

## *Lifetime Achievement Award*

The idea for the "Ameraucana Breeders Award" was conceived by Don Cable and instituted, in 2001, at our National Meet, in Galax, VA. The club president decides on which member will receive the honor each year. Mike Gilbert was the president at the time and chose John Blehm to receive the first award, but before Mike presented it he was surprisingly presented with the first Ameraucana Breeders Award, dated 2000. The award was later renamed the Ameraucana Lifetime Achievement Award and a member has been honored with it each year since then.

Although there is no written criteria, the recipient is generally a member that has been in the club for ten or more years. Many have been breeders that have developed and/or improved varieties of Ameraucana, have served as officers in the club, published articles promoting the breed and club, traveled extensively to club sanctioned meets to exhibit Ameraucanas, donated financially to the club, and the list goes on.

