
ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAMA ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 24-25 1990 LAMAS Spring Conference, Veterinary College at Virginia Tech., Blacksburg, VA. Contact: Harry Mollin, Rt. 1, Bx 417, Callaway, VA. 24067 (703) 483-8749
- Mar 24 ILA Educational Workshop on "Genetics-From Buying to Breeding," conducted by Dr. Julie Koenig, genetics researcher. One day session 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Advance registration (1 week prior to each event) is \$40 for ILA members and \$45 for non-members which includes lunch. For information contact ILA, P.O. Box 37505, Denver, CO. 80237, (303) 756-9004 This one hosted by Llama Assn. of Mid-Atlantic States at Virginia/Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg Campus, Blacksburg, VA.
- Apr 7 ILA Educational Genetics Workshop (see Mar 24 above) Hosted by Llama Assn. of Southern California at a Southern California location to be announced.
- Apr 28 RMLA Seminar--Learning To Drive With Llamas given by Jerry Dunn, Saturday, April 28th at Bear Track Training Center, 14550 West 50th, Golden, CO. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., bring a sack lunch. Registration fee \$25 for RMLA members, \$45 for non-members. Contact Janine Hernbrode (303)279-8638
- May 5 ILA Educational Genetics Workshop (see Mar 24 above) Hosted by the Canadian Llama Assn. at Hospitality Inn Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- May 12 ILA Educational Genetics Workshop (see Mar 24 above) Hosted by Northern Rockies Chapter-ILA in Kalispell, MT.
- May 12 RMLA Seminar--Preparing For The Show Season given by Darlene Vaughn, Saturday, May 12th at Jerry Dunn's Bear Track Training Center, 14550 West 50th, Golden, CO. from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., bring a sack lunch, registration fee \$25 for RMLA members, \$45 for non-members. Contact Janine Hernbrode (303)279-8638

- May 19 RMLA Seminar--Preparing Your Fibre For Spinning given by Chris Switzer, at Chris & Phil Switzer's ranch, Switzerland, in Estes Park, CO. Contact Carol Ballew at (303)484-3537
- May 19 The Great Spring Runoff in Estes Park, CO. A festival with something for everybody! Mountain Bike races, llama races, kite flying, 5K and 10K human races, sled dog pull, and wolf display. Contact: Jerry Boudreaux, Box 2777, Estes Park, CO. 80517, or (303)586-5940 or 586-5394.
- May 26,27,28 TEAM Clinic with Marty McGee. Three one day intensive hands-on clinics; choose one day or all three. Learn catching, haltering, leading, loading, grooming, handling legs and obstacle work without fighting. Limited to a small group, so register early. May 1st deadline. Contact: Vicki Morris, Box 848, Florissant, CO. 80816, (719)748-3590, or Sally German at (719)689-3063.
- Jun 8 Workshop, "Principles and the Nitty Gritty Aspects of Herd Management" given by Bobra Goldsmith in Northeastern states. Contact Anna Taylor Freeman, Rt 2, 750, Enoburg Falls, Vermont 05450, (802)933-5590
- Jun 9 Workshop, "Training: Packing, Performance Showmanship" given by Bobra Goldsmith in the Northeastern states. Contact: (see Jun 8 above)
- Jun 10 Workshop, "Training Llamas To Drive" given by Bobra Goldsmith in the Northeastern states. Contact: (see Jun 8 above)
- Jun 14-17 Llama Pack Festival in Clark, CO. Pack in and camp with your llamas in the wilderness. Events scheduled are camp cooking contest, orienteering competition, obstacle course, 5K walk race, kids treasure hunt, and 3 legged race. Contact: Peter Nichols, Box 674, Clark, CO. 80428
- Jun 15 Workshop, "Principles and the Nitty Gritty Aspects of Herd Management" given by Bobra Goldsmith in New Hampshire. Contact: Betsy Booth, 227 Knox Marsh Rd., Madbury, NH 03820, (603)742-5865
- Jun 16 Workshop, "Training: Performance and Showing" given by Bobra Goldsmith in New Hampshire. Contact: (see Jun 15)

- Jun 17 Workshop, "Training Llamas To Drive" given by Bobra Goldsmith in New Hampshire. Contact: (see Jun 15)
- Jun 16-17 First Annual Westcliffe Llama Challenge, 3 mi. adult pack llama race/kid's llama races. Adult and kids obstacle course and other fun events. Contact: Scott Geary at (719)783-9331 or Dee Goodman, X Llamas, 41930 County Rd. AA, Akron, CO. 80720, (303)345-2927
- Jun 23, 24 3rd Annual Northern California Llama Extravaganza Open to entrants across the U.S. and includes a llama show with cash awards to champions and rosettes to fifth place. Included will be the first ever Sonoma County 4-H Llama Show. Displays and demonstrations. Premium books available on April 1st. Contact: Sonoma Marin Fair/Llama Extravaganza, Box 182, Petaluma, CA. 94953, Jerry Lunsford (415)669-1523
- Jul 6,7,8 FIRECRACKER, The West Coast Llama Show and Sale. Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon. National consignment sale and Breeder's Show. Entertainment, fun and prizes. Presented by Firecracker, Inc., Pat and Dick Wickum, 21325 Finn Road, Sheridan, Oregon 97378. (503)843-2765. FAX (503)843-3030. (800)876-8816. Host Hotel--Chumaree Hotel, Salem, OR. (800)248-6273
- Jul 28 Fairplay Pack Llama Race, Saturday at 1:30 p.m., Fairplay, CO. Also need volunteers to work on race. Contact: Wally White, Box 2347, Durango, Co.81302 (303)247-1518
- Aug 17-19 Ohio State Fair Llama Show, Columbus, Ohio; halter, showmanship, obstacle, costume, get-of-sire, produce-of-dam; \$5,000 prize money; ALSA sanctioned; hosted by Ohio River Valley Llama Association. ALL WELCOME! Contact: Jack Moore, 5308 Stagecoach Rd., Somerset, Ohio 43783, (614)743-1092.
- Sept 23 The 1990 Rocky Mountain Llamathon Challenge, A Performance Race. Sponsored by the Colorado Llama Outfitters and Guides Assn. and RMLA. 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23rd just outside Durango, CO. Pre-registration for reduced entry fees till Sept. 1st. A 16 mi. course over mountainous terrain to elevations of 12,000 ft. This is a challenge race, \$5,000 in first prizes. Contact: Colorado Llama Outfitters & Guides Assn., 30361 Rainbow Hills Rd., Golden, CO. 80401

Nov 11, 12. ALSA Show/Exhibitor Clinic and Apprentice Judge Clinic
 Vancouver, Washington. Instructor, Judie Hyder.
 Contact: Jodi J. Sleeper, President ALSA, Box 107,
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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Scott Welles

Good news for RMLA members. Your Executive Committee has changed your "Dues Year." It used to be July-June. It is now going to be a calendar year. Why? To simplify things to that our fiscal year and dues year are the same.

So, for 1990 only your current dues will cover you through December 31, 1990. A one time free ride of six months! We will also offer 1/2 price memberships for the remainder of 1990.

In looking ahead to 1991:

(1) Membership bills will be mailed on November 1, 1990 and must be paid by December 15 in order to be included in the Directory. The Directory will be "closed" January 1, 1991 and printed soon after.

(2) There will be no more 1/2 price memberships regardless of when people join.

(3) Child members must have an adult member sponsor.

I believe you will be happy with these changes. New officers will continue to be elected at our Annual Conference and will serve a non-calendar year as in the past.

Onward to other thoughts!

It is hard to believe that I have already served over one-third of my

term as your President. I want to go on record as saying that I'm extremely fortunate to be working with an excellent Executive Committee. You elected some fine people, all of whom are making major contributions toward this being a good year for RMLA.

I also want to compliment Jane Robertson-Boudreau for the fine work she has done on the Newsletter. Additionally, your committees have gotten off to a good start. The Education and Conference Committees are "cookin'" and others as well. Anybody know where Tom VanVelson is? He heads up the Research Committee and we've lost him (I hope temporarily).

On a completely different subject, I'm pleased to see that a posture that has prevailed among the majority of RMLA members seems to be paying dividends...that pride in owning and breeding llamas with good conformation, balance, bone, muscle, presence and movement should not be compromised. Wool, yes, if you want it. Wool at any cost, No! Show results over the past year would indicate that RMLA members needn't take a back seat to anyone. Enough said! I had better get off this platform before I put my foot in my mouth.

For some reason Steamboat Springs (where I live) has had a normal winter with lots of snow. It is at this time of year that we start wishing for spring but, we know that

in Steamboat we're going to get dumped on with more March and April snows. So, for those of you in milder climates, happy "craing," and may the spring treat you well.



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FROM THE SECRETARY Judi Lawson

I will be preparing a supplement to the Breeders and Owners Directory, to be sent out in the May newsletter. In addition to new member listings, I would like to make any corrections needed at the same time. If there is an error in your listing, please let me know by mid-April. This is especially important since the Directory and Supplement will be in effect until the end of this calendar year.

Also, bulk mailing continues to result in uneven or late distribution. Newsletters are bi-monthly! Therefore, members should expect to receive them sometime during the months of March, May, July, September, and November of this year. If you do not receive them within the months of their issue, please let me know so I can send you another copy (first class).

We have 410 members now. Thank you all for your patience.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jerry Boudreaux

Fiscal Status and Spending Plans

For the past several years the RMLA organization has been frugal in its financial operations, and the result is a quite strong financial status as we begin 1990.

Funds of RMLA are designated into categories for a) general operations,

b) public education, c) membership education, d) research, e) contingency, f) special events and g) RMLA book fund. All of these categories have healthy balances as of January 1, 1990, and the total of all these funds exceeds \$33,000.

The Board has voted to allocate substantial amounts of these resources to 1990 and 1991 activities. The purpose of RMLA is "to educate the members and the public as to the breeding, raising, care, and use of llamas." The increased funding of various activities will help accomplish this purpose. The various committees of RMLA will have additional responsibilities and funds to carry out those responsibilities.

Change In Dues Year

For various fiscal and organizational reasons, the Board has changed the dues year to a calendar year basis (formerly the dues year was July 1-June 30). Members will receive their next renewal notice around November 1st, and the dues will be for the year of January 1-December 31, 1991. Members who pay their renewal dues by December 15, 1990 will be included in the 1991 Breeders and Owners Directory which will be published in early January.

In effect your current membership has a "free" 6 month period extension. Normally your membership renewal would be at July 1, 1990, but the renewal will not be necessary until late 1990. The strong financial position of the organization allows this 6 month free period. The change to a calendar year accounting also solves some internal financial conflicts and reporting for RMLA.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE INFORMATION

by Dan Schreiner, Chairman

The Education Committee met at the National Western and later by conference call. The history of the Committee was reviewed and plans mapped out for the year for membership education. Scott Welles discussed our budget and reviewed the feelings of the Board. Members reported on the communications they had made with the membership and on the feed back they had received. It was decided to send a resolution to the Conference committee that the membership felt a need exists for hands-on vet work. Even though it was being planned for the Conference, it was important enough to send a reminder to them.

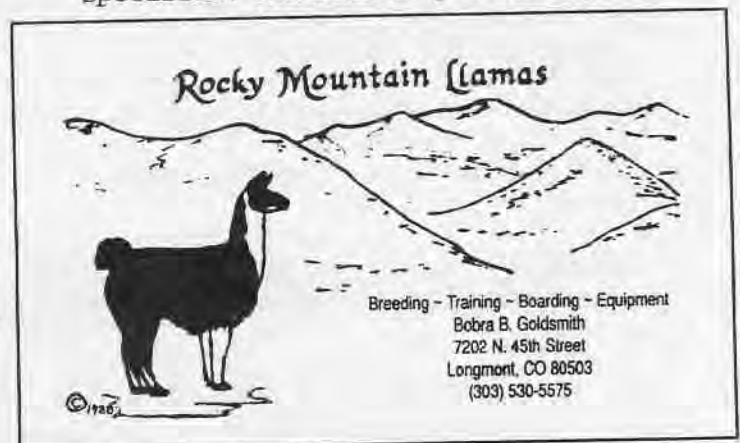
We discussed at length having an RMLA llama display constructed that could be easily shipped around for educational use at various fairs, stock shows, and local events. Janine Hernbrode looked into the display construction commercially and reported that the display would cost from \$2,400 to \$3,800. These costs included graphics, but not electronic information systems such as video or film strip equipment. It was felt the Board should discuss the project and see if the need justifies the cost of that large an expenditure and how often it would be needed. Most agreed that the display would need to be staffed to be effective. Any comments, for or against the project, should be submitted to the RMLA officers.

It was felt that there is a strong interest in the membership to present a seminar on basic llama business management. The Conference Committee has decided not to include these topics this year so there would be no

repeat topics. We discussed the need for a one day seminar on business management, advertising, legal issues, and computer basics. It was felt that the first two topics could be presented before the Conference and the last two during the National Western, schedule permitting. We will try to finalize this by April 1st, and if another seminar is presented before the Conference, we plan to hold all sessions during the National Western.


We are trying to book at least one session of Dr. Julia Koenig's genetics seminar for our region. We will present a separate mailing soliciting your response. Dr. Koenig is an extremely knowledgeable individual on the topic of genetics as applied to llamas, and her presentations are very interesting and informative. She will be a keynote speaker at our RMLA Conference, but the extended seminars will be presented over 7 1/2 hours. We cannot say enough about this extended seminar and members that heard her in Salt Lake have been calling requesting us to book the seminar. Try not to miss it.

Regional people have been solicited to host seminars for RMLA this year. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a listing of the seminars that have been set up, along with a brief topic description and other specifics. The members presenting the



seminars are extremely flexible and many will adjust topics to your needs. RMLA will pay the expenses for the person conducting the seminar to travel to your area. Most will be 4 hour presentations and members will bring a sack lunch. The Education Committee will work with you to set up the seminary in your area and collect the registration fees. We will charge \$25 for RMLA members to attend all seminars and \$45 for non-members. There will be a minimum number of 10 registered persons required to conduct the seminars with a few exceptions (such as driving, minimum 5). If there are other seminars you would like to see, contact us and we will try to set them up for you.

IT'S UP TO YOU! If you would like a seminar in your area, return the coupon in this newsletter. We will set it up, collect the money, and list it in our newsletter. The deadline for registration for the seminars will be two weeks in advance of the seminar date.



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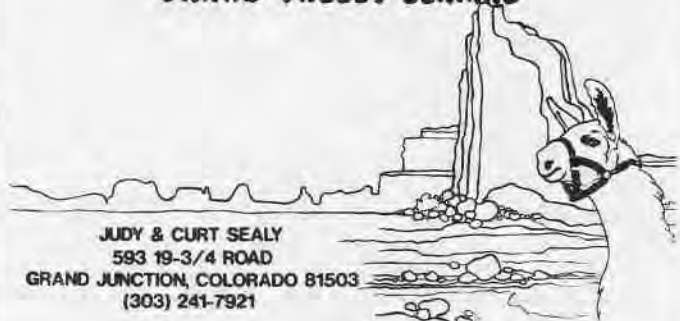
- Class Descriptions and Rules for Halter, Performance and Showmanship
- Information on Membership, The Judges Program, and The National Award System
- Information on Putting on a Llama Show

To Become a Member, Purchase a Handbook or Request Information on Show/Judging Clinics contact ALSA at:

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*ALSA Handbook available to non-members for \$10

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**1990 RMLA SEMINARS
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 (How to prepare and perform)
 Sensitivity Llama Training
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 Introduction To Llama Packing
 Learning To Drive Llamas

Learning To Drive Llamas

Herd Management Tips
 Performance Class Training
 Wool Workshop--(Crimp density,

SPEAKER

Jodi Sleeper
 Darlene Vaughan

Ruth Powers 3 hr.
 Ruth Powers 6 hr.
 Charlie Hackbarth 4 hr.
 Bobra Goldsmith 4 hr.
 (10 people maximum)
 Jerry Dunn 4 hr.
 (10 people maximum)
 Bobra Goldsmith
 Bobra Goldsmith
 Chris Switzer

brushing, grooming, shearing)	
Veterinary Workshops	To be arranged
Ultrasound demo & discussion	4 hr.
Discussions with a Llama Vet	4 hr.
(1 hr. lecture, 2 hr. questions, 1 hr. hands-on)	
Wool Dying	To be arranged 4 hr.
Youth Showmanship	To be arranged

RMLA SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to register me/us in the class listed below. I understand the cost of each class per person is \$25 for RMLA members and \$45 for non-members and that lunch is not included.

N a m e (s) o f
registrant(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Area code _____ Number _____

Name of Class: _____

Date of Class: _____

I will (), will not (), bring a llama.

Send this form to: RMLA Seminar Registrations, c/o Janine Hernbrode, 5097 Pine Ridge Drive, Golden, CO. 80403.

RMLA SEMINAR REQUEST

I would be interested in hosting and organizing a regional RMLA seminar. Please contact me with specifics.

Seminar name: _____

Instructor: _____

Desired date: _____, Alternate date: _____

Seminar location: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Mail to Dan Schreiner, Box 90218, Casper, WY. 82609

RMLA SEMINAR INPUT

If you would like to conduct an RMLA Seminar or have subject matter you would like the Education Committee to consider, please send us your ideas.

RMLA EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Box 90218, Casper, WY. 82609

RMLA SEMINARS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED IN THE DENVER AREA

Call Janine Hernbrode (303)279-8638 for clarification or further information.

PREPARING FOR THE SHOW SEASON

with Darlene Vaughan

Saturday, May 12th at Jerry Dunn's Bear Track Training Center, 14550 West 50th, Golden, Colorado, from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Registration fee \$25 for RMLA members, \$45 for non-members.

Are you giving your llama its best chance both in the show ring and in pack and obstacle courses? Llama judge Darlene Vaughan will help you hone your grooming, handling (both in the ring and in performance courses), and showmanship skills. What judges look for in conformation, obstacle and pack courses is also part of the class. Darlene says: "Encourage participants to bring llamas that need work. It is hard to demonstrate on animals who are performing perfectly." The first 10 registrants who wish to bring llamas may do so. Please indicate on your registration form that you would like to bring a llama. Families are encouraged to register. Maximum number--25.

LEARNING TO DRIVE LLAMAS

with Jerry Dunn

Saturday, April 28th at Bear Track Training Center, 14550 West 50th, Golden, Colorado from 10a.m. to 3p.m.

Bring a sack lunch. Registration fee \$25 for RMLA members, \$45 for non-members.

Have you admired the llama owners who are putting their animals to cart, and thought that it would be fun for you too? Award winning llama driver Jerry Dunn presents complete information to get you started driving your own llama. Instruction includes plenty of hands-on opportunities to either work with your own animal or borrowed one. Registration is limited to 10 so you will receive lots of personal attention. Use of equipment for this introductory course is included. Note on your registration form if you are bringing or borrowing a llama.

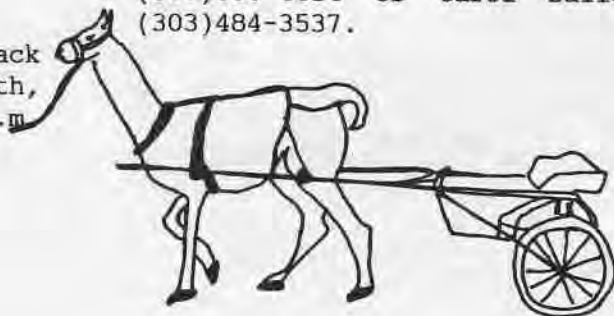
PREPARING YOUR FIBRE FOR SPINNING

with Chris Switzer

Cleaning the fibre--hands-on
Brushing the fibre--Llama demo
Shearing--Alpaca demo
Crimp density; what to look for.

Seminar will be located at the home and ranch of Chris & Phil Switzer, SwitzerLand, Estes Park, Colorado. Date: May 19th from 1-4p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

Indoor facilities if weather necessitates. For more information and directions call: Chris Switzer (303)586-4624 or Carol Ballew at (303)484-3537.



LIBRARY NOTES Chris Switzer

NEW: (video) Training Llamas To Drive with Bobra Goldsmith (in lieu of an order discount from Rosana & Kelley Hart)

Distribution and Conservation of Vicunas--1983 report by Hernan Torres (donated by Ellen Schreiner)

*Adventure of Archaeology by Brian M. Fagan (National Geographic book; donated by Phil & Chris Switzer)

South American Mythology by Harold Osborne (Library of World's Myths & Legends) (donated by Phil & Chris Switzer)

(short video) Fishing The West--Idaho (Bear Lake) (donated by Jay Rais)

"Exotic Lands-Precious Fibers" by Michael Wipplinger, Color Trends--Winter '87-'88

ALSA 1990 Handbook (donated by Jodi Sleeper)

ORDERED: Medicine and Surgery of South American Camelids by Murray E. Fowler, DVM

Lama and The Great Flood-A Folktale from Peru by Ellen Alexander

The Llama Show Handbook-A Practical Guide by Sonja Moe

2nd COPIES: TEAM (videos)--set of 2 (video) #3--Let's Go Packing Llama Training On Your Own Remove from your Library List under videos--"Training With Ruth Powers"; not available

In January 30 packages were sent out and in February 20 more! Videos are coming back before the 1 month deadline and that is appreciated by

those on the waiting list. I work on checking in and out every week, sometimes more than that. I respond to your letters and phone calls ASAP--letting you know about the waiting list, if need be.

It is nice to get your notes of encouragement and thanks... Special thanks for the \$\$\$'s to help with mailing costs: Chuck Ayers, Judy & Curt Sealy, Carol & Gene Kupke, Pat & Maurice Cox, Doris & Craig Rasmussen. Also, the Heat Stress booklet I ordered was donated by the Sunshine States Llama Association (our \$10 was sent back.)

Does anyone out there have a copy of the old National Geographics that had articles on guanacos and/or llamas??? (donations pleas or if you find in a used book store, I will reimburse.)

I am currently working with Dr. Jane Wheeler at CU for references from her library before she packs up to move to Lima, Peru in June.

A great big thank you to the Board of Directors of RMLA!! The increased budget for the library is a real vote of confidence for me--for us all.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ITEMS FOR THE LIBRARY ARE HELPFUL--Write!



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PROFILE OF AN RMLA MEMBER

Doug & Laura Koss--Llama Treks of Colorado, Inc.

Doug and Laura Koss live near Carbondale, Co. Many of us have had an interest in owning llamas for a long time, but since third grade? Here is Doug and Laura's story as told by Doug about how they came to be llama owners.

Hummmmmmm! Another article about llamas in the Denver Post. I remember while in third grade (about 25 years ago) I was studying Peru and there was a picture with a story about llamas. I was rather intrigued as it sounded like a neat animal. However, upon quizzing the teacher I was told that there were not any llamas in the U.S. and that you could only see them in zoos.

Well, that pretty well destroyed my hopes of having one for a pet at my uncle's farm. Since that time I had really never given it much thought, until I noted the newspaper articles. It just so happened that about then I was buying a home complete with 12 acres, barn and pastures near Carbondale, Colorado. All this property and nothing to do with it. Maybe I could buy some llamas! But I didn't know where to get them, what they eat, or how much they cost.

After finding the local libraries had little or no information about llamas, we went to a huge bookstore in Denver called "The Tattered Cover" and found the only book at the time, Living With Llamas by Rosanna Hart. Through this book I started finding out about the publications and organizations that involved llamas. It was not really until after I got this information that I was able to contact a few breeders. One of the

things I found best was not just the animals, but the people who raised them. What a great group of people! Not only was everyone willing to share information, but they all gave me time and told me about other breeders, outfitters, etc.!

Next we bought a couple of llamas for packing and my 10 year old son, Greg, and I took a course that Charlie Hackbarth teaches at Colorado Mountain College. It told us about llamas and included a real pack trip. That did it, I was 100% hooked! Since I love the outdoors, enjoy creature comforts, and am concerned about protecting the environment, this was the only way to go. It was great!

Overtaken by "llama fever", I looked forward to going to my first llama conference which was an RMLA meeting in Montrose. This was very exciting! My wife could not come so I spent every waking moment thinking, talking, listening to lectures or something related to llamas. The people and their willingness to share information confirmed my conviction to llamas for breeding and packing.

I had been very busy in real estate in the Denver area and this seemed like the perfect situation. Well, it has been! I have enjoyed sharing the things I learned and started a llama trek outfitting business. I offered day, weekend, and 5 day pack trips in the Aspen area last summer. I am looking forward to 7 babies this year and had the first baby (anything ever, except my son) llama last year.

What an experience that was. I checked earlier that afternoon and came back 3 hours later as I my son ran down the driveway telling me "Flo Jo" had her baby! I was so excited I did not sleep a wink the first night. But everything came out perfect!

profile cont...

We enjoying working with 4-H and had a day picnic trip for 30 children last year. We also had a request for a trip with 4-H fishing groups to go to a lake for the day.

I was really excited last year at my first ILA Conference, where we had the opportunity to compete, learn more and meet more people. We worked really hard with the llamas all spring and felt lucky to place 2nd in pack string competition and 3rd in the 6K walkrace for our first year. We also had the chance to loan 6 of our llamas for walks around Salt Lake City and have "Dallas," one of our llamas, in a photo with a bride and groom near the Mormon Temple.

Now, we really feel part of the group having gone on pack trips with llama owners and having gone to some of the auctions. Now I even am ready to sell some trained pack llamas and a few of the babies which will be born this year. It will be hard to part with my friends, but we have run out of room. We are also eager to make other new llama owners as happy as we are now!

O.K., all you new llama owners out there--if this isn't a testimonial to what a good decision you made about owning llamas, I don't know what is!

ATTENTION PACK LLAMA ENTHUSIASTS!

LLAMA PACK FESTIVAL COMING UP! (see the calendar of events)

This year the Llama Pack Festival will be held in Clark, Colorado. The festival will be for a four day period, June 14-17, 1990.

Much like last year, lots of fun events combined with camping and the use of your wonderful llamas will be

offered. Maps into the area will be available for those who must come in late. Registration is requested to help with the count.

Each party will be required to supply their own camping gear, food and llamas. Camp spots will be available.

The meeting place will be the Clark Store at 11 a.m. the morning of the 14th. Clark, Colorado is located 18 miles North of Steamboat Springs on County Road 129.

Some events to start thinking about are: 1) camp cooking contest; 2) orienteering competition; 3) obstacle course; 4) 5K walkrace; 5) kid's treasure hunt; 6) 3 legged race. This is always a fun time! Plan on attending!

For more information contact: Peter Nichols, P.O. Box 674, Clark, CO. 80428

WESTCLIFFE LLAMA CHALLENGE

Mark your calendar now for the First Annual Westcliffe Llama Challenge to be held on Father's Day weekend, June 16th and 17th, at Westcliffe, Colorado. The main event will be a 3 mile crosscountry/obstacle race for adults and their pack llamas. Awards will be given to the top male and female runners in their classes, and to the fastest overall male and female runners.

Before the adult race, there will be kid's races, including a 2 1/2 block race for 6 and under; and a 1/4 and 1/2 mile race for the older kids. Also in the afternoon there will be performance classes for both kids and adults after the races.



Westcliffe Llama Challenge, cont.

The schedule of events is as follows: Saturday, June 16th starting at 10a.m., a 12 mi. burro race with a barbecue during the race. 3:30pm. is pole bending and other activities with llamas. Sunday, Father's Day, will begin with a sunrise service for everyone and their llamas. 8:30a.m. is check in and weigh in. Kid's race for 6 and under starts at 10a.m., then the 1/4 mi. race for 7-10 year olds, and the 1/2 mi. race for 11-14 year old kids starting at the same time and finishing at same place. The adult race starts about 11:30a.m. Performance classes, held on Main Street, starts at 2:00p.m. for adults with kid's obstacle to follow.

Fairgrounds will be available with llama stalls and for camping Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call Scott G eary at (719)783-9331 or Dee Goodman at (303)345-2927, 41930 County Rd. AA, Akron, CO. 80720

ILA WOOL COMMITTEE FORMED

The newly formed Wool Committee of the International Llama Association gave its proposal for 1990 to the ILA Board of Directors last December. The concept of this Committee is:


- a) to provide basic knowledge and skills for llama and alpaca owners
- b) to evaluate the textile potential of llama and alpaca fiber
- c) to manage fiber production in such a way as to make it a marketable commodity.

Committee members include: Linda Berry Walker, chair and grading workshops; Steve Knoblock, treasurer and conference display; Herman Rowland, business liaison; Chris Switzer, secretary; Nancy Umbach, publicity.

Current plans are for an educational display on grading wool for the ILA Conference in Atlanta, GA. June 22nd to 26th. The display will be available to other conferences and events in the future.

The strategy of the Wool Committee will be to establish and maintain a program to train people to grade llama and alpaca fiber. Grading skills can most effectively be taught via a hands-on format, thus one-day workshops will be offered regionally. Promotion of these workshops will be to the llama and alpaca community plus various textile groups. For information on grading workshops please contact Linda Berry Walker, P.O. Box 275, Stockton, NJ 08559.

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Wool Committee cont.

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FIRECRACKER--THE WEST COAST LLAMA SALE!

Dick and Pat Wickum of newly formed FIRECRACKER, INC., would like to invite our friends at RMLA to The Firecracker, The West Coast Llama Show and Sale, July 6, 7, 8, 1990 in Salem, Oregon. Although we have consignments from all over the nation, we have chosen to hold this event in Oregon, the heart of the llama world.

There will be two shows at The Firecracker, a Breeder's Show for show animals only, and a Firecracker Show for sale animals. Both shows will use a three-judge system for conformation judging, with judges nationally recognized and experienced in llama shows. In the Breeder's Show only, the animals will be judged for fiber production. Linda Berry Walker will be the wool judge and will evaluate the animals in the ring for characteristics for which other fiber-producing animals are judged. She will give a seminar Friday to familiarize breeders with the judging of fiber production.

The animals will be divided into classes of 10 to 12 animals, as close in age as possible. Winners of each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion with national advertising space among the many fine prizes.

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The Firecracker, cont.

The Firecracker Sale will take place Sunday, July 8, 1990 at 12 noon. Nationally renowned Curt Rodgers from Platte City, Missouri will be the auctioneer. Animals will sell in the order they are placed in the Firecracker Show.

A color catalog featuring approximately 50 of the early consignments will be mailed to over 6,000 llama enthusiasts in late May. Catalog deadline for consignors is March 15. Advertising space is also available in the catalog. Final consignment deadline is June 1st. For more information, contact Dick or Pat Wickum, Firecracker, Inc. 21325 Finn Road, Sheridan, OR. (800)876-8816; (503)843-2765 FAX (503)843-3030. If you are looking for quality breeding stock or have breeding stock to sell, plan to join us at THE FIRECRACKER in July!!!

LLAMA? LLAMA? LLLAMA?..SAY WHAT?

by Jerry Boudreaux, RMLA Treasurer

Several years ago the general membership of our organization agreed to change our name to Rocky Mountain Lama Association. While this name is correct in its description of the genus of llamas and alpacas, the spelling of "lama" is very, very confusing and misleading to the general public.

RMLA is an organization dedicated to educating the public. Why are we undercutting our efforts by using a name that is a "spelling trick?" The public is totally unaware and unappreciative of the fact that "lama" means the genus and "llama" means the animal.

The spelling of lama versus llama may

seem like an unimportant problem to you. Perhaps so. For your officers who deal with media, other organizations, and the general public, it is a continual occurrence to have questions concerning the spelling of our name.

The point is that there is no point in trying to educate the general public about the difference between lama and llama. The difference has no relevance to the public.

So please consider the following alternatives. In each case the present initials of RMLA could and would be retained. None of your present Board Members are in favor of any proposal which would result in a change of the RMLA designation. Like a tradename, our organization's initials are well known, easily recognized, and worth preserving.

Alternative 1--Change the present name back to the original name of Rocky Mountain Llama Association. (RMLA)

Alternative 2--Change the present name to Rocky Mountain Llamas and Alpacas (RMLA)

Alternative 3--Change the present name to Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association (RMLA or RMLA Association)

Alternative 4--Retain the present name of Rocky Mountain Lama Association (RMLA)

Alternative 5--Do you have a suggested name?

Any name change would occur only if the general membership voted approval at a conference. At this point the Board is considering whether to propose a name change, and we

Name change cont.

welcome your reactions to this "trial balloon."

Please take the time to let your Board Members know how you feel about this subject. Jerry Boudreaux is coordinating this information, but you can contact any of the other Board Members also.

* Jerry Boudreaux can be contacted at:
P.O.Box 2777, Estes Park, CO. 80517.

RMLA STUD POOL COMMITTEE FORMED

by Charlie Hackbarth

Sandy and I often have philosophical conversations. This particular one was about our breeding program, or I should say, our llamas' breeding program.

I was rambling on about all the hurdles a small breeder must clear in the process of developing a quality herd of llamas. The stud hurdle is the one we are trying to get over right now. "We are forced to breed our females to the limited number of studs in our immediate area," I was saying. "We don't have the money to pay ribbon winner stud fees; we don't have the time to travel around the country searching out the stud or studs with the qualities we are looking for. We are cursed with 'Small Breeders' Syndrome!'"

I sensed Sandy's deep concern for what I was saying as she laid her newspaper aside and glanced in my direction. "Is it 9:00 yet?" she said. "Quantum Leap is on."

"Sandy, this is getting serious. We have three females to breed this year and we can only use J.P. on one of them."

"So? Stop whining and do something about it!"

"Right; I'll order up a batch of studs in the morning. We'll put them in the basement and bring them up as we need them."

"Charlie, stop trying to mask your intelligence! I know at this very moment you are probably thinking of all the excellent studs in the Rocky Mountain area, and that maybe there would be some interest in starting a Rocky Mountain Llama Association stud pool. You are probably thinking about a computer database where information on each stud would be stored. Pool members would want to know things like lineage, breeding background, medical background, physical statistics, insurance, and facilities for housing before making the temporary trade. RMLA could have a stud show at their annual conference, where experts would point out the qualities of each stud. All the studs would be under the same roof, and you would be able to select the stud with the qualities you are looking for. You could go on and on, I'm sure."

"Thanks, Sandy. You've been a big help," I said.

Charlie Jimenez has agreed to chair the RMLA Stud Pool Committee. If you are interested in being on the Committee, please call Charlie before April 1st at (602)526-2883.



REGUMATE STUDY TO BEGIN

Regumate is a synthetic progesterone used to help female llamas retain their pregnancies. It is usually given orally on a daily basis, mixed in with grain.

While many female llamas are on the drug and remaining pregnant, there seems to be some disagreement among the veterinary community about its effectiveness.

RMLA has decided to move forward with an inexpensive clinical study of the drug, and needs your help with this project. If you have a female on the drug, Regumate, would you be willing to send us a blood and urine sample? This is needed to begin the study, which will ultimately help all of us understand more about Regumate's effect.

If you are willing to help in this study, please contact Jim Youngs, 25314 County Rd. T, Dolores, CO. 81323. Phone: (303)882-7126

We appreciate your support in this project.

**WEST GERMANS VISIT BOSLEY RANCH
IN WESTERN KANSAS**

The Rotary Club, Kansas District 567, received Rotarian members from a West Germany Rotary Club in October of 1989. While touring Western Kansas they visited the llama ranch of RMLA member, Earl Bosley.

The group were interested in what the llamas are used for, their age expectancy, the type and amount of food they eat, their life expectancy, and what their wool is used for.

One of the members mentioned that llamas are now just being introduced

in Europe. However, we are familiar with llamas in England for awhile. Here is yet another way our llamas perform a public relations function, not to mention an international connection! Many thanks to Earl Bosley for sharing this llama story with us.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

In the next issue of this newsletter, May, information from the International Llama Registry (ILR) will be given. Due to the length of this issue, I was not able to fit in two lengthy press releases. Since the Registry is closing in 1991, ILR is concerned that they reach people at the regional level, even though they send out information through their regular channels. So look for the latest information from ILR next issue.

THIS IS A QUIZ--DO YOU READ YOUR NEWSLETTER? If you do, then you will know that the NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is May 1st.

ANSWER TO QUIZ: This information was listed in the last newsletter on Page 5 (January issue).

ABOUT THE ADS: Classified ads are free to RMLA members and \$5 to non-members. You are limited to 2 per issue, however, you may run these as many times as you wish. Apologies that this was printed wrong in the January issue.

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**Deadline for May Newsletter
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If you have questions concerning anything about the newsletter, please write or give me a call. I do apologize for any errors made, but I am my own editor, copy-editor, paste-up person, and liaison with the printer. Jane R. Boudreaux, Box 2777, Estes Park, CO.80517 (303)586-5940

A big thank you to Nancy Russell for her "llama clip art" donated to the newsletter! Nancy put lots of hours into providing this art work for us, so we appreciate her help

Hopefully, we will eventually be able to reproduce black and white photos, but I will keep you posted as to what the printer says about this.

Articles are most welcome; so please send me anything you feel is newsworthy or that you have done to promote llamas. Share with your fellow RMLA Members through the vehicle of the newsletter.

We also very much appreciate your display and business card ads, which help to keep this newsletter publishing. A big thank you to those of you who send us these in support of the RMLA Newsletter!



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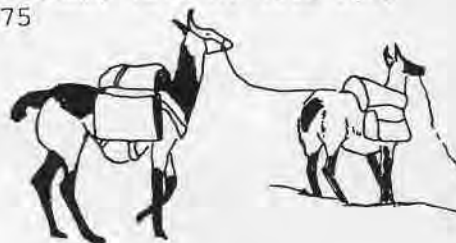
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Classifieds cont...

- FOR SALE- 3 male llamas, "Chief Washakie," "Geronimo," and "Cochise." These 3 llamas have been leased to the Girl Scout National Center West at Ten Sleep, Wyoming the past 3-4 years and are very well trained for packing. "Chief Washakie" has had some training in the harness pulling a 2 wheel cart. The Girl Scout National Center West is up for sale and is the only reason we are selling these llamas. Humphreys Veterinary Clinic, Chief Washakie Llamas, 2409 Big Horn Ave., Worland, WY. 82401, Phone: Business (307)347-3842 or Home (307)347-3114
- FOR SALE- PROVEN FEMALE LLAMA, approximately 14 years old. Tall with champagne colored, short, fine wool. Excellent milk producer, attentive mother, has easy births and sound crias. Prefer warm climate home, \$8,500. INTACT ERROL FLYNN GRANDSON, 2 years old, dark brown wool, small size, \$1500. Phred Bartholomaei, (602)285-0610.
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- FOR SALE- Female llama, 11 mo., good size, bone and conformation. White with dark eyebrows and cap, speckled legs and brown moccasins, sweet disposition. Will be ready to breed summer to early fall. Daughter of our champion Jester and appaloosa paint mother, Zuni, so she has genes for paint and appaloosa on both sides. Bobra Goldsmith, Rocky Mountain Llamas, 7202 N. 45th St., Longmont, CO. 80501 (303)530-5575



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FOR SALE- Several males; 1 packer 4 yr. old; 3 younger stud/packer prospects; also 2 nice smaller males; would make good 4-H prospects. 1 gelding, 3 yrs., very sturdy and 1 yearling, bay color, gentle, good disposition. Bobra Goldsmith, Rocky Mountain Llamas, 7202 N. 45th St., Longmont, CO. 80501, (303)530-5575

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