

Fall 2020

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Plymouth Rock Quarterly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hallelujah!! I made it to a chicken show!! I was going into withdrawal there for a while. White River in Spencer, Indiana had a very nice show, and everything came off without a hitch. Nice birds and a great time for all that attended. It was good to see my chicken buddies and laugh and tell stories. Many thanks to Larry Lawrence for all his hard work and dedication.

Next up was the Dayton Fancy Feather Show in Greenville, Ohio and our 2020 PLYMOUTH ROCK NATIONAL and ANNUAL MEETING. I saw this show going over any previous numbers they've had, and they did a wonderful job hosting our National.

We had a live bird auction for a club fundraiser. A pair of Barred Rock Large Fowl, a pair of White Rock Bantams, and a trio of Silver Penciled Rock Large Fowl were donated. I'm sure some lucky bidders went home happy.

On a final note: Congratulations to the Pacific Poultry Breeders and their successful bid for the 2021 Plymouth Rock National. You'll find the details and contact info in this newsletter.

In the meantime, keep those Rocks rollin!!
Kraig Shafer

2021 NATIONAL MEET

Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club
of America

Feb. 5-7, 2021

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi, CA

Hosted by the
Pacific Poultry Breeder's Association
Show Secretary: Bridget Riddle
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fall greetings!

Hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health! Masks and social distancing are in place in Illinois.

It was good to see Plymouth Rock members at the White River show in Spencer, Indiana on September 5! I enjoyed visiting with Kraig Schafer, Bert, Jeanie, and Michael Jarvis, Larry Lawrence, Leon Dorsey, Grant Tenley, and others.

Welcome aboard Grant Tenley as District 6 director and Chris McGeorge as District 3 director! Looking forward to working with you Grant and Chris to make our Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club shine!

The Western Regional Meet for 2020 at the Stevenson Poultry Classic November 21, 2020 in Stevenson,

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Washington was canceled due to Covid. The Central Regional Plymouth Rock Meet for the Wisconsin international September 26-27 in Portage, Wisconsin was also canceled due to Covid.

The Western Regional Plymouth Rock Meet will be held at:

Apache County Poultry Show

October 24-25, 2020

825 W. Fourth North, Saint Johns, Arizona

Contact: Lacy Greer, (602) 686-1817

They are talking about having this be a triple show. It is known as the Four Corners Show.

The Central Regional Plymouth Rock Meet will be held at:

Heart of the Ozarks (double show)

November 7 -8, 2020

Washington County fairgrounds

Entries close October 19, 2020

Contact: Jacob Bates, jakeab42@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at the National Plymouth Rock meet in Greenville, Ohio at the Dayton Fancy Feather Club on October 3-4!!! It should be a fun time! I am working on having an embroidered towel be a possible award for future national, regional, district, and state awards if the club chooses to do so for open and junior large fowl and bantam champion. Come to the National meeting to find out more information. Ribbons would be another possibility for these awards.

You and your family stay safe and healthy. Check on your neighbor to see that they are doing ok.

God bless you and God bless the USA!

Dianne Weer

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello from Upstate New York,

Welcome new District Directors Grant Tenley and Chris McGeorge! We'll be hearing more from them in future issues of the *Plymouth Rock Quarterly*.

If you've checked in on our club website at plymouthrockfanciersclub.com recently, you may have noticed some changes. I'm happy to report that **Paypal for club dues** is now active! All annual memberships expire on January 1st, so please take a moment to renew so you don't miss any benefits of membership. Future website plans include adding a store page for club gear (including our new club patches), an events calendar for club meets, and a new Breeders Directory. Updates

will be ongoing, so please check back regularly.

An opt-in to be included in our online Breeders Directory has been added to the updated membership form, or members can email me with the varieties they breed to be included. This free benefit of membership will be a good opportunity to reach enthusiasts interested in buying quality birds.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and stay well,

Jill Burks

Previous Balance: \$2,572.03

Current Balance: \$2,658.62

(as of Sept.27, 2020. Does not include life memberships.)

MEMBER DUES

Unless you are a life member, yearly club fees are due **January 1st** of each year. Your membership expiration year can be found on the mailing label next to your name.

To renew, please mail your membership form and dues to:

Jill Burks, 978 Chestnut Hill Rd., Cambridge, NY 12816

Or pay online at:

plymouthrockfanciersclub.com/join/

DISTRICT 1 REPORT

Hello from New England,

What a summer it has been throughout the country. Wild fires in the West, floods in the South, tornadoes in the Central states, and the driest season here in New England in many years. On top of all this, the virus has just about shut our country down.

One of our longtime members, Norman Coulter (96), was taken with a stroke back in July. He is doing therapy 3 times a week and coming along well. His biggest disappointment is not being able to take care of his garden or his chores on the farm. His granddaughter has been taking care of his birds. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from his poultry friends. Tel: (860) 668-7880. Address: 788 Taintor Hill Rd., Suffield, CT 06078.

Ed Norcross broke his arm in 2 places along with other sickness and would like to find someone who would be

interested in his Black Rocks. 8 hens and 2 cocks. He is my neighbor, so you can contact me if interested.

Matt Martin has lost a lot of birds. 35 one night to a weasel, and others to fox. He has taken Ed Blash (12) under his wing, who has successfully shown in both Junior and Open classes.

Most of us have raised fewer birds this year. I only have a dozen Buffs and Columbians and two dozen Barreds. Of course we are all hoping the Northeast Poultry Congress is a go in January. That decision will be made soon, so stay in touch.

Here's hoping all is well with everyone, and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best Regards,
Dean Clark

DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Hello from East Central Ohio;

Well we finally got a couple of shows in this summer. One in Rodgers, Ohio and the White River Show in Spencer, IN. It was nice to get out to see the people. I told My Grandson, Michael, we were going to go even if we had nothing to enter. I think everyone had a good time.

In the Open Show, congratulations to:
BB Large, White Cockerel - Dianne Weer
RB Large, White Pullet - Dianne Weer
BB Bantam, White Pullet - Kraig Shafer
RB Bantam, Columbian Pullet - Gail & Tony Lahr

And in Jr. Show, congratulations to:

BB and RB Large, White hens - Downer Family Poultry

BB Bantam, White cockerel - Glenn Monroe
RB Bantam, White pullet - Clay & Laura Mills

The next shows that are going to happen are the Rock Nationals at DFFC in Greenville, Ohio, and then the District 4 meet at the Central Indiana Poultry Club show in Lebanon, Indiana.

Sure hope to see many of you at these shows. As far as I know, all other shows have been canceled for 2020, sad to say.

Hope to see you all at the shows,
Bert Jarvis

FUN FACT:

The earliest known printing of "Why did the chicken cross the road?" was in 1847 in a New York Magazine.

www.thefactsite.com

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

Here in the PNW we are either on fire or covered in smoke and ash. After a terribly dry summer, well for us it has been, it finally started to rain tonight, thank the Lord and pray that we get the right amount of rain and less wind. I have not heard of any club members who may have lost homes or animals but many families in Oregon and Washington have. It has been hard to watch the news and hear the reports. Our family as well as many others in poultry have set up an area for birds and other animals just in case we need to take someone in during evacuations.

Covid continues to keep shows shut down in many states in Dist. 7: WA, OR, NV, and HI but a few states like UT, CA, AZ, and ID are hosting shows this fall. We are hopeful to be hosting shows in the late winter or early spring here in WA.

On a lighter note, I got some bands on a group of 7 week old barred bantam chicks today out of a cockerel and small group of pullets mated together that I'm really pleased with so far (7 weeks, but hey). Not a lot of variation in the group and they seem to be feathering out well. The males look like their barring will be very

fine. After the smoke clears out for about a week I'll be collecting again for my second hatch out of this group. I'm always excited when a mating works our well. I had one from the same hatch date with another young group that had disastrous outcomes of chicks with bad feet/toes and several that looked good but died in their first week or two. I'm not sure what happened with that mating but, back to the drawing board on that one. The parents look fantastic, so I've looked back through my records to see what I can find. Nothing that would lead to the results I had but they will be going into different breeding pens shortly. What sort of records do you keep on your matings? I try to keep a detailed log of sire by band number (and who his sire was by toe punching) and the females that are paired with him whether it is an individual, trio, or small group. The females are of course also marked by toe punch as to their sire. I've been working on my system so that I can track the pen that the birds came from to give me more information on their ancestry. If anyone uses a different system or has the bugs worked out please share.

Thanks from District 7,
Pam Watson

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting was held at the Plymouth Rock National Show in Greenville, Ohio

The meeting was called together by Kraig Shafer at 12:30PM. Members present were Dick Horstman, Tim Gladhill, Mike Waski, Norm Ennis, Grant Tenley, Don Sheets, Michael Jarvis, Bert Jarvis, Jeannie Jarvis, and Kraig Shafer.

Topics discussed were awards for shows. Dianne Weer had sent pictures of custom made towels embroidered with the club logo which were well received by all attending. After some discussion, it was decided that we could not offer these to all shows. To offer them as awards for the National Meet and the 2 Regional Meets for Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed, both Junior and Open, would cost us \$60.00. Kraig reported we can not buy ribbons or rosettes for that price.

More discussion brought up soliciting donations for our shows as has been done in the past. If anyone is

willing to donate towards the purchase of awards, please forward that donation to Jill Burks.

In other business, Kraig reported that Jill was doing an excellent job on the website, that the Paypal link was installed allowing members to pay their dues online, and that she was putting up a Breeders Directory page for anyone interested in listing varieties they raise.

We received one bid from the Pacific Poultry Breeders for the 2021 Rock National for their show in Lodi, California on January 29, 30 and 31st, 2021. With no other bids received, they will be awarded the National Show.

It was brought up that it's time for any clubs in the Central Time Zone to submit bids for the 2022 National Rock Show. Bid sheets are available through District Directors or on the club website.

Kraig brought up having the 2023 Plymouth Rock

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National in Columbus, Ohio in conjunction with the APA 150th Anniversary Convention.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. Jill reports we have 112 members, 58 annual and 54 Life. Junior memberships totaled 9. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Jill reports we have a current balance of \$9,359.70 including Lifetime Membership fund of \$6,701.08.

Junior dues were increased from \$5 to \$10 to pay for postage and printing costs of their newsletters.

Awards were given out for the top 5 Plymouth Rocks overall, Youth and Open competing and Bantam and Large Fowl competing. This was done with a very generous donation from Don Sheets. \$20 for 5th place went to Jasmine Gates and her BB Bantam Barred Rock in the Jr Show. \$30 for 4th place went to

Terry Britt for his 2nd place Large White Rock Large Fowl Pullet. \$40 for 3rd Place went to Gale and Tony Lahr and their RB Bantam Columbian Hen. \$50 for 2nd place went to Terry Britt and his BB White Rock Large Fowl pullet. \$100 for 1st place Plymouth Rock overall went to Kraig Shafer and his BB White Rock Bantam pullet that went on to be Reserve Champion Bantam in the whole show. Congratulations to all the winners and a great big thanks to Don Sheets for his generosity!!

We held a breeders auction with donated birds sold on silent auction. Thanks to Dick Horstman and Kraig Shafer for the bird donations. The auction netted \$270.00 for the club. We held a 50/50 drawing which was won by Bill Wullf, who donated his winnings to the club, making a total of \$261.00. \$100 in dues were collected and \$30 was received for club patches. Total income for the event was \$656.00.

IN MEMORIAM

The Cecil "Bud" Hudson family were avid Plymouth White Rock breeders. They were known all over the country for their magnificent, champion White Rocks. Bud and his son "Buddy" showed and bred White Rocks throughout their lifetime, along with other family members and grandchildren. Bud and Buddy were lifetime members of the Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club of America and American Poultry Association. They were longtime members of the Central Illinois Poultry Club now in Bloomington and Illini Poultry Club in Belvidere, Illinois.

I enjoyed visiting with Bud and Buddy at shows and also enjoyed visiting their farm. Bud was meticulous about keeping Plymouth Rock records. He never wrote a book, but all the information was recorded in his head. He shared some tips with me from time to time. Buddy was ready to help with many 50/50's at the Central Illinois poultry show. Buddy was a grandmaster exhibitor of six breeds of chickens and was the only one who held a grandmaster in all three varieties of Langshan chickens.

Catherine Hudson, Bud's wife, was the glue that held the family together. She was a sweet person with a gentle spirit.



Bud, Buddy, and Catherine Hudson are dearly missed, and I am thankful for their contributions to the Plymouth Rock Club. They had beautiful White Rocks and numerous champions throughout the USA.

Dianne Weer

Obituary and tribute wall can be read online at: www.calvertmemorial.com/obituaries/Cecil-R-Bud-Hudson-Sr?obId=12735228

PHOTO GALLERY

PLYMOUTH ROCK FANCIER'S CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL MEET

Hosted by the Dayton Fancy Feather Club

October 3-4, 2020

Drake County Fairgrounds, Greenville, Ohio



Kraig Shafer's White pullet won Best Bantam Rock.



Gale and Tony Lahr's Bantam Columbian hen won Reserve Bantam Rock.



Colton Guy from Lake Odessa, Michigan with his Junior Res. Champion S.C.C.L. Columbian hen.

CENTRAL INDIANA POULTRY SHOW (DISTRICT MEET)

October 17, 2020

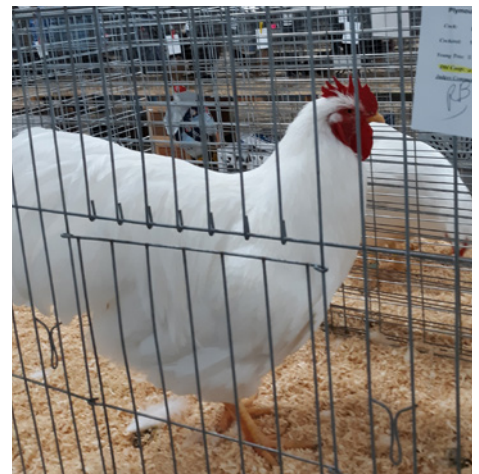
Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana



Kraig Shafer's Bantam White cockerel won Best of Breed and Champion S.C.C.L.



Kraig Shafer's Bantam White pullet won Res. of Breed



Michael and Ashley Schaal's White cockerel won Res. of Breed and Res. American. Their White pullet (not shown) won Best of Breed and Champion American.

IN THE KITCHEN

HONEY GARLIC CHICKEN

Found on Pinterest and modified by Pam Watson

Ingredients

- 8 chicken thighs - skinless & boneless (or small cubes of breast)
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil (or any other high temperature oil)
- 1-2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 3-4 cloves minced garlic (it gets pretty spicy)
- ⅓ cup honey
- ⅓ cup chicken stock
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar or apple cider or white wine vinegar (if using the other vinegar, as I did, you need to add ¼ tsp of sugar)
- ¾ tsp regular soy sauce or 1 tbsp. light soy sauce

Directions

Place the chicken thighs in a bowl and add the cornstarch, salt and pepper (start the water for the rice now too). Toss the chicken in the mixture until fully coated. Heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add the chicken thighs and cook on one side until



golden brown (4-5 minutes), then turn over and cook for about 2 more minutes (add your rice to the other pot). Add the butter to the pan, let it melt, then add the garlic and stir together. Turn the heat down to medium so the garlic doesn't burn. Now make the sauce. To make the sauce combine the honey, stock, rice vinegar, and soy sauce in a bowl and stir together. Add the sauce to the skillet and turn up the heat to bring the sauce to a boil. Simmer for 4-5 minutes until the sauce reduces and thickens and the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink inside. Sprinkle on parsley and chili flakes to taste and serve over boiled rice.

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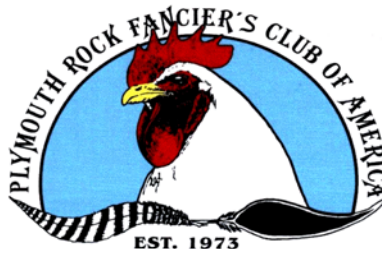
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Membership Information

Adult: \$20.00 per year
Junior: \$10.00 per year

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