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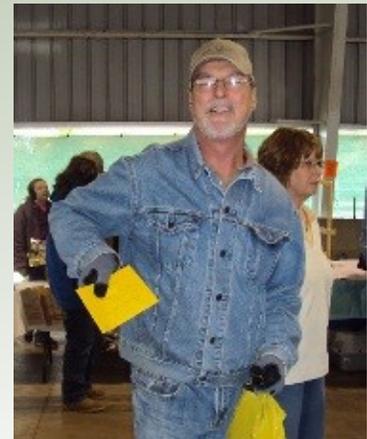
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From the desk of...

President Clif Redden

Hi everyone, I hope you had a great hatching season and your grow out pens are full. I'm looking forward to the fall shows, seeing everybody and checking out everyone's birds. I really want to give a shot out to Susan for battling through the Internet issues we've had and getting our website back up and running, great job Susan!



"I hope you had a great hatching season and your grow out pens are full."

From the desk of...

Susan Mouw, Secretary/ Treasurer

What a crazy month this last one has been! Just as we were getting ready to announce our new concept egg color cards, and open the Store with great new merchandise (T-shirts, Hoodies, Coffee Mugs, and more!), the website gets re-directed to another site.

It has taken more than a month to get everything caught back up, but we did it! The website is back up and running at ameraucanabreedersclub.org, the online membership form is back up at ameraucanabreedersclub.org/membership.html, and the forum, with all its history and valuable information was preserved at ameraucanabreedersclub.org/forum/.

We still have more work to do, but we'll get there and the Ameraucana Breeders Club will be the leader again.

Of course, the show must go on! We still have an election this year, and ballots are enclosed in this newsletter. We also have a list of Constitution and By-Laws proposed changes that will be included in your ballots for this election. Those are listed in this newsletter, as well.

Changes in the election process are coming, too. Our members wanted secure and anonymous voting, and we listened. This year, you will have two ways to vote—both completely secure and anonymous. Online, via Election Buddy or via mail-in ballot.

Our email address had to change, too, so if you need to contact me or any member of the Board, send it to: info@ameraucanabreedersclub.org.



Treasurer's Report

Prev. Balance	6871.63
Income	
Sales	283.34
Dues—New Members	546.00
Dues—Renewals	90.00
Total Income	919.34
Total Cash & Income	7790.97
Expenses	
Bank Fees (Paypal)	48.95
Internet	303.40
Postage & Supplies	568.29
Advertising	921
Total Expenses	1841.64
Cash Balance	5949.33

Election 2016

In order to maintain the anonymity and security of everyone's vote, we have chosen an online voting app, Election Buddy, to be the Electronic "election commissioner" for the 2016 elections and Jefferey Vance as the Mail-in Election Commissioner.

Election Buddy will, when the time comes, email everyone that is an active member and in good standing, a ballot with a secure, anonymous id. The recipient just clicks on the link provided, selects their candidates for office and they're done!. No one knows who voted for whom or what. At the end of the designated time, Election Buddy provides a complete tally of the voting results.

For those who prefer to mail in ballots, we will also have an option for printed ballots to be mailed out, then sent in to the Mail-in election commissioner, Jefferey Vance. The Mail-in Election Commissioner will only see those ballots that are mailed in and will provide the Board of Directors with a final tally of the votes, with no names attached.

I will need to know beforehand which of you would prefer a printed ballot. All members with valid email addresses will receive an electronic ballot, unless they have previously chosen otherwise. Please note: once the election begins, an electronic ballot cannot be changed to a printed ballot!

Our President, Clif Redden, has selected Jefferey Vance as the mail-in ballot Election Commissioner and Jeff has accepted. Jeff will receive a list of the codes for the number of the ballots mailed out (codes assigned by election buddy, so as to avoid duplication of voting), but no names. Jeff will report his final tally at the end of the voting period.

The Board ran a simple test election with Election Buddy before making its choice and it was very simple, easy, and quick to cast your vote. The reports were secure and complete.

The schedule of dates for nominations, and voting are as follows:

Nominations: Open June 1st, Close August 15th

Voting: Opens Sep 1st and ends Sep 15th

All of the above will be re-printed in the June bulletin and a thread here will be opened for nominations on June 1st.

Thank you everyone for your input, so our election is secure and your vote is private and anonymous! We appreciate your continued support.



Election 2016—Board of Directors Nomination Form

Please enter your nominations for the positions shown below, then mail the form to Susan Mouw, 156 Titanic Road, Aiken, SC 29805. You may also post your nominations online in the forum at: [Nominations are Now Open](#)

President:

Secretary/Treasurer:

Western District Director:

North Central District Director:

North East District Director:

South East District Director:

South Central District Director:

From the desk of...

South East District Director Don Cash

Spring has been very interesting weather wise this year. We've had mild weather with some very un-

usual spikes in temperatures from time to time. Our birds have been busy producing eggs and we have been lucky to get a good start of several colors. We have finally begun to catch up on rain for the year in our area. It has come in multiple days causing some problems in various parts of the region. So keeping the pens clear of mud and the trouble that brings have been a real task. I hope that most of you are well on your way to getting those fall show birds prepped for the shows. There are plenty of folks looking for new stock. So If you have stock available take advantage of the Ameraucana Marketplace to share those extra birds with new breeders when you can.

The Board has discussed a number of updates to the Constitution and By Laws this year and these have been posted on the forum. Most of these will update how the club elections function both in the changing electronic process and to keep the anonymous ballot secure. Please take a look at these on the forum and feel free to comment. Comments can be added either on the form or just by dropping a board member an email. This will be included on the ballot along with officers for the next term. The more members involved in this process the better and I know that the board would love to hear from the members.

Jean will host the Western National this fall and is in the process of compiling special awards as well as items for auctions. I hope that many can make this meet and enjoy the fellowship as well as the competition of great Ameraucana classes that will be entered. Feel free to contact Jean if you have questions or wish to add special awards for this great meet. There will hopefully be lots of folks that are showing the varieties that are proposed for acceptance by the APA as well. This also goes for some of the larger shows around the country as well as your local show. Getting these new colors out for people to see and enjoy is the most important part of promoting the new colors.

Please let me know if you have shows in your area where you would like to have ABC meets. It would be great to have three or more breeders showing Ameraucanas at a meet. And feel free to drop me a note with your thoughts about the South Eastern District Meet for this fall. It would be great to have a large meet with the greatest number of exhibits and

Good Luck with the young birds this summer. And I hope everyone has a successful season full of Champs for the fall.

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Attention ABC Members!

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From the desk of...

South Central Director Paul Smith

Greetings from the South Central District.

Hatching is now completed for many in our district and almost over for us. Presently we still have two more scheduled hatches to produce chicks to mail out. We started September 1, 2015 and now have had 15 hatches. This will be the hatching season to remember, as if something could go wrong, then it did! We have had three timers to go out, one on each of our three GQF incubators. This is a switch that controls the turner which rocks the trays of eggs from side to side each few hours. The first failed timer was in our 1502 which doesn't have an acrylic see through door. I would have to open the door several times a day and night for one week (while waiting for the part to arrive) to be able to correctly turn the eggs. The loss of temp from opening the door caused the chicks to hatch late. There was a 1202 incubator and the 1502 in the same hatch. The 1202 hatched early to

get the temp adjusted correctly is very important. We used a trusted thermometer to calibrate the new thermometers, not knowing that the old trusted one had gone bad. Also we have had a drowning issue with many of the chicks-so the 1202 that we just set May 16 is operating dry (without the bleach water). We will add the solution the last three days for hatching. We also had issues with the electronic thermostats. The 1502 thermostat went bad and we replaced it with a new one that we had as a spare.



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on time and the 1502 hatched late to very late. This stretched the hatch time from one day to three days. It took three trips to our PO-one each day for three consecutive days to get the 9 boxes of chicks to their new owners. Both of the 1202 incubators have see through doors, so when the timer went bad, the eggs could be turned without opening the door which helped. The other 1202 has its timer out now as I'm writing this report.

We did something this hatching season that didn't work very well. Normally a few chicks are retained here from each hatch. The "outs"-one with problems like stubs, missing muffs, or off color, and a few potential show quality breeders, to propagate the flock, if there is any extra, after filling chick orders for the hatch. The left over chicks are normally taken from the incubators to a brooder house. This time, we kept the chicks in a large tub with a heat lamp in the room with the incubators for about 7 to 12 days. This was causing the room temp to fluctuate too much which affected the incubator's temp which had an adverse effect on the hatch rates. Once this problem was discovered, we quit retaining the chicks in the room, and they once again were taken straight from the incubators to the brooder houses.

One more issue which caused a lot of hatching problems was the introduction of three new thermometers. Trying to

Its been a nightmare trying to hatch this season! Managed to hatch 1405 head and send out 1043 in 63 boxes with 590 more to send out in 32 boxes from our last two hatches. Had hoped to hatch 2,000 head this time, and hopefully we will surpass the goal and fill all orders, even though we had all the incubator problems. We plan to try again starting in Oct.

I know that Clif Redden, Max Strawn, Ernie Haire, Dorothy Haire, Mary Laska, Peggy Taylor, Jan Guis and hopefully many others have managed to hatch a lot this season-so the shows can and will be very good this fall! We have several ABC meets scheduled for this fall. Still need ABC members to request more shows including Fayetteville, ARK (same time as our ABC national in Caldwell, Idaho-so we won't be at Fayetteville) but it can still be an ABC meet for those who don't plan to make the long trip to ID); Ft. Worth, Gainesville, and Beaumont, TX.; Baton Rouge, LA.; Pueblo and Brighton, CO. and any other shows you would like to have an ABC meet. Remember the show must be a meet to receive ABC points!

Hope everyone has a blessed and great growing season.

From the desk of...

Western Director Jean Ribbeck

Yeah! I finally caught up with everything I could not get done and have eggs hatching. My chickens and geese were put on the back burner after a harsh winter and a bout with a very large kidney stone. I will be working very hard in my white, self-blue, buff and chocolate pens this year.

The chicks are hatching well and things seem to be headed in the right direction. I will be moving my chocolate cock bird back into the black pen soon. I've had so many requests for the LF chocolates that it seems like a sensible move.

Our National Meet is rapidly approaching and I will be finalizing the hotel information, a meeting venue, awards, etc. over the next few weeks. I will be updating all that information on the Ameraucana Forum and in the Poultry Press. If you would like to donate any special monetary awards for our National Meet, please contact



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Susan and let her know. We should have our regular cash awards, ribbons and I am hoping to get some new items lined up that will be both useful and fun to have.

Remember this is an election year and we will be opening nominations for all the positions on the Board. We are also proposing changes to our By-Laws to ensure getting our nonprofit status and making our elections process confidential for our members.

I hope you all have a great summer and wish to see you at the National in Caldwell, ID in November.



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Election 2016

Constitution and By-Law Changes

Here are the changes that have been proposed. You will see all of these on the election ballot for 2016. Changes are in blue.

1. Article V - Election Commissioner

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Election Commissioner(s) shall be appointed by the President: one for electronic online voting and one for mail-in paper ballots. The Commissioner(s) shall receive all ballots, from the source assigned to them, directly from the membership, tally them, and promptly forward the results (Remove "and the ballots") to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Both Election Commissioners, electronic and paper, are required to provide a full tally of votes for each item in the election. Neither electronic or paper ballots, with voters' names attached, shall be shared with anyone, nor information about how any member voted be shared. All votes shall remain anonymous.

2. Election/Nominations of Officers

Article III - District Directors

The District Directors shall be responsible for actively promoting the club and its' activities, including the placing of an annual District meet within their individual districts. They shall also represent the club, place all district, state, and special meets within their district **(Remove "and report the results of meets within their district in the quarterly district report submitted to the secretary/treasurer for publication in the quarterly bulletin" since we no longer require DDs to submit Meet Reports)**, and carrying out details for the National meet when held within their district. Each District Director shall serve as an officer on the Board of Directors, have a vote in determining club policy, assist with coordinating club meets within their district, and take an active part in the recruitment of new members.

Article IV - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall control the affairs of the club at all times and remove from office any officer, upon majority vote of the Board, for misconduct or failure to adequately perform the duties of his or her office. **No member of the Board of Directors shall be a member of, or actively promoting the activities of, another club dedicated to the Ameraucana breed.**

Article VII - Election of Officers

Any paid member in good standing may send in a nomination for candidates for the various offices. All nominees must be members of the Ameraucana Breeders Club at the time of nomination **and may not be members of another club dedicated to the Ameraucana breed.** Officers shall be elected every two years by means of a **(Remove "mail")** ballot sent to each member. Such ballots shall be mailed, **or emailed or otherwise distributed via electronic format** by the Secretary/Treasurer **(Remove "via the club bulletin in the fall of the election year")**. Voting may be by mailing a marked ballot **or by electronic ballot**, within ten days after receipt directly to the Election Commissioner **or directly through the online voting application.** When only one member accepts the nomination for any office that person will be elected by acclamation. The election shall be completed and the new officers declared by mid-December and the new officers shall assume office on January 1st.

3. Club Meets.

Election 2016

Constitution and By-Law Changes

Article VIII - Club Meets

The Ameraucana Breeders Club shall hold an annual National meet to be rotated clockwise each year among the club districts. The District Director will place the National meet by November 15th for the following year. If it is not placed, with notification to the Board, by that date the Director of the next District in rotation will have 30 days to place the National meet. Should a district be unable to host the National meet in its allotted turn the meet shall pass on to the next district in rotation.

All other Club meets shall be placed by the District Director at the request of any member in accordance with the ABC Meet Policy.

4. Pro-rate dues.

Proposed changes:

Article IV – Dues

Annual and or prorated dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. Annual dues shall be payable on January 1st for each calendar year.

5. Order of Succession. We currently have no order of succession if the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties. The Board has approved the following proposed changes, for your review and discussion.

The following Section would be added:

Section 4.

Should the President be unable to fulfill his or her duties, he can appoint a successor from the current Board members. That person must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. If the Board is unable to approve the appointee or the President is unable to appoint a successor, then the order of succession would be as follows:

- 1. District Director from the same District as the President. If unwilling to accept, it would fall to the next level.**
- 2. District Director with the most years on the Board. If unwilling to accept, it would fall to the next level.**
- 3. District Director with the most consecutive (without gaps or lapses in membership), years of membership in the Club.**

6. Non-profit

Article II – Purpose

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

B. The Ameraucana Breeders Club will not be operated for profit, and no part of any profits or residue from dues or donations will inure to the benefit of any member or individuals.

This statement is required in order to get approval for a non-profit organization.

From the desk of...

North Eastern Director Larry Clionsky



BUYER BEWARE

I'm going to rant for a few minutes because I'm angry. For more than 18 years I have known that Ameraucanas lay Blue eggs and I think that anyone who raises, owns or has Ameraucanas knows this one fact also. Well, back in January I was informed of a guy that had 20 bantam Buff Ameraucanas for sale. I contacted him and he sent me pics and I met him on his way to the PA farm show and after examination of the older birds and their young ones I figured I could work with at least some. They had pretty nice color, blue legs, muffs and beards. Eye color was good, peacocks on the males were good and overall they were satisfactory. He said

he got his original trio from John in Michigan. I paid the guy \$100.00 for 19 birds. I took them home and after a few days scrutinized them more carefully. Several of the males had black or dark brown feathers in their tails and several birds had light blue legs and I ended up culling seven of them. So I waited until the hens and pullets started laying and when the pullets started I was amazed. BROWN EGGS. Couldn't believe it. Are you kidding me. I was not happy. The next day more brown eggs. Finally, after about two weeks a blue egg appeared from the five pullets I kept. So, now I had to separate the girls and see which one is laying the blue etc. The wild thing is none of the older hens have laid yet so now I'm not sure of how old they are. All of them are in the same house and same environment so if the hens are two years old like I was told then they should be laying. So I sent a text to the seller to ask when I could call him and he advised that he was going car

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shopping, that his car I saw him in was hit and totaled and the second one he got was T-boned by a red light jumper. So, I figured he had enough problems and he didn't need me to give him more. So, members of the ABC and anyone reading this article, do me and everyone else a favor, DON'T SELL BIRDS THAT YOU KNOW ARE NOT WHAT THEY SHOULD BE. Now, you're probably asking yourselves did he ask the guy if they laid blue eggs. And the answer is NO I did not. Why? I have no idea. I just assumed that anyone who raises Ameraucanas knows they lay blue eggs. Why have them if they don't huh? What an idiot. So now I'll be culling even more. Today I sold a peahen to a guy from New Jersey who wanted a mature mate for his male who lost his. She had a red leg band indicating her year of hatch. He saw her, was happy that she was laying and he bought her. I even added 14 eggs for him to hatch. Did I sell him a hen that wasn't laying? NO. Did I sell him a turkey disguised as a peahen? NO. I sold him exactly what he wanted and drove 4 hours for. So, even after owning Ameraucanas for 18 years you would think that I would know better but you can rest assured the next female Ameraucana I buy I will see a blue egg before I spend my money.

Anyway, Hello from Central PA. for the last week the weather has been in the nineties and dry. Unlike the last four or five weeks of April and May where it was cold and rainy. But, I have chicks hatching even though on day 18 with 288 eggs in the incubator the plug got knocked out of the outlet at least for 12 hours and lost the majority. I am finally getting buffs

and silvers so for those of you who placed orders months ago, hopefully i can help you. I just loaded the bator on the 28th with another 288 eggs and just yesterday the same thing happened. My cats have been chasing rats in my shop and i think they are the culprits. So now the plug is taped into the socket.

I was informed lately that ABC Director Jerry DeSmidt has decided not to run for reelection as a Director of the North Central District of the country due to work commitments and time factors. I for one am very sorry to hear of this because Jerry has been an amazing asset to the ABC over the years and his presence will be sorely missed. He has always been a formidable opponent at shows where we've competed and always has excellent birds to compete with. He says he is remaining a member but just stepping down as a Director. So, anyone that knows Jerry and/or competes against him, please send him a thank you for his service to the ABC and wish him well in his work endeavors. Now, since nominations for all of the board members are coming up I hope someone in the NC District will step up and run for Jerry's vacancy. I too am up for reappointment so to speak so if anyone in the North East District wants to run for the Director position please feel free to go for it. If you like what I am doing and what I stand for then feel free to nominate me for reelection. (*Editor's Note: Larry has been nominated :)*)

I have also been informed that our ABC domain name has been relocated to another club for the time being but we are up and running as usual due to the extraordinary efforts and diligence of our club secretary Susan Mouw. She has spent many days and nights getting our site working again and her computer skills are fascinating. So thank you Susan from me for all you do to keep this club intact and informative. Susan has some great ABC gifts coming up for purchase in the near future so keep your eyes open for that.

I must admit that i have been remiss in checking out the results of shows that have been held since the beginning of the year and the only one I was able to attend was DELMARVA in Delaware. There was an ABC meet at the show but only five large fowl and four bantam Ameraucanas were exhibited. Yours truly had BB with a Black Cockerel but did not make it to the AOSB Champion row. Richard Schock won that honor with a beautiful Black Sumatra that even beat our club member Tom Kernan and that my friends is no easy feat. So to all of our members who went to shows and did well, CONGRATS and keep up the good work. I promise I will be more vigilant with shows and results in the future. And as always, you can visit the ABC web site and view all the results of all the shows that are reported to our secretary.

Until the fall, hope all of your hatches go full term and your chicks grow into spectacular birds. Enjoy the warmth of the Summer months and don't get sunburned and stay out of the poison Ivy. Clionsky OUT!

New!

**Member Award Program
Annual & Nationals High Point Award**

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 2015 Ameraucana Breeders Club National meet, and ending with the last meet before the 2016 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!

Coming Soon!

The ABC Store will be opening its doors soon! We will have T-shirts, Hoodies, Coffee Mugs, Tote bags, and much more with Ameraucana themed logos, emblems, and images! Here's a sneak preview of just a few of the items available:

ABC Marketplace

Everything you use every day with the ABC logo! Show your support for the Ameraucana Breeders Club.



And More!

Our new concept egg color cards will be available soon! Be watching in the forum for the new concept to be revealed!

Hint: It's not your old egg color card!



On May 24, 2016, the website address, that has worked for the Ameraucana Breeders Club since our first website, in 2000, stopped “pointing” to our website and was re-directed to another website. We went into high gear to get the website moved to a new website address (and hosting company), as well as getting our online membership, the forum, and all our other functionality back up and running. Still some clean-up left to do, but we’re making steady progress!



Introducing our new Meets Coordinator, Temple DaSilva!

My name is Temple DaSilva and I have recently taken the position of Meets Coordinator for the ABC. I'm very excited to have an active part in the ABC as I continue to learn about Ameraucanas. I didn't grow up with poultry, only starting with my first backyard flock in 2012. But being an active exhibitor of dogs and horses, I couldn't help but want to understand how it worked with chickens as well. I ended up parting with the various breeds that came in that bantam hatchery mix - though I do still have my original silkie hen! - and decided upon bantam Ameraucanas, having never even seen one in the flesh. I set about finding birds to get started last year and, with the expected scope creep, find myself with small flocks of silver, self-blue, black and chocolate now. I jumped into showing this past January at the Northeast Poultry Congress, totally clueless and somewhat intimidated but loved it. I hope to meet more Ameraucana folks through this new position, online or at the planned meets.

For information about upcoming Meets, contact Susan or Temple at meets@ameraucanabreedersclub.org

Classified Ads

Large Fowl Ameraucana

Black, Blue, Splash, Wheaten, Blue Wheaten, Blue Wheaten, Splash Wheaten



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Elections 2016

It is that time again! We're doing something different for the elections this year. We have researched and found several options for online, anonymous voting, that will replace the previous process where someone in the club received the ballots.

The leader in the election balloting process, "election buddy" also offers mail out ballots, for those that don't want to vote online. With each of these options, though, voting is secure, anonymous and no one in the Club will ever see who voted for whom. All we will get is the final tally/tabulation, which will be published.

Nominations will be open June 1st and will close August 15th. Voting will open September 1st, and close September 15th. There will be a nomination form included in the June bulletin.

The notes are cryptic, but here is what we've found so far. Let us know your thoughts!

electionbuddy.com: up to 20 voters - \$19, up to 200 voters - \$49 per election

We provide ballots to members. Can vote online or by return mail. Voters can only vote once and all choices remain anonymous. Automatic tabulation. Everything encrypted for security

simplyvoting.com - \$200 for up to 250 eligible voters

balloteer.com - \$79.95, online voting, We can add candidate profiles/pictures,

votingplace.net - 1-200 voters, \$40, 201-500 voters - \$80

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Eunita Boatman
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9/17/2016 to 9/17/2016

Club Meet at

Eastern Ohio Poultry Assoc. Show
http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Eastern_Ohio_Poultry_Association_Show.html
Eastern Ohio Poultry Assoc.
#https://www.facebook.com/EasternOhioPoul
Hannah Brush
Tallmadge, OH
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10/1/2016 to 10/1/2016

Club Meet at

South Mississippi Poultry show
http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/The_South_Mississippi_Standard.html
The South Mississippi Standard
#https://www.facebook.com/groups/3100936
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10/1/2016 to 10/1/2016

Club Meet at

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http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Southern_Ohio.html
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10/1/2016 to 10/1/2016

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Red Cedar Showdown
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West Central Wisconsin Pigeon & Poultry Club
Scott & Kirstin Thompson
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10/8/2016 to 10/8/2016

Club Meet at

Heart of Dixie Poultry Show #1
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Heart of Dixie Poultry
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10/8/2016 to 10/8/2016

Club Meet at

Heart of Dixie Poultry Show #2
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10/10/2016 to 10/11/2016

Club Meet at

Tulsa State Fair Poultry Show
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Tulsa State Fair
#http://www.tulsastatefair.com/index.cfm?id=
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10/22/2016 to 10/23/2016

Club Meet at

Texas State Fair Poultry Show
http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Texas_State_Fair.html
Texas State Fair
#http://bigtex.com/#
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10/22/2016 to 10/22/2016

Club Meet at

Citrus Classic #1
http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Central_Florida_Poultry_Breeders.html
Central Florida Poultry Breeders Association
#http://www.cflpoultrybreeders.org/#
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10/22/2016 to 10/22/2016

Club Meet at

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Central Florida Poultry Breeders Association
#http://www.cflpoultrybreeders.org/#
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10/29/2016 to 10/29/2016

Club Meet at

Ten Governors Classic #2
http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Sweetwater_Grange_Poultry_Show.html
Sweetwater Grange
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Upcoming Meets

10/29/2016 to 10/29/2016

Club Meet at

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11/2/2016 to 11/2/2016

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11/5/2016 to 11/6/2016

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11/5/2016 to 11/5/2016

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11/5/2016 to 11/5/2016

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11/19/2016 to 11/19/2016

Club Meet at

Pelican State Classic Show

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12/3/2016 to 12/4/2016

Club Meet at

Dixie Classic Poultry Show

http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Dixie_Classic.html

Tennessee Valley Poultry Club

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12/10/2016 to 12/11/2016

District Meet at

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation Show

www.poultryshowcentral.com/Oklahoma_State_Poultry_Federation.html

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oklahomastatepoultryfederation.com/

Paul & Angela Smith

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1/7/2017 to 1/7/2017

Club Meet at

Blue Bonnet Classic

http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Blue_Bonnet_Classic.html

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1/28/2017 to 1/28/2017

Club Meet at

Pearl River Classic Poultry Show

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