

October Meeting

by Lee Salmon

Hooray and Congratulations!!!!!!! I think I can absolutely, positively say that our Friday the 23rd. 7th annual In-Club Poultry show was the best ever. I thank everyone for all your support and the marvelous turn out. We were endowed with many good birds. A run down of the lucky winners follows:

Best Cock - Buff Brahma , Wade Taylor
Best Cockerel - RI Red Bantam, Ashley Robinson
Best Hen - Partridge Cochin - Richard Wright
Best Pullet - Partridge Ply. Rock, Mike Robinson
Best Exotic - Blue King Pigeon, Kaitlin Van Heusen
Best Waterfowl - Mandarin Drake, J. Martin
Best of Show - Partridge Rock pullet, Mike Robinson

We want to extend a big THANKS to Maryann for all the great decorations and those wonderful spooky refreshments. Especially cute was the hand in the punch. Remember our next meeting is on November 20 which is the third Friday and not the fourth.

Chicken Dedication

This is a true story according to an AP news article. It seems that six people drowned in Cairo, Egypt on August 31, 1995 while trying to rescue a chicken that had fallen into a well in southern Egypt. An 18-year-old farmer was the first to descend into the 60-foot well. He drowned, apparently after an undercurrent in the water pulled him down, police said. His sister and two brothers, none of whom could swim well, went in one by one to help him, but also drowned. Two elderly farmers then came to help, but they apparently were pulled by the same undercurrent. The bodies of the six were later pulled out of the well in the village of Nazlat Imara, 240 miles south of Cairo. The chicken was also pulled out. It survived.

Poultry Wormers

by Brian Decker

In the book I have called Commercial Poultry Production they list two wormers for round worms: Piperazine and Hygromix (Hygromycin-B). Most wormers are used to disrupt the life cycle of the worm. Piperazine is a purge type wormer it causes the worms to be expelled alive. Cleaning the facility after worming is recommended. It is the worm egg that is tough. They are being produced by the worms in the gut. The eggs are expelled, the chicken picks them up from the droppings, and is infected all over again. If you use Piperazine, clean the pens and repeat again in two or three weeks. Hygromix is an anti-biotic that causes the worm to not produce eggs and is given in the feed for 6 weeks at a rate of 12 g per ton.

When you see worms in the droppings or you have a chicken that is unthrifty for no apparent reason you should worm the chicken. Worms are only a problem if the chicken has a heavy load. I think more people over worm than under worm.

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WANTED:

Newsletter articles for the PBCPFA newsletter. The deadline is the fourth Friday of the previous month. Submit articles to the editor by mail, Email, or in person at the meeting.

Rhode Island Red Cockerel. Must be genetically unrelated to my existing stock. If you have one, Contact Richard Greggs at (561) 433-8157.

Pigeon Coings

On September 5th, 1998, Palm Beach County Poultry Fanciers Association member Kaitlin Van Heusen attended the Central Florida Pigeon Fanciers Association young bird show in Orlando, Florida. Kaitlin entered six birds in the junior division, which had a total of approximately 35 entries. Kaitlin won a plaque for third place overall with her Ice Pigeon cock, four blue ribbons, and one red ribbon.

Some of Kaitlin's pigeons were at our In-Club show in October, and will also be at the South Florida Fair. Her next two pigeon shows are on November 29 in North Port, Florida, sponsored by the Gulf Coast pigeon club, and the Central Florida Pigeon Fanciers Association all breeds-all ages show on December 5th.

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

by Lee Salmon

Be on the alert for a Poultry Fanciers special Surprise due to arrive at our November meeting. Don't miss this "MUST ATTEND" event. Be thinking about our photography contest. Have a good month.

Rooster Attack

According to an AP news article, a rooster recently attacked a little 2 year-old girl in Miami. Her father, Ron Magill, works at the Miami Metro zoo.

The little girl, Alexis Magill, was visiting her grandparents and walking around on their five acres of property when she was attacked by a rooster that had wandered over from a neighboring property. Alexis suffered a gash on her face and various puncture wounds on her arms and back. She was immediately taken to the hospital and now has 12 stitches on the left side of her face between her eye and mouth.

Mr. Magill said the rooster was a fighting cock. Fighting cocks are bred to win the fight at all costs. As far as the rooster is concerned, it is a fight to the death. Ordinary roosters are usually too timid to attack humans, or if they do, they are not capable of inflicting serious trauma. "I'm not angry at the bird. People have to understand that animals do things that are in their instinct," said Magill.

Handbook May Be Cancelled

There currently aren't enough advertisers for the 1999 Chicken Handbook. As such, it stands a good chance of being cancelled. This will happen if not enough ads get sold by the end of November. Existing advertisers will get refund checks. If that happens, future handbooks will be unlikely. If you haven't already bought or sold an ad for the 1999 Chicken Handbook, please do.

Chicken Intelligence Story

by Dennis Williamson

We have a greenhouse, recently built, in our chicken yard. Before construction, the area occupied by the greenhouse (9x16) was available for foraging, etc. During construction, our chickens loved to scratch around in the gravel floor. They could come and go at will before the glass and door were installed. Once the glass went up, they learned the hard way that they could no longer fly up onto or over the knee wall.

After the green house was completed, whenever one of us went into the greenhouse, two or three of the chickens would rush the door to get in. Sometimes we'd let them in. Other times we wouldn't since it's tough to get them herded out. Ever tried to get a child to leave a toy store? And this is without any plants having been installed and a limited bug supply. The girls just like to be inside our greenhouse!

On day, I looked out the back window and in the distance I saw one of our Reds on top of the greenhouse (the ridge beam is about 8 feet up - but they have a nearby 4 ft. launching platform to use as an intermediate level). After several minutes, I finished what I was doing in the house and went out to do some mild, pointless scolding and have a laugh.

She wasn't on the roof anymore...She wasn't among the others going about their afternoon activities... She had managed to open a magnetically sealed vent hatch and was.....inside the greenhouse!

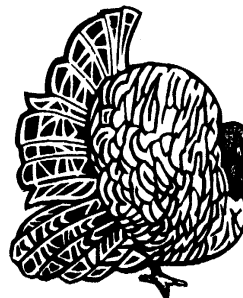
Types of Encephalitis

by Jacquie Jacob

In 1997 incidences of both Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) have been reported in Florida. Although both diseases are carried by mosquitoes, they are different diseases carried by different types of mosquitoes.

Equine Encephalitis is a contagious disease of birds (especially pheasants), mammals (especially horses), and people, caused by a virus. EEE is caused by a virus classified as alpha virus because they are able to infect blood-feeding arthropods (e.g. mosquitoes). The virus replicates in the arthropod and is transmitted when it bites the vertebrate host. Mosquitoes are the primary vector (transmitter) that spreads EEE. Aedes, Culex, and Mansonia species are the primary mosquito vectors of mammals, but Culiseta melanura is the vector associated with transmitting EEE to birds. All birds, including chickens, are susceptible to EEE. Clinical signs of EEE in birds include loss of appetite, staggering, and paralysis. Surviving birds may be blind, have unilateral or bilateral paralysis or muscle groups, and difficulty in holding their heads up. Damage to the bird's central nervous systems varies slightly with species. In pheasants, there is pronounced leg paralysis, torticollis (wryneck), and tremors, with high mortality. Chukar partridges and turkeys show drowsiness, paralysis, weakness and death. Flock mortality is up to 95%. Ducks have partial paralysis of the back legs, followed by full paralysis and death. Mortality may be up to 60%.

Although chickens are often used as sentinels (test animals) in SLE virus suspected areas, chickens do not play a significant role in the bird-mosquito transmission cycle. In addition, chickens do not get the disease. SLE originates in wild birds. Mosquitoes feed upon the wild birds and pass the virus on to humans. The mosquito found to carry the virus most often is the Culex nigripalpus, a small, brown mosquito with a soft bite that is hard to detect. The onset of SLE usually occurs within 4-21 days after being bitten by a mosquito carrying the disease. Symptoms include fever, headache, stiff neck, dizziness, weakness, confusion, swelling of the brain and, in the most severe cases, coma and death. The elderly, young children and those with compromised immune systems are most susceptible to the virus.



CONTEST

Whoever sells the largest dollar total of ads for the poultry handbook will win 20 raffle tickets for use at the Christmas party raffle in December.

Teaching Math Through the Years

1950: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price. What is his profit?

1960: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

1970: A logger exchanges a set "L" of lumber for a set "M" of money. The cardinality of set "M" is 100. Each element is worth one dollar. Make 100 dots representing the elements of the set "M". The set "C", the cost of production contains 20 fewer points than set "M." Represent the set "C" as a subset of set "M" and answer the following question: What is the cardinality of the set "P" for profits?

1980: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. Her cost of production is \$80 and her profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

1990: By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees? There are no wrong answers.

1996: By laying off 40% of its loggers, a company improves its stock price from \$80 to \$100. How much capital gain per share does the CEO make by exercising his stock options at \$80? Assume capital gains are no longer taxed, because this encourages investment.

1997: A company outsources all of its loggers. The firm saves on benefits, and when demand for its product is down, the logging work force can easily be cut back. The average logger employed by the company earned \$50,000, had three weeks vacation, a nice retirement plan and medical insurance. The contracted logger charges \$50 an hour. Was outsourcing a good move?

1998: A laid-off logger with four kids at home and a ridiculous alimony from his first failed marriage comes into the logging-company corporate offices and goes postal, mowing down 16 executives and a couple of secretaries, and gets lucky when he nails a politician on the premises collecting his kickback. Was outsourcing the loggers a good move for the company?

1999: A laid-off logger serving time in Folsom for blowing away several people is being trained as a COBOL programmer in order to work on the Year 2000 problem. What is the probability that the automatic cell doors will open on their own at midnight on 01/01/00?



Champagne?

On the last day of kindergarten, all the children brought presents for their teacher. The florist's son handed the teacher a gift. She shook it, held it up and said, "I bet I know what it is - it's some flowers!"

"That's right!" shouted the little boy.

Then the candy store owner's daughter handed the teacher a gift. She held it up, shook it and said. "I bet I know what it is - it's a box of candy!"

"That's right!" shouted the little girl.

The next gift was from the liquor store owner's son. The teacher held it up and saw that it was leaking. She touched a drop with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered.

The teacher touched another drop to her tongue. "Is it champagne?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered.

Finally, the teacher said, "I give up. What is it?"

The boy replied, "A puppy!"

A Day At The Green Market

by Romeo Schwartz

A while back, Wakeeta and I hopped into her truck and went to the local Green Market. While I was expecting to have fun, the humans there really gave us a hard time. The first one that came up to us wanted to know if we had a leash. Like, duh?? What was this human thinking? She wasn't wearing a leash, so why should I have to put one on Wakeeta? (Humans are so dumb - Except for Wakeeta - She's OK.)

I guess we picked a bad time to go to the green market. This place is full of humans and they are all staring at me and talking about thanksgiving dinner. Fortunately, there was this vegetarian group that wanted to take me back with them to live on their farm. It sounded like a good idea at first, but Wakeeta pointed out that they probably wouldn't give me any more beef hot dogs (my favorite) so I declined.

Not all the humans were bad though. In fact, there was this one really nice kid that gave me his hot dog. Then, while I was chewing on it, this human lady walks up and asks if I am organically fed. My caruncles turned red with anger, but I held it in, continued chewing, and never said a word.

I have to wonder if all humans have room temperature I.Q.'s like the ones at the green market. Then again, I guess not everyone can be a smart turkey like me.

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