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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ameraucana Breeders Club is to encourage the continued improvement of the Ameraucana bantams and large fowl through breeding, exhibition, and dissemination of relevant information.

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GREETINGS TO OUR NEWEST ABC MEMBERS!!!

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Carlton Brown Palatka, FL

Wade Sampson Etlan, VA

A word from our club president...

Hello everyone! I hope your hatching and grow out season was a successful one this year. I had a great hatching season but my grow out season has been a little rocky. I'm surrounded by what seems to be hundreds of coyotes and they've gotten so bold that I found a large pile of feathers just off my back deck. I'm sure I'll have plenty to have another good hatching season and hopefully a few to show. Enough of my problems, I hope all of you are having more success with your grow outs. I've been seeing some nice looking Ameraucanas winning some shows out there already this season. I have a feeling this may be the best year for Ameraucanas at the shows to date. I'm still working on my blue lace project. That project suffered a little from coyotes too, but I was left with enough to continue forward. Well I hope the show season goes spectacular this year. Take lots of pictures. I love to look at all the winning birds posted online. Bye for now, be blessed!

-Clif Redden



The pre-qualifying meet for the self blue color variety (formerly known as lavender) will be held at the Dixie Classic Show in Knoxville, TN on December 2nd. Start getting your self blues ready for this show! We look forward to seeing you there!!!

ABC PHOTO GALLERY COMPETITION

The time has come to update our ABC photo gallery pictures. Each month, a different color variety will be selected for the competition. Members can send in their best photos of that particular color variety and then a panel of judges will select the winners. You can send in photos of chicks, started birds, and adults. Side profile shots are preferred. The goal is to have the best representation possible of each color variety in the Ameraucana Breeders Club photo gallery. The pictures must be a minimum of 600px wide x 400px high. Send your photos to info@ameraucanabreedersclub.org and put "Gallery Competition" as the subject line.

Month	Variety
Jun-17	Brown Red
Jul-17	Silver
Aug-17	Buff
Sep-17	Blue Wheaten
Oct-17	Blue
Nov-17	Black
Dec-17	White
Jan-18	Wheaten
Feb-18	Self-Blue
Mar-18	Chocolate
Apr-18	Splash
May-18	Splash Wheaten

South Central District Report

Show season is almost here! According to Poultry Show Central there are 105 poultry shows not counting the multiple shows in the south central district. Thirty have been set including several multiple shows as ABC club meets with our district meet set for the HOTO in Fayetteville, ARK. on November 4 & 5, the following weekend of our ABC national at Hutchinson, MN. on Oct. 28 and 29. Our second Self Blue pre-qualifying meet is scheduled for the Dixie Classic in Knoxville, TN. Dec. 2 & 3. A complete list is on the ABC website. If an ABC member desires a meet

they need to let me know, so we can get it booked. Hope many will join in the fun of showing their Ameraucanas and support the meets!

We just completed our first hatch of the season on September 11 which turned out to be a disaster. About 10% hatched with only 41 more eggs fertile out of the 576 set. Fertility was the issue with 473 eggs clear. We had hoped to fill 12 orders but only managed to fill 2. Since we already have saved most of the eggs for our Oct. 16 hatch, we plan to set it. **(CONT)**



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Our Nov. 27 hatch has been canceled and we plan to start again Jan. 8 with a hatch every two weeks into June.

Eggs laid during the extremely hot time of year, can have fertility issues due to lack of mating. Also when a cock is in his annual molt he is temporarily sterile. Once he has completed his molt he is highly fertile and ready for action.

Due to our unusual cooler than normal summer, and knowing that a dozen of our black, blue, splash eggs hatched 50% two weeks before our hatch, we expected about 50 % to hatch. Next year we will either return to the standard

hatching season of Jan. into June or trade out the old cocks for cockerels in the breeding pens.

Presently we plan to set up the light system to stimulate the birds into early production for our January hatches. We should still be able to supply 1,500 to 2,000 chicks.

Hope everyone is blessed with some good Ameraucanas to show, and those in South Texas, South Louisiana, Florida and the East Coast a rapid recovery from the recent storms.

See you at the shows..

-Paul Smith

We are currently accepting orders for day old large fowl Ameraucana chicks in black, blue, splash, white, blue wheaten/wheaten/splash wheaten, self blue and self blue splits for January through June hatches.

E-mail Paul & Angela Smith
psmith@ntin.net
for prices and info.

Treasurers Report

Prev. Balance		7201.49
Income		
Sales	126.75	
Dues—New Members	208.00	
Donations	70.00	
Postage & Handling	24.50	
Total Income	429.25	
Total Cash & Income		7630.74
Expenses		
Bank Fees (Paypal)	27.00	
Dues, Subscriptions	25.00	
Supplies	282.08	
Postage	50.96	
Online Store	65.50	
Awards, ribbons	145.00	
Software	32.37	
Total Expenses	627.91	
Balance		7002.83



A WORD FROM OUR SECRETARY/TREASURER

How to choose...how to choose?

That is the refrain that keeps going through my mind every year about this time. The grow outs are growing, the cockerels are crowing, and the pullets...well, they're starting to look pretty good.

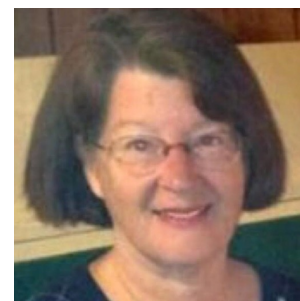
The breeding pens, on the other hand, look like someone sliced open a down comforter and violently waved it around all of the coops and pens! All of the

adults are in molt; some in a hard molt and look pretty pathetic. That gorgeous cock that did so well earlier in the year couldn't compete in a chicken bar-b-que contest right now.

Ah, but things are changing and the show season is about to begin! I can't wait to start seeing the Meet Reports roll in with all the great wins by ABC members!

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-Susan Mouw

Western District Report

Fall has descended upon us very quickly here in the Northwest. We went from hot days and no rain to very cool days and a week of rain. We are supposed to clear up and have normal fall weather soon.

This year's hatches have only been outside a couple weeks and I am working to keep them dry and with lots of food so they can finish growing and keep warm during the cold nights. Hopefully next year I can get back to a normal schedule of hatching.

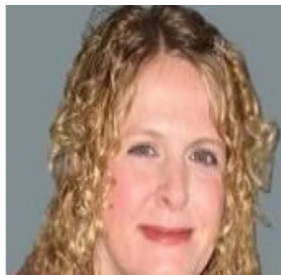
I am still hatching self blue birds so that I may have extra should we get a qualifying meet set up in the

next year or so.

I am ready to disperse my bantam wheaten and blue wheaten flock. I would prefer to ship them all out at once, but if that is not an option, I would like to ship as many out at once as possible. If you have contacted me earlier in the year please do so again and I will review to see who was first on the list.

I will be working on the National Meet egg awards over the next week and I hope everyone has a good time and good luck to all that attend.

-Jean Ribbeck



SOUTH EAST DISTRICT REPORT

The weather this season has been fickle to say the least, with storms and fires through many parts of the country. I hope that the breeders in the impacted areas have a chance to catch their breath now and prepare for the fall shows and then on to Breeding Season for the LFs too.

I have not heard from all of the breeders in the Florida and Georgia area, but I have been in touch with Jonathan Stone who lost a significant portion of his flocks. I know that our hearts go out to all of the folks in that area, and especially those who couldn't move their livestock ahead of the storm. I am sure that many of these communities are still digging out from the storms. I wish them the best of luck in getting repairs and clean up completed as soon as possible.

I hope that anyone who can, and within driving distance, will try to make the National next month in Minnesota. Gordon has put a lot of effort into the planning and the awards for this event, and I hope they have a good turn out for the breed. I've heard that Paul and Angela hope to make this show but I am not sure about others that might make the trip. I would encourage you to make the trip, to see some good birds and to

meet some of the folks that will be attending. Gordon, Jerry as well as the Smiths will be glad to share a lot of their experience and talk Ameraucanas. I think it would be an experience and worth the drive just to meet some of these folks.

Then in December the Dixie Classic show in Knoxville will be a second pre-qualifying meet for the Self Blue Ameraucanas too. I hope breeders of the LF of this color can make a really nice showing to promote the color as well as meet the requirements of the APA.

There are a number of shows in the SE District for the fall and even into the first of the year. These shows are spread across most of the states in the district and hopefully will have a good group of members attending each show. The SE District meet will be in Blackville, SC Nov 4, the same weekend as the HOTO show in Arkansas. Take a look at the upcoming meets on the forum and plan to make a show or two for the fall. Bring out your birds and meet new folks in your part of the country.

Good luck this fall with the young birds and I hope you plan for a great breeding season toward the first of the year.

-Don Cash

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ERNIE HAIRE OF ARP, TEXAS

I enjoyed spending a little time talking with Ernie Haire this past weekend. Ernie's family owns and operates a farm known as *Poultry 2XL*. **2XL is more than their name, it is their goal. They believe that by using a gene pool of proven genetics and selective breeding practices, they can produce livestock and poultry "to excel."** That philosophy has paid off, and they have produced numerous show winners over the years. Ernie first began his poultry endeavors by working with French Black Copper Marans. After working with the Marans for several years, he began looking for something a little different to breed and show, and Ameraucanas caught his eye. He currently raises white, black, blue and buff Ameraucanas in large fowl. He also raises white, black, blue, buff, and self blue Ameraucanas in bantams. Ernie teaches Agriculture in the school system, and he became interested in bantams because he was looking for birds that were cost effective and easier to raise for his agricultural students. His students enjoy incubating and hatching the bantam Ameraucanas. The students are able to gain knowledge and apply it firsthand by calculating hatch rates, the percentage of color varieties that are produced, and male to female ratios among other things. Ernie primarily sells hatching eggs, and has developed a top notch farm. He looks forward to retiring soon and spending even more time traveling to various shows around the country. He greatly enjoys showing his birds and meeting people in the poultry world. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me Ernie!



Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet

Article VIII of the ABC By-Laws states, "The Ameraucana Breeders Club shall hold an annual National meet to be rotated clockwise each year among the club districts." Over the years, that rule has been followed, with a few exceptions, when circumstances required it. The National Meet for 2017 has been selected for the Minnesota State Poultry Association Show in Hutchinson, MN, on October 28th-29th. A block of rooms have been reserved under the Ameraucana Breeders Club name, with a discounted rate at the Days Inn Hutchinson, located at 1000 Highway 7 West, Hutchinson, MN 55350. Their phone number is 320-587-6030 and they can be reached via email at stacygoode@outlook.com. The reduced rate is \$77.39 if reservations are made prior to October 1st, 2017.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT REPORT

Before I begin I would like to take a moment and ask that all of us take a moment and wish for a speedy recovery and quick rebuilding of areas that were hit by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma and pray that our Texas and Southern state members are safe and loss of birds was kept at a minimum. It is easy to forget that while life in one part of the country can be normal there can be tragedy and devastation 1,000 miles or more away and people have lost everything they hold dear. So to everyone affected by mother nature's wrath please know that there are millions of people thinking of you. And please give a donation to the Red Cross or other relief agencies if you can. Even a dollar can help. Let's hope that Maria fizzles out and becomes a faint memory.

Hi to all the NE District members and others from around the country and outside USA. Hope your summer was nice and hot and you enjoyed a lot of outdoor activities and all your chicks are growing into champions. It is always so much fun to watch a chick turn into its variety that you bred for and watch those legs get real blue or black, muffs and beards get full and all the right feathers come out where they are supposed to. I wish you all good luck in your upcoming shows and hope the Judges place your birds on champion row.

Speaking of shows, on 9/9 & 9/10, Sharon and I enjoyed a nice weekend in Bath, NY, at the Twin Tier Poultry Club show where over 2,500 birds were entered. This show is situated near one of the Finger Lakes called Keuka and the area is known for its hundreds of wineries and great water sports. The Club was a great host and everyone was eager to get their birds judged and see all the champions.

The APA had a meet there as well and people from all over the country and Canada were in attendance. Most of my birds were either going into or out of their moults (molts) so I only took 5 birds that had a chance to place but I took a back seat as expected. There were only 11 large and 11 bantam Ameraucanas in the show and the BB & RB went to Elena Roberts of Ontario, Canada with a Blue Pullet and Black pullet respectively. So congratulations to Elena. However, that was as far as our breed got in the show. We did get to see our good friends Neil and Donna Townsend over the weekend so that made it even more special.

I hope that The Ohio Nationals in Columbus in November can get more members to show their Ameraucanas because this may be the show that hosts the ABC Annual Show next year. NE Member and former director Rob Sando has peaked my interest in his club, Dayton Fancy Feather, hosting the annual there next year. The former club in Lucasville, Ohio has given their dates to the DFF in early October.

The NE District will be hosting the 2018 Annual ABC meet. I'm more or less relegated to having the annual in Ohio which is as far west in the northeast there is and members in the majority of the country can hopefully attend and not have to drive to the east coast. So any member that has an opinion or request for the Annual next year feel free to contact me.

It is almost the first day of fall and PA is enjoying a very nice week of high 70s to low 80s and it's time to really scrutinize my young birds to

see who gets culled and who stays. I had a pretty good hatching season with plenty of whites, silvers & blacks growing out. Was disappointed with the wheatens, blue wheatens and buffs this year. Got a few but threw away lots of eggs that had chicks inside but never pipped the shell. My incubator was at fault several times losing power a few days before hatching date. Nothing is worse than having eggs in the hatcher and discovering the plug was knocked out of the outlet by my cat chasing a rat. Very frustrating. But I have some promising youngsters and can only hope they continue to feather out nicely. As I said earlier, I wish all the ABC members luck with their 2017 hatches and hope to see some of you at future shows on champion row. There is the Lebanon County Poultry Fanciers Club hosting a show on 10/14 in my county here in Pa and I'll be going to Columbus in November. That will be it for this year.

So, until my next newsletter, I hope all of you have a great Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. To my other friends and members, Happy Chanukah and Happy Diwali. Clionsky over and out.

-Larry Clionsky



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

Welcome to the fall issue of the ABC Newsletter. I still haven't figured out where the last two months have gone. They sure flew by. Our July was extremely hot and humid here. Many of the days had heat indexes 107 and above. This was not only hard on the poultry, but on the one doing the daily chores (me). My usual daily feeding and watering routine went from 1 hour a day to over 1-1/2 hours. The birds managed to survive, but I'm still not sure about the chore boy! With temps and humidity like that in July, I wasn't looking forward to August (normally our hottest month of the year). To my pleasant surprise, August was really mild. It was more like mid-September to early October temps and humidity. Highs were mostly in the high 80's with an occasional day in the lower 90's. Thank goodness for the break in the weather.

I pray that many of you have had nice weather this past summer. Time is flying by and it will soon be time for

our 2017 ABC National Show in Hutchinson MN on Oct 28th-29th. Remember entries must be postmarked by October 9th. Show secretary for the Minnesota State Poultry Assn show is Mike Dornseif, P.O. Box 1106, Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025. Phone 1-612- 965-0770, email majkenzie@aol.com.

If you get the Poultry Press, there was a 4 page insert with directions, information, and an entry form in the August issue. Below is a listing for awards and trophies being given out by the ABC. Other plaques and cash awards are being given out by the Minnesota State Poultry Assn. Plaques are for Champion and Reserve LF & Bantam Ameraucana. Cash awards are for Best Display LF and Bantam, Best and Reserve Trio LF and Bantam.



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-Gordon Gilliam



LIST OF AWARDS FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL SHOW in HUTCHINSON, MN:

NATIONAL HIGH POINT AWARD	OPEN	\$50 ROSETTE	TROPHY
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NATIONAL CHAMPION AMERAUCANA		\$50 ROSETTE	TROPHY
RESERVE NATIONAL CHAMPION AMERAUCANA		\$25 ROSETTE	TROPHY
BEST OF VARIETY	OPEN LF & BANTAM (16)	\$10 ROSETTE & EGG BASKET	
RESERVE OF VARIETY	OPEN LF & BANTAM (16)	\$5 ROSETTE & EGG BASKET	
BEST OF VARIETY-AOV	OPEN LF & BANTAM (4)	\$10 ROSETTE & EGG BASKET	
RESERVE OF VARIETY	OPEN LF & BANTAM (4)	\$5 ROSETTE & EGG BASKET	
EGG CONTEST	LF HEN, LF PULLET, BANTAM HEN, BANTAM PULLET (4)		
	AWARD DONATED BY JEAN RIBBECK		
BEST TRIO LF & BANTAM	ROSETTE		
BEST DISPLAY LF & BANTAM	ROSETTE		

On site Silent Auction items have been coming in so keep checking on the ABC Forum for updates. We can always use more items to be donated. Just a sample of some of the donated items:



Bella Baseball Jersey Tee White/Cardinal Red



Gildan's Jersey Polo Maroon



Gildan's Ladies T 200L
Meliconia



I HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT THE SHOW!

-Gordon Gilliam