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President's Report, Connie "Jean" Ribbeck

It's been pretty hot in the Pacific Northwest, but we are not in any drought conditions and my flock has tolerated the heat with few losses. It looks as though we should be cooling back down in a week of two to normal late summer weather. Before long it will be fall show season again!



I have concentrated on replacing my black and blue stock this year as most of my hens are four to five years old. There are many black

and blue birds sweltering in the grow out area. I see several promising wheaten pullets this year thanks to changing the cock bird in the pen.

My white flock has virtually disappeared as I bred my hens and pullets to a blue cockerel late this winter. I am pleased to say that I have bred out the barring gene from my white flock. None of the offspring from the above cross are barred! The visual white flocks will be back next spring.

My first large fowl chocolate project birds have started to lay and it is time to get the next generation on the ground. The large fowl look like they will take much longer to develop than the bantams.

Along with downsizing my flock, I have decided to try whole grains for my feed rations. I have found a local farmer that can supply me with what I need at about \$200.00 less per ton than buying wholesale at the local brand name plant. This will be a learning curve for me as I want to make sure I am supplying adequate vitamins and minerals to the flock.

Several people have mentioned on the Forum that they are starting project colors or improvements to the current varieties we have. Keep up the work and please continue to share as your progress or lack of may help others with their endeavors.

I would like to welcome our interim Western District Director Christina Korfus to the Board. She has been appointed to the position until the end of the year and elections are complete. Plans for several meets are in the works for the Western District and details of the National Meet for 2013 are being finalized.



North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director

I have decided not to run for re-election for the board of directors, with my new job I just do not have the time to commit to being your representative for the North Central region. Jake ends up doing all the chores and that is not fair to him. We will be going to the National show in MO and look forward to seeing all of you at the show. I have talked to several breeders from the district that plan on going and I hope that it is a great show as it was the last time.

We have had a very hot and dry summer this year and I hope that everyone survived better than some of our birds which did not feather very well. We did not hatch out as many chicks this year so we do not have very many birds in each variety.

Western District, Christina Korfus, Director

Hi Ameraucana Breeders Club!

My name is Christina Korfus of Korfus Kluckers. I have raised Ameraucana off and on for several years. I started with the blacks. A few years back, I acquired some brown red LF from Mike Gilbert, as well as some brown red bantams from Mike Gilbert and Bob Walcheck. I have raised poultry since I was a little girl growing up on a 10 acre farm. I started my endeavor with exhibition birds when moving over to Cle Elum, WA. I scoured the Internet looking for a docile breed of chicken for eggs. I came across a few websites talking about show birds. I thought "really, they show chickens." I have been hooked ever since. Besides Ameraucana, I raise large fowl and bantam Orpingtons. I regularly am an exhibitor at the pacific northwest shows. I have enjoyed going to a few shows back east.

I live on a 7 acre farm located just outside of Cle Elum, WA with my husband Tom and my son Wyatt. I am a nurse. In the past I worked hours upon hours, but right now I am currently not working. I am excited to be appointed to the Western District position. If you have any questions or want to place a meet please email me at <u>korfuskluckers@aol.com</u> or call 509-607-0405. We are working on confirming the Ameraucana National for 2013 in Farmington Utah.

Below are state meets placed so far:

* PNPA Winter Classic DOUBLE Show- Oregon state fairgrounds October 13th & 14th 2012 Kevin Haywood <u>k.haywood.jr@gmail.com</u>

* Washington Feather Fancier's Winter Brisk (Chehalis, WA) November 17 & 18th Anne Maloch <u>damhorses@yahoo.com</u>

* Pacific Poultry Breeders Assn 66th Annual Winter Show January 26 & 27, 2013 Anthony Rose, <u>arose@valleyalphaelectric.com</u>

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South Central District, Paul Smith, Director

Greetings from the South-Central District

Plans are being finalized for another great Ameraucana National Meet!

Areatha Mahan has agreed to paint plates for all nine of the best of varieties in both bantam and large fowl. Reserve varieties will receive a ribbon from the ABC. The Missouri State Poultry Club agreed to supply trophies and cash awards to the champion and reserve champion Ameraucana. Ribbons have been used for the best hen and pullet eggs in both bantam and large fowl in the past. The heat wave that has been nationwide this year, may have a huge effect on the condition of older birds, eliminating any possibility of displays, but we still need to be prepared for awards for them. They don't accept trios at this show. Cash awards will also be used. Anyone who wants to donate towards the national needs to send them to Michael Muenks. Bernita Miller, show secretary says the show catalogs will be ready by the time this is published. We will have a corner of the large building for a place to have our annual business meeting and hold an educational seminar.

Hope everyone who shows Ameraucana, will participate on Oct. 27, at the Sedalia, Missouri State Fair Grounds. Seven years ago (2005) the ABC drew a lot of attention to our great breed by having almost 200 head of Ameraucana at Sedalia! It was a total different poultry club, which has disbanded that hosted our national at that time. This is a double judged show with the first judging being our national and the second judging being the Missouri State meet. Looking forward to a great time!

Our South-Central District meet will be the following Saturday-November 3, 2012 at the Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association Show in Fayetteville, Arkansas. This is also a double judged show with the first judging being our district and the second judging being our Arkansas State meet. Another great time to be experienced!

The Oklahoma State Poultry Federation Show in Shawnee, OK. is under new show management and should be back with a great show on Dec. 8 and 9, 2012. This is our Oklahoma State Meet.

The Texas State Meet will be at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show January 26 & 27. Unfortunately the Texas Animal Health Commission has forced restrictive regulations on the poultry clubs which cause them to have a state show only-no out of state birds.

The Bluebonnet Classic at College Station, Texas will be a special meet on January 5, 2013. Any South-Central District member, desiring an Ameraucana meet at a show they plan on attending, needs to contact me, so it can get booked. Remember they must be booked far enough ahead of the show, that it can be published in the ABC newsletter.

The birds have been growing and developing well even though it's been over 100° more than 20 days this summer, with many of them 105° or more. Unfortunately for everyone, the heat wave in the corn belt has feed prices soaring. I hate to see how high feed gets before Oct. 2013, when the new corn crop comes in. Oh well! It's only a hobby anyway.

We are now accepting orders for our 2013 hatched day old chicks. We sent out 980 in 51 boxes and sold 111 here at our farm in 2012. Didn't add any states to the 40 that we have sent





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South Central District, continued

Ameraucana, but did add five more to the list for our Rhode Island Reds-bringing them up to 10 states, now.

We are planning on supplying potential show quality day old chicks hatched from Feb. 19 through May 28, 2013 at two week intervals (8 hatches). They have been few in number until mid-March in the past. For prices and more info contact me.

Southeast District, Tina Dinkins, Director

There is not much happening here. I am trying to get a few meetings placed. The TVA & I Fair will be in September and it is our big regional fair. My son and I will place some birds in the competition there. We have a bantam black Ameraucana to put in plus some bantam Salmon Faverolles and some Rhode Island Reds. Keep your fingers crossed for us! Also, I will be stepping down from being the southeast district director when it is time for re-election. I wanted to let you all know in case any of you are interested in this position. I have one person I will be recommending if she will accept. Please keep this position in mind and let any of us on the board know if you are interested. Hope everyone has a great autumn!!

Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director

Things have been unsettle for me this summer and I will not be running for the position of district director.

The ABC district meet I placed at Southern Ohio Poultry Association is not listed in their show catalog. I e-mailed David Adkins (he accepted meet March 7, '12) to try to find out what is going on.

Electronic Bulletin

Over the last several years several members have requested to receive their Bulletins in an electronic format. If you would like to receive your Bulletins via E-mail, please let Michael know if you would like to begin receiving your Ameraucana Bulletin electronically and he will add your name to the list.

From Under the Black Locust, Michael Muenks

Greetings to the Ameraucana Breeders Club! Thank you for your support and patience as I have adjusted to the after-effects of Dad's terrible car accident. I will make a decision soon about whether I will be able to continue as secretary/treasurer.

Advertisements in the Ameraucana Bulletin

Bulletin advertisements are free for club members and need to be submitted by **November 22**, **2012**. Those members who are currently advertisers need to confirm that they wish to continue to advertise by **November 22**, **2012**. Please let Michael know if you are interested in advertising in the next Bulletin.





Welcome to our New Members!

Johnny and Lois Credle, Sr., MD

Suzy Green, CA

Luke Forsch, IA

Caleb Jenks, HI

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Ameraucana Breeders Club Officers for 2013-2014

It is hard to believe that it is an election year for the Ameraucana Breeders Club! Per the constitution of the Ameraucana Breeders Club, **"When only one member accepts the nomination for any office that person will be elected by acclamation,"** no election was held and the following are the new officers of the Club for 2013-2014.

| North Central District Director | Duane Schroeder |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Northeast District Director | Sharon Yorks |
| Southeast District Director | Jes Kemp |
| South Central District Director | Paul Smith |
| Western District Directory | Christina Korfus |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Michael Muenks |
| President | Jean Ribbeck |

The following is an over overview of the duties/responsibilities of each position. The full description may be found in your constitution of the Ameraucana Breeders Club.

Director – The director places meets for the district, organizes the National Meet when it falls within the district, promotes Ameraucana with the district, and answers questions regarding Ameraucana. The district director is a voting member of the board of directors and assists the president in running the Club.

President – The president runs the Ameraucana Breeders Club and interacts with other organizations on behalf of the members of the Ameraucana Breeders Club. The president conducts meetings of the members and board of directors. Assists and running the national meet.

Secretary/Treasurer – Keeps the membership roll of the club, updates the Breeders Directory, conducts club business and correspondence, assists in running the national meet, and answers questions.

Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets

September 9, 2012

New York State Meet, placed by Harold Knapp Twin Tier Poultry Club, Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath, NY Contact: Bob Whitney 8000 Country Road 113 Bath, NY 14810 http://www.steubencountyfair.org/poultry.htm

September 22-23, 2012 **Wisconsin State Meet**, placed by Jerry DeSmidt Wisconsin International, Portage, WI Contact: Terry Lund wipoultryclub@yahoo.com CRYSTAL CREEK BREEDING BETTER LAVENDERS



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The deadline to submit articles, ads, reports, meet requests, etc. for the next bulletin is November 22, 2012 and need to be sent to the club secretary.

Bulletin advertisements are free to all members!

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

Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets, continued

October 6, 2012 Special Meet, placed by Jerry De Smidt West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club "Red Cedar Showdown", Menomonie, WI Contact: Dan Paff, juddan@wwt.net, (715)723-2750 6977 County Hwy N Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

October 6, 2012 **Montana State Meet**, requested by Jean Ribbeck Big Sky Poultry Expo, Great Falls, MT Contact: Erin Faulkner, (406) 231-8653 <u>erininmt@hotmail.com</u>

October 6-7, 2012 **Northeast District Meet**, placed by Harold Knapp 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 13-14, 2012

Oregon State Meet, placed by Christina Korfus Pacific Northwest Poultry Association Northwest Winter Classic Double Show, Meet 1, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR Contact: Kevin Haywood, <u>khaywood.jr@gmail.com</u>

October 20, 2012

Indiana State Meet, placed by Jerry DeSmidt Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon, IN Contact: Doug Akers, <u>dakers@purdue.edu</u> (765)482-7182 October 27, 2012 National Meet, placed by Paul Smith Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Double Show, Meet 1 Sedalia, MO Contact: Bernita Miller, <u>bmiller@iland.net</u>

October 27, 2012 **Missouri State Meet**, requested by Michael Muenks Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Double Show, Meet 2 Sedalia, MO Contact: Bernita Miller, bmiller@iland.net

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Ameraucana Breeders Club Upcoming Meets, continued

November 3, 2012 **South Central District Meet**, placed by Paul Smith Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association Meet 1, Fayetteville, AR Contact: Jacob Bates, (479) 965-5222 614 North Hancook Street Charleston, AR 72933 jakeab42@hotmail.com

November 3, 2012 **Arkansas State Meet**, requested by Roy Snider Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association Meet 2, Fayetteville, AR Contact: Jacob Bates, (479) 965-5222 614 North Hancook Street Charleston, AR 72933 jakeab42@hotmail.com

November 3-4, 2012 **Nebraska State Meet**, requested by Gordan Gilliam Nebraska State Poultry Show, Landcaster County Event Center, Lincoln, Nebraska Contact: Vicki Gilliam 13301 Raymond Road Waverly, NE 68462 <u>gilavina@hotmail.com</u>

November 10-11, 2012 **Ohio State Meet**, requested by Patty Pickard Ohio National Columbus, OH Contact: Eric Markley, 419-568-7402, Cell 419-303-6909, <u>markley@ohionational.org</u> www.ohionational.org

November 17-18, 2012 **Washington State Meet**, placed by Christina Korfus Washington Feather Fancier's Winter Brisk, Chehalis, WA Contact: Anne Malock, <u>damhorses@yahoo.com</u>

December 8-9, 2012 Oklahoma State Meet, placed by Paul Smith Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, OK Contact: Mike Geis, 405-761-8339 geismcloud@aol.com



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December 8, 2011 North Carolina State Meet, requested by Beth Curran Cape Fear Poultry Association, Johnston County Livestock Arena, Smithfield, NC Contact: Carolyn Lynn, 910-897-8001, <u>sultanlady@embarqmail.com</u> Arkleton 5860 Hwy 217 Erwin, NC 28339 http://www.capefearpoultryassociation.embarqspace.com/#/club-news/4536163105

January 5, 2013 Special Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson Brazos Valley Poultry Club, Bluebonnet Classic, College Station, TX Contact: Claudia Choate, 512-273-2010 1489 CR 308 Lexington, TX 78947-4190 claudia@bluebonnetclassic.com

January 26-27, 2013 **Texas State Meet**, requested by Aaron Hickson Fort Worth Stock Show, Fort Worth, TX Contact: Monty Fitzgerald, (940) 736 4204 mfitzgerald@@tvmdl.tamu.edu

January 26-27, 2013 **California State Meet**, requested by Jean Ribbeck Pacific Poultry Breeders Association 66th Annual Winter Show, Stockton, CA Contact: Anthony Rose, arose@valleyaphaelectric.com

Meet Reports

Southeastern Ohio Poultry Breeders Special Meet, March 31, 2012, Reported by Patty Pickard <u>2 large fowl were shown</u> BB, BV black H by Patty Pickard

RB, RV black C by Caleb Pickard

<u>3 Junior Show large fowl were shown</u> BB, BV black P by Anthony Heitger, out of 3 **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana** RB, RV black H by Anthony Heitger

4 Junior Show bantam were shown

RB, BV black H by Caleb Pickard RV black C by Caleb Pickard BB, BV buff C by Nicole Pickard RV buff H by Nicole Pickard

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Meet Reports, continued . . .

Buckeye Fancy Feathers Special Meet, June 9, 2012, Reported by Rhonda Simmons 2 large fowl where judged by Gary Overton BB, BV black C by Harold Knapp RB, RV black H by Harold Knapp

5 bantam where judged by Gary Overton BB, BV black H by Patty Pickard RB, RV black C by Patty Pickard BV wheaten C by Catherine Kasiewiez BV AOV lavender C by Wilbur Weaver, out of 3 RV AOV lavender H by Wilber Weaver

<u>2 Junior Show large fowl were judged by Curtis Oakes</u> BB, BV black H by Aylissa Latham RB, BV white P by Aylissa Latham

5 Junior Show bantam were judged by Curtis Oakes BB, BV black H by Caleb and Nicole Pickard, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana** RB, RV black C by Caleb and Nicole Pickard BV wheaten C by Alyissa Latham , out of 3 RV wheaten H by Alyissa Latham



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