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President's Report, John Blehm

The 2010 ABC national was another great one. The Bluegrass Poultry Association gave us the royal treatment (something you won't get at the big joint APA/ABA nationals). The weather was fantastic and I believe we had more members attend this national than any in the past. Thanks to Barbara Campbell, our SE district director, for a job well done.

While on the subject of the California Girl in the south...thank you Barbara for serving as a director. She has decided take a break from being a club officer. Even though Harold, Jean, Jerry, Michael and Paul are not retiring it is time to thank them also for all they do for this club. I don't want them to wait until they step down from office before getting an "at-a-boy/girl."



The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Jeanette Frank, of Montana. Jeanette joined the Ameraucana Bantam Club in 1983 and has maintained her membership since. She has served as both club President and Secretary/Treasurer. Jeanette is now a licensed APA and ABA judge. She continues to support the ABC and promote Ameraucana. Thanks for your service and support!

The word on the streets is that the APA/ABA will not accept lavender Ameraucana as lavender. They will only go with the "self blue" name. Please remember that is just what some are saying and not an official reply to any request. At our 2009 annual meeting we voted to use the name lavender. Mike Gilbert started a lively discussion about this subject on a ShowBirdBid forum and I've since written an article for the Poultry Press to let fanciers know what we will be asking for. In the near future we will make the official request to the APA/ABA to have lavender Ameraucana recognized. Before doing so and paying the \$200 fee I will ask that if they will not use the lavender name we get a refund. There is no reason to back down as the Silkie breeders did. If they will not go with "lavender" than I can wait until they do. As Mike has said: "I would say our breed club chooses the name, and if turned down we boycott all ABA/APA advertising, functions, products, memberships, etc. If Don Cable and I had backed down in the 1970's there might not be an Ameraucana breed today".

I was show superintendent for our local Fowl Fest show, here in mid Michigan, for the last 5 years. I've done my time and have resigned. Others will step up and take over. The same with this president's job, I had it years ago and now for the last 4 years. That is enough...I need a break. Not everyone in a club has to be an officer. I understand wanting to just be a

President's Report, Continued

member. That's all I wanted. Many of those that become officers do it to help the club...there really is no pay. Whether it's this club or another, if you think it is important please consider volunteering some time at a show or being an officer for a term or two. The reality is if these clubs folded tomorrow life would still go on, so keep the perspective of family first and go from there.

North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director



Winter is upon us and the cold has set in. I have already started to hatch some chicks. We are heating the barn so that the eggs do not freeze. We will have 2 hatches and then take a break. We have good fertility on the large fowl Ameraucana, but not much on the bantams. Most of the breeds are laying pretty well with the additional light during the day and leaving the lights on unit 8pm.

Soon the national Ameraucana show will once again be here. I would like to thank Barbra and the Bluegrass Poultry Association for a great time at the nationals in the Southeast. I am sure that everyone had a great time there. It was nice getting to know a few different breeders that I have not met before, and I hope to meet some new breeders in 2011 in Indianapolis for the Nationals.

I am looking forward to going to 1 or 2 different shows next year and will not go to as many cattle shows. We have cut down on the cattle and will try to attend more poultry shows in 2011.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

South Central District, Paul Smith, Director

Greetings from the South-Central District!



Show season is well underway with breeding season rapidly approaching, that is if we want some early hatches for the 2011 shows. We have been to our local show in Decatur, TX and the ABC national meet in Frankfort, KY. It was great to get to go to our big one. We have missed seeing the ABC gang the past two years. The overall quality of the Ameraucana was very good. They were in high demand and many found new homes. We had sold most of our 2010 breeder quality birds before the national and are delivering the last of them to be picked up at our district meet in Shawnee, OK on December 11, 2010. We are keeping only a very few as we have shared the majority of them with other fanciers.

We did manage to acquire some blue, black and wheaten cockerels while at the national and added a lavender chick and a lavender split chick while on our way home. Cindy Aultman shared her start of lavenders with us just before we left for Frankfort. We may be a little late getting into the lavenders to be of much help at getting them recognized by the APA, but we will do what we can.

While at the national meet we had the privilege of meeting several people who we had visited with via e-mail or phone. The national was a lot fun even though it is a long drive and a lot of effort, it's more than worth it to go! A piece meal report is on the ABC website and a complete report is in the Poultry Press. A one day show causes things to be in a rapid pace-being a Jr. senior citizen I had problems trying to keep up! LOL We even left our wheaten cockerel in his show coop! Thanks to John Blehm, the PO and a little money, he made his way home in great shape.



South Central District, Continued

The 2011 national should provide enough time to get to visit with everyone involved with Ameraucana, take the photos, and figure the display points since it is a three day show. I'm looking forward to it, and have started setting up breeding pens early to try to get some hatched that will be ready for the show. Our birds needed more time, to complete their tail and wing feathers to do well at our 2010 national. It was good to find out that many of the top placing blues and blacks were descendants of birds that we had sold.

Presently we are accepting orders for 2011 day old chicks hatched February through May. At the time of writing this we are about 20% booked up. We usually fully book up and turn orders away long before the end of hatching season. We had hoped to offer lavender chicks in 2011, but they are going to have to wait until 2012. We are back strong in numbers with the wheaten varieties (wheaten, blue wheaten and splash wheaten) as we retained our 2010 chick hatches. We almost lost our flock of wheaten to old age and over selling. Going three years with only keeping three pullets can present devastating effects on a flock that must be renewed. We have our first ever splash wheaten-only, pair in a breeding pen. We plan to set-up a breeding pen with a splash wheaten cockerel on wheaten pullets which will produce blue wheaten only. It's disappointing that the wheaten varieties are all the same color at hatching and cannot be distinguished which variety they are until about two weeks old. If you haven't read the post breeding blues and blue wheaten on the ABC Forum, please do. I had Angela save it from the now gone ABC Sharing Place Forum, and bring it to the front line on the ABC present forum. It was written long ago, but the info is still the same.

Hope everyone gets to show a champion this year and gets the breeding pens going soon.

May God Bless!

Western District, Connie "Jean" Ribbeck, Director

We have had early snow and cold conditions in the Pacific Northwest. Just keeping up with feeding and breaking ice to water has been difficult with the large flock I have carried over the past two years. I will be downsizing considerably this year to around 75 birds. I will still be working on my projects which include the lavenders, the silvers, and some others.

To those of you who have a little extra room, I would like to encourage you to work on some of the varieties that have not received much attention over the years like the silver and brown red varieties. Working to improve all of our varieties proves that we are dedicated to our breed.

Merry Christmas!

Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director

Greetings to all my poultry friends! It is a beautiful day, November 3rd. It started out cold, but the Sun came out and it is warming, what a day the Lord has made.

The 2010 national is history, but the feeling comradeship of seeing friends that are widely scattered, and meeting some new friends is one of my great pleasures.



RV LF White Pullet by John & Anne Foley



AOV RV Lavender LF Cockerel by John Blehm



RV AOV LF Splash pullet by Paul & Angela Smith

Northeast District, Continued



Ameraucana are very attractive birds, and there were many birds that did not place here that could have won in many other shows, Quality showed, and Tim Bowles did a good job judging. As I have said in the past, and will in the future, the ABC is the best and the quality of our breed is only surpassed by our members.

I have been asked to place a district meet at the NEPC in Massachusetts, but have not received a reply, so I may not be able to.

According to the last report I have seen, our district has the most members. It is my hope that we can entice more than one or two members to the shows. Where we have good size displays of Ameraucana, we usually see one on champion row.

This time of year, breeders are thinking about their late hatch for next falls birds.

My birds are not laying well currently, but I am planning to set some eggs in January.

Luck to all on the shows you attend and on hatching eggs!

Southeast District, Barbara Campbell, Director



I am still on a high from our National Meet! How exciting and fulfilling it was to hold our National meet in the southeastern district. This was a goal I have been working towards for almost a decade. The weather was grand (I ordered that you know) and the Bluegrass Poultry Association did a fine job of hosting our meet. We had 115 large fowl and 113 bantams shown by 19 members in the open show plus 5 large fowl and 8 bantams shown by 4 junior members in the junior show. Not only is that a great turnout but Ameraucanas made it to champion row in both the open and in the junior show! A detailed report can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations and thanks to all for making this a successful National Meet!

It has been an honor to serve as your Southeaster District Director for the past two terms. Let's all support Tina Dinkins as she learns the ropes of the position. I'm confident Tina will do a fine job!

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

2010 Officer Elections, Michael Gilbert, Election Commissioner

As your Election Commissioner, I have collected and counted the ballots. Below are the results of the election for our 2011-2012 officers:

President and Western Director – Jean Ribbeck
Secretary/Treasurer – Michael Muenks
NC Director – Jerry De Smidt
NE Director – Harold Knapp
SE Director – Tina Dinkins
SC Director – Paul Smith

The proposed amendment to the constitution of the Ameraucana Breeders Club passed.



Treasurer's Report

ABC Checking Account, Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, MO	
Opening Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 1981.83
Income – January Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	539.00
Income – February Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	698.00
Income – March Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	203.00
Income – April Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	186.00
Income – May Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	67.00
Income – June Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	43.00
Income – July Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	30.00
Income – August Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	36.00
Income – September Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	
Income – October, Directories, Donations, etc	
Income – November, Directories, Donations, etc	
Income – December Dues, Directories, Donations, etc.	
National Meet Donations	130.00
Income Subtotal (opening balance + months)	\$ 3,913.83
Expense - Postage	24.76
Expense – Office Supplies	7.41
Expense – Other: Memorials	0.00
Expense – Memberships, Advertisements	0.00
Expense – Bank Charges (return item fees)	4.00
Expense – National Meet Awards/Awards	0.00
Expense - Refunds	5.00
Expense Subtotal	\$ 41.17
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2010	\$ 3,872.66
PayPal Account November 30, 2010	\$ 770.51
Total	***\$ 4,643.17
Respectfully Submitted, Michael J. Muenks, Secretary/Treasurer	

*** Please note that National Meet expenses will hit in September along with office supplies. I had to purchase envelopes and ink as my bulk supplies had ran out.

Michael

2011 National Meet Hotel

The host motel for the Crossroads of America Poultry Show is now taking reservations. The host motel is the Marriott North at 3645 River Crossing Parkway, Indianapolis, Indiana. Show dates for the National Meet are October 28, 29, and 30, 2011, so most of us will want reservations for the nights of the 27th, 28th, and 29th. The special group rate is \$89 plus tax per night. There is an indoor pool. The toll free reservation number is 1-800-228-9290, or the hotel can be called directly at 1-317-705-0000.

Smith Ameraucana

We are accepting orders for large fowl day-old Ameraucana chicks in black, blue, splash, wheaten, blue wheaten, splash wheaten & large fowl day-old Single Comb Rhode Island Reds

Hatching
February 7-
May 30, 2011

Paul & Angela Smith
2175 CR 224
Gainesville, TX. 76240
sw_psmith@swmail.com
940-768-8405

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

Club Notes

The deadline to submit articles, ads, reports, meet requests, etc. for the next bulletin is February 15, 2011 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

2005 Club Handbook - \$5

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



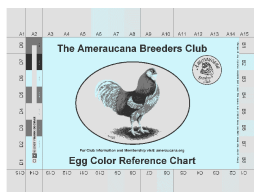
Bulletins 1979-1984 - \$30

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.

4-H Avian Quiz Bowl, Patty Pickard

Congratulations to the Ohio State 4-H Avian Quiz Bowl team for placing 3rd at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Competition which was held on Thursday, November 18, in Louisville, KY. There were 78 kids representing 19 states in attendance at the national conference. The Ohio State team comprised of **Becca Pickard, ABC member**, Gabrielle Kerner, and Jacob Norwich placed 3rd in the competition. This was a double elimination style tournament in which 11 state teams participated. The kids were quizzed over topics including Avian Systems, Cockatiel, Blue Ribbon Pullets, Commercial Poultry, Eggyclopedia, & Food Poisoners. The competition was super tough, but the kids pulled through with excellent scores. For placing 3rd in the national competition, the kids received gold pins, plaques, and \$50 savings bonds.



Becca Pickard, Jacob Norwich, Gabrielle Kerner, award presented by Paul Pressley, US Poultry and Egg Association

ChickHatchery.com



Ameraucana

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Don't be disappointed, order early for limited hatches in the spring.

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Birch Run MI 48415



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2010 National Meet Roundup, Paul Smith

By all accounts the 2010 National Meet was a smashing success. A hearty "Thank You!" to Barbara Campbell and team Southeast for organizing the meet! Of course, we cannot forget the Bluegrass Poultry Association, our host club, and their hospitality. 115 large fowl and 113 bantams were entered from 13 states with only a few no-shows. Tim Bowles judged both the bantams and large fowl.

The blacks were the largest class in both large fowl and bantams. The best of variety black in the bantam class was a pullet by Robert Walchak and his cockerel was RV. Mike Gilbert took top places in the blues with a pullet and cock respectfully. Robert Walchak filled the top of the blue wheaten class with his pullet. Mike Gilbert's cockerel from his Reserve trio filled the RV. Robert Walchak's brown-red cockerel took the top honors in the brown red and Neil Townsend's cock was RV. Mike Gilbert won the buff variety with his cockerel and John Blehm filled the RV with his pullet. John also had the top silver with his pullet and the RV honors went to Neil Townsend on his silver cock. Topping the wheaten variety was Jerry DeSmidt with his BV on pullet and Michael Gilbert took RV with a cockerel. Top honors for the white variety was claimed by Robert Walchak with his cockerel which also won BB, Best AOCCL and Champion Ameraucana. The reserve white went to Jerry De Smidt on his pullet which also won Reserve Breed and Reserve AOCCL. The AOV field had a pair of Blue Golden; a cock and hen by Jerry Segler. In addition, there were several lavender; the best of variety was a pullet by John Blehm, which was also the RV of the AOV field. The RV lavender was also a pullet, shown by Jerry Segler. The best AOV was filled by a splash wheaten by Jerry DeSmidt. Jerry DeSmidt also had the top scoring bantam display with 51 points in whites. Mike Gilbert showed the top two trios. The reserve trio was a set of blue wheaten.

Mike Gilbert also had the top eggs with his bantam pullet eggs and Robert Walchak had second place with pullet eggs. There were not any bantam hen eggs shown.

The large fowl blue class was topped by Tom Kernan's cockerel. Jerry DeSmidt had the RV also on a cockerel. Tom Kernan's two blue wheaten cockerels claimed the top spots in the blue wheaten class. James Fegan's cock and cockerel respectfully won the top two spots in the brown-reds. Jensen Pierson's buff hen claimed the BV and Larry Clionsky's buff pullet was RV. James Fegan took both the top silvers with a hen and pullet respectfully. Barbara Campbell won the top two wheaten with a cockerel and pullet respectfully.

John and Ann Foley won the whites with a cockerel and a pullet respectfully. There was a pair



Back row from left to right: Ken Olsen, Curtis Beck, John Blehm, Jerry Segler, Carl Brantley, Tom Kernan, Neil Townsend, Rob Sando, Dennis Robinson, Jim Fegan, Harold Knapp, and Paul Smith.

Middle Row from left to right: Barbara Campbell, Bob Rennolet, Jensen Pierson, Larry Clionsky, Bob Walchak, Donna Townsend, Anne Foley, and Tina Dinkins.

Front row, kneeling, from left to right: Jerry DeSmidt, John Foley, Mike Gilbert, Matthew Smith, and David Blehm.



Robert Walchak, Barbara Campbell and Jim Fegan



Bob Rennolet, Bob Walchak, Barbara Campbell and Patty Pickard ABC Raffle table



2010 Champion Ameraucana White Bantam Cockerel by Robert Walchak



2010 Reserve Champion Ameraucana Black Large Fowl Pullet By Jim Fegan



BV Brown-Red LF Cock by Jim Fegan



The Club Meeting



Tim Bowles Judging the Ameraucana



Michael Gilbert in Show Prep Mode



Robert Rennolet, Neil Townsend, and Rob Sando



Eggs Waiting Judging



Paul Smith, Jerry Segler and Curtis Beck Egg Judging



Lavender Pullet by John Blehm

of lavenders by John Blehm in the AOV class. His pullet was BV lavender and the cockerel was RV lavender. The BV in the AOV was a splash cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt. Paul & Angela Smith had reserve AOV on a splash pullet. Now for the outstanding black class! The BV was a pullet shown by James Fegan purchased as a chick from John Blehm. She also won BB, Best AOSB, Reserve Ameraucana and Champion Large fowl of the show. The RV was also a pullet shown by Tom Kernan. She was also RB and Reserve AOSB. The best large fowl eggs were by John and Ann Foley. The best display with 130 points was a display of black large fowl by Jensen Pierson. Twenty-three exhibitors from 13 states made this a very successfully national Ameraucana meet!

A brief ABC meeting was held. Reports were given (minutes, sect. report, treasure report, bantam portrait, lavender update, future national meets) and Jeannette Frank was awarded the ABC lifetime achievement award, then we adjourned for the awards presentation and a meal.

The junior show, which was held in the barn adjacent to the main barn. In large fowl, Matthew Smith had the top two blacks which won BB and RB. Matthew's pair of wheaten also won BV and RV. For the junior bantams Caleb Pickard had both the BV and RV black bantams with cocks. Caleb also is the proud owner of the BV blue wheaten pullet. The BV and RV buff bantams were shown by Nicole Pickard and were both cocks. In wheaten, David Krut had the BV with a cock and Caleb Pickard had the RV wheaten with a cock.

Minutes of the Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet

Frankfort, KY
10/23/10, 2pm

Ken Olsen, Curtis Beck, John Blehm, Jerry Segler, Carl Brantley, Tom Kernan, Neil Townsend, Rob Sando, Dennis Robinson, Jim Fegan, Harold Knapp, Paul Smith, Barbara Campbell, Bob Rennolet, Jensen Pierson, Larry Clionsky, Bob Walchak, Donna Townsend, Anne Foley, Tina Dinkins, Jerry DeSmidt, John Foley, Mike Gilbert, Matthew Smith, and David Blehm were present.

A Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were handed to those present. Mike Gilbert acted as secretary. The Meeting was called to order by President John W Blehm, at 2:05pm. John reported that even though this was a one-day show the show barns would open at 4:30am on Sunday morning for those that wanted to stay the night and coop-out then. He gave a brief oral review of the minutes from the last meeting:

- Other breeds developing lavender varieties
- The ABA portrait issue is resolved
- New silver description will be in new APA Standard
- Splash color acceptance discussed
- Forum registrations discussed
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A Secretary's report, submitted by Michael Muenks, was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as submitted.

A Treasurer's report, submitted by Michael Muenks, was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Clionsky spoke about the combs on LF males getting too big and not shaped well.

John Blehm spoke about using the ABC Forum to gain breeding/exhibiting information.

Mike Gilbert made a motion to thank outgoing officers Barbara Campbell and John Blehm for the service. The motion was seconded and followed by a round of applause.

Members were asked to stay after the meeting for a group photo.

Bob Walchak was collecting for a joint Poultry Press ad.

John Blehm presented the ABC Lifetime achievement award to Jeanette Frank, of Montana (not present – award to be mailed). Barbara Campbell accepted the award as proxy.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Meet Placement, Michael Muenks

The updated Meet Placement procedure goes into effect January 1, 2011. Starting on that date all meets will be placed by your district Director. Please make all meet requests to your district director. If you are unsure of which ABC District you live in, the membership list included with this Bulletin is arranged according to district. If you have questions, please contact your district director or me.



BV LF Buff Hen by Jensen Pierson



RV LF Wheaten Pullet by Barbara Campbell



RV LF Silver pullet by Jim Fegan



RV LF Blue Wheaten cockerel by Tom Kernan



Pips & Peeps

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From Under the Black Locust, by Michael Muenks

This has been one of the more interesting years in my life. It is hard to describe the small steps and the opportunity which resulted in us dispersing our Ameraucana and Nubian goats and moving to a townhouse in Elgin, IL in order for me to work for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in proposal development. If you have a child in school you just need to look at the publisher line of their text books and you will probably find at least one published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

So as I write my first *Under the Black Locust* away from the farm, I can report that we have pretty much settled in after our move the weekend of the National meet. I was quite distressed that I was not able to attend the National meet and help out. I pulled Paul Smith's excellent report from the forum. Thanks to everyone who helped with the meet.

I apologize for the slow release of this bulletin. I worked on it in fits and starts. I realized I was procrastinating because I was homesick for the farm. I do really miss the routine and the cycle of life. I don't know what the next year will bring, but hopefully I will find a way to raise a few Ameraucana. We have a year lease currently, so I have about 9 months left to make a decision and look around for places to live.

You are probably thinking about a few early hatches and how to pump up fertility and production. You may have extended the length of the day for the Ameraucana with artificial lighting; rope lights and natural spectrum bulbs on automatic timers are just a couple of the many possible lighting solutions. However, extending the birds' day will not ensure fertility and production alone; one must have an appropriate protein level. We are concerned with producing strong embryos here, not just an egg for consumption.

During the natural season for producing highly viable embryos, hens and cocks are consuming a rich and varied diet of greens, insects, fresh seeds, decaying plant matter, and early fruits. Yes, chickens do consume a large amount of decaying plant matter when left to forage. First, you will need to bump up your standard crumble or mash protein level. 16% or 18% is not enough protein to guarantee the consistent production of healthy embryos. Your hens will pull protein and nutrients from their body, but the hen will not be able to sustain the levels needed for an extended period of lay. You need to push up the protein to the 20%-22% range at a minimum. There are several strategies one can use. Buy pre-packaged rations with the higher protein, mix your own feed and raise the protein, use a game bird breeder ration, or have a custom mix made. You might think that you have to buy tons of feed at a time when having a custom mix prepared, but you might be surprised at what your local feed mill may be willing to do at a surprisingly affordable cost. I found over the years that my chickens enjoyed dog or cat food and any greens I could get my hands on. I am sure that most of us feed kitchen scraps, but how about a cabbage head. Heads of cabbage are usually fairly cheap and the chickens will have fun with it. If you have been involved in the grocery business you will know that a lot of produce is thrown away. You might check with your local grocer and see if you can have the produce that is not fit to sell or buy it for a small amount. The final supplemental food is raw meat. It may seem odd to some, but it is a good substitute for the insects that are available during the spring, summer and fall.

So, if you have low fertility or your embryos are burning out in the last half of the incubation period, that is not hatching, you may need to increase the protein you are feeding and diversify the diet of your Ameraucana. On a final note, if you have issues with weak egg shells you might want to try a liquid calcium product like Calciboost. Calciboost was recommended to me in conjunction with peahens and I have used it successfully with chickens. It can reverse a hens' calcium deficiency in a matter of days if a hen is laying shell-less or weak-shelled eggs.

Upcoming Club Meets

January 15-16, 2011

Northeastern District Meet, placed by Harold Knapp

Northeastern Poultry Congress

West Springfield, MA

Contact:

Edie Rochette, Tallchicken@yahoo.com, (860) 345-2048

PO BOX 178

Haddam, CT. 06438-1248

<http://www.poultrycongress.com/>

January 29-30, 2011

California State Meet, placed by Connie "Jean" Ribbeck

Pacific Poultry Breeders Association Winter Show

Stockton, CA

Contact:

Chris Tamayo, csbantams@gmail.com

February 12-13, 2011

Special Meet, placed by Connie "Jean" Ribbeck

Humboldt Poultry Fanciers Association, Eureka, CA

Contact:

Harry Majors, harrymajors2000@yahoo.com

October 28-30, 2011

National Meet, placed by ABC Board of Directors

Crossroads of America Show, Indianapolis, IN

Contact:

http://web.mac.com/rbennett57/Crossroads_of_America/Crossroads_of_America.html

2010 Membership Renewal, by Michael Muenks

It is hard to believe, but it is that time again . . . time to renew memberships to the Ameraucana Breeders Club. About half of the membership is renewed for 2011 at this time. If you have not renewed your membership yet, a brightly colored membership renewal form is included with this bulletin. The membership renewal form looks much like it has in the past. Please note the addition of a space for your ABC forum username, Year Joined, and ABC Directory Information Release. If you are a member of the ABC forum please include your username on your membership renewal and I will forward one file to our forum administrator Susie Winder. For those members who have already renewed their membership I have included a reminder notice regarding the forum, your year joined, and your username.

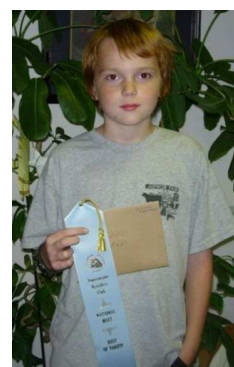
Over the last couple of years I have had requests for a membership roster. On the following pages you will find the current membership for the Ameraucana Breeders Club. This information is provided to allow for members to better network on the local level and to coordinate meetings and meets at local shows. Please respect members' privacy and do not share the roster information without the express permission of the individual member. The roster is arranged by district, state, and last name.

Members who are interested in selling Ameraucana are listed in the Breeders Directory which is a different publication.

I apologize for the small print!



Bob Rennolet Prepping his Ameraucana



David Krut with his awards



RV LF blue cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt



RV Silver bantam cock by Neil Townsend

Thanks to Paul Smith, Angela Smith, and John Blehm for the pictures from the National Meet

2010 Ameraucana Breeders Club Membership

North Central District - Jerry De Smidt Director							
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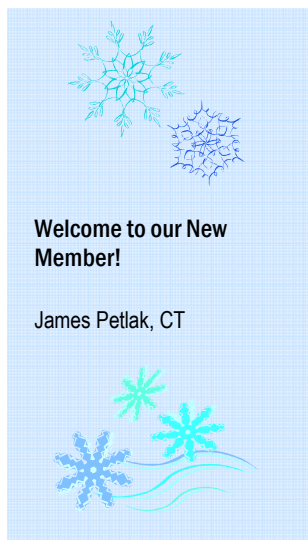
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