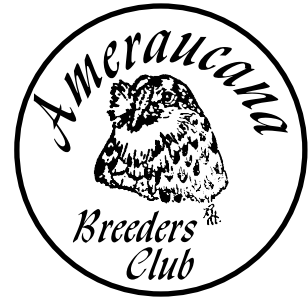


Ameraucana Bulletin

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President's Report ~ Connie "Jean" Ribbeck



Another hot summer is here. I am so happy that Ameraucanas are heat tolerant! I don't think I have filled more waterers daily in any other year. I am getting anxious about what I may have to show at this year's National in Great Falls, MT. I have a couple promising silver pullets with minimal shafting I received from John Blehm. I also have a couple white pullets and a black cockerel that all hatched in March that are looking good. The rest of the birds are younger and still have a bit of growing and feathering in left to do.

My chocolate project birds are coming along nicely. It is just going to take time to keep breeding back to black to improve type and egg color a few more generations. I have just started the silver laced project to produce silver laced birds and to try to improve lacing on blues. All the chicks hatched out looking like extended black bantam chicks. I was not able to start with the large fowl this year as the silver laced Wyandotte pullet I had didn't make it.

My goal this year was to replace older pullets in my blue/black, buff and wheaten/blue wheaten pens. I think I hatched around 400+ chicks this year. I ended up losing several to "piling" the first week they were outside and then a few more to cocci when we had a week of rain. I am considering trying the cocci vaccine next year to prevent losses. I am also thinking of dividing up the grow out area into sections so that the chicks cannot all go in the same corner. In Club news, I would like to thank John Blehm for stepping up to take over our Secretary/Treasurer position. This will be an "interim" position until our next election in the fall of 2014. Michael needed to step down to devote all his time to his family. I would also like to thank Michael for all the work he has done for the Club and let him know our thoughts and prayers are with him. He has been a valuable asset to our Club and he will be missed as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Rocky Mountain Poultry Association is hosting our National October 5, 2013 in Great Falls, MT. They are donating \$50.00 to Champion Ameraucana and \$25.00 to Reserve Champion Ameraucana. They are also donating \$1.00 back to the Club for each Ameraucana entered in the show. We are also having our Western District Meet at the same time. Judges scheduled are Dave Anderson, Sam Brush and Jeannette Frank. Hotel information is listed on the ABC Forum and as soon as the show brochure is available it will also be published/linked on the Forum. If you would like to donate any specials for our National Meet please send the information to John Blehm.

Hope everyone's birds are doing well and hope to see some of you at the National Show!

Welcome new members!

Alexandra Bousman, IN
JCalkins/Cipparone Family, CT
Jamie Corey, OH
Bruce and Krista Davies, CA
Terry Disney, TN
Dana Flaherty, CA
Karen Foster, WV
Melody Hobbs, OK
Connie McConachie, MN
Keith Rae, AZ
Kenneth Rank, KS
Yvette, Mathew, Malachi, Gabbie & Lily Rocha, CA
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Lisa Thomas, AL
Dennis Tydrich, WI
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Under the Black Locust, Michael Muenks

It is with sadness that I leave the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Ameraucana Breeders Club. I apologize for not being able to keep up with the business of the Club and I am very sorry for not responding to those who have contacted me. Unfortunately, the situation with my parents has not gotten better and several things have had to give. I thank John for taking on the position until next year's elections.

Michael

Club Notes, John W Blehm

Due to health issues, personal issues and working too many hours, Jes Kemp has resigned as SE district director. As a director she went above the call of duty and we thank her for servicing the club.

The board of directors has unanimously voted to combine the SE and NE districts into one new Eastern District. Since Sharon Yorks was already the NE district director she is now Eastern district director. Thanks to Sharon for taking on the expanded district.

This Summer Bulletin is getting out behind schedule, so in order to get back on track the deadline for the Fall Bulletin is Sunday, October 13th and Sunday, December 8th for the Winter Bulletin. Please be sure to email articles, reports and ads for the upcoming Bulletins by those dates. The results from our National meet in Great Falls, Montana should be included in the Fall Bulletin.

Michael was proficient with MicroSoft Word and put out great looking Bulletins using it. I don't have the experience with that software that he has, so the reason the layout/design looks so different is that I'm using CorelDRAW software. This is something I've used for graphic design for many years and am more comfortable with it. Let me know if changes are needed to make this easier to read.

The transition of club files and items from Michael to me is not yet complete. I am working on setting up a credit union account for the club and should have a treasurer's report in the next Bulletin.

[Eastern District Report ~ Sharon Yorks, Director](#)

The weather could not have been more perfect than it was at the Buckeye Fancy Feathers poultry show on June 8th in Canfield, OH. Close to 650 birds were on display at this year's poultry show, with six exhibitors bringing Ameraucanas in five different variety categories. Matt Parker took top honors in the Open class winning BB with a white pullet that also went on to win Champion AOSB. A black cockerel that I was showing won RB.



White Ameraucanas were also a force to be reckoned with in the Junior division. Alexis Parker won BB with her white pullet and Austin Parker won RB with his white pullet. Alexis also went on to win Champion AOSB in the Junior division.

In the Open Bantam class, Ralph Malys won BV with a lavender cockerel and RV with a lavender pullet. There were no bantams shown in the Junior division. Judging the classes this year were Daniel Dysart, Glenn See, and Curtis Oakes.

The six birds I took to the Canfield show now have new homes in NY, OH, & PA. I would like to thank those who purchased them and hope to see them, and those birds, at shows in the future. It was great to finally meet and visit with Harold Knapp (former Northeast Director) who was gracious enough to share some of his knowledge and experiences of being a director. All in all, I thought the Canfield, OH show was a very nice show to attend and hope to see even more Ameraucanas there next year.

It was nice to see more purebred Ameraucanas competing at the Medina County Fair this year. Congratulations to Abby Besida on her 1st place win in the cockerel class with a blue cockerel "Gizmo" her parents purchased from me this past May. Gizmo then went on to place Reserve of Show when they brought back the winners from all four classes.



I would also like to congratulate Joy Kindall on her 2nd place win with, "Blitz" a black cockerel they had also purchased from me earlier this year. It was great to see that the only two Ameraucanas in that class were picked above all of the other breeds.

Here in the Northeast district, there are 3 more upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club meets you will want to keep in mind. The Twin Tier Poultry Club will be hosting a New York State Meet on September 8, 2013 in Bath, NY. Also coming up soon is our District meet in Lucasville, OH on October 5-6, 2013, which is being hosted by the Southern Ohio Poultry Association (www.sohiopa.com) – And our Ohio State Meet is scheduled for November 9-10, 2013 in Columbus, OH and is being hosted by Ohio National (www.ohionational.org) – For more information, please check our Ameraucana

Breeders Club website (www.ameraucana.org) and click on the ABC Meets link.

If anyone has questions about attending poultry shows in their area, or how to get them approved as Ameraucana meets, please contact me at: syorks4@gmail.com – or feel free to call me at: 330-416-8419.

[Eastern district meet reports are on page 4 →](#)

Buckeye Fancy Feathers

Ohio Special Meet, June 8th, 2013, reported by Rhonda Simmons

2 bantam by 1 exhibitor, judged by Daniel Dysart

Reserve Champion Ameraucana, BV lavender C by Ralph Malys, out of 2
RV lavender H by Ralph

12 large fowl by 4 exhibitors, judged by Daniel Dysart

RB - BV black K by Sharon Yorks, out of 2

RV black K by Sharon

Champion Ameraucana, **RB** - BV white P by Matt Parker, out of 5

RV white C by Austin Parker

BV splash K by Sharon Yorks, out of 2

RV splash C by Ed Stanish Jr

Junior Show, 4 large fowl, judged by Curtis Oakes

Champion Ameraucana, **BB** - BV white P by Alexis Parker, out of 4

RB - RV white P by Austin Parker

Upper Cumberland Fancy Feathers Club Spring Show

Tennessee Special Meet, April 6, 2013, report by David Rose

Some Ameraucana were entered, but none shown

Volunteer State Poultry Club

Tennessee State Meet, April 27, 2013, reported by Aimee Shelton

Some Ameraucana were entered, but none shown

Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival

Alabama Special Meet, April 12-14, 2013, Linda Stone

No Ameraucana were shown



Fayetteville, AR
Large Fowl Black, Blue,
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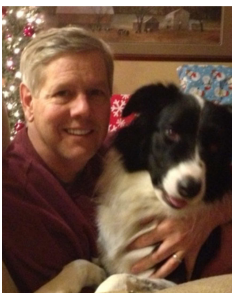
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North Central District Report ~ Duane Schroeder, Director



After record heat in the summer of 2012, the Midwest has experienced cooler than normal temperatures this summer. Since more chickens typically are lost to the heat than to the cold, this has been a welcome change.

This spring I hatched out 49 LF Wheaten/Blue Wheatens. As soon as I could be certain to identify male vs. female, I culled 11 of the males. The goal now is to select the few I will show in October and the 2 quads I will overwinter to perpetuate my flock. Raising the WBS variety is challenging. Regardless of the quality of your breeders, the percentages of offspring that are of show quality tend to be low. This is a reflection of the fact they are a relatively new variety having just been accepted in the APA in 1984.

I receive frequent calls and emails inquiring about my Ameraucanas. It seems interest in our breed is rising at a fast pace, but we still have a way to go in educating others about how they differ from Easter Eggers. I've often thought about how wealthy Jean would be if she had a dollar for every time she's written "EE" in an on-line forum!

Congratulations to the winners of the Coulee Region Poultry Club Show (2013 Wisconsin State ABC Meet) held on June 1, 2013: [Meet report is on next page →](#)

Coulee Region Poultry Club

Wisconsin State Meet, June 1st, 2013, reported by Mike Gilbert

15 bantams by 6 exhibitors, judged by Jeff Halbach

RB - BV black C by Gina Neta, out of 2
RV black H by Bob Walchak
BV blue wheaten C by Tom Stallman, out of 1
BB - BV brown red C by Mike Gilbert, out of 5
RV brown red H by Mike Gilbert
BV buff C by Nate Rynish, out of 4
RV buff K by Nate
BV wheaten cock by Tom Stallman, out of 1
BV white H by Bob Walchak, out of 2
RV white C by Bob

18 large fowl by 10 exhibitors, judged by Jim Fegan

BB - BV black H by Nate Rynish, out of 2
RV black C by Clay Berra
RB - BV blue C by Jacob Sonsalla, out of 6
RV blue P by Katelyn Wozney
BV blue wheaten C by Tom Stallman (others entered, but either Out or DQ)
BV buff H by Hilde Everson, out of 3
RV buff C by Hilde
BV wheaten C by Tom Stallman, out of 1

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South Central District Report ~ Paul Smith, Director



Greetings from the South-Central District.

Hatching season is finally over for us, and everyone in the SC district that I have had contact. This is a year to remember. It started with very low hatch rates, delayed chick shipping and ended with a two week extension of hatch season for us. I blame the weather for the hen's delayed egg production. It was constantly changing from cold to warm then back to cold early in the hatching season. It frosted several times in April and even into May 2nd. Here in North Texas the cold is suppose to be over March 25! Once the hens started laying, fertility was very low at first. Later in the season, they started hatching very well yielding 200 chicks per hatch which enabled us to fill all chick orders except two that were cancelled. One family had a tree to fall on their house during a storm and the other cancellation wanted their chicks earlier than we could supply them, as the orders are filled as they were received. Two more of the early shipped orders were shorted a few wheaten chicks and reimbursed for the shortage. We sent a total of 966 chicks in 49 boxes and had 114 more picked-up here. We only kept 220 here for a total of 1300 hatched in 2013. We added one state to make 41 now that we have sent our Ameraucanas.

Hope everyone has a successful growing season and develops some Ameraucanas into champions to show this fall. Any ABC member desiring a meet in the SC district needs to let me know. The New Mexico State meet at Four Corners Poultry Show; Texas State meet at Ft. Worth Livestock Show; a special meet at Bluebonnet Classic; Louisiana State meet and special meet at the Gulf Coast Poultry Fanciers double show are in the process of being booked for Ameraucana meets.

May the Lord bless until next time, Paul

[Western District Report ~ Christina Korfus, Director](#)

Hello fellow ABC Members,

Hope everyone has had a good year hatching and getting those birds ready for this upcoming seasons shows. I have had several hatches of large fowl and bantam brown reds hatch and I am hoping they will be mature enough for the National show. The National for the ABC will be held in Great Falls Montana. So, be sure to mark your calendars. It is a very nice, laid back show. We are hoping to have a good turn out of Ameraucanas.



([Show Information is in the Meets section below](#) )

There will be two shows, the first will be the National and the second will be a western district meet. I hope you will consider making the trip.

If anyone would like to place a meet for upcoming shows, please email me with contact information and the shows name and I can get a meet set up for ABC. Email is korfuskluckers@aol.com. Hope to see you at National.

Until Then, Christina

[Upcoming Ameraucana Meets](#)

September 8, 2013

New York State Meet,

requested by Harold Knapp
Twin Tier Poultry Club – Bath, NY
Contact: Robert Whitney
(607)776-2500

October 5, 2013

National Meet, placed by Christina Korfus
Big Sky Poultry Expo, Great Falls, MT, **Show 1**
Contact: Erin Faulkner
(406)231-8653 erininmt@hotmail.com

October 5, 2013

Western District Meet,
requested by Jean Ribbeck
Big Sky Poultry Expo, Great Falls, MT, **Show 2**
Contact: Erin Faulkner
(406) 231-8653 erininmt@hotmail.com

October 5, 2013

Wisconsin Special Meet,
requested by Kirstin Thompson
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 5-6, 2013

NE District Meet, placed by Sharon Yorks
Southern Ohio Poultry Association, Lucasville
Contact: David Adkins (740)259-2852
john david.adkins@gmail.com

October 12-13, 2013

NC District Meet, placed by Duane Schroeder
Fowl Fest, Birch Run, Michigan
Contact: Matt Boensch entries@FowlFest.org
(989)529-7030

October 19, 2013

Indiana State Meet,
requested by Duane Schroeder
Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon, IN
Contact: Doug Akers dakers@purdue.edu

November 2-3, 2013

Nebraska State Meet,
requested by Gordan Gilliam
Nebraska State Poultry Association,
Lincoln, NE
Contact: Vicki Gilliam gilavina@hotmail.com
(402)786-7311

November 9-10, 2013

Ohio State Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Ohio National, Columbus, OH
Contact: Erik Markley
Markley@OhioNational.org (419)568-7402

Awards list for ABC National Meet

Great Falls MT ~ October, 5th, 2013

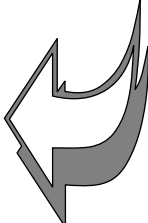
Champion Over-All Ameraucana.....	Rosette & \$50 by Rocky Mountain Poultry Fanciers
Reserve Champion Over-All Ameraucana...	Rosette & \$25 by Rocky Mountain Poultry Fanciers
Best Over-All Display, LF or Bantam.....	Certificate
Reserve Over-All Display, LF or Bantam.....	Certificate
Best of Breed Bantam.....	Ribbon, Commemorative Coaster & ABC Bantam Traveling Plaque
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	Ribbon & Commemorative Coaster
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	Ribbon & Commemorative Coaster
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	Ribbon & Commemorative Coaster
Best Bantam Trio.....	Certificate & \$15 by Mike Gilbert
Reserve Bantam Trio.....	Certificate & \$10 by Mike Gilbert
Best Large Fowl Trio.....	Certificate & \$15 by Mike Gilbert
Reserve Large Fowl Trio.....	Certificate & \$10 by Mike Gilbert
Best of Variety Bantam (recognized & AOV).....	Rosette & \$15
Reserve of Variety Bantam (recognized & AOV).....	Rosette & \$10
Best of Variety Large Fowl (recognized & AOV).....	Rosette & \$15
BV black LF.....	Arne Schmidt Memorial Traveling Plaque
BV blue LF.....	\$30 by Sharon Yorks
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl (recognized & AOV).....	Rosette & \$10
RV blue LF.....	\$20 by Sharon Yorks
Best Over-All Ameraucana - in Junior Show.....	Rosette
BB Bantam - Junior Show.....	ABC Patch
RB Bantam - Junior Show.....	ABC Patch
BB Large Fowl - Junior Show.....	ABC Patch
RB Large Fowl - Junior Show.....	ABC Patch
BV Bantam and Large Fowl (recognized & AOV) - Junior Show.....	\$7 by Patty Pickard
Best Bantam Hen Eggs.....	Certificate Nest Box by John Blehm & Egg Award by Jean Ribbeck
Best Bantam Pullet Eggs.....	Certificate Nest Box by John Blehm & Egg Award by Jean Ribbeck
Best LF Hen Eggs.....	Certificate Nest Box by John Blehm & Egg Award by Jean Ribbeck
Best LF Pullet Eggs.....	Certificate Nest Box by John Blehm & Egg Award by Jean Ribbeck

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[More Club Notes, John W Blehm](#)

Once again the National Meet will feature the annual egg contest. This is a great way for everyone to participate in the fun and enter something. Entries may be brought to the Club table until 10 AM on Saturday morning. Judging will commence promptly at 10 AM. An entry consists of 6 Ameraucana eggs in the following classes: bantam pullet, bantam hen, large fowl pullet, and large fowl hen. Display containers will be provided.



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If you are a member, but not registered on the ABC Forum and would like to be just send an email to me. Only dues paying ABC members can post on the ABC Forum and you are encouraged to use you real name on it, so we know who we are talking to.

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