

ACRBA 2019 Spring Newsletter

President's Report:

Walt Reichert

Hi. I hope by the time you read this we are starting to emerge from winter and you have nest boxes full of winners.

You will read more in Bennie Wade's report, but I want you to join me in congratulating the winners of our Youth Scholarships: Emily Zimmer and Brock Langley. They are very deserving young people and it's great to have them in our club. I want to thank Bennie Wade and Brian Atkinson for working so hard on getting the scholarship money together through raffles, donations and specialty shows. They both went above and beyond the call of duty.

I would also like to thank Anita Trautwein for taking on the duties of points secretary. She also writes the American Chin report for ARBA's Domestic Rabbits magazine. Thanks Anita.

Cynthia Korinek is taking charge of our booth at the convention in Reno this year. I know many of our breeders on the east coast and the Midwest won't be able to attend, but anyone who is attending, please feel free to offer Cynthia your help. Manning the booth is fun, but exhibitors also want to have some time to travel around and even take care of their own rabbits, so the more that help with the booth, the better. Also, any donations you can offer will be appreciated. The raffle at the booth supports the club.

Because our breed is not one of the Top 10 in popularity, shows don't often sanction American Chinchillas, so if you're going to a show, please sanction the breed. Most clubs, if they get enough entries, will sanction the breed next time. My daughter and I plan to attend the palomino nationals in Louisiana and we plan to sanction chins there; we may be the only ones there, but we are hoping other breeders from the deep South show up.

I don't want to steal anybody else's thunder, so I'll encourage you to read what other officers and directors write, but I would like to give just one more "thank you" and that is to Jordan Wright. He's a busy young man who owns his own feed business, but he is willing to take the time to play Webmaster to our website.

Thanks, Jordan.

Keep your chins up.

Walt

Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Amanda Tipple

Hey there! The current bank balance is 8473.92. We are so close to having an active paypal that we can taste it!

I am still working on membership cards. I have a print shop in town, I just need to find my card so they can make more like it. If you have questions on membership due dates, please let me know.

I recently moved "off grid" and so I do not have cell service or internet. I do have limited access while I'm in down working on weekdays. Please text, Facebook, or email if you need anything. I try my best to be responsive but there are times where it takes a few days before I get the message. Snail mail is probably the easiest! My new address is 3291 Twp Rd 29 Glenmont, OH 44628. Phone is 330-641-4223

Also, I am having the bank teach me how to deposit checks with a phone app to expedite check cashing. I'm over an hour away from the bank now so trying to make everything faster and easier for everyone!

Hope everyone is doing well and thankful spring is almost here. 😊

District 4 Report:

William Bryan

Hope everyone is ready for spring. Our winter has been extreme swings this year. One day mid 60s for the high and two days later high of 11. These changes do mean more time is needed to care for the animals. The most important thing is to remember that your bunnies need fresh water available. This is valuable for both flesh and coat condition. Different parts of the country have developed ways of accomplishing this task. If you are new to the area, visit with some of the breeders in your area and see what works. The same applies to summer heat care.

I wasn't able to make the Henderson or Loveland shows in Colorado this year so don't know if any Chins were shown. I haven't heard anything from Texas so nothing to report. It is always great to attend a show where other breeders will be exhibiting. However, we each must also promote our breed in a positive manner to encourage new breeders even if we are the only one there. I have had times when I may only take a pair but I do try to have some in the showroom for people to see. Having an animal for the youth identification or judging contest is another way for more people to see this wonderful breed.

In a couple months will be our National Show. I know the host group is planning for everyone to have a great time and get to show their animals multiple times. Plan on attending if you can. In the more distant future is ARBA Convention in Reno. Now is the time to be planning your breeding for juniors. It is already too late for intermediates by age, although I have had some juniors that have had to be bumped for weight. I look forward to seeing you at one of our two national shows this year.

Should you have any news concerning District 4 feel free to e-mail and let me know.

Best Wishes,

William Bryan

District 5 Report

Bennie Wade

The ACRBA has started our first ever Youth Scholarship. We had two highly qualified youth that applied this year. They both have shown at conventions and nationals with win at both. They both did very well in school. After looking at all the information on them, the committee decided to give each a scholarship. I am honored to announce that the winners are Emily Zimmer and Brock Langley. I am very proud of you both. I have had the honor of knowing these two from the start of them being ACRBA members. Wish you both the very best in life. We will be presenting the scholarship at the nationals in the amount of \$7000 to each applicant. With a lot of help from some great people this has become better than I hoped for. We have put on a few specialties, done auctions and a raffle to make this happen. Although the club and people have been great, it wouldn't be what it is without the help of Brian Atkinson. Thanks everyone that had a part in getting the youth scholarship off to a great start.

Emily Zimmer is the daughter of Amy and Bill Zimmer of Granger IN. She has been a member for 6 years. Emily has won BOB and BOS at conventions and nationals in the past years. She has also won BIS and RIS at all breed shows. Has placed first in the sweepstakes. She attended high school at Penn High School in Shishawaka where she graduated with Academic and High Honors. Emily is now attending Purdue and is studying Animal Science with a concentration on animal production and Pre- Veterinary coursework. She also made the Dean's list.

Brock Langley is the son of Betty and Brock Langley of Remington In. He has been a member for 9 years. He has won BOB and BOS at convention. He has won RIS in an all breed show. Has been in the top 5 in sweepstakes. He went to Tri- county school in Remington In where he graduated with Academic and High Honors.. Brock is attending Purdue where he is studying Mechanical Engineering.

The 2019 ACRBA Nationals will be hosted by the Lawrence County Rabbit Club in Bedford IN on April 13th 2019. There will be a specialty show and an all breed show that day. The specialty show funds will go to the youth scholarship program. There will be an auction for the youth scholarship before the meeting. Donation of rabbit or rabbit related auction item are needed. Come out and show your chins and support our fine youth.

Bennie Wade Dist 5 and Youth Scholarship Chairman

District 6 Report:

Marvin Richardson

American Chinchilla Members,

Well here it is Valentine's Day already, makes spring seem even closer. I think

we have all experienced crazy winter weather. Here in Indiana one day it is 60 degrees and the next day it is below zero. I'm sure our American Chinchillas have to be affected by these temperature swings. I have misses as well as litters dying in the next box, even with lights on them. I now have only one surviving litter. Same goes for my other breeds.

Our national show will be here before we know it, April 13th in Bedford, Indiana. I hope to see several of you there. You will enjoy attending a show hosted by Benny Wade and the Lawrence County Rabbit Club. Their shows are always well organized. Just come prepared for any type of weather. You will be able to show your American Chins three times that day; once in the all breed show, the American Chinchilla National show and once in the American Chinchilla Specialty show.

I would like to hear from members in District 6. Just a quick e-mail, phone call or text message. Just let me know that we still have American Chinchilla rabbits in your area. You can find my contact information below.

Until next time,

Marvin Richardson, District 6 Director

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District 7 Report:

Robert van den Hoef

My name is Robert van den Hoef and I am the director for District 7.

I have been involved with American Chinchillas since 2010. It was then when I received my first trio from a very good friend from Leon, Kansas.

Eric and Callene Rapp sent these three by AIR, via Houston to Toronto, Canada, arriving the day when Canada beat the USA at hockey at the Vancouver Olympics.

Finally, the cold snap has ended, mid-February.

I managed to breed a few does today, now hoping to see many new kits in nest boxes next month. Let's hope your nest boxes will fill soon and that there will be numerous Chins for the shows to come this year.

Many breeders in the northeastern Canada and the USA will be attending the Cayuga Lake Rabbit and Cavy Festival in Auburn, NY, March 2 and 3, 2019. The results of this show will be posted in the next newsletter.

I am pleased to welcome these newest members to our club: Jackie Gomes, Caitlin Jordon, Madison Miller, Susan Robie and Cassie Arledge. Should you require any information, please do not hesitate reaching out to your district directors.

On a sad note, I would like to mention the passing of Bruce Helliker from Ottawa, Canada. He was known in the Northeast, attending many shows and conventions since 2000. A further tribute has been posted in the recent ARBA Domestic Rabbits.

Wishing you all success in your nest boxes. Hope to see you at coming shows.

Best regards,

Robert

**District 9 Report:
Deb Clemens**

Not much to report from District 9 this quarter. As we all continue to do what we can to promote the breed, let's remember to attend what shows we can, and show off your chins! Although it seems that competition is scarce in our neck of the woods, there are a number of "back yard breeders" coming alive in the breed. I am currently raising a cadre of does who will be ready to breed for the spring, for a gentleman who does a lot to further the breed, but has not attended a single show. His love for the breed is long lived and evident by the way he touts the attributes of the American Chinchilla, and promotes the heritage of the breed. Show winners are great, but let's not forget the quiet and the unassuming who do much to keep the American Chin from fading away. Provide them with quality stock with full pedigrees, so in case they happen to get the show bug, they have the stock to back it up.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Clemens, District 9

**The Next Pages Are The Sweepstakes Points:
Anita Trautwein**

Sweepstakes Points Standings:

Youth:

#	Name	# Shows	Total Points	#	Name	# shows	Fur Total
1	Hogan, Elizabeth	2	242	1	Poe, HJannah	2	80
2	Poe, Hannah	2	236.5	2	Clum, Carson	1	12
3	Clum, Carson	1	241	3	Singer, Maggie	1	8
4	Johnson, Sabrina	1	218				
5	Singer, Maggie	1	67				
6	Shrader, Leane	1	54				
7	Schrader, Carson	1	42				
8	Stewart, Sierra	1	36				
9	Peterson, Bella	1	31				
10	Quinn, Emily	1	30				
11	Dishson, Luke	1	12				
11	Brunst, Sydnee	1	13				

Shows That Our Open Breeders Attended:

NON member	Kentucky State F	Music city RB	East Texas RB	ECRCB	Mix TEX RBA	Leigh Valley R	WSRBA	Niagara Front	specialty sho	Lima RBA	Johnson Cour	Scott County	Eastern Onta	cumberland R	NYRCBA	NYRCBA	Springfield R	Iowa State RB	ARBA convent	southeast RB	Tri County NC	North Central	Rabbit Prod	Richmond RBA	Golden prairie	RRCBA		
Date	8/16/2018	9/1/2018	9/1/2018	9/8/2018	9/8/2018	9/8/2018	9/8/2018	9/15/2018	9/16/2018	9/16/2018	None 9/22/2	9/22/2018	9/22/2018	9/23/2018	9/29/2018	9/30/2018	10/7/2018	10/2018 10/7/2	10/28/2018	11/17/2018	11/18/2018	11/24/2018	12/1/2018	12/1/2018	RBA	01/08/2019		
Sanction Number	18AC181	18AC137	18AC139	NC132&18AC	NC142&18AC	18AC144	18AC150	18AC135	18AC061	POA129&MOA129	NC172 &18AC	18AC103	18AC168	NC161&18AC1	MOA1550	MOA1549	NC155&18AC	NC166&18AC	ARBA18	18AC152	18AC116	18AC186	18AC191_18	18AC157	12/31/2018	18AC015		
Sanction numbers		18AC138	NC140&18AC1	18AC134		18AC145	18AC151	18AC136			18AC171 No shows		18AC169&18AC170							18AC117	18AC187	18AC193	18AC158	18AC190	18AC016			
Arledge, Cassandra																											0	
Atkinson, Brian									158	373											241						772	
Brown, Jim						65																					65	
Campbell, Sarah																									374		374	
Castle, Laura														14													14	
Castle, Sarah														24													24	
Cheshier, Sam									22	67																	89	
Cicero, Shannon						70																					70	
Clemons, Deb																									111		111	
Clum, Bryan																						6					6	
Conner, Weston											15																15	
Corbin, Christine																					21						21	
Drouin, Denis													24														24	
Druem, Joyce												47															47	
Druen, Rodney	87	152										101															340	
Elkins, Suzanne				80																							80	
Elkins, Theresa				105		87						61															253	
Evans, Ariana				62		34																					96	
Gladstone, Valarie									64	30																	94	
Gomes, Jackie																			16								64	
Gomes, Robie- Jackie, Susan														18													18	
Gray, Karen																									42		42	
Heberling, Liz																								18			18	
Jacobson & Moore, Kelly & Kyle																									62		62	
Jordan Caitlin														51					56								107	
Kearns, Jillian																		14									14	
Kearns, Owen																						64					64	
Krienke, Carolyn							22																				22	
Kurzowski, Barbara				114				39							14	14										20	201	
Leonard, Michael													50														50	
Leonard, Valarie													492														492	
Luke-Pugh, Ethel & Michael																											0	
Mathias, Clarissa																						15					15	
Mixdorf, David																		58					292				350	
Ormsby, Steve													164														164	
Reichert, Walt	164																					262					426	
Robie, Susan														30								24					54	
Rosenberger, Jada								124																		64	188	
Ross, Elaine				75		171					32																278	
Ross,Wade BurtHalber, Beau, Jason, Michelle Sharon																						204					204	
Rutkowski, Lily								20																			20	
Semb, Nathan, Amber																						32					32	
Skinner, Ernest									44	102																	146	
Tero, Wesley				18																							18	
Tipple, Amanda									56	124																	180	
Trautwein, Anita					291			149														118				60	618	
Trautwein/Rutkowski, Jeanette					90			70																			16	176
United, Debbie									8	24													44				76	
United, Glenn									72	136													72				280	
Van Den Hoef, Robert				48				178						601													827	
Wade, Bennie									114	84																	198	
Walsh, Cheryl																					36						36	
Wright, Jordan										48																	48	
Young, Diana	26																										26	
Zimdars, GSR								14																			14	

Open Sweepstakes Points:

	Name	# shows	Points total		Name	# Shows	Fur Total Points
1	Van den hoef, Robert	3	827	1	Van den hoef, Robert	1	154
2	Atkinson, Brian	3	772	2	Leonard, Valarie	1	130
3	Trautwein, Anita	2	618	3	Trautwein, Anita	1	60
4	Leonard, Valarie	1	492	4	Wade, Bennie	1	42
5	Reickert, Walt	2	426	5	Leonard, Michael	1	39
6	Campbell, Sarah	1	374	6	Atkinson, Brian	1	35
7	Mixdorf, David	2	350	7	Skinner, Ernestr	1	21
8	Drouin, Rodney	3	340	8	Reichert, Walt	1	18
9	United, Glenn	3	280				
10	Ross, Elaine	3	278				
11	Elkins, Theresa	3	253				
12	Wade, Bennie	2	198				
13	Rosenberger, Jada	1	188				
14	Tipple, Amanda	2	180				
15	Ormsby, Steve	1	164				
16	Rutkowski-Trautwein, Jeanette	2	176				
17	Skinner, Ernest	2	146				
18	Clemens, Deb	1	111				
19	Gladstone, Valarie	2	94				
20	Cheshier, Sam	2	89				
21	United, Deb	3	76				
22	Cicero, Shannon	1	70				
23	Brown, Jim	1	65				
24	Gomes, Jackie	2	64				
25	Robie, Susan	2	54				
26	Leonard, Michael	1	50				
27	Wright, Jordan	1	48				
28	Drouin, Joyce	1	47				
29	Young, Diane	1	26				
30	Drouin, Denis	1	24				
31	Krienke, Carolyn	1	22				
32	Robie-Gomes, Susan& Jackie	1	18				
33	Zimdars, GSL	1	14				

Points From Individual Shows:

What's the best way to avoid your rabbits getting too hot and molting?

