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President's Report, Connie "Jean" Ribbeck

Summer is coming to an end and it's almost time for Nationals. I am very excited to be attending the show in Indianapolis this year. It's about time to pick your show birds and start final conditioning on them and cage training. I have a couple real nice birds I have been eyeing for a couple weeks in both large fowl and bantams.



Some of you may know that I have acquired some chocolate Orpingtons. I am happy to say that I will be starting the chocolate Ameraucana project shortly. The birds are still in quarantine at my home. The State of Washington requires some testing on the parent flock that was not done and cannot be administered until the birds of a certain age. So I am going to be looking for serious, experienced breeders to help me.

Sadly, I feel the need to address and remind those members listed in the ABC's Breeder Directory that you should be a source of quality **true** Ameraucanas. It has been brought to my attention that there have been some issues with chicks of questionable lineage being hatched or purchased from members on the list.

All varieties of Ameraucana must be bred in separate breeding pens. There are two exceptions though, the black and blue varieties (including splash) can be bred in the same pen. The wheaten and blue wheaten (including splash wheaten) can also be bred in the same pen. All the other varieties must remain separate or you will create birds that are not standard accepted colors..... what we refer to as "Easter Eggers".

There are exceptions to the above rule. If you are carefully out crossing to other colors to improve your line, it is acceptable to cross varieties. All those offspring should be carefully marked as not to be accidentally put in the wrong pen when mature. If selling these crosses, the buyer should clearly be made aware that they are crosses and will not breed true. For example, a lavender split bird could pass some unwanted traits into your black line. The lavender variety is still new and depending on which lines they originate from, could be carrying recessive (unseen) and unwanted characteristics. These genes could pass into a black line and ruin a whole season's worth of offspring.

It is very important to maintain an identification system to mark your birds. There are toe punches, leg banding or wing bands for identification. Attention to detail is a must when breeding Ameraucana which is why the hatcheries don't do it and sell "Easter Eggers." Our long time members are very good sources of information on breeding these wonderful birds. I have spent hours over the past years talking and learning from them. They have been very generous with their knowledge and time, and I would like to thank them for all they have taught me.

North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director



If anyone would like to have a meet placed please contact me at jwoodhaven@aol.com or call me at 920-833-9772. Some of the shows that are coming up this fall are:

The Wisconsin International Poultry Club in Portage, WI
The Ameraucana Nationals in Indianapolis, IN
The Minnesota State Show in Hutchinson, MN
The Eastern Iowa in Iowa City, IA

I hope all is well with everyone and hope to see you at some poultry shows this year. Jake and I are planning on going to the 2011 ABC National and would like to see everyone there.

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Western District, Jeanine McKee, Director

Summer is nearly gone already, the chicks are growing and are hopefully outside by now, and fall show season is getting underway. Whether you a serious breeder of show stock, or the backyard enthusiast who just likes to see nice birds, head out and support your local shows this year. At a time that the number of people keeping even small flocks is growing near exponentially it seems, we should all, as club members, be getting out there educating people about the Ameraucana breed.

Show entries are finally making a comeback in my area and across the country from what I've read. There are breeds out there that I have never seen at a show, I know they are out there, but they just aren't seen. I'm glad that doesn't seem to be the case with Ameraucana anymore. I am still seeing Easter Eggers being entered as Ameraucana (and winning) at fairs.

I hope to see a lot of entries at our Western District Meet in Stevenson, Washington October 15-16th. This is a fantastic show put on by the Pacific Northwest Poultry Association. Lots of fun, great people, and a huge number of youth members! Have a fantastic fall show season!!

Southeast District, Tina Dinkins, Director

It has been a very hot summer in east Tennessee! It has been so hot that all my hens are on strike. I have had to buy eggs for the past two weeks at the grocery store!! That was hard to write. They don't taste as good either. We need autumn here and rain.

I have placed a couple of meets for members in my district and I plan of going to our regional fair in September with a few birds, if they haven't had a heat stroke buy then. There hasn't been much more happening other than that.

I hope everyone in my District gets some relief from this heat soon. I hope the rest of you have fared better. Hope to see everyone at the autumn national club meet at the Crossroads of America Show, Indianapolis, IN. It is October 28-30, 2011.

I am wanting to work on the bantam silver and bantam lavender Ameraucana. I only have a bantam silver hen and a trio of the lavender bantams. If anyone has anything available in these please send me an email at tinadinkins@comcast.net. Thanks and try to stay cool!!



South Central District, Paul Smith, Director

Greetings from the South Central District where it is both hot and dry! We recently were cheated out of bragging rights for the most consecutive triple digit day-time highs. Day 41 consisted of cloud cover trying to give rain to the dead grass, crops, and dying trees; and bringing with it a cool front which only allowed the high of 97°. This was only 2 days short of breaking the record set in 1980.

Past experiences with the heat and birds has taught me that 105° is the magic number where they will start dying from heat strokes. We have had several days with the high being 106° to 113°, so needless to say we have lost our share of birds to the heat. One of them was our best early black cockerel raised. We had planned on showing him at Crossroads.

Unfortunately, we don't have much to show again this year due to shipping out the majority of the early hatched chicks, the extreme heat, and a bobcat feasting on them. The bobcat is managing to steal them while the Great Pyrenees is napping. However, we are planning on coming to the National Meet and showing what few we do have. The older birds are in summer molt and may be ready by late October, depending on when it starts cooling off.

Speaking of shows, Aaron Hickson has requested a Texas State meet at College Station on January 7, 2012. Clare Mikel has requested a New Mexico State Meet at Farmington, NM on November 5 and 6, 2011. I have decided to set Shawnee, Oklahoma as our District Meet again for December 10 and 11, 2011. I considered the Sedalia, Missouri show as our District Meet, but it is only 6 days before the National Meet and I didn't think it would be very well attended. Sedalia, Missouri will be the location of our National Meet in 2012! Any member desiring a meet at a favorite show within the South Central District needs to let me know. Remember it must be booked far enough ahead that it can be listed in the bulletin before the show entries close.

After several years of dealing with fertility problems and I have finally come to a conclusion as to the cause. The input from many poultry breeders, a former Pilgrim's Pride Inspector, and my urologist helped. Mike Gilbert came up with the solution to the fertility problem which was to use cockerels on the older hens. I butchered several of the older cocks which were the head of pens that weren't getting any eggs to hatch. I usually butcher about 100 head of birds a year- mostly cockerels- so I'm very familiar with how they are suppose to look on the inside. All of the old cocks had much smaller than normal testicles. One had testicles that had deteriorated and were very small and black. Another cock had one testicle that was very small and black with the other one being huge and odd shaped. All of the cocks were extremely fat. The conclusion is the birds are over-eating on the self feeders causing them to become too heavy and lazy to breed. The old saying referring to a talent or ability "either use it or lose it" comes into play in this situation. The breeding pens are now being fed a limited amount of feed daily rather than all they can eat all the time! This should correct the problem, allowing the older males to be useful longer, if my theory is correct.

Hope all are having a great growing season with some champions developing in your pens.

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Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director



I hope everyone is well and has had good hatches in spite of the crazy weather we have had all over the USA. This year makes me think of Matthew 24.

My garden is history! I watered the tomatoes, but my well cannot handle the whole garden. Even the zucchini, which I feed to the chickens, is not growing. In the northeast we had a cold, wet spring followed by little or no rain during the summer when it was needed.

My birds are not laying well this year. The fertility has been fair, so I was able to hatch enough. I think a lot of this is due to feed quality going down while the price goes up. I have had to cut down on the numbers of birds I keep. I will find ways to get around this problem as we all must.

Until next time, God bless you all!

Treasurer's Report

ABC Checking Account, Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, MO	
Opening Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 2238.73
Income – January Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0
Income – February Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	585.00
Income – March Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	666.00
Income – April Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	292.50
Income – May Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0
Income – June Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	54.00
Income – July Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	0
Income – August Dues, Directories, Donations, etc	99.00
Income Subtotal (opening balance + months)	\$ 3935.23
Expense - Postage	436.66
Expense – Office Supplies	583.25
Expense – Other: Memorials	
Expense – Memberships, Advertisements	264.00
Expense – Bank Charges (return item fees)	
Expense – National Meet Awards/Awards	48.30
Expense - Refunds	
Expense Subtotal	\$ 1332.21
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2011	\$ 2603.02
PayPal Account August 31, 2011 balance	\$ 1757.91
PayPal Purchases (toner, ink, Exhibition Poultry Ad)	216.73
Total	\$ 4360.93
Respectfully Submitted, Michael J. Muenks, Secretary/Treasurer	

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Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets

September 10-11, 2011

Illinois State Meet, requested by Jerry DeSmidt
Illini Poultry Club Boone County Fairgrounds, Belevidere, IL
Contact:
Ruth Ann Van Fleet, bpopla@comcast.net, (815)765-2952

September 24-25, 2011

North Central District Meet, placed by Jerry DeSmidt
Wisconsin International, Portage, WI
Contact:
Tara Kindschi
E 7014 Co Hwy P.F.
Loganville, Wisconsin
1608-727-2720
ridge@merr.com

October 1, 2011

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

October 8-9, 2011

Michigan State Meet, placed by Jerry DeSmidt
Michigan Poultry Fanciers – Fall Fowl Fest, Birch Run, MI
Contact:
Matt Boensch, entries@fowfest.org
Michigan Poultry Fanciers
9577 W. Saginaw Rd.
Reese, MI 48757

October 15, 2011

Special Meet, placed by Jerry DeSmidt
Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon, IN
Contact:
Doug Akers, dakers@purdue.edu (765)482-7182
Ron Patterson, rpatter815@earthlink.net (765)676-6192
<http://www.poultryshow.org>

October 15-16, 2011

Western District Meet, placed by Jeanine McKee
Pacific Northwest Poultry Association Northwest Winter Classic, Skamania
County Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA
Contact:
barbtuss@gmail.com

October 16, 2011

New York Meet, requested by Susan Osio
The Yankee Fall Classic, New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
Contact:
John Pierce
3832 Makyes Road
Syracuse, NY 13215

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

November 5-6, 2011

Nebraska State Meet, placed by Jerry De Smidt
Nebraska State Poultry Show Double Poultry Show, Lincoln, NE
Contact:
Bernita Miller, bmiller@iland.net

November 5-6, 2011

Maryland State Meet, requested by William Morrow
Maryland State Poultry Fancier's Association, Frederick, MD
Contact:
Kay St. Amour, cochinlady@verizon.net

November 5-6, 2011

New Mexico State Meet, requested by Clare Mikel
Four Corners Poultry Show, Farmington, NM
Contact:
Gene Stark
12 Road 5467
Farmington, NM 87401

November 12-13, 2011

Special Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Ohio National
Columbus, OH
Contact:
Eric Markley, 419-568-7402, Cell 419-303-6909, markley@ohionational.org
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December 10, 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, sultanlady@embarqmail.com
Arkleton 5860 Hwy 217
Erwin, NC 28339
<http://www.capefearpoultryassociation.embarqspace.com/#/club-news/4536163105>

December 10-11, 2011

South Central District Meet, placed by Paul Smith
Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, OK
Contact:
Norma Padgett
15930 W State Road 238
Lake Butler, FL 32054

January 7, 2012

Texas State Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson
Bluebonnet Classic, College Station, TX
Contact:
Claudia Choate, 512-273-2010
1489 CR 308
Lexington, TX 78947-4190
claudia@bluebonnetclassic.com

Club Notes

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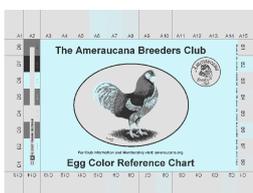
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Breeders Directory - \$2

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.

Blast from the Past: That Marginal Bird,

Don Cable, Summer 1982

As I was looking for a Blast from the Past for this bulletin I thought it would be appropriate to reprint the following article about marginal birds given the cost of feed and the time of year.

An ancient cocker, whose advice - like his birds - was often found wanting, once said to me in a moment of rare insight, "A poultry man's best friend is his axe!" Now knowing and doing are often strangers, yet even he was at least aware that he must cull his flock occasionally to eliminate the obvious misfits. However, it is not the bird with the glaring defects that tends to undo our well-laid plans, but rather the bird that we feel is too good to cull, yet just not good enough to sell. It is the bird that for various reasons - in retrospect, often the flimsiest - that we keep, and in doing so often do ourselves and our flock a disservice. In short, this is that marginal bird.

More often than not, the marginal bird is a pullet. Typically, breeders are much tougher in selecting cockerels since the majority of breeding units seem to be trios or small pens of four or five birds. Those breeders who pair mate are one leg up on the rest, assuming of course, that they are equally selective with both sexes.

Breed only from your best! How many times have you read or heard this? It is probably the best advice in the world, yet somehow that marginal birds seems to find here way into your third or fourth best mating, and guess who's eggs wind up in the incubator when the hens of your better matings are in a laying slump and you find all of that extra room in the incubator egg tray? After all, she's with a good cockerel and long shots do occasionally pay off, right? Well, in three weeks you have marginal chicks to brood, which not only compete with your better chicks for space, heat and that expensive starter feed, but do their part to help inflate those ever increasing electric bills.

Thus, the marginal bird - or birds, depending on how well we deceive ourselves - are kept, "just in case" and increase our feed bill, our workload and compete for space with worthier specimens. Just how much feed will a hen put away in a year's time? Large birds will eat about a hundred pounds while a bantam of average size will consume a good portion of this - even the time Coturnix quail will more than twenty pounds in a year! If, like most breeders, you are buying and feeding a commercially prepared mix, then you may now have an idea of just wheat that marginal bird is beginning to cost you. Multiply that figure times the number of marginal birds that you are keeping and you may really have something to mull over.

Could the marginal bird be the best looking specimen in your flock? Certainly, if it does not produce viable chicks or is generally unproductive then it needs to go. Each breeder must make this decision based upon his knowledge and understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of his family of birds and what he perceives to be the basic worth of each individual.

So what is the bottom line? What is that marginal bird actually costing you - in time, money and mediocrity? Think it over. You may find that for a variety of reasons that marginal bird is definitely a great deal more than you can afford.

From Under the Black Locust, Michael Muenks

We have really enjoyed the summer here in Elgin, IL. The weather has been darn near perfect for most of the summer. We had a few hot days and it was really dry in June, but all in all it has been a nice summer! Too bad I am still in a townhouse and not able to really enjoy and benefit from the very good growing conditions we have had.

One can take the boy out of the country, but one cannot take the country out of the boy. About the time you are reading this we will be making the final decision regarding where we will be moving to. We have been looking at places and have come up with three basic choices: Walworth, WI; Garden Prairie, IL; and California, MO. Yes, we are strongly considering a move back to the farm we own in Missouri. It is too early in the process to share much information, but we know we are moving, and all the places we are considering will allow us to raise animals! Everyone seems to be much happier given the future possibilities. When I see everyone at the National Meet I will have a tale to share.

Unfortunately, our impending move means that I will have to change the Club's address again. I have decided to put off sending membership renewals for 2012 until the December bulletin. If you want to renew your membership early you may send you dues for 2012 to me at the Elgin address. We will not be moving officially until October or November. The regular renewal forms will be sent in the December 2011 Ameraucana Bulletin.

I am looking forward to going to a few shows as a spectator this fall. I hope to make it to both Illini Poultry Club show at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belevidere, Illinois and to the Wisconsin International show at Portage, Wisconsin. Belevidere is so close that only being near death will keep me from it and the Wisconsin International is just one of my favorite shows.

When I go to poultry shows I am always interested in the showing methodology people use. What I mean by showing methodology is how many of a breed/variety do people bring and show. When I first started showing I tried to bring a male and female of each variety of Ameraucana. My idea was to show a sample of each variety of Ameraucana. Over time I changed by thoughts about strategy and started raising more of a few varieties with the idea helping educate judges.

It is easier to judge a self colored bird (black, buff, white, lavender) and many times one sees those colors placing over the parti-colored birds (blue, blue wheaten, brown red, silver, splash, wheaten). But what if the judge really had to work on a variety, would they actually take the time to look at silver and judge it fairly? I believe so. In fact, we will witness it in a few weeks at the National Meet. There will be a nice selection of Ameraucana in most varieties and the judges, whoever they may be, will not be able to breeze down the Ameraucana row. Too bad we don't provide the opportunity at all shows.

A few years ago at a show in Sedalia, Missouri a person was showing a set of wheaten bantam cockerels. The person had decided to show every cockerel they had that did not have an obvious defect in order to get an idea of which of the birds were truly the best of the group. I made my selections and then we waited for the judge. Needless to say, it took him some time to go through the eight cockerels, but he did a good job and ended up placing one of the wheaten cockerels as Best of Breed. The moral of the story is two-fold. First, one needs to provide a selection of birds for the judges' comparison when working with relatively rare breeds of chickens and secondly, providing a selection of birds of the same variety can pay off



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Proposed Ameraucana Breeders Club Exhibitor Point System, Michael Muenks and John Blehm

Several years ago there was a discussion of the Club developing and implementing an Exhibitor Point System to encourage participation in Club meets by the membership. John Blehm and I synthesized the discussions into a proposal. One thing led to another and action was never taken on implementing an Exhibitor Point System. Over the past few months the topic has once again surfaced. The proposal below is meant as an illustration of a possible Exhibitor Point System and should in no way be construed as a final system. Instead, it is meant to spark conversation and discussion. I am sure Jean is planning to spend some time discussing the topic at the Club meeting during the National Meet.

Draft Ameraucana Breeders Club Exhibitor Point System

Supreme Grand Master Exhibitor: 10,000 points earned for all varieties added together.

Grand Master Exhibitor: 5,000 points earned for all varieties added together.

Master Exhibitor: 800 points earned for all varieties added together.

Junior Master Exhibitor: 100 points earned in all varieties added together before the youth's 18th birthday. These points are only collected on Ameraucanas exhibited by **Juniors competing against other Juniors** (NOT Open Show competition).

Calculation of points

Members must be in good standing to accumulate points. If a membership is lapsed then the points will be forfeited. Points will be recorded per variety. The varieties will be those which have been admitted into the APA or the ABA. When new varieties are accepted into the Standard, they will then be added to the recorded information. If a variety is not listed in the Standards, then points will be recorded under All Other Variety (AOV). It has been proposed to make this program retrospective in that it would go back to include the points earned by members within the last 2 year time frame.

BV point calculation will be 1 point for every Ameraucana exhibited within that variety.

RV point calculation will be 1 point for every Ameraucana exhibited within that variety less one.

BB point calculation will be 1 point for every Ameraucana exhibited.

RB point calculation will be 1 point for every Ameraucana exhibited less one.

Example of Calculation:

Iowa City, IA Meet Report November 24-25, 2007

Bantam:

Black- 2 shown

BB John Blehm (18 points earned because this bird beat all of the Ameraucana bantams. This bird does not earn BV and BB points, just the higher BB points.)

RV John Blehm (1 point earned)

Blue- 3 shown

BV Mike Gilbert (3 points earned)

RV Alnice Nichols (2 points earned)

Proposed Ameraucana Breeders Club Exhibitor Point System continued . . .

Blue Wheaten – 2 shown

BV Michael Muenks (2 points earned)

RV Mike Gilbert (1 point earned)

Brown Red- 2 shown

BV Mike Gilbert (2 points earned)

RV Mike Gilbert (1 point earned)

Buff -3 shown

RB John Blehm (17 points earned because this bird beat all but one bird. This bird does not earn BV and RB points, just the higher RB points)

RV Mike Gilbert (2 points earned)

White- 4 shown

BV Alnice Nichols (4 points earned)

RV Alnice Nichols (3 points earned)

AOV -1 shown

BV Paul & Angela Smith- (1 point earned)

The large fowl Ameraucana report would follow the same pattern of calculation.

This plan does **not** recommend awarding points for AOSB or AOCCL. Points for AOSB and or AOCCL become a big hassle and we are really only concerned about our breed, not the other breeds that are exhibited at the show.



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the 2011
Richland Center, WI Show





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Meet Reports

Spring Fowl Fest, Alma, MI

Special Meet, April 30, Reported by Matt Boensch

3 large fowl were shown and judged by Bart Bowles

RB, BV black H by Kahlib Morris, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

RV black C by Kahlib Morris

BB, BV wheaten C by Kathy and Harvey Pearl, **Champion Ameraucana**

2 bantams were shown and judged by Bart Bowles

RB, BV wheaten H by Jeanne Trent

BB, BV AOV splash wheaten H by Jeanne Trent

2 large fowl were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Bart Bowles

BV black H by Kahlib Morris, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

RV black C by Kahlib Morris

Buckeye Fancy Feathers Poultry Show, Canfield, OH

Special Meet, June 11, 2011, Reported by Rhonda Simmons

3 large fowl were shown and judged by Lewis Cunningham

BB, BV black H by Harold Knapp

RB, RV black P by Harold Knapp

7 bantams were shown and judged by Gary Overton

BB, BV black C by Caleb Pickard

RV black C by Donna Townsend

BV buff C by Nicole Pickard

BV wheaten C by Harold Knapp, out of 3

RV wheaten H by Caleb Pickard

RB, BV white C by Donna Townsend

3 bantam were shown in the Junior Show and judged by Gary Overton

BV black H by Caleb Pickard, **Junior Show Champion Ameraucana**

BV buff H by Nicole Pickard

BV wheaten K by Caleb Pickard



Michael Gilbert's wheaten bantam Ameraucana at Richland Center, June 2011. She is a beautiful bird and the best shot I got was an aerial!



A really nice white large fowl Ameraucana at Richland Center, June 2011.

2011 National Meet

It is hard to believe that the 2011 National Meet will be here before we know it. If you have never been to a poultry show or have never been to a large poultry show, then this National Meet is the show for you! Prepare yourself to be blown away by the number of and variety of poultry you will see. For those of you showing poultry, remember to get your entry form in early!

The Crossroads Poultry Club's website has a map of the facility and directions to the Indiana State Fairgrounds. There is a lot to do in the area and many hotels close by. One can truly make a weekend of it. There is something for everyone in Indianapolis. This show, because of size runs on a slightly different schedule and entries are October 3, 2011. Coop-in begins on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Judging begins at 9 AM on Friday, October 28, 2011.

There are three hotels that have been designated by the host Club as official hotels. I have also stayed many places downtown and on the loop and one shouldn't have a difficult time finding a hotel. There are good deals to be had if you look around. In addition, camping is available at the fairgrounds and in other areas not too far away.

The following awards are planned for the 2011 National Meet:

- Champion Ameraucana Ribbon and \$50
- Reserve Champion Ameraucana Ribbon and \$25
- Best Display, LF or Bantam Ribbon and \$25
- Best Trio, LF or Bantam Ribbon and \$25
- Best of Breed Bantam \$20
- Reserve of Breed Bantam \$10
- Best of Breed Large Fowl \$20
- Reserve of Breed Large Fowl \$10
- Best of Variety Bantam Ribbon and \$5 – black, blue, blue wheaten, brown red, wheaten, white
- Best of Variety Bantam Ribbon and Fowl Stuff Nest Box – buff, lavender, silver by John and Kathy Blehm
- Reserve of Variety Bantam Ribbon and \$5
- Best of Variety Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5 – black, blue, blue wheaten, brown red, wheaten, white
- Best of Variety Large Fowl Ribbon and Fowl Stuff Nest Box – buff, lavender, silver by John and Kathy Blehm
- Reserve of Variety Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
- BV AOV Bantam Ribbon and \$5,
- RV AOV Bantam Ribbon and \$5
- BV AOV Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
- RV AOV Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
- Best LF Buff - the Arne Schmidt Memorial Traveling Plaque
- Best Bantam Hen Eggs Certificate and \$10
- Best Bantam Pullet Eggs Certificate and \$10
- Best Large Fowl Hen Eggs Certificate and \$10
- Best Large Fowl Pullet Eggs Certificate and \$10



2010 Champion Ameraucana
White Bantam Cockerel
by Robert Walchak



2010 Reserve Champion
Ameraucana
Black Large Fowl Pullet
By Jim Fegan



Ameraucana row at Richland
Center, June 2011

**Welcome to our
New Members!**

Teresa Bowers, GA

Ronnie Clark, TX

Dawnalysce Clifford, ME

Barbara Dodington, ON

Erica & Shane Lawler, VA

Scott McDonough, OH

Kim Richman, CA

David Yabo Family, AZ



Michael Gilbert's buff bantam
Ameraucana strutting at
Richland Center, June 2011



Junior Champion Ameraucana - Ribbon and \$20
Junior Reserve Champion Ameraucana - Ribbon and \$10
Junior Best of Breed Bantam Ameraucana – embroidered hat donated by Jeff and Patty Pickard
Junior Reserve of Breed Bantam Ameraucana – embroidered hat donated by Jeff and Patty Pickard
Junior Best of Breed Large Fowl Ameraucana – embroidered hat donated by Jeff and Patty Pickard
Junior Reserve of Breed Large Fowl Ameraucana – embroidered hat donated by Jeff and Patty Pickard
Junior Best of Variety Bantam \$7.00 donated by Jeff and Patty Pickard
Junior Best of Variety Large Fowl \$7.00 donated by Jeff and Patty Pickard

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. All eggs entered become the property of the ABC. 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.

In addition, we will once again have the silent auction. Please bring donations to the Club table by 10 AM Friday morning. Please let the Club secretary know if you are donating something for the silent auction in order to help with organizing the silent auction.

The location and time of the Club meeting and evening fellowship will be posted at the Club table. If anyone has suggestions regarding a place to eat Saturday evening, please start a thread at the Forum. We have generally look for family friendly places that have a large room or area that we can use.

Thanks to those who have donated product or money toward awards so far – John and Kathy Blehm, Ken Olsen, and Jeff and Patty Pickard. Donations may be sent to the Club secretary via PayPal or check.

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