won't exhibit at our show, mostly due to being to busy running it. I may have some birds in the sale area though. This is the only poultry show left in Michigan, other than ones that are part of fairs. We have a beautiful pavilion for the show, with 6' wide aisles (so you don't have to rub bellies to pass someone), the best raffle/silent auction (a Little Giant incubator, egg cartons from EggCartons.com and a bunch of other neat stuff), the City of Frankenmuth (one of the top tourist destinations in the state) to host us and yada, yada, yada. All the details are at FowlFest.org. Grandpa Tiny's Frankenmuth Fowl Fest isn't the biggest show in the mid-west...just the best!

At our 2005 annual National meeting ABC President Mike Gilbert appointed Michael Muenks, himself and me as a committee of three to resolve the Ameraucana silver variety description contradictions. We received input from members both thru the Bulletin and ABC Forum. Our consensus was that the ABA description is correct by referring to SILVER PLUMAGE on pages 234 and 235 of Bantam Standard, 1988 edition. At our annual meeting in 2006 the subcommittee recommended to move to use the Silver Dutch description of the silver pullet/cockerel for the APA Standard – both bantams and large fowl. Larry Clionsky motioned to accept the Silver Dutch standard description for the APA Standard description of the Silver Ameraucana. Jerry Segler seconded the motion and the motion carried. We worked with APA VP Sam Brush to get it done. When the next APA Standard comes out should be updated. Sam has assured us "It's in there!"

> Currently, on pages 194 & 272, the APA Standard (1998) reads: PLUMAGE: Color same as Silver Leghorn on page 119.

On pages 194 & 272 it should read as proposed: PLUMAGE: Color same as Silver Dutch Bantam on page 234."

North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director

No Report



Greetings from the South Central District! We have been plagued with the heat registering into the three digits much of the summer. Most of the Ameraucanas have grown well even though the heat. I have learned in the past that it is very important to hatch early to beat the heat, as it usually slows the little ones growth rate way down.

It's doubtful that we will make the national meet this year in Columbus, Ohio. Best I remember it's over 1,000 mile trip one way. We don't have much to show or sell as most of the earlier hatched chicks were sold at hatching. However, we are working on a deal to have some of our birds there. We have had more request for layers (one's I don't recommend for showing or breeding for show birds) this year than ever. Last year we were sold out within one month after we started selling the layers. We will start offering layer pullets the first of September this year. All our birds have been vaccinated for Mareks at hatching, Pox in July and two rounds of LT at six weeks apart. The final vaccination was August 1. Since both Pox and LT are live viruses there needs to be a waiting period of 30 days before the vaccinated birds are mixed with unvaccinated birds, so we stopped all sales from June 20 until September 1. I know some say the vaccinated & unvaccinated birds can be mixed without waiting thirty days, but I'd rather be safe than sorry. If you haven't started a vaccination program for your birds, may I suggest that you research your area for the most threatening poultry diseases and get started on a good vaccination program so that your birds will be protected against the major threats in your area. Vaccines add a little more expense to the poultry hobby, but the protection is worth it. The old saying "a pound of prevention is worth more than an ounce of cure" sure fits well with the poultry hobby as I have learned

Keep the birds doing well and hope to see you at some of the upcoming fall shows.



Well, spring didn't last very long in the Northwest. The summer has been extreme for this part of the US; Seattle has had record high temperatures. The weather has been very erratic, but mostly hot. Fresh water and shade are essential for your birds in this kind of weather.

I have hatched over 500 chicks so far and am about to turn off the incubators. I am pleased with what I have produced so far, with very few obvious culls this year. I just want to hatch out a few from some of the pens that weren't as prolific.

We have had poor turnouts for our meets so far in the Pacific Northwest. I haven't heard much in the way of any meets in CA at this time. So I would like to shout out to those of you out there that are thinking about going, please do, you may have a gem out there in your coop.

Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director

No Report



John Marshall

Sold Out of all Ameraucana Until 2010



Southeast District, Barbara Campbell, Director

Hello again! As I'm writing this I find it hard to believe that it's mid August and summer is coming to a close. It seems it just gets stated and it's over! I hope everyone has had a good growing season. Our hard work is about to payoff. Not much longer until our early hatch birds will be mature enough for us to determine their quality. It's always exciting to see those exceptional birds developing!

I'm looking forward to showing at our District Meet on October 24th in Frankfort, KY. I know Anthony and Randy Garner are planning to take some birds and I hope others are making plans to join us. Be sure to request your show catalog and if you need to stay over, don't wait too long to book a room.

I am pleased to announce that I've placed our 2010 National Meet with the Bluegrass Poultry Association. The meet will take place in Frankfort, KY on October 23, 2010 at Lakeview Park. Below is the proposal I received from the BPA:

The Bluegrass Poultry Association would like to submit the following proposal to host the 2010 National Meet of the Ameraucana Breeders Club. The Club show will be held Saturday October 23, 2010 at Lakeview Park in Frankfort, KY.

The following package will be offered to your club if you would like for us to host the event.

- BPA will provide trophies or plaques offered to Best and Reserve Large and Bantam Ameraucana.
- BPA will offer a \$1 rebate per Ameraucana entered up to 100 birds
- BPA will offer a meeting space for the Ameraucana Breeders Club yearly meeting.
- BPA will offer tables for club meets
- BPA will reserve a block of rooms at our preferred hotel, Best Western Parkside Inn. 2009 rates were \$66.60 per night.
- BPA will place Ameraucana breed first to be judged to allow time in the afternoon for club activities/meetings
- BPA will advertise the meet in the Poultry Press and on the club website.

The Bluegrass Poultry Club members are dedicated to providing a good show to all exhibitors. We hope that you will consider us for hosting your National Club Meet. Please contact us if you should have any additional questions or requests. We will do our very best to accommodate you and look forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely.

Eric Engelsman

From Under the Black Locust, Michael Muenks

I must begin by apologizing for the lateness of this issue of the bulletin. Since the last bulletin we, as a family, have experienced multiple health issues over the summer and into the fall. I also must apologize for the delays in processing orders, memberships, and meet placements. I have almost everything caught up and will be fully caught up by the end of October.

One of my hopes for this year was to finally produce some nice silver bantam Ameraucana. I crossed my half wheaten cockerel on the silver hens and had a nice hatch. A couple of really nicely shaped and colored cockerels resulted, unfortunately both have white legs and one has a single comb. Maybe it is time to start over!

Included with this bulletin is your current membership information. Membership may be renewed for 2010 at any time. The December bulletin will include a membership list.



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Blues, Blacks and Splashes from our show quality flock.

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Silver Bantam Ameraucana Cockerels

Contact

Neil Townsend

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loudandproudpoultry@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report

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	92.00
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)	2253.97
Expense - Postage	405.5
Expense – Office Supplies	66.30
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	23.00
Expense Subtotal	643.2
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2009	\$ 1610.70

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Larry Clionsky 9 Zion Church Rd Grantville, PA 17028-9651 (717)469-7509 Lclionsky@yahoo.com

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 weeks. 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. Entry forms may be found at www.ohionational.org and are due October 21, 2009.

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 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.

Ameraucana Bulletin

2009 National Meet Update and Awards, continued

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 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 Small Hand Painted Plate

Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White

BV AOV bantam ABC t-shirt
RV AOV bantam ABC t-shirt
BV AOV large fowl ABC t-shirt
RV AOV large fowl ABC t-shirt

Best LF Black The Arne Schmidt Memorial Traveling

Plaque

Best Bantam Hen Eggs Certificate, ABC t-shirt, and \$25.00

Reserve Bantam Hen Eggs \$10.00

Best Bantam Pullet Eggs Certificate, ABC t-shirt, and \$25.00

Reserve Bantam Pullet Eggs \$10.00

Best Large Fowl Hen Eggs Certificate, ABC t-shirt, and \$25.00

Reserve Large Fowl Hen Eggs \$10.00

Best Large Fowl Pullet Eggs Certificate, ABC t-shirt, and \$25.00

Reserve Large Fowl Pullet Eggs \$10.00

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 Medallion
Best of Breed Large Fowl Medallion
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl Medallion
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

Club Notes

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

Bulletin advertisements are free to all members!

We now take PayPal!

To send payments use purchases@ameraucana.org

Club Merchandise

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

ABC 4" Patch 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.50.



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.



2009 National Meet Update and Awards, continued

For awards, the club has \$100 from the Ohio National, along with a donation from Lori Waters, Harold Knapp, John and Anne Foley, and Michael Muenks to start with for the Open Show. Jeff and Patty Pickard have donated the awards for Junior Show. Rose Konold has donated the awards for the egg contest. 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. The current donations cover about half of the cost of the awards. Checks may be made to the Ameraucana Breeders Club or may be sent to the PayPal address.

If you are mailing eggs for the egg contest please contact Harold for more information regarding shipment of the eggs for the show. The egg judging will being at 11:00 am on Saturday. The club meeting time will be announced at the club table.

The Ameraucana Breeders Club has a tradition of going out to eat as a group on Saturday evening of the National Meet. Please stop by the club table for details.

Pacific Poultry Breeders Association Stockton, CA Meet Report Western District Meet, January 24-25, 2009, reported by Teresia Renwick

8 large fowl were shown, judged by Steve Jones

BB, BV black K by Christina Korfus - out of 5

RB, RV black H by Lyne Peterson

BV brown red H by Lyne Peterson - out of 3

RV brown red H by Lyne Peterson

7 bantams were shown, judged by Danny Padgett

BV black H by Lyne Peterson - out of 2

RV black H by Lyne Peterson

BV blue H by Lyne Peterson - out of 1

BB, BV wheaten P by Katelyn Riley - out of 4

RB, RV wheaten P by Katelyn Riley

4 Ameraucana were shown in the Junior Show - Judged by Steve Jones and **Danny Padgett**

BV wheaten bantam P by Katelyn Riley – out of 4 RV wheaten bantam P by Katelyn Riley

Kentuckiana Poultry Club Meet Report

May 16, 2009, reported by Walt Reichert

3 large fowl were shown, judged by Dr. William Patterson BB, BV blue H by Craig McDonald - out of 1

2 bantams were shown, judged by Dr. William Patterson BB, BV blue wheaten H by Craig McDonald – out of 2 RB, RV blue wheaten C by Craig McDonald

Buckeye Fancy Feather Club Canfield, OH Meet Report

Special Meet, June 13, 2009, reported by Rhonda Simmons

7 large fowl were shown - judged by Paul Kroll

BB, BV black H by Harold Knapp - out of 4

RB, RV black C by Kathy Gratsch

BV white H by Kathy Gratsch - out of 3

RV white K by Kathy Gratsch

5 bantam were shown - judged by Rick Hare

RB, BV blue wheaten P by Kathy Gratsch - out of 3

RV blue wheaten C by Kathy Gratsch

BB, BV wheaten H by Kathy Gratsch - out of 2

RV wheaten P by Kathy Gratsch

BV white H by Kathy Gratsch - out of 1

11 Ameraucana were shown in the Junior Show - judged by Paul Kroll

BV black large fowl H by Nicole Pickard - out of 4

RV black large fowl P by Anthony Heitger

BV blue large fowl K by Anthony Heitger – out of 1

BV silver large fowl H by Anthony Heitger - out of 1

BV blue wheaten bantam H by Caleb Pickard - out of 1

BV buff bantam H by Nicole Pickard - out of 2

RV buff bantam C by Nicole Pickard

BV wheaten bantam H by Caleb Pickard – out of 2

RV wheaten bantam C by Caleb Pickard



Iowa State Fair Des Moines, IA Meet Report

State Meet, August 15, 2009, reported by Alnice Nichols

1 large fowl was shown

BV silver by Art Rieber - out of 1

20 bantam were shown

BV black P by Shannon Phillips - out of 1

BV blue C by Alnice Nichols - out of 3

RV blue H by Alnice Nichols

BB, BV white K by Alnice Nichols - out of 13, Reserve AOCCL

RB, RV white H by Alnice

BV AOV splash H by Alnice Nichols - out of 3

RV AOV splash P by Alnice Nichols

1 Ameraucana was shown in the Junior Show

BB, BV black P by Shannon Phillips - out of 1

Southern Ohio Poultry Show Lucasville, OH Meet Report

State Meet, October 3-4, 2009, reported by Patty Pickard

7 large fowl were shown

BB, BV black P by Tiffenie Mullens - out of 4, Champion

Ameraucana

RB, RV black K by Kathy Gratsch

BV blue P by Jenson Pierson - out of 1

BV buff P by Jenson Pierson - out of 1

BV white K by Jenson Pierson - out of 1

26 bantams were shown

BB, BV H by Jenson Pierson – out of 5, Reserve Champion

Ameraucana

RB, RV H by Jenson Pierson

BV blue wheaten H by Kathy Gratsch - out of 2

RV blue wheaten C by Kathy Gratsch

BV wheaten C by Maddy Krut - out of 4

RV wheaten P by Bridges Labluv Bantams

BV white H by Kathy Gratsch - out of 1

12 Ameraucana was shown in the Junior Show

BB, BV black large fowl K by Jenson Pierson - out of 4, Reserve

Champion Junior Show Ameraucana

RB, RV black large fowl K by Jenson Pierson

BV buff large fowl K by Jenson Pierson - out of 4

RV buff large fowl K by Jenson Pierson

BV wheaten large fowl C by Mariah Cox

BB, BV wheaten bantam C by David Krut - out of 3, Champion

Junior Show Ameraucana

RB, RV wheaten bantam H by Becca Pickard

Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets

September 5, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Lori Waters

The White River Poultry Club

Contact: Larry Lawrence

3761 State Ferry Rd, Solsberry, IN 47459

812-876-8651

September 12-13, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Lori Water

Illini Poultry Show, Belvidere, IL

Contact:

Ruth Van Fleet

18763 Grade School Rd

Caldonia II 61011

815-765-2952

September 13, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Harold Knapp

Twin Tier Poultry Club, Bath, NY

Contact:

Keith Orfanides, korfanides@stny.rr.com

September 26-27, 2009

Wisconsin International, Portage, WI

Contact:

Tara Kindschi

E 7014 Co Hwy P.F.

Loganville, Wisconsin

1608-727-2720

ridge@ merr.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

Harpursville, 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, juddan@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

Welcome to our **New Members!**

William Kitsch, PA

Diana Kuklinski, MN

James McGuffey, TX

Valerie Pirier, PA

Melissa Reid, OK

Dennis Robison, KY

Jefferey Sonsalla, WI

Donald Schnoor, NJ

Mary Wase, NY

Daryl Whiting, ME



Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets

October 17, 2009

Indiana State Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon, IN

Doug Akers, dakers@purdue.edu (765)482-7182 Ron Patterson, rpatter815@earthlink.net (765)676-

http://www.bccn.boone.in.us/ces/

October 17, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Michael Muenks Missouri State Poultry Association Double Show, Meet 1 Sedalia, MO

Contact:

Bernita Miller, bmiller@iland.net

October 17, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Michael Muenks Missouri State Poultry Association Double Show, Meet 2

Sedalia, MO

Contact:

Bernita Miller, bmiller@iland.net

October 24, 2009

Southeast District Meet, placed by Barbara Campbell Bluegrass Poultry Association, Lakeview Park, Frankfort, KY Contact:

www.bluegrasspoultry.com stacystark@yahoo.com

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

November 28-29, 2009

North Central District Meet, placed by Jerry DeSmidt

Eastern Iowa Poultry Show

Iowa City, IA

Contact:

Phil Shank, 319-646-2011, pbshank@netins.net

December 5-6, 2009

Special Meet, requested by Lori Waters Indiana Poultry Breeders Association

Connersville, IN

Contact:

David Wulff. 765-825-0621

943 North My Lane

Connersville, IN 47331

December 12-13, 2009

South Central District Meet, placed by Paul Smith Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, OK

Steve Jones, ghia4me@sprynet.com, (972)636-9093

October 23, 2010

National Meet, placed by Barbara Campbell Bluegrass Poultry Association, Lakeview Park, Frankfort, KY

Contact:

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