

**President:
Walt Reichert**

Chin newsletter Spring 2019

President's report

Hello fellow chin breeders.

Wanted to start off saying I was deeply honored to receive a Hall of Fame award at our national show in Bedford in April. I was also honored that I received the award along with long-time breeder, Valerie Leonard. She is a great ambassador for our breed and a class act! Thanks to Director Brian Atkinson for arranging the award and Director Bennie Wade for hosting the nationals and letting us have our meeting there.

Bennie will probably also report, but I think we had more than 60 chins at the national show. We got to show a total of three times that day, and in the open show, a chin by Pam and Robert Summerlot won Best in Show. Congratulations to all of the winners at nationals.

At nationals also enjoyed meeting fellow chin breeders from pretty far away, the Gladstones from the east coast and David Mixdorf from Iowa. Was a pleasure.

David, who is also a club director, is helping to put out a chin guide book, which the club has not produced for several years. David has a wealth of chin history, which he plans to include. David's dad raised chins back in the 60s. I plan to write an article on my work with the old Toebe line of chins and I hope others will write for the guide book as well. We are hoping to offer it to members at a reduced price (or maybe free if we can sell enough ads) as well as to the general public. We'll be contacting you soon about buying an ad. We can also use any pictures you might have (See David's report.)

I hope to visit the Reno convention this year but will not be showing (too far to travel with rabbits.) I do hope to meet some of the west coast folks and especially Cynthia Korinek, who is taking care of our chin booth. Remember that if you are attending the convention, Cynthia could use some help manning the booth.

Finally, this is an election year for vice president, secretary-treasurer and directors from even numbered districts. If you would like to run for any of those offices, please send a letter of intent to me at waltreichert@yahoo.com or you can mail it to Walt Reichert, 220 Fields Lane, Simpsonville, KY 40067.

Keep your chins up.

Walt Reichert

(waltreichert@yahoo.com or call 502-722-2951)

**Vice President:
Valerie Leonard**

The ACRBA Lifetime Achievement Award I received is a beautifully crafted plaque which acknowledges the efforts of ACRBA members to further the American Chinchilla rabbit breed. Over the past 20 years, I have very much enjoyed opportunities to serve in these capacities: as a Director, as Chair of the Standards Committee - - and with respect to that, it was enlightening to see the process move from the proposed changes to the Standard, to formalized approval - - and currently as Vice-President.

Exhibiting American Chinchilla rabbits has been a great way to look at the breed with a studying mindset. I have learned about our North American population through visiting about ten of the Conventions across the U.S.

Observing American Chinchillas that grew up in herds hundreds of miles away from my home was a very satisfying sight, as I saw that for instance the Californian and Minnesota born American Chinchillas were familiar in fur and form. Select breeding can and does alter animal characteristics, so I was curious about herds of different regions. I have consistently promoted Registrations of American Chinchilla rabbits because it is a good means of contributing to a count. At least some of the individuals that reach the requirements of our Standard will get included if exhibitors prioritize Registration. Although American Chinchilla breeders' locations cover a huge area - - spanning much of North America - - we're kept together through communication .

Who is the person who makes this possible?

A volunteer.

One person, with the support of an organized board of contributors, can make a difference of that size!

In the volunteer communication department for the ACRBA we should offer acknowledgement to Jordan Wright for his work on everyone's behalf. His ACRBA Editorial predecessors include Carolyn Krienke, Diana Young, and Mrs Walter Doyle, and others I cannot name unfortunately .

I can only draw from my own memory of the Newsletter Editors, which stops 20 years ago, back in the late '90's.

Is it due to the thousands of miles between us that we have faced difficulties in communication at times ?

The scope of each volunteer position could make the tasks at hand seem daunting until the job is more familiar. Volunteers who persevere, learning the way their role is unique and needed are treasures.

They are respected for their part in holding our club's essential tasks high in their list of priorities .

The Secretary/Treasurer position is well known to be one of almost continual activity on behalf of the club. Every interaction is certainly an exercise in detail and accuracy ... maybe a small exercise, maybe larger , but always requiring careful attention. The person who maintains this level of focus has everyone's admiration and thanks, because this work is the cog and wheel of club daily momentum.

The Sweepstakes Chair holds the facts for the reporting that shows everyone's competitive record - - whether there will be celebrated times - - or vows to aim higher next time. Anita Trautwein pursues this work with the care necessary to illustrate every exhibitor's results of promise.

The ACRBA continues, healthy and stable because volunteer members in positions of authority are diversely talented . President Walt and the Directors refer to the Constitution to clarify the best approaches to problems and all are generous with their time. The Directors work together to correctly choose the decisions that make outcomes better. They use their abilities of many kinds - - along with tact, when necessary.

If the volunteerism were ever insufficient or stopped, the club's lifeline of communication would face the hurdle of finding a way to reach a new stability. No doubt though, that very human quality that pushes toward a save, would show .

If you feel you can contribute positively:

Volunteer or make it known

you want to volunteer!

Achievement in Life:

The multiple of carefully doing your best.

No experience? Some volunteer jobs are transferred best through the coaching of a mentor.

In other volunteer jobs ability is naturally applied .

Valerie Leonard

David Mixdorf

District 3 Report

Hello from the wet Midwest. Here at our farm we are looking at 6 inches of rain in the last week. We are expecting the worst storm to come through this late afternoon. With so much rain all we have gotten in the garden are potatoes, onions and radishes back in April. Tomatoes and peppers still sitting in their pots.

Hopefully people are getting litters this year. We have two litters out of the box and one doe expecting to kindle tonight. I am planning on sanctioning American Chinchillas for several shows here in the Midwest this summer and fall. The Iowa State Fair would be the most exciting to attend. It is a 2 day show that has free music concerts scattered throughout the fairgrounds. Considered the second largest State Fair in the nation. It's a pre-entry show so you need to send in entries by mid-July.

If you haven't heard we are working on a guide book for all members of the club. If you are interested in sending in any articles I would be more than happy to receive them. We are looking for articles that will assist new breeders when they are first starting out. Here is an example:

1. President's message
2. *Constitution and By Laws- Completed
3. list of Lifetime Members
4. Rules for the National Chinchilla Show
5. Judging American Chinchillas
6. *History of the American Chinchilla Rabbit-Completed
7. *The Ideal Commercial Rabbit- Completed
8. *Standard of Perfection- Completed
9. Breeding lines (Inbreeding, Outbreeding, Crossbreeding)
10. Preparing for your first show
11. *Conditioning rabbits- Completed by Tex Thomas
12. *Tattooing rabbits- Completed
13. Rabbit Diseases
14. American Chinchilla genetics
15. American Chinchilla fur

I would like to have a mock up completed by Convention time so I can have people look at a print copy.

I saw an article once on colony raising of rabbits. Anyone remember who wrote that?

Here in the Midwest we have started MRBRS - Midwest Rare Breed Rabbit Society. The idea is to promote and show rare breeds against each other. It is open to anyone but we emphasize shows in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

**Dist. 4:
William Bryan**

Hope everyone is surviving our wet spring. We have had late snow falls in Colorado and heavy rains through parts of Oklahoma and Texas. This has required some extra care of animals and creative means of transporting for some. I have heard of at least one breeder whose rabbitry took a direct hit from a tornado. Thankfully all family members are fine and they are finding a few rabbits that survived. Remember we are all one big family and reach out if you need help.

Congratulations to the winners at Chin Nationals. In our district we have had the Texas and Colorado state conventions. I have heard there were no American Chinchillas show at the Texas State Convention. Congratulations to Nicholas Bryan for taking BOB and BOS at the Colorado State Convention and an honorable mention for Best in Show honors. An even bigger congratulations to Nicholas for earning the 2019 King award in the Colorado Royalty Contest. Even though his twin sister doesn't raise chins, congratulations on Victoria for Runner-up for Queen.

The time has come to turn our attention to ARBA convention in Reno. You should already have those convention hopefuls running around. Be sure to get your motel booked. This group has put on several conventions before so should be a well-run event. I hope to see many of you there.

Best,

William Bryan

District 4 Director

Dist. 5: Bennie Wade

My local club the Lawrence County Rabbit Club had the great honor of hosting the AC nationals this year. I have never seen such a fine bunch of chins on the table before. The quality was over the top. The youth had 24 chins shown by 9 kids and in open there was 45 shown by 11. In youth Devin Belcher won BOB with his JR buck. Madison Shrader won BOS with her SR buck. Hannah Poe won best fur. In the open BOB was won by a non member. BOS was Brian Atkinson with his JR buck. Best fur was Bennie Wade. We gave 2 scholarships both being 700 each at the meeting after the show. One went to Emily Zimmer and the other to Brock Lanley. We had an auction at the show and an online auction plus a specialty show all proceeds going to the youth scholarship. There was a total of \$1550.50 raised for the scholarship. I had a good time visiting with some old friends and making some new ones.

Bennie Wade Dist 5

A letter I received from Emily Zimmer and wanted to share with everyone.

I am truly grateful to have been a part of the ACRBA. When I bought my first American Chinchilla buck from the Bradfords, little did I know what a journey it would take me on. I was blessed to attend 5 ARBA National and 7 ISRBA Conventions as well as many other shows. When I first started, many judges didn't know how to judge chins and there wasn't ever any competition. Most 4-Hers didn't even know what kind of rabbit I exhibited by name. Over the past 7 years, the American Chinchilla breed has evolved into being a top competitor on the 6-class tables. The lines have become strong and the number of breeders has grown. I credit the positive promotion of the breed and feel good about my small contribution. I am even more thankful for everyone's cumulative contribution and dedication to this outstanding breed. I appreciate every opportunity that has come along with raising this breed and being a member of the ACRBA. Each opportunity created great memories, learning experiences, good relationships and the acquisition of so many life skills. I am who I am today because of my rabbit project and overall experience. By the way, I still love on that original buck.

I am pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science at Purdue University and love being a Boilermaker! When I'm home, I volunteer my time with the NIRCC and work at the animal hospital. I'm working hard on the food insecurity program I created last year called Meat Hunger. The program yielded an economic value of \$21,308 to St. Joseph County and 6,000 pounds of 4-H grown meat was donated to the food banks. I credit

these accomplishments to the awesome experiences I have had. Many thanks for being selected as a recipient of the ACRBA Youth Scholarship. Congratulations to Brock as well! Many thanks to the club for their dedication to the breed, its membership for supporting the youth and Bennie's leadership in raising funds! I am extremely grateful for everyone who has supported me throughout my 7-year journey in rabbits. Hope to see you on the show tables in the future!

Many Thanks,
Emily Zimmer

Dist. 6:

Dist. 7:

Robert van den Hoef

Please enjoy these pictures shared by Robert van den Hoef
Pictures from the Auburn, NY rabbit show.



Anita Trautwein
and Judge Danny Long



Valerie Leonard



Lots of nice rabbits!



Valerie Leonard



Having fun at the show!

Pictures From Levis Quebec, Canada



Enjoying a nice class of Am. Chins Examining a class of Am. Chins

**Sweepstakes Points:
Anita Trautwein
Open Class Sweepstakes Points**

Open Sweepstakes Points					
Name	# shows	Points total	Name	# Shows	For Total Points
1 Van den hoef, Robert	23	2223	1 Van den hoef, Robert	10	624
2 Trautwein, Anita	23	1716	2 Trautwein, Anita	8	361
3 Atkinson, Brian	10	1713	3 Leonard, Valerie	7	344
4 Gladstone, Valerie	21	1142	4 Ross, Elaine	2	292
5 Elkins, Theresa	17	1083	5 Wade, Bennie	2	272
6 Raikart, Walt	7	1039	6 Elkins, Theresa	3	160
7 Leonard, Valerie	12	991	7 Malone, Kerlie	2	134
8 Ross, Elaine	11	874	8 Gladstone, Valerie	2	78
9 Malone, Kerlie	20	863	9 Atkinson, Brian	3	71
10 Wade, Bennie	9	657	10 Leonard, Michael	3	39
11 Miodorf, David	7	628	11 Skinner, Ernest	1	21
12 Bauer, M. Bauer S. Burkhalter, W. It	4	605	12 Young, Diana & Herman	2	18
13 Drouin, Denis	11	556			
14 Campbell, Sarah	4	501			
15 Rosenberger, Jeda	11	410			
16 Untied, Glenn	7	346			
17 Larsen, Leuna	2	346			
18 Drouin, Rodney	4	340			
19 Rutkowski-Trautwein, Jeanette	20	310			
20 Korinek, Cynthia	3	304			
21 Cheshier, Sam	14	263			
22 Stevens, Clayton	3	239			
23 Welch, Leslie	3	224			
24 Summerlot, Pam	3	200			
25 Korinek, Vern	3	181			
26 Tipple, Amanda	3	180			
27 Drmsby, Steve	3	164			
28 Brown, Jim	6	161			
29 United, Deb	7	148			
30 Skinner, Ernest	3	146			
31 Korinek, Cynthia & Vern	3	137			
32 Young, Diana & Herman	4	121			
33 Arledge, Cassie	7	115			
34 Clemens, Deb	2	111			
35 Robie, Susan	6	106			
36 Miller, Christina	5	96			
37 Wright, Jordan	5	94			
38 Gomes, Jackie	5	80			
39 Cicero, Shannon	2	70			
40 Leonard, Michael	5	70			
41 Miller, Madison	2	60			
42 Campbell, Katherine	2	52			
43 Drouin, Joyce	1	47			
44 Bledsoe, Kendal	3	36			
45 Young, Diane	2	35			
46 Krienke, Carolyn	2	22			
47 Robie-Gomes, Susan & Jackie	2	18			
48 Zimdars, GSL	2	14			
49 Trapp, Colton	1	7			

Open Class Fur Points

Open Class Fur														Points Total	# shows			
Member Fur open	ARBA, MA	Lima, OH	Springfield, Ontario	St. Helen, OH	London, TX	Auburn, NY	Auburn, NY	Auburn, NY	Houston, TX	Bedford, IN	Bedford, IN	Bedford, IN	Durham, Canada					
DATE	10/28/2018	9/16/2018	9/22/2018	01/25/2019	02/23/2019	03/02/2019	03/03/2019	03/03/2019	03/09/2019	03/09/2019	04/11/2019	04/11/2019	04/13/2019	05/18/2019				
Sanction Number	18AC061	18AC108, 18AC108	18AC170	POA5495	19AC019	19ac046	am spec18	19AC047	19AC013	PO57993	pos7991	POA5055	POA7123					
Sanction number				POA5496		19ac046		19AC014					POA7124					
Trautwein, Arika	60	0	0			240	45	90						16	361	6		
Reichert, Walt	18	0	0													18	1	
Wade, Bennie	0	42	0								176	54				272	4	
Skinner, Ernest	0	21	0													21	1	
Atkinson, Brian	0	35	0								36					71	3	
Leonard, Michael	0	0	39													0	39	3
Leonard, Valerie	0	0	130			80	54									80	344	7
Van den hoef, Roben	0	0	154			265	45	105								160	624	8
Ibel, Mary Jo	0	0	0	49													49	2
Day, Brook	0	0	0	28													28	2
Romero, Kara	0	0	0	75													75	2
Elkins Theresa	0	0	0								160						160	3
Ross, Elaine	0	0	0		112						180						292	2
Gladstone, Valerie	0	0	0								24		54				78	3
Malone, Karlie	0	0	0								18	80	36				134	3
Young, Dana & Herman	0	0	0								18						18	2

Youth Sweepstakes Points

Youth Sweeps Standings							
#	Name	# Shows	Total Points	#	Name	# shows	Fur Total
Show Standings				Fur standings			
1	Poe, Hannah	4	489.5	1	Belcher-Hilbert Devin	2	222
2	Hogan, Elizabeth	4	433	2	Poe, HJannah	2	206
3	Belcher-Hilbert Devin	2	313	3	Wahlman, Elaina	2	36
4	Shrader, Madison	2	292	4	Singer, Maggie	1	8
5	Johnson, Sabrina	4	248				
6	Miller, Madison	3	154				
7	Wahlman, Elaina	2	112				
8	Singer, Maggie	1	67				
9	Peterson, Bella	1	31				
10	Keenerkneck, Emma	1	17				

Youth Fur

Member Fur Youth	Lima, OH	Springfield, MA	Bedford, IN	Bedford, IN					Points Total
Date	9/16/2018	10/29/2018	04/13/2019	04/13/2019					
Sanction number	18AC016Y	ARBA18	pys7994	PYS7992					
Clum, Carson	12	0	0	0					12
Poe, Hannah	40	40	18	108					206
Singer, Maggie	8	0	0	0					8
Belcher-Hilbert Devin	0	0	78	144					222
Wahlman, Elaina	0	0	0	36					36



**Erie Canal Rabbit and Cavy Breeder
Evening Summer Sunset
"Double" Rabbit Pre Entry Show**

Get those summer bunnies out of the Barn and break them in

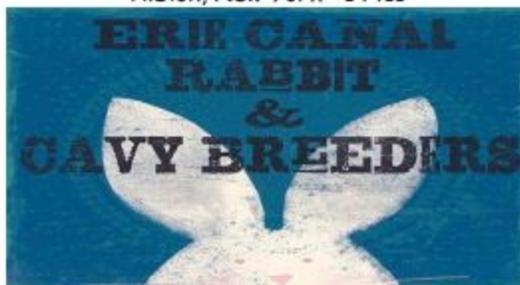


Saturday August 3rd, 2019

Orleans County Fairgrounds

12690 NYS Route 31

Albion, New York 14411



Open Best in Show -Handmade Wooden Plaque Award

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ENTRY FEE: \$ 3.00 FUR: \$1.00

Day of Show Entries \$5.00 Youth/Open Changes are \$2.00

Unless the show is cancelled, all entries must be paid regardless whether the animal is shown.

******ALL NO SHOWS NOT PRE PAID WILL BE BILLED******

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO WRITE FOR A JUDGE?
Now is your chance to learn and be able to help out at shows.



****THERE WILL BE A WRITERS WORKSHOP
AT 3:30 PM please stop by the Registration table

Open and Youth Rabbit Entries Mail to:
Anita Trautwein
804 Exchange Street
Alden, New York 14004
E Mail entries to: Havanamom28@gmail.com



Mailed Entry Deadline July 29, 2019
E mail Entries and Changes Due July 31, 2019
Please make checks payable to "ECRCB"

Judging will start promptly at 5:00 PM.

- *All exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to and from the judging table.
- *ALL YOUTH MUST CARRY THEIR RABBITS TO AND FROM THE JUDGING TABLE
- *ECRCB* reserves the right to add or substitute judges as needed

OPEN ~ YOUTH ~ RABBIT ARBA SANCTIONED SHOW
Set up will be Friday from 5 PM to 7 PM Trailers and Tents set up. Yard sale set up will begin Saturday starting at 9 am until ?
Showroom opens 3:00 PM-Writers workshop begins at 3:30 PM Check in begins...4:00 PM Show starts at 5:00 PM
2019 Rabbit Show Judges
Tom Schweikart-PA Steven Buell- NY Jodi Hartman-NY Vincent Consiglio-MA Paul Jurgelonis- MA

Breeds Sanctioned

American Chinchilla-Open Valarie Gladstone
Argente Bruns-Open Amir Softic
English Spots-Open Katie Rice Flemish Giant Open Jim Allport
Havana- Open Tricia Miller Havana Youth-Jenny Barczykowski
Himalayan- Open-Katie Rice Holland Lop-Open Gail Putnam Percy
Lion Head- Kim Burek
Mini Rex-Open James M Hanley Mini Rex Youth- David and Nicole Gerling
Netherland Dwarf- Open-Terri Ross Polish- Open -Michael Burek
Rex Open Lisa Lewandowski Rex Youth- Nellie Szucs
Satin Youth-Jenny Barczykowski Silver-Open & Youth Karen Williams
Silver fox-Open Amir Softi Tan-Open-Anita Trauwein

**Want to see your breed sanctioned please contact
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