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# Ameraucana Breeders Club

## Fall Bulletin



### Welcome to All the New Members!

The New Member packets are still flying out of here to points North, South, East, and West. Say Hi to all our new members:

- ◇ Mark Ashworth, Leroy, MI
- ◇ Casey Carter, Dallas ,TX
- ◇ John Nyquist, Millsap, TX
- ◇ Stacey Palmer, Ashland, VA
- ◇ Kathleen Pearl, Lennon, MI
- ◇ Tiffany Pope, St. Augustine, FL
- ◇ Sarah Rose, Laton, CA
- ◇ Mike Spencer, West Jordan, UT
- ◇ Misty Vivion, Kopperl, TX

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From the desk of...

## President Clif Redden

Hi everyone, I hope you had a great summer and a great breeding season as well. I'm excited about the fast approaching Ameraucana nationals, I know a lot of shows have been canceled. However it looks like the national will happen as planned. If your planning to go, I have heard you should get your entries in as early as possible. There are a lot of people wanting to show their birds from all the country with a lot of different breeds. I'd like to see a big portion of the cages filled with Ameraucanas. I know many of you have raised a lot of nice birds this year



so make sure you make it to Arkansas with some of them. I pray that your families are blessed and kept.—Clif Redden

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*“I know many of you have raised a lot of nice birds this year so make sure you make it to Arkansas with some of them.*

From the desk of...

## Susan Mouw, Secretary/ Treasurer

Hi Everyone!

Wow! It's Fall already! Now when I go out in the mornings to do morning chores, I can feel that crispness in the air that hints of baked apples, pumpkin pie, and, coming soon, a huge turkey dinner for Thanksgiving!

As the weather cools, many of us are sorting out our spring hatches and trying to decide who goes, who stays, and who ends up as Sunday dinner. It's a tough job each year and probably the thing I like the least about having these beautiful Ameraucanas. But it's got to be done, so we just roll up our sleeves and get to it. Hopefully, when it's all done, we have a beautiful group of birds to fill breeding and show pens for the coming year.

I hope your Fall and the beginning of the Holiday Season is joyful, peaceful, and full of abundant blessings! See you just before Christmas! —



### Treasurer's Report

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Prev. Balance</b>           | 7420.52        |
| <b>Cash &amp; Income</b>       |                |
| Sales                          | 45.00          |
| Dues                           | 215.94         |
| <b>Total Cash &amp; Income</b> | <b>7671.46</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                |                |
| Postage&Supplies               | 97.97          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>97.97</b>   |
| <b>Cash Balance</b>            | <b>7573.49</b> |

*From the desk of...*

## **North East Director Larry Clionsky**

Hello to all of you from central PA. Its been one heck of a Spring and Summer here. First the Spring was filled with rain and I never was able to get my breeding pens because their stands were sunk in mud and i was wallowing thru it like a hog. Then the summer came in hot and hotter so egg production was down. So, I managed to have five hatches but out of 90 Buff eggs set, none hatched. One egg had a chick but it never pipped. I used two cocks and neither produced a viable chick. The same with the silvers and the wheatens. Some Blue Wheatens hatched along with a few Blues, blacks out of blue/black pairing, and a lot of whites from three groups. However, some of the whites were grey headed and I'll discuss that further down. So, I'm going to again apologize to all you old and new Ameraucana owners that wanted chicks from me. In looking back, I should have set the pens and taken a chance. My Ameraucana house is 24x12 and on one side I have 14 cages for two males of each variety. Those cages are about 40 inches wide by 4 feet high. So, I just put some hens in with the roosters and collected eggs. But I don't think the males had enough room to strut their stuff and do their thing. I thought that my males became sterile from the bitter cold we had but I loaned one of the Buffs to my friend Dwayne and he's getting chicks from him. So it must have been the environment. I tried vitamin supplements, red cell and nothing seemed to cure the problem. All I can do is say that I hope most of you were able to obtain good show quality birds from some of the of the other exceptional breeders in the AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB. I do have some whites available if anyone is interested. I also have bantam and large plymouth rocks in white, bantam rhode island reds and a few wheaten bantam ameraucanas.

As most of you know by now, the threat and presence of AI is upon the whole country. Talking with cohorts of mine in the PA Dept. of Agriculture I'm told that one fourth of the nations egg layers have been euthanized as of June and the migration of birds from the North in the fall could result in even more deaths. In January, 2016 the PA Farm Show (oldest indoor agricultural show and exhibits in USA) is celebrating 100 years and plans for the poultry exhibit were going to be extravagant but unfortunately, the Ag Secretary already has cancelled the showing of poultry. Many States have done the same and shows are few and far between.

The Lebanon, PA fair in July posted pics of chickens on their cages that sat empty of live ones. None of the fairs that are state sponsored were allowed to have birds. But, Dana La-pe the president of the Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers is going on with their fall show on October 10th at the Leba-

non, PA Fairgrounds. Their ad is posted in the August edition of the Poultry Press. New York is having shows in Bath, Cobleskill and Syracuse and New Jersey, is having one of my favorites, the Sussex County show on 10/17.

Check your poultry press for dates. The ABC NATIONALS is still on for November 7& 8 at HOTO in Fayetteville, Arkansas. I really hope all you ABC members try to get to our National meet where host/Director Paul Smith is working hard to have many Plaques and awards presented to the best Ameraucanas at the show. I wish all of you luck.

As referenced above, I would like to talk about the grey headed white chicks i hatched. In 1998 I bought my Ameraucanas from the best two breeders in the USA. Since then i have tried to maintain the genetic line of seven varieties. But, as in life, age, illness, predators etc. take the lives of my best birds. So, when i need to replace a bird I search for the best breeder of that variety i can find. Well I sold a lot of my line to some people and they in turn bought birds from other breeders and unknown to me the white birds I bought from them were from an outcross of varieties.

When I realized I had an anomaly going on, I marked every egg from the cage and when the next hatch occurred and I saw the gray head again I knew exactly where they were from. Fortunately, i only had one pair of whites in that cage and they were sold at auction the following Tuesday. I was told by the person I bought them from that they will turn all white eventually but two that I kept just to see are now three months old and they still have grey heads. My friend Dwayne just sent me a pic of a white with a patch of red on its body and that bird was from all white parents. The point I'm making is this: Many breeders develop new varieties for standard breeds and that is wonderful and keeps the poultry world alive and well. But in doing so they crossbreed other breeds and varieties etc. to get what they want. But, sometimes the chicks get lost in the mix and end up looking like a perfect variety and they are sold. But, when they throw chicks, the parentage comes out and you're stuck with a bird of different colors. So, i can only advise that when you buy birds from someone try and ascertain the history of the bird. And don't sell chicks that come from those mixes because it only exacerbates the situation later. Hopefully, all of you have had great hatches this year, better than mine, and are gearing up for the fall shows that being held and you win lots of awards.

In ending, please have a Happy Halloween, Great Thanksgiving with family, and the best and merriest Christmas, Chanukah, Diwali, Kwanzaa etc. you can. Until next time, Clionsky out.

*From the desk of...*

## ***South East District Director Don Cash***

can see how the young birds are going to finish feathering for the fall shows and breeding pens. I hope most of your grow out pens have great promise and that we can look forward to some great fall shows around the region. There are still many states that have limitations on showing, including North Carolina which is not allowing any shows for the remainder of this year. But we do have shows set in several states between now and December. Virginia, South Carolina and Florida members have asked for meets, so support these shows if you can or at least get out and enjoy the fellowship and see some great birds. And there is still time for meets to be called later this year and the first of next year. Please feel free to contact me if you want to request the meets at shows in your part of the region.

Our hatching season was slow to start this year and then work called me out of town for a long period. Its always an eye opener how many birds you have when you begin to explain to your family what is required. Thankfully, they agreed and did a great job caring for the birds during my absence. All this did not help with our hatching and grow out efforts for this year. So we have few birds available for fall shows this year. We were able to raise a number of silver and lavender bantams and would really like to get some flocks of these birds started in the region. We are blessed with the number of Large Fowl breeders in the South East district. And we could certainly use some more bantam breeders of all colors to take up the challenge for the smaller versions in all colors. I've had bantam inquiries from several other areas of the country. And it seems to me that we have lost or are losing much of the breeding stock for the bantams in all parts of the country. A lot of effort and expense went into developing these varieties and it is a shame if we let them go by the wayside.

The upside to travel is the chance to see other folks in the hobby. I had been through the Texas area several times in the past few years. And had wanted to visit with Paul Smith and it just never seemed to work out. So this time it was a treat to spend several hours with Paul, Angela and Matthew. They were very gracious and took time out of their schedule to show me their place and birds and answer all my questions. It was especially exciting to see all those Ameraucanas growing out on the grass there on the farm in so many colors. I know that they will have another impressive display for the fall shows. But I also learned that Paul is a bit of a seedsman too. He grows a number of Heirloom vegetable seeds, saves these and offers them to others for the next year. They have a very hot summer climate. And they have done so well growing both the poultry and garden in that environment. I look forward to catching up with them again in Fayetteville.

I know most of us have had an nice long hot summer and everyone is looking forward to the cooler temps as fall begins. Its that great season when you

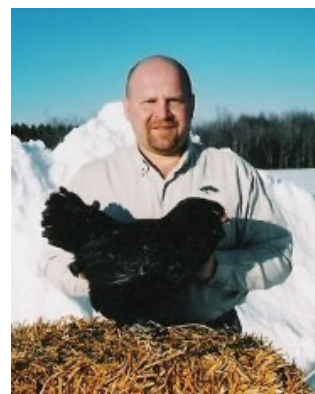
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## ***North Central Director Jerry DeSmidt***

Things in the Midwest are heating up and cooling down as the weather has gone from one extreme to the next: hot one week and cold the next. We have had rain here and there so the grass is green and the weather has not affected the birds too bad. We hope we have some prospects for the national show in Fayetteville. Just returned from that MO State fair for the national Pinzgauer show and came home with great results. We had Champion male and female of the show.

Here in the Midwest the bird flu (AI) has been causing some havoc with the states closing shows this spring and now things are looking up as some of the states bans have been lifted. There should be a few shows that will be going on this fall. I hope to attend one or two of them. Not a lot happening right now so will keep this short and sweet and hope to see you all in Fayetteville in Nov. -



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## South Central Director Paul Smith

Greetings from the South-Central District. 2015 yielded a hatching season to be remembered! A prolonged one for us, that is still in progress with the last hatch due Sept. 1-our 20 year anniversary. We attempted 14 hatches. The first four had fertility issues, plus we had two total failures with our newly purchased 1502-2008 GQF cabinet incubator due to an incorrect thermometer. Thought our June 22 hatch would be our last, but couldn't resist setting the 64 wheaten and 12 splash eggs that we had saved. All orders were filled with the exception of a few that cancelled on us. We didn't have to tell anyone that we couldn't supply theirs! We managed to add Alaska and Connecticut to where we have sent Ameraucanas, so that now makes 44 states and Canada. Sent out 1,050 in 62 boxes and had 63 more picked up at our place. Managed to keep 406 for us to raise and show.

We were planning to be able to make many shows, but it looks like the AI issue put a stop to those plans. Michigan cancelled its shows,

auction. Rooms may be booked at the Comfort Inn by calling 479-571-5177 before November 2. We have blocked 20 rooms at a discount. Let them know that you are with the Ameraucana Breeders Club. Jacob Bates says enter your birds early, due to many of the Northern shows cancelling-there may be an over abundance of entries at this one!

Tennessee also requires an AI test with in 30 days of the show. Knoxville, has been requested as a state meet. Texas has had the no out of state birds for several years. Our state meet will be at my hometown, Gainesville and specials are scheduled for the Texas



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so there went the opportunity to show at Birch Run, along with the opportunity to minister at a near by church that I had been invited to do so. Missouri closed it's borders so there went our scheduled SC district meet, but it has been re-requested at Shawnee, OK. Shawnee was previously scheduled to be Oklahoma's state meet-so we stepped it up. Tulsa State Fair has been requested as Oklahoma's state meet.

Fayetteville, Arkansas our national meet is still good! However, the birds will have to be tested for AI within 30 days of the show, November 7 & 8. This extra expense and effort may decrease our national some, but the awards will be plenteous. We are still requesting quality Ameraucanas to be donated for the silent auction. All proceeds go to the 2016 national awards fund. Please make plans to attend, show your best and donate some for the silent

State Fair in Dallas, Beaumont and Ft. Worth. The state 2016 meet is scheduled for College Station.

There are several more meets within the SC district, all listed on the ABC website. If you would like an ABC meet at a show that you attend, let me know. They must be scheduled far enough in advance, that they can be posted in the bulletin before the show's entry deadline. Remember ABC meets are the only shows where ABC points can be earned!

Hope everyone is blessed with a great growing season, and hope to see you at the shows-especially the ABC national in Fayetteville, Arkansas on November 7 & 8.

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## Chocolate Ameraucanas—Q&A

By Jean Ribbeck



Bantam Chocolate Chick

I have been breeding project chocolate birds since the spring of 2011. I started with my bantam project first and used a bantam black ameraucana cockerel over bantam chocolate orpingtons.

I made sure the orpingtons I used were true bantams and I tried to find some that laid a very light pinkish colored egg. These choices helped my bantam project move along quite fast.

Using the ameraucana as the male in the cross helped to promote the blue egg gene in the offspring. And then I used a split cockerel to mate to pure ameraucana for the second generation. Now several generations later, I am working on reducing the size just a bit and wing carriage. I feel the feather quality is good as well as type and egg color.

With the large fowl project I was not able to do the cross the same way. I had to use a small large fowl chocolate orpington cockerel over my black ameraucana hens. My last generation of birds are very fluffy, have poor egg color, poor laying ability and not so great type.

It hasn't moved forward the way the bantams did and it has been a little disappointing, but I have to just keep moving forward.

The chocolate gene was discovered by an orpington breeder named Clive Carefoot in England. It was a mutation he found in his black orpingtons. It is a sex linked recessive gene. This means that it is recessive in males and if a female has the gene, she will display the color. So, you can only have split to chocolate males in the chocolate varieties. The females are or are not chocolate, they don't carry the gene.

This gene is not the same chocolate that some people say their polish display. Polish are dun/khaki. The variety breeds true. The gene modifies the black in the beaks, toe nails and legs to be chocolate in color.



Large Fowl Chocolate Chick



Bantam Chocolate male

I was not able to send out any LF project chicks or eggs this year due to the poor laying ability. It is something I will continue to work on. I have been able to send out many bantam chocolate hatching egg orders and am waiting for the girls to start back up so I can get more people working on them.

If anyone has any questions about the variety or the project or if you are also working with them feel free to

From the desk of...

## Western Director Jean Ribbeck

Well, its late summer and the birds have done quite well this year. I have had three strikes against me with a tear in my shoulder, unseasonably warm weather, and heavy smoke from the forest fires in my State. I have had a hard to keeping up with the birds, but they have held their own.



The view of my property of the smoke from all the fires

I have decided to thin down the flock more again this year and will only be working on solid color large fowl. This includes black, buff, chocolate, lavender, and white. I will continue to raise all the bantams I currently have which includes black, blue, lavender and the wheaten/blue wheaten varieties. I have several bantam blue wheaten cockerels and a few splash wheaten cockerels that will be available in a couple months.

Just a reminder to put out there for newcomers and old members alike, don't forget to ask questions when purchasing eggs for hatching or buying chicks. Never assume, like I did this year, that all breeders are breeding to your high standards. Ask lots of questions before parting ways with your money. Also remember to be honest about what you are selling. If you have birds that need work, let the buyer know your variety is still a work in progress.

I did get some nice buff chicks from Christine Kitsch this year and they are growing out nicely. I hope to have a few this winter to add to my line since I have been at a standstill on improvements. They are looking very nice, with good leg color, nice size, and an even color of feather.

Our National is coming up and I hope lots of our members can attend. Even if you don't exhibit it is nice to be able to meet other members and talk "ameraucana". We will be having our yearly membership meeting and should be going over several topics and it is helpful to get input from several people. I will be making egg awards for the meet again and all members can bring eggs to the meet for the egg contest even if you do not exhibit in the show.

Have a good fall everyone and good luck at the shows.



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The Ameraucana Breeders Club will be offering High Point Awards to the Member who earns the most points at Ameraucana meets, beginning with the first meet following the 2014 Ameraucana Breeders Club National meet, and ending with the last meet before the 2015 National meet.

District Open High Point Award - \$35  
District Junior High Point Award - \$20

Overall Open High Point Award - \$100  
Overall Junior High Point Award - \$50

Open High Point Award at the Nationals - \$50  
Junior High Point Award at the Nationals - \$25

Points will be tallied and displayed on the website and in the forum.  
Be checking the forum for updates on the points coming soon!



## Upcoming Meets

9/26/2015  
Special Meet at  
Pikes Peak Poultry Association Fall  
Show  
Pueblo, CO  
David Adkins  
[murdoch0101@msn.com](mailto:murdoch0101@msn.com)

10/3/2015 to 10/3/2015  
Special Meet at  
Red River Bantam Club Show  
Gainesville, TX  
Al Walker  
(903) 815-8255  
[alwalker47@gmail.com](mailto:alwalker47@gmail.com)

10/10/2015  
Special Meet at  
Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers  
Lebanon, PA  
Carl Richard  
(610) 823-2831  
[FRICH93359@AOL.Com](mailto:FRICH93359@AOL.Com)

10/10/2015  
**District & State Meet at**  
Heart of Dixie Classic  
Anniston, AL  
Renee Nunnelly  
(256) 892-3489  
[neenunnelly@yahoo.com](mailto:neenunnelly@yahoo.com)

10/17/2015 to 10/18/2015  
Special Meet at  
Texas State Fair Poultry Show  
Dallas, TX  
Sam Brush  
(817) 379-6475  
[slbrush@verizon.net](mailto:slbrush@verizon.net)

10/17/2015  
State Meet at  
Sussex County Poultry Fanciers  
Augusta, NJ  
Arlene Sliker  
(973) 948-6451  
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10/24/15  
**District Meet at**  
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Sedalia, MO  
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State Meet at  
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Show  
Brighton, CO  
Bruce Murdoch  
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Brisk  
Chehalis, WA  
Amy Arsenault  
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11/21/2015  
State Meet at  
Virginia Poultry Breeders Fall Show  
Ruther Glen, VA  
Tom Roebuck, Jr.  
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Ontario Poultry Breeders Show  
Milton, ON  
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[troylaroche88@hotmail.com](mailto:troylaroche88@hotmail.com)

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Special Meet at  
Gulf South Fall Classic  
Baton Rouge, LA  
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12/5/2015 to 12/5/2015  
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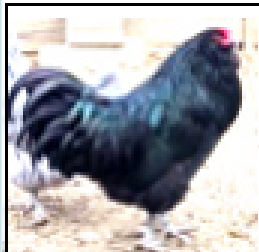
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[info@ameraucana.org](mailto:info@ameraucana.org)

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