

Ameraucana Bulletin

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Welcome New Members...

Laura E Katterheinrich, OH

Brett Barteo, MO

Peggy Taylor, TX

Daniel & Janet Hall, FL

Mary Laska, TX

Christopher & Anne Cooper family, OH

Justin, Heather, Trenton & Maxim Summers, OK

Isaac & Judy Whatley and Clint & Monty Lake, TX

Dorothy Haire, TX

Paula Lane, IN

Renee Baker, NC

Dianne M Stokely, TN

Maggie Maier, NC

Carrie Snyder, OH

Paige Lee, OH



*The 2014 ABC National Meet, October 4-5, in Lucasville, Ohio-
Camille Lewandowski of Virginia had BV, BB, Champion AOSB,
Champion Ameraucana and Overall Show Champion on a black hen!*

*There were 58 bantams shown by eight exhibitors from five states, 139 large fowl shown
by 18 exhibitors from 10 states, plus 38 Ameraucanas in the Junior Show-*

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President's Message ~ Connie "Jean" Ribbeck



It's been a great four years being your President. Now it is time for me to step back and let someone else man the helm. Congratulations to Clif Redden on being elected President. I look forward to working with you and the rest of the Board over the next two years as Western District Director again.

Thanks to all the members who personally supported me and for the words of encouragement I have been given over the past four years. I am sure the Club will continue to move forward and grow as it has been lately.

I am off to a show this weekend and have been dealing with extreme cold weather this week so this last message will be short and sweet.

As I have said before, Happy Hatching and may all your eggs be blue. 😊

I thank the ABC club members for giving me the Lifetime Achievement Award at the national meet in Lucasville, Ohio.

This was very humbling to me, as my only qualifications are the love of chickens, and people, in this hobby,

I have the best of both. I don't consider myself a true breeder, as I know nothing of genetics, and don't care to.

I let someone else do the tedious work, and go from there.

I wish I could have been with you, but my wife's health problems have limited me to one day shows.

I have belonged to many poultry clubs, the ABC is the best, and the members make the club what it is.

Thank you, Harold Knapp



Winning ABC Junior Essay Contest essay...

How I Condition My Ameraucana for Exhibition by Walter Malcolm

I show Ameraucanas both large fowl and bantam. I think bantams are easier to show because of their size. I take care of my birds with food and water. The food is 20% protein, calcium fortified and they always have fresh sparkling water. I let them run around for bugs. I also Frontline on them for parasites. I handle them every day.

To prepare my birds for show I start with putting them in a conditioning pen to save their feathers. I put them in the cages 6-8 weeks before the show. I let them out to stretch daily. About 5 days before the show I wash them with baby shampoo and warm water. Then I rinse them with warm water, then a vinegar water. The vinegar gets rid of the extra soap and shines the feathers. Finally I dip them for parasites. After I wash them I clip their toenails, then dremel beaks and spurs. The day of the show I oil their combs, clean their feet and legs again, then shine their feathers with spray.

This is how I condition my show birds. My showmanship bird gets extra pampering. She gets more shine to her and her feet and legs get more scrubbing. Her name is Coral. She likes all the extra attention. She does not like being in a conditioning pen.

I like showing Ameraucanas even though it is lots of work. It all paid off when Coral and I won a belt buckle at County Fair!

Election Commissioner, Mike Gilbert, reported the results on the ABC Forum in September. "Only 35 ballots were cast, many of those by the newer members...Congratulations to **Clif Redden** who was elected our new President...John Blehm received all but one of the write in votes for Secretary-Treasurer. However, it is my understanding he had announced he would not accept the office unless he was elected president...**The bylaws amendments passed** by a near-unanimous vote...The closest item on the ballot was the race for Western Director. **Jean** won out over Shakti by a single vote. Which proves once again that every vote counts. If you voted in the election, thank you for showing that you care. If you didn't bother to vote, you have no reason to complain during the next two year term."

Eastern District Report ~ Sharon Yorks, Director

2014 has proven to be a successful year for the Ameraucanas in popularity and prestige. The Ameraucana Breeders Club has welcomed over 70 new, first time members to the club and poultry show judges are now taking notice of these awesome birds and are placing them high up on Champion Row in both the open and junior classes. There were many notable wins this year, but due to the amount of Eastern District information that will be going into this bulletin, I can only touch on a few.



It was great to finally meet so many ABC members face-to-face at our National Meet. The Southern Ohio Poultry Association once again put on a great show in Lucasville, OH with close to 2175 birds being shown...with an AMERAUCANA winning the "Over-all Champion of Show" honors! Congratulations to, Camille Lewandowski, whose black hen made a huge sweep in the Open, and to, Hannah Brush, whose white pullet took top honors in the Junior Show, winning all of the way through to Champion LF.



**Hannah
Brush**

There were 235 Ameraucanas shown by 30 exhibitors from 14 states and I believe everyone felt that Danny Padgett did a very nice job judging the open classes, as did Dick Horstman and Larry Lawrence in the junior classes. It was truly a wonderful show with every ABC member taking home many prizes and awards. The Ameraucana Fundraising Auction was also a big success with 28 Ameraucanas raising \$707 which will be added to next year's National Meet fund. Thanks again to everyone who supported this show and helped to make it such a nice one.

At the Eastern Ohio Poultry Association's Tallmadge, OH show in September, close to 1000 birds were on display. This was a new show to this area and it was nice to see Ameraucanas do so well there. Mindy Best won BB in the Open LF with her black cockerel who then went on to win Best AOSB and Reserve Champion LF. In the Junior Show, new ABC junior member Lillian Cooper won BB and Best AOSB with her black cockerel, and RB and Res AOSB with her black pullet. This was a very nice show which was held in a very nice facility. Be sure to add it to your list of shows to attend next year.



**Mindy
Best**

At the November 7-9, 2014 Ohio National in Columbus, OH, 102 Ameraucanas showed up at the big 3-day show that hosted a total of 9716 birds, 7591 of which were chickens. A BIG congratulations goes to Jerry DeSmidt for winning the BB and Champion AOSB in the LF with his beautiful white cockerel, and also winning BB with his blue wheaten bantam cockerel and RB with his wheaten bantam pullet. Congratulations also to Camille Lewandowski for her RB and Res AOSB win with her black LF hen. In the Junior Show, there were 18 LF with Keesha Ivins taking home the BB win with her blue pullet, and the RB win went to Lillian Cooper and her black cockerel. The complete meet report is listed in this bulletin.

This has been a very busy and wonderful year for Ameraucanas and I have enjoyed representing them and the ABC as its Eastern District Director for the past two years. It has truly been an honor. I've met a lot of very nice people who I now consider family and look forward to seeing many of them again at the shows. Next year, the ABC will welcome a new director to the Eastern District, Beth Curran from NC. Beth has been an ABC member and exhibitor for several years so no doubt she will be bringing a lot of experience to the table. Best wishes and Merry Christmas to all and I hope everyone has a blessed 2015 season!



**Lillian
Cooper**

Eastern District Meets Results...

Forsyth Fowl Fanciers Association – OH

Winston-Salem, NC Special Meet, March 29, 2014

10 Open Bantams by 3 exhibitors, judge: Daniel Dysart

BB – BV – buff C by Don Cash, out of 1

BV – silver C by Amy Colbert, out of 5

RV – silver H by Don Cash

BV – white P by Dennis Setzer, out of 3

RV – white H by Dennis Setzer

BV – lavender H by Don Cash, out of 1

Note: The judge did not award a RB

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Eastern District Meets Results...

Forsyth Fowl Fanciers Association – OH

Winston-Salem, NC Special Meet, March 29, 2014

10 Open LF by 3 exhibitors, judged by Daniel Dysart

BV – black C by John Marshall, out of 1

BV – blue C by John Marshall, out of 1

BB - BV – blue wheaten C by Don Cash, out of 1

BV – buff C by Don Cash, out of 2

RV – buff C by Don Cash

BV – wheaten C by John Marshall, out of 2

RV – wheaten H by John Marshall

RB - BV – white C by Jim Wheeler, out of 1

BV – lavender C by John Marshall, out of 1

BV – splash wheaten H by Don Cash, out of 1

4 Junior LF by 1 exhibitor, judged by Daniel Dysart

BV – black H by Walker Curran, out of 2

RV – black H by Walker Curran

BB – BV buff H by Walker Curran, out of 2 – **CH AOSB**

RB – RV buff H by Walker Curran – **Reserve CH AOSB**

Central Pennsylvania Avian – PA

Bloomsburg, PA Special Meet, May 4, 2014

3 Open Bantams by 1 exhibitor, judged by Paul Gilroy

BB - BV – wheaten P by Jim Zook, out of 3

RB - RV – wheaten P by Jim Zook

3 Open LF by 2 exhibitors, judged by Paul Gilroy

RB - BV – black H by Jack Kiska, out of 2

RV – black H by Larry Clionsky

BB - BV – blue wheaten C by Larry Clionsky, out of 1

Note: No Juniors

Eastern Ohio Poultry Association – OH

Tallmadge, OH Special Meet, September 20-21, 2014

3 Open Bantams by 2 exhibitors, judged by Phil Bartz

BB - BV – wheaten P by Jill Besida, out of 3

RB - RV – wheaten K by Donna Townsend

12 Open LF by 4 exhibitors, judged by Phil Bartz

BB - BV – black K by Mindy Best, out of 3

Champion AOSB & Reserve Champion Large Fowl

RV – black K by Colton Brush

BV – blue P by Mindy Best, out of 3

RV – blue P by Jamie Corey

BV – wheaten P by Mindy Best, out of 1

RB - BV – white P by Hannah Brush, out of 1

BV – splash K by Mindy Best, out of 4

RV – splash K by Mindy Best

No Junior Bantams

8 Junior LF by 5 exhibitors, judged by Gary Overton

BB – BV black K by Lillian Cooper, out of 5 – **CH AOSB**

RB – RV – black P by Lillian Cooper – **Res CH AOSB**

BV – blue P by Lillian Cooper, out of 1

BV – white H by Colton Brush, out of 1

BV – splash H by Xander Meeks, out of 1

Southern Ohio Poultry Association – OH

Lucasville, OH National Meet, October 4-5, 2014

58 Bantams by 8 exhibitors, judge: Danny Padgett

BV – black C by Jerry De Smidt, out of 2

RV – black P by Jerry De Smidt

BB - BV blue P by Russell Blair, out of 6 – **CH AOCCL**

RV – blue K by Russell Blair

RB - BV blue wheaten P by Jerry De Smidt, out of 15

RV – blue wheaten K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – buff P by John Blehm, out of 2

RV – buff K by John Blehm

BV – silver P by John Blehm, out of 3

RV – silver K by John Blehm

BV – wheaten P by Jerry De Smidt, out of 12

RV – wheaten P by Sharon Yorks

BV – white H by Jerry De Smidt, out of 11

RV – white K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – splash H by Russell Blair, out of 3 - **Best AOV**

RV – splash H by Jerry De Smidt - **Reserve AOV**

BV – lavender P by John Blehm, out of 4

RV – lavender H by Don Cash

139 LF by 18 exhibitors, judged by Danny Padgett

BB – BV black H by Camille Lewandowski, out of 61 –

Champion AOSB & Champion Large Fowl

RV - black P Clifton Redden

RB - BV blue P by Max Strawn, out of 25 –

Reserve Champion AOSB

RV – blue P by Tom Kernan

BV blue wheaten P by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 6

RV – blue wheaten C by Larry Clionsky

BV – brown red P by James Fegan, out of 7

RV – brown red H by James Fegan

BV – buff P by Will Kitsch, out of 7

RV – buff K by Will Kitsch

BV – silver P by John Blehm, out of 6

RV – silver P by John Blehm

BV – wheaten P by Duane Schroeder, out of 8

RV – wheaten P by Duane Schroeder

BV – white H by Jerry De Smidt, out of 10

RV – white K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – lavender P by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 6 –

Best AOV

RV – lavender P by John Blehm – **Reserve AOV**

BV – splash P by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 3

RV – splash K by Mindy Best

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Eastern District Meets Results...

18 Jr Bantams by 5 exhibitors, judge: Larry Lawrence

BV – black H by Kali Massey, out of 2

RV – black P by Kali Massey

BV – blue P by Marina Kramr, out of 5

RV – blue P by Walter Malcolm

RB - BV – wheaten H by Paige Lee, out of 6

RV – wheaten H by Kali Massey

BB - BV – white P by Gus Malcolm, out of 4 –

Champion AOCCL

RV – white H by Paige Lee

BV – splash P by Gus Malcolm, out of 1

20 Junior LF by 7 exhibitors, judged by Dick Horstman

RB - BV – black P by Will Kitsch, out of 8 – **R CH AOSB**

RV – black K by Matthew Smith

BV – blue P by Will Kitsch, out of 4

RV – blue K by Matthew Smith

BV – blue wheaten P by Matthew Smith, out of 1

BV – buff H by Will Kitsch, out of 2

RV – buff K by Will Kitsch

BV – wheaten P by Matthew Smith, out of 1

BB - BV – white P by Hannah Brush, out of 2 –

Champion AOSB & Champion Large Fowl

RV – white H by Colton Brush

BV – splash P by Matthew Smith, out of 2

RV – splash H by Xander Meeks

Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers – PA

Lebanon, OH Special Meet, October 11, 2014

3 Open Bantams by 1 exhibitor, judged by Rick Hare

BB - BV – wheaten P by Jim Zook, out of 3

RB - RV – wheaten P by Jim Zook

40 Open LF by 14 exhibitors, judged by Rick Hare

BB - BV – black H by Camille Lewandowski, out of 13 –

Reserve Champion AOSB

RB - RV – black K by Tom Kernan

BV – blue H by Tom Kernan, out of 18

RV – blue P by Tom Kernan

BV – blue wheaten H by Tom Kernan, out of 1

DQ – brown red, out of 2

BV – buff K by Will Kitsch, out of 3

RV – buff P by Will Kitsch

DQ – silver, out of 1

BV – white P by Camille Lewandowski, out of 1

BV – splash H by Karin Johnson, out of 1

No Junior Bantams

10 Junior LF by 7 exhibitors, judged by Mike Waski

RB - BV black P by Will Kitsch, out of 3 – **Res CH AOSB**

RV – black P by Will Kitsch

BV – blue P by Will Kitsch, out of 3

BV – blue P by Colby Gravitt

DQ – brown red, out of 1

BB - BV – buff P by Will Kitsch, out of 3 – **CH AOSB**

RV – buff K by Will Kitsch

Ohio National – OH

Columbus, OH District Meet, November 7-9, 2014

28 Bantams by 6 exhibitors, judge: Lew Cunningham

BV – black C by Jerry De Smidt, out of 6

RV – black H by George Heitger

BV – blue K by Jerry De Smidt, out of 4

RV – blue P by Jerry De Smidt

BB - BV – blue wheaten K by Jerry De Smidt, out of 3

RV – blue wheaten P by Jerry De Smidt

BV – buff H by George Heitger, out of 3

RV – buff C by George Heitger

BV – silver P by Susie Everse, out of 2

RV – silver K by Susie Everse

RB - BV – wheaten P by Jerry De Smidt, out of 4

RV – wheaten K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – white K by Jerry De Smidt, out of 4

RV – white H by Jerry De Smidt

BV – lavender P by Paul Danafaye, out of 2

RV – lavender P by Paul Danafaye

56 Open LF by 12 exhibitors, judged by Ben Porter

RB - BV – black H by Camille Lewandowski, out of 25 -

Reserve Champion AOSB

RV – black K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – blue H by Camille Lewandowski, out of 8

RV – blue K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – blue wheaten H by Jerry De Smidt, out of 3

RV – blue wheaten K by Jerry De Smidt

BV – brown red K by Mike Gilbert, out of 2

RV – brown red P by Mike Gilbert

BV – wheaten P by Jerry De Smidt, out of 1

BB - BV – white K by Jerry De Smidt, out of 12 –

Champion AOSB

RV – white H by Robert Rennolet

BV – splash P by Janis Orndorf, out of 3 – **Best AOV**

RV – splash K by Janis Orndorf – **Reserve AOV**

BV – lavender H by Jennifer Loudon, out of 2

RV – lavender K by Jennifer Loudon

3 Jr Bantams by 2 exhibitors, judge: Anthony Ashley

BV – lavender H by Sadie Evans

RV – lavender H by Jaycee Perry

18 Junior LF by 8 exhibitors, judged by Troy Laroche

RB - BV – black K by Lillian Cooper, out of 4

RV – black K by Abby Besida

BB - BV – blue P by Keesha Ivins, out of 5

RV – blue K by Abby Besida

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Eastern District Meets Results...

BV – brown red K by Tommy McComis, out of 1
BV – silver P by Jillian Salmon, out of 2
RV – silver P by Tommy McComis
BV – splash P by Keesha Ivins, out of 4 – **Best AOV**
RV – splash P by Keesha Ivins – **Reserve AOV**
BV – lavender H by Colton Brush, out of 2
RV – lavender K by Colton Brush

Treasurer's Report

Cking account at Credit Union Plus, Birch Run, MI

Previous Total Balance of 8/18/2014 =	\$5,762.67
Previous Cking Balance as 8/18/2014 =	\$5,665.26
Income =	\$1,347.35
Expenses =	\$1,051.78
Checking Balance as of 11/26/2014 =	\$5,960.83
PayPal Balance as of 11/26/2014 =	\$222.97
Ending Total Balance as of 11/26/2014 =	\$6,183.80



Hi, everyone! I'd like to take the time to introduce myself to those who don't know me. My name is Beth Curran (Beth C on the forum). I live in Maysville, NC, near Camp Lejeune. My husband works for the base and is also a Marine reservist. I am originally from Gerrardstown, WV, between Martinsburg, WV, and Winchester, VA, but the military brought us to NC 16 years ago and we put down roots here.

I've been raising Ameraucanas for just over 5 years, but my interest goes back to a grade school incubator project. I was given eggs by a local farmer who said he had 2 breeds "ones that lay blue eggs and ones that lay green ones." He gave me the green ones. They never hatched and I don't know if he had Araucanas or Easter Eggers or both (Ameraucanas weren't a breed yet) but I never lost my fascination with those unique eggs and in 2009, after deciding Ameraucanas were the direction I wanted to go, I hatched my first LF blacks & wheatens from eggs from Wayne Meredith. LF buffs & lavenders followed the next year, and this year we added silver bantams.

I have a 9 year old son, my partner in crime, who has been all about chickens since he was little. He owns all of the bantams as well as some large fowl. He loves to show and competes in youth showmanship as a member of APA/ABA Youth.

In addition to poultry, I have a 23 year old foundation Quarter Horse mare I've had since birth, 6 Lamancha dairy goats, an Orange-wing Amazon parrot, 2 dogs and a cat. Each one of which believes he/she holds the deed to the property. ;-)

Members of the Eastern District, I'm here to serve you guys, so don't hesitate to call/e-mail me if you need anything! And remember, while meets are placed by the director, any member can request a meet, so if you don't see your favorite show on the list, just let me know and I'll place it for you!

Beth Curran, 910-743-8311 ~ bncairey@hotmail.com

North Central District Report ~ Duane Schroeder, Director

I am just coming down from the fantastic 2014 ABC National meet in Lucasville. Sharon Yorks did an incredible job arranging everything. There was so much going on, however, that I didn't get nearly enough time to visit with all of our members, many of whom I was meeting for the first time.

I've only been showing for a few years now, and I learn so much from the other members. I always hear, "Don't worry that the birds you have ready aren't as nice as you'd like. Just take what you've got and enjoy the experience." This proved to be true at the Nationals, as a LF wheaten pullet I was hesitant to show won BV. This girl was a first generation product of a Meredith cock, over pullets with both Smith and Blehm genes. The real value for me is to be able to compare mine to the other wheatens from around the country. I made a purchase of a LF black trio at the show and now am enthused about branching out into another variety. After seeing more than 60 fine black specimens at the show, I can hardly wait for my first hatch of the new year.

We're seeing a steady stream of new members joining the club. This is fantastic! Unfortunately there have been few from the North Central District, so I guess I need to hone my salesmanship skills.

At the request of Kali Massey, I have placed our District's first show of 2015. This Illinois Special Meet will be at the Heartland Classic on March 21, 2015, in Anna, Illinois. For additional information contact Bob Caraker, sfbarns@yahoo.com.



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North Central District Meets Results...

Michigan State 2014 Meet

Michigan Poultry Fanciers Fowl Fest

22 bantams by 6 exhibitors, judged by Paul Gilroy

RB - BV black P by Marina Kraner, out of 2

RV black K by Russell Blair

BB - BV blue P by Russell Blair, out of 2

RV blue K by Russell Blair

BV buff K by John Blehm, out of 2

RV buff P by John Blehm

BV silver P by John Blehm, out of 4

RV silver K by John Blehm

BV wheaten H by Jeanne Trent, out of 5

RV wheaten H Jeanne Trent

BV lavender P by John Blehm, out of 5

RV lavender P by Dana Faye Paul

BV splash H by Russell Blair, out of 2

RV splash K by Russell Blair

13 large fowl by 4 exhibitors, judged by Gary Overton

BB - BV black P by Jerry Segler, out of 3 - **CH AOSB**

RV black H by John Blehm

RB - BV blue P by Russell Blair, out of 1

BV brown red P by James A. Fegan, out of 2

RV brown red K by James A. Fegan

BV lavender P by John Blehm, out of 2

RV lavender K by John Blehm

BV splash K by Russell Blair, out of 1

BV cuckoo P by Jerry Segler, out of 2

RV cuckoo P by Jerry Segler

BV lavender cuckoo P by Jerry Segler, out of 2

RV lavender cuckoo K by Jerry Segler

1 Junior bantam judged by Paul Gilroy

BB - BV blue P by Robert Blair

Wisconsin Special 2014 Meet

West Central Wisconsin Pigeon and Poultry Meet

11 large fowl by 11 exhibitors, judged by Art Rieber

BB - BV black H by Stacy Wozney, out of 2

RB - RV black H by Scott & Kirstin Thompson

BV blue P by Scott & Kirstin Thompson, out of 4

RV blue P by Stacy Wozney

BV blue wheaten C by Stallman's Poultry, out of 2

RV blue wheaten P by Wrayanne Hersha-Norquest

BV wheaten H by Stallman's Poultry, out of 1

BV white K by Scott & Kirstin Thompson, out of 2

RV white P by Scott & Kirstin Thompson

11 LF by 9 exhibitors, judged by Gordy Sternweis

BV black H by Nathan Thompson, out of 5

RV black C by Jacob Sonsalla

BV blue wheaten P by Amber Newman, out of 1

BV brown red H by Kendra Lawson, out of 1

RB - BV silver P by Andrew & Anna Schoen, out of 1

BV wheaten P by Thomas Newman, out of 2

RV wheaten H by Lance Wallis

BB - BV white K by Nathan Thompson, out of 1-

Reserve Champion AOSB

1 JR bantam judged by Gordy Sternweis

BB - BV buff K by Natalie Sonsalla, out of 1

Classifieds...

Offering day old LF Ameraucana chicks in: black, blue, splash, wheaten, blue wheaten, splash wheaten and lavender. We plan on starting Feb. 17 and ending June 8, 2015 with nine hatches at two week intervals. Paul & Angela Smith, psmith@ntin.net or 940-768-8405 for info and prices.

Clif and Linda Redden

We are now taking orders for day-old chicks for the 2015 hatching season. We offer LF Black, Blue, and Splash. For more info you can call Clif at 620-389-2732 or email clifredde@yahoo.com.

Strawn Family Ameraucana. Now taking orders for Spring 2015. We are offering Large Fowl day old chicks in Black, Blue, Splash, and Lavender varieties. Also large fowl Blue Laced Red Wyandottes in Black, Blue, and Splash varieties. Hatch dates will begin on Feb. 23rd and end on May 18th. Contact Max Strawn at mstrawn3@yahoo.com for more info and pricing.

Home of the original lavender Ameraucanas! Go to FowlStuff.com for an Order Form and all the details. Still accepting orders for day-old chicks in 2015. Many orders have been already placed, so don't wait if interested. Bantam: buff, lavender & silver. Large Fowl: buff, lavender, silver and black. John W Blehm.

Remember if your 2015 dues aren't paid by December 31st you won't be a club member on the 1st of the year. You'll make life easier on the club Secretary by avoiding a lapse in your membership and there are definite advantages to being an ABC member. Feel free to pay for up to two years in advance. The membership form has check boxes to indicate which years you are paying for. Pay your ABC dues with a check or use PayPal! Please use the Membership Form to update any information including your Breeders Directory listing.

South Central District Report ~ Paul Smith, Director



Greetings from the South Central District.

Show season is well underway now, with several ABC members participating by showing their outstanding large fowl and bantam Ameraucanas which are winning their place onto champion row.

The Arkansas state meet/special meet were recently held in Fayetteville which will be hosting our 2015 national. Great news-it will be a two day show Nov. 7 and 8, 2015! It is a hurried rush to get everything done in a one day show when the birds are judged twice. Now we will have an extra evening and morning to enjoy the show! Please make plans to bring your best Ameraucanas and help keep our Ameraucana national show one of the nations best national meets.

Colorado also had a state meet at Brighton. I didn't know that it was a double judged show or it could have been set-up with a special meet also. The State Fair of Texas-Dallas also had a good showing of Ameraucanas but no one requested an ABC meet. That will probably change in 2015. Several more meets are still ahead to participate within the SC district. They are listed in the meets. The show reports are following this report-congratulations to all who participated!

We hadn't planned on increasing our breeding show flock or production of day old chicks, but Angela found a new (never used) GQF cabinet incubator and a very old one (used a lot) at a garage sale for pennies on the dollar but they had to sell together. They are similar to the two GQF cabinet incubators that we presently use, so we have potential to double our chick production for 2015. Maybe we won't have to turn chick orders away before hatching season is over, June 8.

We presently have 300 head of day old chicks booked-from our 2015 hatches. We can accept 1300 more for now. Then we will hold off accepting anymore until they are close to being filled. We have a good record of filling chick orders and want to keep it. We have had several cancel on us because everyone can not be first on the list for the earliest hatched chicks. The chick orders are filled in the order that they were received for the ASAP.

Most varieties of LF Ameraucanas need to be hatched six to eight months ahead of the show date to be in their prime. I feel that the weather conditions have a lot to do with the time that they will be in their prime.

Hope all have a great show season and are getting ready to start hatching soon.

God Bless, Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year! Paul Smith

South Central District Meets Results...

Rocky Mountain Feather Fanciers - Brighton, CO.

Colorado State Meet Oct. 25, 2014

18 bantams by 5 exhibitors, judge: Troy Laroche

BV blue P by Walter Malcolm, out of 2

RV blue P by Gus Malcolm

BV blue wheaten K by Walter Malcolm, out of 2

RV blue wheaten P by Walter Malcolm

BV buff P by Walter Malcolm, our of 3

RV buff P by Gus Malcolm

BV wheaten K by Gus Malcolm, out of 2

RV wheaten P by Gus Malcolm

BB-BV white P by Anna Vetter, out of 8 - CH AOCCL

RB-RV white K by David Vetter

BV splash P by Gus Malcolm, out of 1

17 LF by 11 exhibitors, judged by Steve Jones BB-BV

BB-BV black P by David Vetter, out of 9 - Res CH AOSB

RV black K by Gus Malcolm

BV blue P by Cerise Roof, out of 3

RV blue K by Brenda Berdahl

RB-BV white P by Roggen Dunes Jr. Games, out of 3

RV white K by Roggen Dunes Game Birds

BV splash C by Brenda Berdahl, out of 2

RV splash P by Brenda Berdahl

Heart Of The Ozarks Poultry Assoc. - Fayetteville AR

Arkansas State Meet Nov. 1, 2014 First Show

56 LF by 5 exhibitors, judged by Art Reiber

BB-BV black K by Max Strawn, out of 30 - Res AOSB

RB-RV black C by Max Strawn

BV blue P by Max Strawn, out of 10

RV blue P by Max Strawn

BV blue wheaten P by Sharon Caywood, out of 2

RV blue wheaten P by Paul & Angela Smith

BV brown red K by Clifton Redden, out of 4

RV brown red P by Clifton Redden

BV wheaten K by Sharon Caywood, out of 6

RV wheaten P by Sharon Caywood

BV splash P by Sharon Caywood, out of 1

BV lavender P by Max Strawn, out of 3

RV lavender H by Max Strawn

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South Central District Meets Results...

Heart Of The Ozarks Poultry Assoc. - Fayetteville AR
Special Meet Nov. 1, 2014 Second Show

56 LF by 5 exhibitors, judged by Walt Leonard

BB-BV black K by Max Strawn, out of 30 - **CHAOSB**

RB-RV black P by Clifton Redden

BV blue P by Max Strawn, out of 10

RV blue K by Paul & Angela Smith

BV blue wheaten P by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 2

RV blue wheaten P by Sharon Caywood

BV brown red K by Clifton Redden, out of 4

RV brown red P by Clifton Redden

BV wheaten P by Sharon Caywood, out of 6

RV wheaten K by Sharon Caywood

BV splash P by Sharon Caywood, out of 1

BV lavender P by Max Strawn, out of 3

RV lavender H by Max Strawn

10 JR LF by 1 exhibitor, judged by Lewis Hinkle

BB-BV black K by Matthew Smith, out of 2 - **Res AOSB**

RV black P by Matthew Smith

BV blue P by Matthew Smith, out of 2

RV blue K by Matthew Smith

BV blue wheaten P by Matthew Smith, out of 1

RB-BV wheaten K by Matthew Smith, out of 2

RV wheaten P by Matthew Smith

BV lavender P by Matthew Smith, out of 1

BV splash P by Matthew Smith, out of 2

RV splash P by Matthew Smith

No bantams were shown at the HOTPA

Top Bantams at the 2014 ABC National Meet



BV, BB & Champion AOCCL
blue pullet
by Russell Blair of Michigan



BV & RB
blue wheaten pullet
by Jerry De Smidt of Wisconsin

Note, Christina Korfus resigned as Western District Director in September. The Board of Directors approved the appointment, by the President, to have Jean fill the position thru the current term.

Western District Report ~ Connie "Jean" Ribbeck, Director

It has been very quiet in the Western District. We have a couple meets coming up, both in California, that were placed by a junior member who placed most of the meets for our District this year.

Remember any member can request a meet. Don't wait for someone to do it for you. All you need to know is the date, place and contact information. Meets requests must be made in time for the distribution of the meet information in the ABC quarterly bulletin prior to the entry deadline for that show. The current Club meet policy can be seen here: <http://ameraucana.org/DnLd/MeetPolicy.pdf>

Western District Meets Results...

Wash. Feather FanCIers, Cascade Spring Show –
Monroe, WA

Washington State Meet, March 15, 2014

5 Bantams by 2 exhibitors, judge: Ramona Trombley

BB-BV black P by Karen Carpenter, out of 2

RV black H by Connie Jean Ribbeck

RB-BV blue C by Karen Carpenter, out of 2

RV blue H by Karen Carpenter

BV chocolate P by Karen, out of 1

13 LF by 6 exhibitors, judged by Don Barger

RB-BV black P by Connie Jean Ribbeck, out of 2

RV black H by Michelle Manzer

BB-BV blue H by Michelle Manzer, out of 4

RV blue C by Karen Carpenter

BV blue wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome, out of 2

RV blue wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome

BV wheaten K by Royce Van Blaricome, out of 3

RV wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome

BV splash H by Karen Carpenter, out of 2

RV splash C by Karen Carpenter

Meeting of the Ameraucana Breeders Club

October 4, 2014 Lucasville, Ohio

Jean Ribbeck, President, asked Sharon Yorks, Eastern District Director to conduct the meeting knowing she and the Vice Presidents weren't going to be in attendance. John Blehm, Secretary, asked Duane Schroeder, North Central District Director to record the minutes for him in his absence. Sharon called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

The meet sponsors were recognized and members were encouraged to support them in word and through their purchasing decisions. A "Thank You" card was passed around for everyone to sign, which would be presented after the meeting to Hakes' Twin City Poultry Supplies for their generous support. Each of the attendees introduced themselves.

1. A question was posed regarding the status of including Splash and Lavender varieties. It was explained by Tom Kernan that the prerequisite to recognition is:
 - a. Five breeders raising the variety for at least 5 years
 - b. A qualifying meet with at least 50 birds
 - c. Need not be APA member to qualify birds
2. There was a brief discussion about the naming of the Lavender variety vs. Self-Blue. It is rumored that someone at the APA had said the name Lavender would never be accepted. On the other hand, ABC members have spoken out in strong support of Lavender.
3. Paul Smith provided an update on the status of the 2015 National ABC meet. He had sent solicitations to several clubs. The only ones to express interest were Sedalia, Missouri (10/24/15) and Fayetteville, Arkansas (11/6-7/15). Neither is willing to subsidize us. Paul asked for a show of hands as to which was preferred, and there was no clear preference. Paul said he would make the decision soon.
4. A question was asked about the District map. Sharon Yorks explained the evolution and the reasons behind combination of the Northeast and Southeast districts, one of which was the lack of volunteers to fill the Director role. Members were encouraged to share their thoughts on the matter with their District Director if they want to separate the districts back up in the future.
5. New officers for 2015 were announced:
 - a. Clif Redden, President
 - b. Paul Smith, South Central Director
 - c. Jean Ribbeck, Western District Director
 - d. Beth Curran, Eastern District Director
 - e. Duane Schroeder, North Central District Director
 - f. The Secretary position remains open at this time
6. Sharon announced the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient: Harold Knapp
7. The group recognized the excellent quality of the 2014 National meet and congratulated Sharon Yorks for the exceptional job she did in planning and organizing the event.
8. A member pointed out that John Blehm would not be an officer in the 2015 after serving in various capacities since the 1980's. He was thanked for his many contributions to the formation and development of the ABC.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm and a group picture was taken.

The 1st annual Master's Cup Poultry Show was held November 21st and 22nd, in Webster City, Iowa. This show was quite different than any in the past with a \$25 per bird entry fee and \$1,000 awarded to the top bird, along with many other cash awards and drawings. Bart Pals was the driving force behind the show and Ronnie Lopes, from Burmuda, was the emcee. There was a tour of McMurray Hatchery Friday evening and a formal banquet Saturday evening. They had 157 entries and of the top 10 birds Max Strawn had the #10 spot with his LF black cockerel.

Mike Gilbert, John Blehm & Max Strawn at the Master's Cup



Club Notes ~ John W Blehm

There were some write-in votes for Clif and me for the Secretary/Treasurer position, but we both declined. When the new board members take office, next year, the President will assume the Secretary/Treasurer duties until a suitable volunteer is found, appointed by the President and approved by the board.

Deadline for the next Bulletin is February 15th. Please have reports, articles, photos, ads, etc. to the Secretary by then.

It looks like we'll end the year with 203 members. Several new memberships to start in 2015 have already been received.

The Breeders Directory is available from the Home page of our Ameraucana.org site and often updated. If you can't access the site and want a copy please request it from the Secretary. Members should proof their listings and update them as needed by sending an updated membership form to the Secretary.

Members may request a membership list from the Secretary. It can be emailed as a Microsoft Excel document. It is only for ABC members and the data should be considered confidential.

Many members are registered on the ABC Forum, but many of them have never logged in. There is so much information there and you have to login to post and to view the Members Only subforum. Even though the results from the National Meet and others are included in the Bulletins, much more info and many more photos are on the forum. If you have internet access, please take some time to check out the ABC Forum at Ameraucana.org!

Classified ads are free to members in the Bulletin. Ads do not run till further notice (TFN), so if you would like to place an ad in a Bulletin please have it to the Secretary by that Bulletin's deadline date.

Some members opt to not receive ribbons, from the club, that would normally be sent to them for wins at ABC sanctioned meets. Members that opt out are noted on the Secretary's membership list. Please notify the Secretary if you choose the option.

Top Large Fowl at the 2014 ABC National Meet



BV, BB, Champion AOSB &
Champion Large Fowl of Show
black hen
by Camille Lewandowski of Virginia



BV, RB & Reserve Champion AOSB
blue pullet
by Max Strawn of Texas

More results from the 2014 ABC National Meet

Best Bantam Pullet Eggs - Jerry De Smidt, of Wisconsin

Best Bantam Hen Eggs - Jerry De Smidt

Best Large Fowl Pullet Eggs - Paul & Angela Smith, of Texas

Best Large Fowl Hen Eggs - Larry Clionsky, of Pennsylvania

Best Bantam Trio - white, young trio, by Jerry De Smidt

Reserve Bantam Trio - blue wheaten, young trio, by Jerry De Smidt

Best Large Fowl Trio - white, young trio, by Jerry De Smidt

Reserve Large Fowl Trio - black, young trio, by John W Blehm

Champion Bantam Display - blue wheaten, by Jerry De Smidt - also **Over-All Reserve Champion Display**

Champion Large Fowl Display - blacks, by Paul & Angela Smith - also **Over-All Champion Display**

Reserve Champion Large Fowl Display - blacks, by John W Blehm

Upcoming Ameraucana Meets - Go to Ameraucana.org for updates

December 12-13, 2014

SC District Meet, placed by Paul Smith
Oklahoma State Poultry Federation, Shawnee OK
Contact: Derrell Fowler derrell_fowler@yahoo.com
(405)802-2330

December 13, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, req. by Beth Curran
Cape Fear Poultry Association, Smithfield NC
Contact: Carol Lynn SultanLady@embarquail.com
(910)897-8001

January 3, 2015

Texas Special Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson
Brazos Valley Poultry Club, College Station TX
Contact: Bob Choate Claudia@BluebonnetClassic.com
(512)273-2010

January 24, 2015

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
[Pacific Poultry Breeders Assoc.](http://PacificPoultryBreedersAssoc.com) show, Stockton, CA
Contact: Anthony Rose
arose@valleyalphaelectric.com

January 24, 2015

Colorado Special Meet, req. by Kristine Malcolm
National Western Stock Show, National Western
Complex, Denver CO
Contact: Brenda Strong FeatherFanciers@yahoo.com
(303)204-6191

March 14, 2015

Illinois Special Meet, requested by Kali Massey
Heartland Classic Poultry Club, Anna IL
Contact: Bob Caraker sfbarns@yahoo.com
(618)697-0009

March 28, 2015

Texas Special Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson
YMBL of Beaumont, South TX State Fair, Beaumont TX
Contact: Debra Corbello info@ymbl.org
(409)350-2901

April 25-26, 2015

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Rob Sando
Dayton Fancy Feather Club, Greenville OH
Contact: Amanda Heitzman (937)681-6002



A couple of the winners at Lucasville!

Max Strawn of Texas received the
Arne Schmidt memorial traveling plaque
for his BV, RB & Reserve Champion AOSB
LF blue pullet.

Russell Blair of Michigan received the
Bantam traveling plaque
for his BV, BB and Champion AOCCL
blue pullet.



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