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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 25: Fairplay Pack Llama Race

Details are in the May issue of RMLA Newsletter. For information, call Dee or Karla Goodman, 303-345-2927. See article on page 10.

July 29 - August 2: LANA EXPO, Salem Oregon

1992 LANA EXPO will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. For more information contact: Susan Sertic, 503-935-7164.

July 31-August 2: 8th Annual Llama Rendezvous at Wind River

Details are in the May issue of RMLA Newsletter. For information, call Darlene Vaughan, 307-332-7261 or Anne Johnson, 307-332-9007.

August 2: Third Annual Colorado Breathtaking Event

A hike on the Colorado Trail - Llama Volunteers are needed. Call Amy Carter, Webb-Waring Institute, 303-270-6254. See article on page 16.

August 6-8: Llamafest at Fiberfest, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The 2nd annual Llamafest includes forums, demonstrations, show and sale related to llamas. For information contact Dar Snyder, 616-668-3089 or Leah Bird, 616-657-6379.

August 8-10: TTeam Clinic-Florissant, Colorado

TTeam Training Clinic with Marty McGee at Sally German's and Emily Klaus'. Clinics on different days for beginners to advanced.

August 14-15: Boulder County Fair, Longmont, Colorado

Bring your llamas, ranch signs, business cards and enthusiasm for the llama display. Call Mary Beth Hartsough, 303-785-2463 or Jo Riley, 303-823-5409.

August 22-23: Colorado State Fair Llama Showcase, Pueblo, CO

Lots of opportunities to showcase your llamas and alpacas.

August 27-30: RMLA Conference - Sheridan, Wyoming

Information and Schedule are on pages 8 and 9. Registration Form is in middle of the newsletter.

September 5: 3rd Annual Llamathon, Durango Colorado

A 16-mile cross country Performance Race. Prize money. Also an 8-mile recreational "Halfathon." Joy Keeling, 26650 County Road P, Dolores, CO 81323, 303-565-8274 or 303-565-6436. See article on page 17.

September 17-19: Gold Rush '92, just north of Denver

The first Annual Rocky Mountain Alpaca Sale and Llama Sale, Adams County Regional Park Complex. Call Eleanor Palmisano, 303-242-8759. Ad on pg. 14.

October 17-18: Georgia National Fair, Perry, Georgia

All llama owners are requested to participate again this year. Halter Classes, Performance Classes - ribbons and cash prizes to be awarded. Bar-B-Que for all participants. Tracy and Jack Pearson, 706-276-3658.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Chaos Central:

I am sure you must be feeling as I am that this is the busiest summer yet. I have had to make tough choices between events. I am including the Delta Society's Workshop for Pet Therapists and Animal Temperament Evaluation in my agenda, because I have found llamas to be ideally suited to that purpose. Four of us will be discussing the use of llamas as therapists in a panel discussion at the conference in Wyoming. This is right in keeping with one of RMLA's goals--the expansion of the end uses of llamas and I am looking forward to sharing experiences on this topic.

Speaking of the Conference, it is the time for our annual business meeting. At last year's meeting, the board was given a clear message to address liability and insurance problems. We made that a priority and under Dee Goodman and our attorney's, Mary Ewing, leadership we handled those issues. The business meeting and election are crucial times for you to direct our activities and to help the board set priorities. A strong organization like RMLA needs the input of its members. Plan to attend this meeting and help to formulate new goals for 1993.

The board, with initial donations from Louie Pfrangle and Wilken's Livestock Insurance, have set up a Memorial Fund for Scott Welles. The money will be used to buy RMLA memberships for youth in 4H and other approved projects.

These children will then be eligible to participate in the benefits of the Wes Mauz fund. Mary Pendergast suggested this use as one that would have been dear to Scott's heart. I am about to conclude my second successful year of 4H with 9 children and several of them are unable to afford memberships or showing. This will help expand

their participation beyond the local 4H group into the whole llama community. It is one of the goals of RMLA to educate and include more of the general public in the joys of llama activities. **The proceeds of the silent auction at the Convention will go to the Scott Welles fund.** The services of ten super studs have been donated as well as several other items. We are still looking for suitable donations and the contact person for this is Dan Schreiner.

I have enjoyed my two years on the RMLA board and I feel that it has matured me as a llama breeder. I recommend that you seriously consider accepting nominations if you receive one.

Returning to the Conference, I am really looking forward to this one in Sheridan. The topics being covered are very timely. The market has softened and we all need to become more businesslike in order to survive economically. John Schrieber is one of the most recognized authorities on the economics of the llama industry and Vic Breeden is now running two successful businesses as well as being our treasurer. Their advice will be priceless. Mary Ewing will explain insurance issues and the Equine Law, which is a real boon to llama owners in Colorado. We plan to start on a similar law for other states in conjunction with the horse industry. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Franklin will present findings on the latest research and the therapy panel should inspire us to stretch our llama's potential. We will also include the traditional doses of fellowship and fun activities. Make the CONFERENCE one of your priorities. You owe it to yourself, your llamas, and our fine organization.

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SCOTT WELLES

By Mary Pendergast

As many of you know, Scott Welles past away on the 15th of April. Tax day is a bad day anyway, right? No sense wasting a good day. I don't know about you, but I can hear him saying that right now.

To those of you who didn't know Scott, you might have gotten the impression that he was a little gruff, and maybe a little too much an "all work, no play" type of guy. That was my impression when I first ran into him! I feel privileged to have been given the chance to find out how wrong I was. I will be hard pressed to find in this lifetime another person so fun loving, kind, caring, and generous.

Scott accomplished many things in his 65 years. His gifted insight and "plan your work, work your plan" attitude lead him down the road to success many times. This was true not only of Alpenglow Llamas, but of his other endeavors. Except maybe for that one that I hear him talk about that went belly up. He started a company to package and market individual towelettes with insect repellent, sun screen, shoe polish, and the like on them. I thought to myself "Now I see that kind of stuff all over the place, how did that get screwed up?" Come to find out that this company of his was started over 40 years ago. How's that for insight? So much of it that the public didn't know they wanted it for another 3 decades or so. That was an important lesson for Scott. He always told me that you can't sell something that people don't know they want. Gee, maybe that's why he let me take his llamas to town whenever I wanted to.

Marketing wasn't the only reason he wanted me to take those llamas to town. He thought everybody deserved to have a little piece of that joy that llamas bring into your life. He let me take time out of Alpenglow's busy schedule to spend an af-

ternoon a week with Horizons for the Handicapped here is Steamboat. You can bet there wasn't an imminent sale in that group! Oh, but what fun we did have!

That program began the summer that Scott found out he was sick, and his first chance to see his llamas working with the clients was during the 4th of July parade. He was recuperating from his first operation, so he had a front row center chair downtown, and he was truly beaming, giving me the old "thumbs up" as our motley crew passed by. He certainly would have loved the sign that one of the clients made for the parade this year (Joe started working on it in February so it would be finished in time). It said "Alpenglow Llamas 4 Horizons 4 Fun."

Some of our Horizon clients also formed the Alpenglow Llamas bowling team. And that was a real treat for all of us! They started in last place, and just kept plugging away. Fun was the name of the game, and they had a High Five for anyone who got a strike, whether they were on team Llama or not. Scott couldn't quite believe it when I started coming home with the success stories. Even though he wasn't feeling very well, he decided that he needed to make a trip to the bowling alley to see what was going on with these people in Alpenglow Llama T-shirts. So we loaded everybody's favorite llama, Abner, into my VW van on a 10 below January night. Scott ran the ice scraper on the inside, I drove, and Abner just kept steaming everything up. It was a grand night at the Snow Bowl II. We all had a lot of fun, but Scott figured that was the last time he ever cared to ride in my van in the winter.

Team llama was in first place and holding the last night of the season when I had to ditch out of Scott's funeral party to watch

SCOTT WELLES (con't)

them get the trophy and tell them that Scott had died. The first thing they did when they heard was tell everybody there, "Hey Scott passed out. We're doing this for him!" (yes they said "passed out"). When they pulled up an empty chair for Scott because they knew he was watching, I really lost it.

I could go on and on with stories like this about Scott Welles. He was the type of guy who showed you by his actions every day what kind of person he was. He was so wise and honest and caring that Alpenglw Llamas had no other choice but to be successful. He loved his llamas and he wanted other people to share in that by having their own llamas. I'm not trying to say that Scott didn't see a financial opportunity in raising and marketing llamas but he wouldn't have been behind it 100% if he didn't believe in the wonder of llamas.

I thought that the wonder of llamas would cheer him up during that last week in the hospital. So Abner and I and the VW van headed to town. I was unable to convince the staff of the necessity of my visit so Scott got a day pass for the afternoon to come home. I brought Abner into

the house to say hello and was surprised to see that Scott didn't want to spend much time with him. I really had to talk him into coming over for a llama kiss. I think he loved all of those animals so much, but Abner in particular, that he just couldn't stand to say good-bye. I'm the one that saw the wonder of llamas that day, though. A couple of llama kisses made a man in a lot of pain on his lost trip home, full of tubes and other machinery start giggling. You know that giggle that he used to do when something really tickled him.

It's so selfish of me, but I miss him every day. When I hear a bit of llama gossip, I instantly think, "I can't wait to tell Scott", and every baby out of his herd that hits the ground I think, "Scott would be so proud of his fancy studs and his breeding program right now", and every morning that I get up and have a llama to look at, and a llama job to go to, I think of Scott. If it weren't for him, I would have neither.

RMLA and the Llama Industry will miss his integrity and insight, and I hope that you don't forget that Scott Welles was one in a million.

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Steppin' Out With Rocky Mountain Llama & Alpaca Association

Thursday - August 27, 1992

- 8:00 Check-in (registration all day)
- 9:00 Clinics: *Neonatal/ALSA Show Clinic*
- 12:00 Lunch (sack lunches will be brought in)
- 1:00 - 5:00 Clinics continue
- 7:00 Cocktail Buffet Atrium Holiday Inn (*Cash Bar*)

Friday - August 28, 1992

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:45 Good Morning
- 9:00 - 10:30 Dr. LaRue Johnson, DVM
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:15 Vic Breeden, *Bookkeeping Record Keeping*
Val Burgess, *Printed Ad*
John Wigglesworth, *Photography*
- 11:15 - 12:00 ***Change to another topic above***
- 12:15 - 2:00 Lunch and RMLA Business Meeting
- 2:00 - 3:00 Mary Ewing, *Liability Issues*
- 3:00 - 4:00 Ester McWilliams, *Recognizing Plants (talk/slideshow)*
Johnson County Forest Service, *Update with use of*
Llamas in the National Forest
Panel - *Llamas as Therapists*: Barb Coffman, Sally German,
Louie Pfrangle & Judy Sealy
- 6:00 Cocktails at Kings Museum (*Cash Bar*)
- 7:30 Dinner at Alger Street Cafe (*Dress Code: Wear your favorite*
Llama T-Shirt and the committee will provide the tie!)

Saturday - August 29, 1992

- 8:45 Good Morning with Sally German
- 9:00 - 10:30 John Schrieber, *Developing a Business Plan*
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 Dr. William Franklin, DVM, *Llama Behavior/Guard Animals*
12:15 Lunch and *Slide Show on South America*, Chris Switzer
- 2:00 - 4:00 Open To Public, *Public Demonstrations*
Bobra Goldsmith, *Packing Weird Loads*
Karla Goodman, *Australian Locker Hooking*
- 6:00 Barbeque at the Holiday Inn

Sunday - August 30, 1992

- 9:00 - 10:00 Breakfast: *Auction results, Election of officers, Awards*
- 10:15 - 11:00 Ginger Ferris & Chris Switzer, *Marketing Wool Round Table*
- 11:15 - 11:50 Llama First Aid
Meet the new RMLA Board Members
Susan Frye, *Llamas 101 (tentative)*

Registration Form is in the middle of the Newsletter!

CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

We must have reservations by July 31st!

Children under 5 will be supervised by a licensed day care on Thursday and Friday and care providers through the Holiday Inn on Saturday and Sunday at the cost of \$1.75/hour/child.

6 Years - 13 Years

All meals and snacks will be provided: \$50.00 for entire conference

Thursday, August 27th: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., YMCA Gameroom:

Computer games, pool, ping pong, table games, air hockey

* Bus pickup at 7:00 p.m. Holiday Inn

Friday, August 28th

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.:

The day will include activities offered at the YMCA CAMP in Story (Thorne-Rider Youth Camp). Participants will need swim suit, towel, old tennis shoes, light jacket and sack lunch provided by Holiday Inn.

6:00 - 10:00 P.M. YMCA Gameroom:

Computer games, pool, ping pong, table games and air hockey

* Bus pickup at 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 29th 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Activities will be centered around community parks, the Sagebrush Creative Park, Kendrick Park, and the YMCA Soccerfield

* Bring swim suit, towel, old tennis shoes, and sack lunch provided by Holiday Inn

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people won't know who they are bidding against.***

Registration Form is in the middle of the Newsletter!

RMLA LIBRARY NOTES

by Chris Switzer

The entire library will be on display at the conference the end of August. You'll get to see new items and check-out things the last day. Your name will be put with the items you choose or on the waiting list.

Lately, check-outs have been fantastic! 28 in March, 18 in April, 49 in May and 37 in June. I'm spending at least a full day each week. Lots of new members are using the library.

I've added more 2nd copies of some titles this spring so check-outs will go faster. There have been a few replacements too.

Videos have a 2 week check-out and books or articles 1 month. Please put your name on the envelope when you return things to me. (I file by your name, not titles.) Thanks ahead of time.

Once in awhile \$\$ donations come in. A special thank you to Corky and Barbara

Poster. Also, articles and books are sent to me -- greatly appreciated! Your suggestions and ideas are most welcome anytime.

A new video, "The World's Finest Alpaca Show", came via a winter visitor from Peru. It was produced by Coberg Corp.-filmed in Peru.

Also, a good article from Llama Banner on Colostrum by Karen H. Baum, DVM is now available.

The spring 1992 Alpacas magazine arrived. I'm getting special covers to protect the ones we have.

That's all for now . . . see you at the conference and at various summer events.

P.S. Sorry to have missed writing a column for the last newsletter -- we moved my Mom from Cleveland, Ohio to a retirement home in Ft. Collins. Also, a trip to Washington state to deliver 3 alpacas.

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE

by Dee Goodman

Recently there has been some concern about the Department of Transportation (DOT) new rules on the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) and who is required to have the CDL. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), you DO NOT need the CDL if:

1. Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) is less than 26,000 lbs.
2. Trailer weight is less than 10,000 lbs.

3. You are within 150 miles of your farm.
4. Your vehicle is used for recreation.

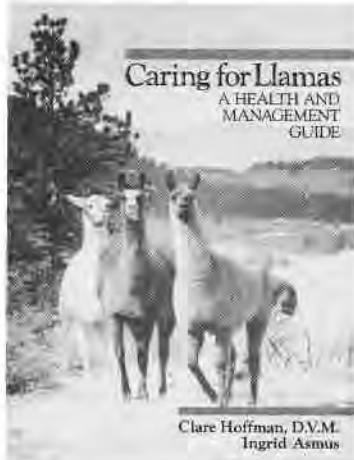
To receive a CDL, you must go through extensive testing, both written and driving and also have a extensive medical examination. In another words, according to the DMV, the DOT requires you to have the CDL if your GVW is more then 26,000 lbs, then you need the CDL PDQ. See your local DMV if you have any questions.

HELP FOR FAIRPLAY

by Dee Goodman

We need extra racing llamas and equipment for the Fairplay Pack Llama Race on July 25th. We have runners (some Media) with no llamas that would like to run the race for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

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By Jo Riley

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RMLA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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NAME (S) _____ PHONE _____

REGISTRATION: \$100.00 before July 31st # of people 2 \$ 200.00
 \$125.00 after July 31st # of people _____ \$ _____
 \$150.00 Non-members # of people _____ \$ _____

CLINICS:

Neonatal Clinic - Dr. LaRue Johnson (must register by July 31st)
 \$200.00/person, \$300.00/couple \$ _____
 ALSA Show Clinic - Darlene Vaughan - (8 years and older)
 \$50.00 includes lunch; # of people _____ \$ _____

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Must register by July 31st

Up to 5 Years
 Supervised by local day care and local sitters
 \$1.75/hour/child: Please register number of children # _____

6 Years - 13 Years
 Friday - Sunday 9:00 - 4:00, Total cost is \$50.00 per child
 Local YMCA - includes all food, # of children _____ \$ _____

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Friday Lunch \$9.00 per guest # of people _____ \$ _____
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 Saturday Dinner \$12.00 per guest # of people _____ \$ _____
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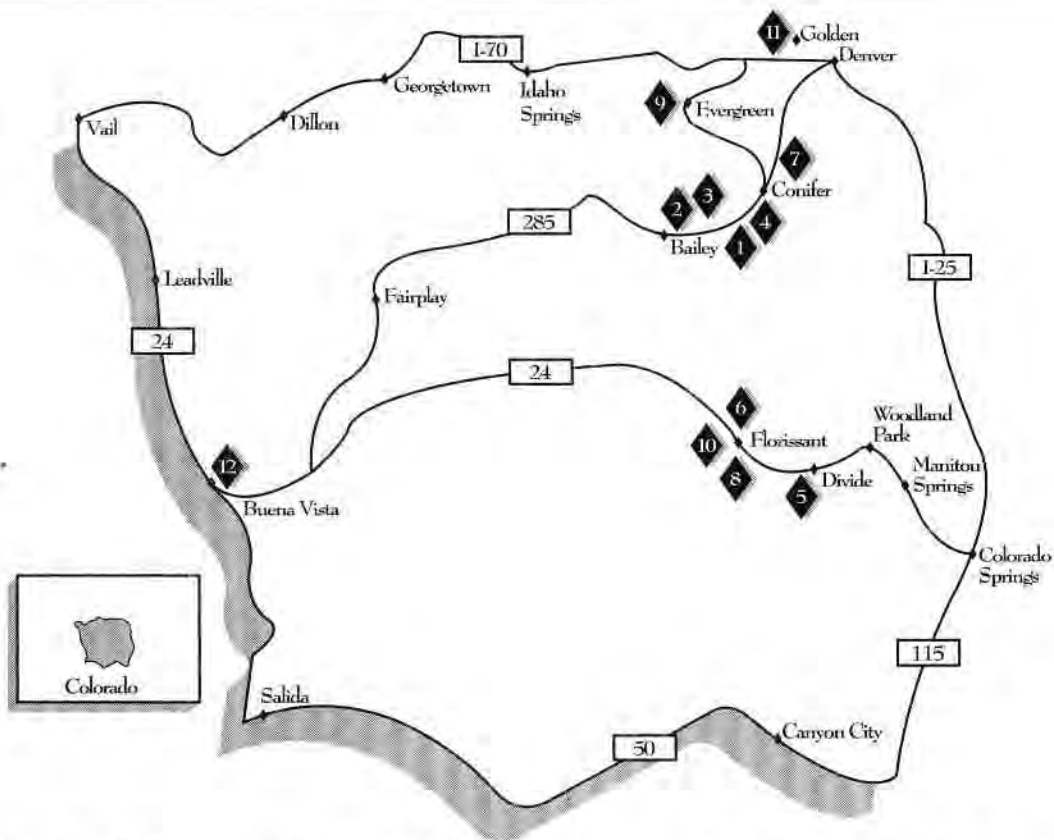
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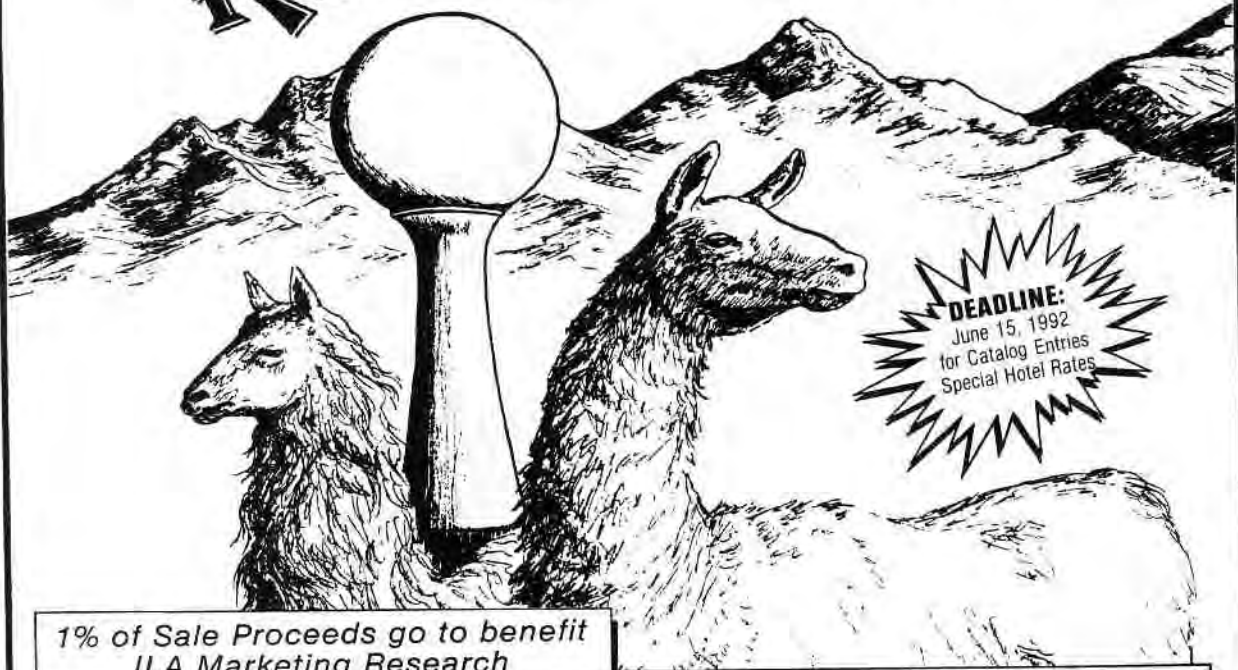
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SALLY GERMAN-THE MOTHER OF ALL 4-HERS

by Jo Riley

All of us visualize ourselves putting the good of others over our own needs. Never has that been more evident than at the Wool Market in June. Sweet dear Sally, the local mother of all Cripple Creek 4-Hers, brought 6 children plus her own two and entered the Performance Classes.

In preparation for the event all the kids have accomplished many things necessary for the well-being of the llamas and their own development. The list includes:

- Gave sub-cutaneous shots
- Halter and groomed a llama
- Practices for the Performance Classes
- Trimmed toenails
- Watched crias being born and treated navels
- Carded wool and are learning to spin
- And last but not least ... an overnight camping trip!

Many activities made this a lasting memory for all those concerned. Watching 6 children groom llamas they see once a week was heartening. The effort they displayed to make their llama the best was outstanding. One of the children, Kevin, had a particularly hard start to the day. During the showmanship class that lasted almost an hour, Kevin and his llama, Saydoh, had a basic lack of communication as to what was expected. To understand the complexity of the situation, you must understand Kevin. He suffers from Attention Deficit Disorder and has emotional and neurological disorders. Because of these problems, he is hyperactive and reacted to

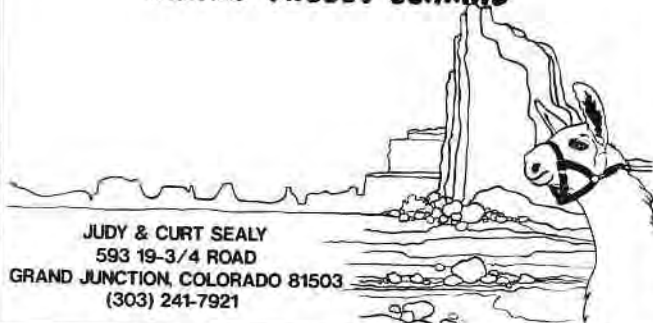
disappointment more strongly than usual. When his llama would not stand still in the Showmanship Class as most of the other llamas did, he became extremely frustrated with this llama and himself. Finally Sally took him out of the class before it was completed. She explained to him that his llama reacted to his negative attitude and when he gets frustrated it further excites the llama.

Sally intentionally picked the most assertive llama on her ranch. As Kevin started the obstacle course, we all held our breath. One by one he completed each obstacle. As Kevin completed the last obstacle, the water hole, we all broke into applause and watched Kevin proudly walk through the water with the biggest grin on his face with the llama, Saydoh, right behind him. The ending of the story was perfect for Kevin. He placed 3rd in the youth obstacle and feels that he is the best llama trainer ever! This kind of success is so hard to come by for a boy like Kevin.

This is what llama education is about. The new buzz phrase is using "llamas as pet therapy." Never has this been more true than with Kevin. Afterwards Kevin could verbalize how much progress he had made and how not losing his temper made all the difference with the llama. For a child like Kevin, that is a lesson that money can't buy.

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The first Llamathon in 1989 had seventeen llamas enter and each one was carrying 50 pounds. The course is a high altitude, very challenging course that is 8 miles in length and returns along the same course for a total of 16 miles. The vet check is at this 8 mile mark. There is a 30 minute rest where pulse and respiration are taken. At the start and finish, there were also blood samples taken in the 1990 and 1991 Llamathons.

Sixteen llamas finished the 1989 Llamathon. Times ranged from 4 hours to 6 hours (which included the 30 minute rest stop) at elevation from 10,500 to 12,500. Weather was perfect and trail conditions ideal. The llama owners and runners were both pleased and surprised on how well the animals performed and there was local and national TV coverage. The awards party was a terrific success.

The 1990 event was taken over by C.L.O.G.A. (Colorado Llama Outfitters and Guide Association) and they became the new challengers. Again seventeen llamas showed up for the event. Bad weather conditions (blowing sleet & snow and poor visibility) unfortunately cancelled the race and the TV coverage that was planned.

In 1991 ten llama teams signed up for the event but the weather was so bad (worse than the cancelled 1990 event) that only 5 llamas showed up and again no TV coverage due to the bad weather. This time organizers were ready with a 4 mile station set up with warming tents and 3 two way

radios, so all precautions were in place and the race started as scheduled by Charlie Jimenez (race director for all three Llamathons.)

The 1992 event is scheduled earlier, September 5, the first Saturday in September, in hopes of better weather. There will also be a half-Llamathon (8 mile race). RMLA will again be the sponsor and race headquarters will be at Canyon Motel, in LaPlata Canyon, Hesperus, Colorado, with good public exposure. There will be media coverage and banners along the highway and we are expecting an even larger public showing for this years event.

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PACKING WEIRD LOADS: RMLA Conference Panel

by *Bobra Goldsmith*

Have you used your pack llamas to work with your local Forest Service? Have you volunteered to pack trash out of the mountains in your region? Are you likely to? Have your llamas earned any merit badges for Packing Weird Loads?

Here's the challenge we're going to take up at this hands-on panel at this year's conference. We are announcing this panel in advance so that packers can prepare and share their ideas on how best to pack several kinds of "weird loads" on their llamas. These are not just imaginary loads pulled out of the clouds. They are things I have actually done during volunteer work

with the Forest Service here in Boulder, which involved revegetation projects, hauling out trash collected by the Girl Scouts, etc.

We will have most of the items listed below assembled for this panel, so plan ahead. Bring your good packer, whatever pack and other gear you would find useful for carrying these things. Everyone will have a chance to demonstrate his packing ingenuity with these items. Rocky Mountain Llamas will donate a useful packer's item as a prize to be given to the person who comes up with the best solutions to these packing problems.

The challenges . . . How would you pack on your llama?:

1. Two bales of mulch hay or straw, weighing about 40 lbs. each
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3. Tools such as a Forest Service digging bar (this is longer than a llama's body, and heavy), rake, pulaskis
4. Two old-time rusty bed springs, fairly lightweight
5. Six or eight "Designated Campsite Markers" (These are fiberglass, not very light, about 5" wide and about four to five feet long.)
6. Bundles of five T-posts 5' long. (These had to be carried up a gulch where there had been a forest fire and were to be used to set netting for sediment barriers. The distance was only about a quarter of a mile, was fairly steep in spots, had some trees but not too dense. Also, I only had two days notice to get prepared for this operation.

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NEW MEMBER NEWS

By Fay Earley

BARBARA AND CORKY FOSTER have lived in Montana, Michigan, Colorado, California and are presently living in Cedar City Utah. They are on 31 acres located in the city limits of Brian Head Town, a ski area in Southwest, Utah. Corky is a Hotel Department Manager and Barbara is a Health Educator for the Paiute Indian Tribe.

In 1977, they became interested in llamas from an article they read in a magazine. And in 1986 they joined SCLA and took a day trek in Elfin Forrest, CA. In 1990, they purchased 2 llamas from Mama's Llamas and one from Crystal Llamas. They later purchased 5 packers, packing equipment and a cart.

They plan to develop their 30 acres into a llama ranch and Ski Lodge or Bed & Breakfast. Their goal is to have their llamas living on their property with them, as well as creating a profitable business.

GARY JOHNSON, a farmer, and his wife, an Activity Director for a Nursing Home, live on 60 acres in the Arkansas Valley, east of Pubelo,

Colorado. A few years ago they were given 2 wild guanicos which were later sold. In September they purchased their present 3 male llamas from Calolama Ranch.

Their plans are to interest sheep ranchers and wool spinners in the virtue of llamas, and to expose llamas to 4-H kids. They feel they may be of value with the elderly and delinquent teenagers in their area.

MICHAEL BROWN is a Stationary Engineer and his wife is an Accounts Payable Technician. They and their two children live in Longmont, Colorado.

Michael grew up in Arvada, CO and moved to Longmont with his family 5 years ago. He bought his first llama from Dennis and Sandy Lanham in October, 1991, and later purchased his second llama from Westview Llamas.

He found that llamas were all that he hoped they would be and his next goal is to train them to pack and be a gentle companion animal. In the future he would like to purchase a female and raise their own llamas.

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CALIFORNIA CONDOR RECOVERY TO REST ON THE BACKS OF "SHIPS OF THE ANDES"

*This is a News Release from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Regional 1
Submitted by Erma Hast*

Two ccara llamas have become the newest volunteers in the effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore the endangered California condor to the wild in southern California's Los Padres National Forest.

The two beasts-of-burden, known as "ships of the Andes" for their packing abilities in the high mountains of South America, will soon begin their service as carriers of food for the two young California condors and two Andean condors that were released to the wild above Ventura, California last January 14.

On loan to the Service's California Condor Recovery Program by Sigmund Lichter, owner of SL Llama Ranch of Frazier Park, California, the 15- and 18-month-old llamas will backpack stillborn dairy calf carcasses to remote condor feeding stations deep within the coast range mountains of California. Calf carcasses are being used to ensure a reliable source of pure, contaminant-free meat for the young vultures, and their strategic placement within the national forest will direct the birds into progressively more isolated areas away from human disturbance.

Because many of the backcountry trails leading to the feeding sites are narrow and fairly unstable and traverse precipitous slopes, use of all-terrain vehicles to carry the 60-pound carcasses and associated gear is not possible, according to Marc Weitzel, manager of the Service's Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge and operations manager of the condor project's field activities.

"That's the beauty of the condor program's newest volunteers," says Weitzel. "We chose llamas as our newest field assis-

tants over more traditional pack animals like mules and horses because they are docile, clean, sure-footed, and cost less to maintain. And, most importantly, the impact of their padded feet is low on forest trails."

Llamas are actually classified by taxonomists as American camels, and the family includes four species -- the domesticated llama and alpaca and the wild, free-roaming guanaco and vicuna. The llama, considered the largest and strongest of the four, has two varieties -- the topada or lanuda, llama, raised for its wool and meat, and the ccara llama, used as a pack animal.

Due to years of commercial crossbreeding between the llama and alpaca, pure llamas such as the two that have joined the Fish and Wildlife Service are now considered a rare, even endangered, animal in South America.

The four condors in the experimental reintroduction are reported by Service biologists to be progressing well, exploring the area immediately northwest of their release site in the Sespe Condor Sanctuary. None of the birds have flown more than 3 miles from the release site, but their soaring flights have lasted for more than three-and-a-half hours in duration.

NOTE: The condor project site in the Sespe Condor Sanctuary has been closed to the media and the public since the release of birds in January. A photo opportunity at nearby Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge that will include a look at the llama packing project, as well as an update on the condor reintroduction by project biologists, may be available to accredited southern California media representatives depending upon extent of interest.

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