



RMLA

MARCH, 1992

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLAMA AND ALPACA ASSOCIATION

THE GREAT SUMMER RMLA ACTIVITIES

JUNE 5-7: 6TH ANNUAL PACK FESTIVAL, CARBONDALE, CO

This is an event where family, friends and llamas meet in the mountains for fun games and to savor the food served at the famous cook contest. The Festival, for members only, will be limited to 50 people and their llamas. For registration, call or write: Jack White, 22900 RCR 56, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487, 303-897-1358.

JUNE 27: SECOND ANNUAL CRIPPLE CREEK RED LIGHT DISTRICT LLAMA RUN

A 1-1/2 mile fun llama race through Cripple Creek Colorado. For information, write or call Sally German, 8918 Teller #1, Florissant, CO 80816 719-689-3063.

JULY 25: 10TH ANNUAL FAIRPLAY PACK LLAMA RACE AND ROUNDUP

A 3-mile cross country run with ribbons and prizes awarded in different age divisions plus other fun and different llama events in downtown Fairplay all sponsored by RMLA. To register or for information, please contact Dee or Karla Goodman, 41930 County Rd. AA, Akron, CO 80720, 303-345-2927.

JULY 31-AUGUST 2: 8TH ANNUAL WIND RIVER LLAMA RENDEZVOUS AT LANDER, WY

This show is the King of ALSA approved shows with Halter and Performance classes. All the performance classes are in natural setting. There is also a ALSA sponsored show management clinic in addition to a TTeam Clinic with Marty McGee. For more information, call Darlene Vaughan, 307-332-7261 or Ann Johnson, 307-332-9007.

AUGUST 27-30: 1992 RMLA CONFERENCE (NEW DATE!)

It's time to mark your calendar for the 1992 RMLA Conference to be hosted by Vic & Lori Breeden, Sheridan, Wyoming! Please fill out the pink card in the middle of the newsletter so they can plan the conference of your dreams!

SEPTEMBER 5: 3RD ANNUAL LLAMATHON, DURANGO, CO

A 16-mile cross country performance race. Prize money. For more information, call Larry & Joy Keeling 303-565-6436.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22-23: Team Clinic

TEAM Clinic with Marty Mcgee at Overland Trail Llamas, Livermore CO. Contact Dale or Mike Pettigrew for registration information, 303-493-2335. (See Ad)

May 22-24: Intermountain Llama Classic, Logan Utah

More informations will be available in the near future, Come join the fun! Call Steve and Linda Kyriopoulos, Sterling Springs Ranch, 801-245-3529.

June 6: Dr. LaRue Johnson at Kansas State University

Dr. Johnson will speak at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, Kansas. Also, Dr. Horst Leipold on his findings in camelid genetic research. For information, call Dr. Linda Johnson, 913-532-5696 or Leisa Bailey, 913-537-4644.

June 11-14: 1st Annual AOBA Conference, Estes Park, CO

Veterinary speakers, marketing experts, workshops and fiber clinics. Peruvian Festival Dinner Fiber and Animal Workshops, Alpaca and Fleece Show, For information or registration contact: Hobert's Office Services, 303-586-9519.

June 11-14: Estes Park Wool Market, Estes Park, Colorado

Workshops, demonstrations, vendors, shows. For information, 303-586-6704.

June 19-21: Western Colorado Show

2nd Annual Championship Llama and Alpaca Show and Western Colorado 8th Annual Regional Championship Peruvian Horse Show. New classes, restructured stall fees, BBQ and entertainment. Call 303-242-8759 for information.

June 25-29: ILA Annual Conference, Burlington, Vermont

The International Llama Association 11th Annual Conference will feature three days of speakers, demonstrations, product display booths, lama exhibits and post conference clinics. For information contact ILA, 303-756-9004.

July 2-4: Firecracker '92, Salem, Oregon

The West Coast Llama Sale. Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon. Featuring the Firecracker Futurity, the Firecracker Open Sale and the Firecracker Challenge. For information, please contact Firecracker, Inc., 503-843-2765, FAX 503-843-3030, 800-876-8816.

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.

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

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

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

The first Annual Rocky Mountain Alpaca Sale and Llama Sale at the Waymire dome, Adams County Regional Park Complex in Brighton, CO (just 18 miles north of Denver). Call Frank or Eleanor Palmisano, 303-242-8759.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It's attaboy time!

Volunteerism is what fuels our organization and I am thrilled by the contributions which our members have been making.

Our display at the Denver Stock Show was greatly enhanced by the wooden llama sculpture which Gerald Lee and Cliff Harding constructed. It comes apart and will be a permanent part of our traveling display. We were able to man our booth for the entire duration of the Stock Show due to our responsive membership. Volunteers drove from various parts of the state and many brought llamas to display. Mary Pendergast did a fine job coordinating this effort and, as always, Lori West was there to organize, set up and break down the display.

Dee Goodman deserves the thanks of the whole Colorado llama community for his work on the addition of llamas to the Equine Law. This will limit the liability of llama owners when they allow the public to handle their llamas. Congressman Ken Chlouber took a personal interest in our cause and is seeing this bill through to law. Senator Don Ament sponsored us in the Senate. I also want to thank Wes Mauz, Dale Morris, Dee and Karla Goodman, Heather (from CSU), Karen George, Jeff Rucker, my two children, and the llamas for taking time away from the

Stock Show on show day to support our efforts at the state Capital in front of the Agricultural Committee. We gained much positive publicity and governmental support for llamas.

All of our committees are enthusiastic and are hard at work. The research, conference, and education committees have included questionnaires in this issue so that they can direct their energies in ways which will reflect our members' interests and concerns. I hope that each one of you will take the time to respond promptly and thoughtfully. We want to continue to be tops in the education to and service of our members.

Other projects currently in the works include all of our summer events, the conference, the development of a litter to carry accident victims out of formerly inaccessible areas, a parade banner, the development of a research policy, financial support for LaRue Johnson's testicular biopsy study, and a totally new insurance policy written specifically for llamas with the inclusion of participant as well as spectator coverage. Thanks to everyone involved with these projects.

Thanks again to our many volunteers and to all of you in anticipation of your responses to our questionnaires.

Enthusiastically yours,

Sally

LLAMA BILL

On Friday, January 3rd, 1992, Representative Ken Chlouber introduced House Bill 1064 to the Colorado House of Representatives. Basically the "Llama Bill" states there are limited grounds for filing lawsuits against llama owners when injury occurs during the following events or activities:

- (1) Llama shows, fairs, competitions, performances, packing events, or parades
- (2) Using llamas to pull carts or carry packs
- (3) Using llamas during rescue or emergency situations
- (4) Llama training
- (5) Taking llamas on public relations trips such as schools or nursing homes
- (6) Commercial packing trips
- (7) Boarding llamas
- (8) Riding, inspecting, or evaluating a llama belonging to another
- (9) Using llamas in wool production
- (10) Rides, trips or other llama activities of any type however informal or impromptu that are sponsored by a llama activity sponsor such as RMLA.
- (11) Trimming the nails of a llama

This legislation basically is an amendment to the Colorado Equine Law passed last year giving exemption from civil liability during equine activities. The bill defines llama meaning a South American camelid which is an animal of the genus lama, commonly referred to as a "one Llama", including llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicunas. This bill does require that every "Llama Professional" shall post and maintain signs clearly visible near

stables and at events. The sign shall state: Warning; under Colorado law, a llama professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in llama activities resulting from the inherent risks of llama activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes. These signs will be offered for sale to all members for their farms in Colorado through RMLA.

The following has been the progress of the Llama Bill;

January 15th; Rep. Chlouber and two llamas testified in front of the House Agricultural Committee, received unanimous vote of approval 11-0.

January 23th; HB 1064 passed the full House 39-22.

January 29th; Senator Don Ament introduced Llama Bill to the Colorado Senate.

January 30th; The Senate Agricultural committee gave unanimous vote of approval.

February 17th; Senate to vote on the second reading.

February 18th; The senate voted approval and sent HB 1064 to the Governor for signature.

We'll let you know the outcome of the Llama Bill in the next newsletter. One thing that ALL Colorado llama owners NEED to do is to PLEASE write a thank you to Representative Ken Chlouber at 220 West Eighth, Leadville, CO 80461 and thank him for all the help and work he has done on HB 1064, The Llama Bill. And also send a thank you to Senator Don Ament (for sponsoring this bill in the Senate) at Rt. 1, Box 142, Illiff, CO 80736. If you have any questions, please call Dee Goodman, 303-345-2927 anytime!

RESULTS FROM THE MARKETING QUESTIONNAIRE

By Kathy London

My thanks to everyone who filled out the marketing questionnaire at the Convention last fall. Here are the results:

Responding members want RMLA to be very active or moderately active in marketing. Based on the number of members who indicated interest in marketing on their membership forms or by filling out the survey, however, only ten percent of members are interested in marketing. I conclude our members see marketing and advertising as a small part of what RMLA is about.

An overwhelming majority of responding members feel expositions and short demonstrations of llamas in action are our best marketing tool. Fairs are by far the first choice as locations for llama demonstrations. There was some support for demonstrations or displays at sporting/outdoors stores.

Members would be willing to bring their non-stud, for sale males to marketing events. Respondents would be interested in participating in two to six events a year; and indicated they were generally willing to drive up to 300 miles for an event. Spring was the favored time of year for events, followed by fall. A little over half the respondents did not care if marketing events were coordinated with ALSA show schedules.

In the general member survey at the Convention, people overwhelmingly felt RMLA should allow free participation for members at RMLA marketing events. This was different from the marketing committee's feeling that a modest fee should be charged.

Respondents felt that our best market for males lay with pets and companions, followed by packing. About half the people filling out the survey left this question blank. I'd like to hear from more members.

The survey asked people to rank types of publications as suitable for RMLA to place advertisements. "Outdoors" magazines was the first choice, with country-living magazines second. Llama magazines received equal numbers of first-choice and low-choice: it appears there is a significant group who feel we are just talking to ourselves when we advertise in llama magazines. Magazines for exotics were soundly disapproved for RMLA advertising.

Thanks again to everyone who invested their time on the questionnaire. Several of RMLA's advertisements were allowed to lapse last fall pending these results. We'll be preparing a new advertising and marketing strategy now, and we'll keep you posted. Your further comments and opinions are welcome! Talk to your board members, or me, or write something for the newsletter.

LLAMAS & MORE

Effective January 11, 1992, Ed and Nancy Charlson have repossessed the assets of Llamas and More, Inc. The business name has been changed to Quality Llama Products. Ed and Nancy will again be running the business from the former location at 6615 SW McVey, Redmond, OR 97756. The

new toll free number is 1-800-638-4689. If anyone has any outstanding orders, bills, or problems, please call or write as soon as possible so that they can correct any errors and complete the audit of the books. They look forward to again serving the Llama community.

FINDING THE RIGHT ALPACA FOOD SUPPLEMENT

by Jerry Misfeldt

Choosing the best feed for alpacas can present some interesting dilemmas. We know alpacas' dietary needs are like llamas, but also different. It's probably impossible for us to match or even approximate the food plants they have been eating for centuries in South America.

Here in the northern Sierra, we have been feeding dry lot with oat hay and grass hay with about 20% alfalfa. In summer months we also have good quality pasture and some native shrubs for our alpacas. Though our animals generally were healthy, we found that phosphorous levels were sometimes low, between 1.7 and 4.0. We first attempted to alter these levels with supplemental llama pellets. The animals ate them, gained weight, too much in some cases, but the phosphorous levels didn't appreciably improve.

We then began assessing other supple-



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ments and settled on "Stillwater Minerals" product, *Llama-Min 102*. The company suggests free choice and removal of other mineral blocks. Our animals wouldn't touch it. Our animals were addicted to the pellets so we spread the *Llama-Min 102* in the bottom of our feeders and spread pellets over them. The *Llama-Min 102* disappeared along with the pellets. Eventually, our alpacas acquired a taste for the new supplement and readily eat it.

The results have been excellent. Phosphorous levels now run between 4.6 and 8.0, indicating we are on the right track.

About the author: Jerry and Nicole Misfeldt are the ranch managers for Truckee Tahoe Alpaca Ranch, one of the nation's oldest alpaca ranches.

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AOBA CONFERENCE PREVIEW

by Marilyn S. Moon

The Alpaca owners and Breeders Association, AOBA, will be presenting its 1st ANNUAL AOBA CONFERENCE this summer in conjunction with the Estes Park Wool Market, June 11-14, 1992.

The Fairgrounds and Holiday Inn Convention Center will be bustling with activity as conference participants prepare to engage in a well balanced variety of activities.

EDUCATION: The AOBA Conference will feature four nationally recognized speakers at the Conference.

Dr. Edgar Sheaffer, DVM, will offer a clinic on understanding the health care of the whole animal, including preventive health maintenance, nutritional counseling, and homeopathy techniques, which have wide ranging application.

Dr. Murray Fowler, DVM, will address the topics of alpaca cria health, locomotion and conformation, basic llama and alpaca health and emergency camelid medicine.

Dr. LaRue Johnson, will offer recent research based findings on the evaluation of male camelid qualities and characteristics as well as updating breeders on camelid nutrition and diet.

Mr. Scott Halford, marketing expert, will work with breeders to improve and enlarge their marketing skills. Mr. Halford is an Emmy Award winning writer and producer and will present his workshop on "Marketing Without Moola."

ENTERTAINMENT: The Peruvian Festival Dinner promises to meet everyone's expectations of fun and enjoyment. The gayly decorated Festival Room, with South American banners and strolling musicians, will start the evening on Saturday, June 13. South American beverages will be available while Festival participants decide which raffle items they would like to bid on. A case of wine, custom farm banners, grooming products, breedings with nationally recognized alpaca

studs, 1/2 page ad in Llama Link, four day stay in Carmel by the Sea, the list goes on with several more unique and wonderful items. This raffle contains very generous donations and is a "must" for Conference attendees.

In addition to the Festival Raffle will be the Grand Raffle. The "Bermuda Holiday" includes 4 days and 3 nights in Bermuda with breakfast and dinner daily plus hotel to airport transportation. Two male alpacas, generously donated by AOBA members, will be in the Grand Raffle to be won by some lucky Raffle participant.

The Wool Market will be offering their famous lamb Bar-B-Q on Friday evening, June 12. The crisp, outdoor mountain air will provide a perfect backdrop for the Bar-B-Q and musical entertainment.

EXPOSURE: The Alpaca Barn Day will be held on Saturday June 13, providing an opportunity for Fiber Producers and Fiber Users to meet and learn more about the wonderfully, wooly alpaca. "Round-Robin" mini-instructional classes will present topics on shearing, grooming, weaving and spinning alpaca wool, conformation, and training an alpaca. For AOBA members, Saturday will be a day to feature the alpaca.

An ALSA sanctioned Alpaca Show will also be held during the Conference weekend along with Fleece Competitions. The winners of each show will be photographed and mentioned in the Alpaca Magazine.

A rare and wonderful opportunity to learn about a variety of fibers and more about alpacas awaits each Conference participant. Last year in 1991 more than 5,000 participants and observers were present at the 4 day Estes Park Wool Market. Mark your calendar! Plan to attend what promises to be a highly successful AOBA Conference.

For more information or to receive Registration Packets contact: Hobarts Office Services, 303-586-9519.

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ALSA SHOW RECORD

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GRAND CHAMPION
HEAVY WOOL MALE**

Estes Park Wool Market, June 1991

**GRAND CHAMPION
HEAVY WOOL MALE**

Western Colorado Peruvian Horse &
Llama Show, June 1991

Big Horn Rendezvous, August 1991

New Mexico Llama Show,
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National Western Stock Show,
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Southwestern Expo &
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The membership renewals and new members are approaching 400 at this time representing more than 293 ranches. Renewals are very much appreciated and new members welcomed! The Breeders and Owners Directory and the Service Directory will be mailed soon!

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FMHA HAS SPECIAL LOAN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Too inexperienced to have established credit? Too young to get a loan? No record of success to qualify for financial assistance?

"Not necessarily so," said Judy A. Jaklich, Farmers Home Administration State Director for Colorado. "FMHA has a special loan program for young people at least 10 but less than 21 years old who need financing to get started in their first money-making enterprise. FmHA's Youth Project Loans are made specifically to young people participating in an organized program of work such as 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, or similar organizations.

"These loans help young people establish and operate incomeproducing projects related to their club or organization," Jaklich said. "The project must be planned with the assistance of advisors and operated under their guidance."

Loan funds are traditionally used by students to buy calves or lambs and fattening them up for market or to put in a crop and selling the resulting harvest. However, loans can be used for a variety of purposes as long as they produce sufficient income to repay the loan and pro-

vide the youth with the educational experience of successfully conducting a business operation.

Loans for Youth Projects are made through FmHA's Farm Operating Loan Program.

"While most of the loans go for agricultural activities," Jaklich said, "they can be used for many other projects, including repair shops, catering services, craft sales, roadside stands and many other enterprises."

However, projects must be modest in scope and size, in keeping with school related activities.

"Getting the capitol to start and operate a business is part of the experience," Jaklich said. "Our young borrowers must sign a promissory note and become personally responsible for repaying the loan with interest. They must pledge their produce or chattel property - including livestock, equipment and fixtures - as security for the loan," she added.

Students interested in obtaining a Youth Project Loan should contact the Farmers Home Administration county office servicing their area.

**THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION ON THE RMLA
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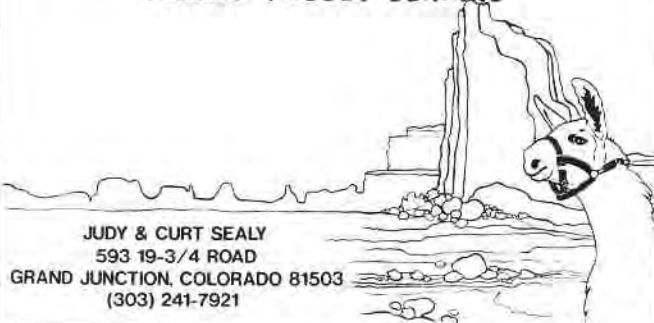
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LIBRARY NOTES

by Chris Switzer

There is a change from the last newsletter, we now have 158 library items.

Special thanks to Gail Segreto for the money donations. Also to Ann Johnson for the article on "Bolivian Highland Weaving" by Marjorie Cason and Adele Cahlander in the Spring, 1985 magazine, *Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot*.

The 92-93 ALSA Handbook is here!

After spending a couple of hours in the library at the Denver Art Museum, I have more references for future editions. Also, a copy of the National Geographic article, "Camel of the Clouds", May, 1946.

About 20 - 25 packages go out monthly. New members are sending me lists and calling to give their requests. Ideas for new titles are most welcome.

SPINNERS ANONYMOUS

Please enter your handspun llama/alpaca skeins in the Handspun Contest at the Wool Market in June in Estes Park. There is a class for each, llama and alpaca, plus one for blends: 2 ounce skeins, single or multiply, spun smooth

and even, \$1.00 per entry, one entry per class per spinner. The deadline for Mail-in Entry is May 20th or Hand Delivered is June 13th. For information, contact Estes Park Wool Market, Post Office Box 1967, Estes Park, CO 80517, 303-586-6104.

**HAVE YOU FILLED OUT ALL THE QUESTIONNAIRES?
WE NEED YOUR HELP AND OPINIONS!**

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RASPUTIN: Gorgeous, solid black Wheel of Fortune grandson. This beautiful three year old (DOB 4/89), has lots of silky black wool, large bone, great conformation and ears. We are eagerly awaiting his first offspring this summer. Introductory fee through September '92, \$500 live birth guaranteed. Will travel. Serenity Lane Llamas, 719-687-1224 (CO).

GOLD RUSH '92

The Rocky Mountain Alpaca Sale and Llama Sale



1% of Sale Proceeds go to benefit
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September 17-18-19, 1992

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SOUTHERN STATES LLAMA ASSOCIATION 2nd ANNUAL LLAMA SHOW

By Judy Sealy

SSLA--or how to escape the winter doldrums! Cabin fever had definitely set into our household (and it's only January!)! Curt suggested I get away for a week, so I decided to visit my mother in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. I had a car available to hit the malls (keep in mind I live in Grand Junction with one mall you can walk across in three minutes), and the knowledge I could visit the South Florida State Fair in West Palm Beach, Florida in less than an hour!

After one quick call to Roseanne Watson, organizer of the 2nd Annual Llama Show, I felt warmly accepted as a fellow llama owner and totally drawn into the core of activities of their show. I packed everything from shorts, to jeans, to my traditional show clothes prepared to help

in anyway I could. Taken by the elbow, introduced to SSLA members and invited to show llamas for Myra Freeman (Animal Crackers Llama Farm), I reflect upon this vacation as a memorable experience. In one sentence I can truly say the camaraderie that exists among llama owners is the same throughout the country. I must also add that when asked what association I am from, I take pride in being an RMLA member for we are recognized as an exemplary association. Special emphasis was also expressed by the 4-H leaders on the RMLA 4-H Project book they consider their "Bible" for their kids. They demonstrated to me the involvement and dedication they and their 4-H kids have toward their llamas. I came home with an exhilarated spirit and a heartfelt thanks for new-found friends!

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by Jerry Boudreaux

The RMLA Foundation continued its financial growth in 1991 and began disbursing scholarships to two recipients. Funding for the Foundation comes from two sources: primarily, from proceeds of the Fun Auction and other donations at the annual conference; secondly, from interest earnings on the invested funds.

The 1991 Fun Auction raised \$8469 and enabled the Foundation to surpass the \$40,000 level in total funds. The membership should feel quite proud of this accomplishment!

Scholarships were awarded in 1991 to Joy Hernbrode and Kimberly

Hartsough. Each scholarship is for \$250 per semester for a maximum of five semesters.

The balance of Foundation funds on December 31, 1991 was \$40,966. Accounting for and investment of the funds is done by Jerry Boudreaux in Estes Park, Colorado. The RMLA Board provides oversight of the financial operations and activities of the Foundation.

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“HOW THE WILDERNESS WAS TAMED” OR “ISN’T THERE ROOM FOR WOMEN, LLAMAS AND COLLEGE KIDS?”

By Bob and Nancy Russell, Spindrift Llamas, who have been packing with and raising llamas for about 10 years in Colorado and Idaho. Both work for the USDA Forest Service. Until recently, Bob was a Director of the International Llama Association.

From a friend of ours, we recently received a copy of a letter written to the Forest Service in Montana from a 70 year old gentleman regarding the use of llamas (probably pronounced “lambas”) for trail maintenance work “in the wilderness.” In it he says there is a 100 year old tradition of building trails with “men, horses, and mules” and it is time to return the job to them. He attributes the problem to his perception that the Forest Service only hires “young, city raised college kids who have never seen a wilderness trail, much less handled a horse or a mule.” He compares, somewhat inaccurately, the speed of travel, degree of impact, ease of handling, and load-bearing capabilities of horses (mules) and llamas, and concludes “the kids and llamas ain’t getting the job done.” He says that “all Wilderness users should let the Forest Service know where we stand on this issue.”

Though the facts are somewhat different than this gentleman’s perceptions, the letter is encouraging in that it illustrates the fact that the Forest Service, and other land managing agencies, are increasingly discovering the virtues of llamas and utilizing them more and more-to the point that it is being noticed by the public. While they still use lots of horses and mules, the number of people skilled in their use and available for work continues to decline. The agencies are indeed looking for safer alternatives to turning “greenhorns” loose with a string of horses or mules-and have

found one in many places with Llamas. And the word is getting around that, unlike the gentleman from Montana’s conclusion, they are working out very well in situations that do not require large distances to be covered quickly, or heavy burdens beyond the llama’s capability. The fact is, there will always be a need for both types of pack stock, and there is no reason they cannot coexist as tools to get the job done in the Wilderness.

The discouraging part of the letter is that misinformation and prejudice still are rampant (most of us are against what we don’t understand). The gentleman from Montana, by the way, is a member of a very large organization of mostly horse and mule enthusiasts throughout the west known as the BackCountry Horsemen. It should be added that he does not necessarily reflect their “official” view of llamas in the Wilderness, but probably is not presenting a small minority opinion either. The BackCountry Horsemen organization includes many statewide and local chapters throughout the west. Besides enjoying their animals in the woods, they also do a lot of good volunteer work helping the agencies build trailheads, maintain trails, clean up the backcountry, and all the things that money and resources are usually lacking to complete. In short, they are an established and (justifiably) respected public land user group and have earned that reputation over the years. Some of them simply need to be educated

"HOW THE WILDERNESS WAS TAMED" OR "ISN'T THERE ROOM FOR WOMEN, LLAMAS AND COLLEGE KIDS?" (con't)

about llamas (as do the horses and mules).

We live in Salmon, Idaho. Here, the old west, if not alive, is still warm and occasionally twitching. We are located at the gateway to the Frank Church, River of No Return Wilderness (the largest in the lower "48"). Here, "men are men, and pack animals are not camelids." Here, too, we have a local chapter of the BackCountry Horsemen. When we first arrived, we talked to them about our llamas and why we use them. We offered to work with them in getting their animals used to the sight and smell of our animals. It took a while (and some good natured bantering back and forth), but the local BackCountry Horsemen chapter eventually invited our Lemhi Llama Association (membership - four couples at the time) to join them at the Fairgrounds for an "encounter session;ion". They brought their riding and pack stock, and we brought our Llamas. With pack gear in place, we lead our llamas through strings of horses and mules, and vice versa-until it was apparent that much of the "of unknown" had been eliminated from the minds of both people and animals. We have encountered them on the trail a couple of times since-without incident. Nor have we had any disagreements about our mutual right to use or enjoy the "wilderness" with whatever sort of pack animal that suits us.

Another point that needs to be made is that we, as llama users in the backcountry, have to do more than just assert our right to be in the Wilderness with our llamas. The fact that the Forest Service and other agencies are recognizing the bene-

fits of using llamas themselves is directly attributable to the llama owners in the local area that have taken the time to show them what the llamas can do usually through volunteering time and effort to help them get a job done. One of the best examples of that was the significant and highly publicized assistance of members of the Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association and their animals with the construction of the Colorado Trail. Yet, as of today, we do not have an organized effort underway to establish ourselves as a legitimate user group (as opposed to legitimate individual users) on public lands, as have the BackCountry Horsemen for many, many years. Isn't it about time we started on it?

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THE PLIGHT OF THE CLASSIC LLAMA

My opinion, by Susan Greiner

I've been to the Llama show at the National Western Stock Show twice now. I bought my first two llamas last year, so I'm relatively new at this business, although I've been interested in llamas for about 10 years. I am no stranger to the business world, though, having owned a competitive whitewater rafting business for the last seven years. I'd like to share my perspective on the direction I see the industry taking, from the point of view of a newcomer.

I have observed a growing level of discontent among some llama breeders (those that breed medium woolled working Llamas -- what I call classic llamas) with the way shows and auctions are run and the direction the llama industry is headed--namely toward woolly Llamas. When I talk to llama breeders, more often than not I am told that they have started to buy and breed woolier llamas "because that's the way the market is going." The llama show at the National Western proved true to form, as the heavy wool classes were judged first. By the time the medium/light wool classes started, most of the audience had left, and everyone, including the judge, was obviously getting tired. The same judge judged the heavy wool classes and the medium/light wool classes. He did look for conformation in the heavy wool classes, but in my opinion, most of the animals he was comparing had at least somewhat crooked legs, so he could only choose the best available conformation there. I thought he really showed his bias toward wooly animals when it came time for the medium/light wool classes. He nearly always chose the wooliest ones in the class, with conformation second, as far as I could see.

Also, there were some pretty wooly animals in some of the medium/light wool classes, and it seemed to me their owners

were taking advantage of the system by entering wooly animals in those classes so that they would have an advantage and wouldn't have to compete in the heavy wool classes. If that was the tactic, it seems to have paid off at the National Western Stock Show. Several times, a smaller, less conformationally correct, woolier animal was chosen over a larger, straighter, shorter woolled animal. In the Get-of-Sire Class, the judge ranked all of the wooliest animals ahead of the shorter woolled animals, even though the get from the medium/light woolled sire was outstanding, and in my opinion should have won the class.

I spoke with one llama breeder who pulled all of her animals out of the show, at least partly because of the way it was being judged. I don't think breeders who raise medium woolled classic llamas feel they have a fair chance in shows, and it actually hurts their reputation to enter their outstanding animals in these shows only to lose to woolier animals. So they stop entering. And there were several large Colorado breeders who were not there this year, breeders of classic llamas.

The Llama Performance Show wasn't nearly as good this year as last. Why? Because several ranches didn't enter. Also, the announcer was silent throughout most of the show, and the audience got bored and many left. The way the llama performance show was run, the order of the halter classes, and the biased judging of the halter classes sent a clear message-- medium/light woolled classic llamas are second class.

I see the llama industry developing two types of llamas, wooly show llamas, and less wooly classically built work llamas. I don't have a problem with that. What I do have a problem with is that the industry is sending the untrue message that classic llamas are second rate. NO WAY!

THE PLIGHT OF THE CLASSIC LLAMA (con't)

The breeders of classic Llamas that I have seen seem to react to this inequity in three ways. 1) they stay home and leave the shows to the wooly Llamas, 2) they buy a wooly Llama so they can compete in the wooly market, and 3) they compete in the shows anyway to give the classic Llama some exposure.

Let me put this question to you llama breeders out there. Do you run the market or does the market run you? I think many of you are starting to raise wooly llamas "because that's the way the market is going", even though you'd rather be raising classic Llamas. But who affects the market? When shows run heavy wool classes first and judges bias against classic llamas, what does the public see a llama as being? Wooly. Make your market. Join the llama breeders that steadfastly show their classic llamas in the shows anyway, and work to get them the exposure they need. Show the public

what classic llamas are, too.

In my opinion, shows like the National Western should have different judges for the heavy wool and medium/light wool classes-after all they are a completely different thing Also, performance shows need more entries and more emphasis. Maybe we can even start showing medium wooled animals earlier in some of these shows so they don't always take a second seat.

Maybe I'm just naive, but it seems to me that llama breeders need to take control of their own destinies. People will buy what people identify with as being a llama. If all they see are woolies, that's all they'll think there is. I think the llama industry's future lies in two distinct types of llamas, wooly ones, and classic ones. There is room for both, so let's stop trying to compete them against each other.

Editor's Note: If you would like to send in an editorial, we would be most happy to print it.



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FAMILIES THAT TREK TOGETHER - STAY TOGETHER!

By Kate Booth-Doyle

Children inspire me. Family dynamics fascinate me. Earthwalk rejuvenates me. Llamas are the fuzzy, fun friends that bring it all together. Combine the above ingredients into a family llama trek and the results are abundance, relationship and fun. The family is an ideal environment for learning the tools of cooperation, respect, personal regard love of the Earth and all her creations.

A llama pack trip which includes family members is a fun and adventurous way of teaching and learning the tools of harmonious living. Not only is the llama pack trip downright fun, it is also a prime opportunity to bring the family together to experience common ground. Each family member is offered the opportunity to recognize individual abilities and potential as well as acknowledge abilities of others. For example, while working with a llama on a trek, we notice each llama has characteristics. Through noticing differences and characteristics of each animal comes an increasing ability to recognize more clearly the personalities of our human family members and friends. The lesson is in recognizing and acknowledging those strengths of others which creates a more harmonious situation.

Using the intelligent and very individualistic llama as a point of demonstration increases this awareness. I will offer an example: I have a llama, Murphy, who does not walk fast and tends to stop often to sniff the cliffrose and munch the wild sedgegrass. My attempts to hurry Murphy along ended in a tug-of-war battle of wills, frustration and unkind heated words on my part. I observed more deeply and noticed Murphy has longer toes which

may slow his pace. However, of greater value are a few positive characteristics Murphy demonstrates: he carries 85-90 pounds of gear without complaint; is extremely gentle to handle; is willing to carry a small child on his back; is dependable and loveable. His strengths give me the opportunity to match him with persons who would rather walk at a slower pace. I can also place a tired child hiker on his back (if he is not fully loaded!) for periodic rests. I use him for public relation opportunities at schools, fairs, senior centers, rest homes, etc.

When strengths are stressed, weaknesses are no longer an issue. On my hikes, I invite each llama trekker to notice some of their own strengths and positive aspects of other hikers. We have time so share these observations during the day or while gazing into an evening campfire. One child had the astute power of observation. He saw tiny, spotted ladybugs, horned beetles, grayjays, bluebirds, ruby throated hummingbirds, star flowers, alpine forget-me-nots, hidden delicate pinedrops beneath the canopy of Englemann Spruce, beaver diving, pine squirrels in dark hidyholes, and the flash of white as the Muledeer takes cover among the aspen. This child did not walk fast but he brought a lively, creative awareness to the others in the group who would have passed these treasures of Earthwalk unnoticed.

I will extend the meaning of family at this point by including any members of a llama trek, whether related by blood or simply by experience. I have noticed the llama trekkers begin to form a bond among themselves as they share previous and

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immediate experiences and perceptions. They laugh, hug, cry, tell stories, share clothing, dress blisters and abrasions, listen and help heal past wounds, discover and uncover deceptions, disillusion, misconceptions, prejudices, pride all in the atmosphere of ultimate objectivity of Wilderness. Parents learn to play with the enthusiasm of children as children learn they have precious and valuable skills and perceptions worth teaching to adults.

When I say "families that trek together, stay together", I invite you to extend your definition of family and encourage you to engage in the spirit of play and watch the magic. Your family may be immediate family of origin, a recovery or therapy business associates, church group, or any group in which you spend time. Experience the unique opportunity to learn about yourself in an environment which offers play, cooperation, alone time, and the challenges of nature. Watch the magic of right relationship take hold within your family as you combine the simple ele-

ments of Earthwalk, children, family and llamas. Notice the subtle and powerful changes within your relationships. Have fun and grow with each experience. Hope to see you on the mountain with a llama in tow!

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FAIRPLAY PACK LLAMA RACE

by Dee Goodman

It all started 10 years ago when Jim Hook decided to run in the World Championship Pack Burro Race in Fairplay CO ... with a llama. Well, the rules committee thought this was bending the rules a little too much (unfair to the burros) so they asked Jim if he could come up with a few more llamas and runners and have their own llama race the day before the burro race. From that first year of 11 runners, the Fairplay race (the first and oldest pack llama race anywhere) has had over 44 participants in a year. This year will be the 10th Annual Fairplay Pack Llama Race taking place on Saturday, July 25, 1992.

Simply put, this event is a 3 mile cross-country race where a person walks, runs and basically coaxes a llama to go with them on a challenging course. The rules are simple. The runners and their llamas start at South Park City, run 2 blocks down Front Street, saddle their llama with a pack with 30 pounds, then "run" down Front Street out of town. They continue on down to the COLD river, cross through the river, up the hill, over jumps, through the Mountain Men Camp and back to the river.

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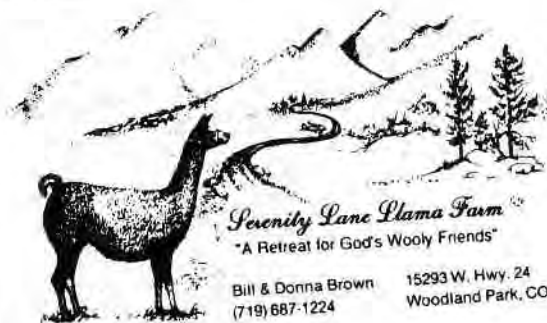
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Also this year, the Roundup returns. This is fun with different llama "events" taking place in downtown Fairplay. Plus we will have a llama camp set up at Beaver Creek, 4 miles from Fairplay, where we'll have a campfire get together for just llama people on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information, please call or write Dee or Karla Goodman at 41930 County Rd. AA, Akron, CO 80720, 303-345-2927.

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DEAR READERS OF THE RMLA NEWSLETTER,

HELP! I have agreed to write an article for Llamas Magazine addressing an issue concerning 4-H and llamas. I need your input since our local 4-H does not provide an opportunity for kids and llamas (not enough llamas in the area). I have some personal ideas and prejudices about this topic, however, I would like responses from those people (youth and adult sponsors) who have handled this problem.

QUESTION: "Are 4-H clubs the new dumping grounds for unwanted males? If

so, are the these males we want in the public eye?" My deadline is May, 1992. Any and all input would be appreciated. Your names will be used ONLY if you give me written permission. Kids, please let me hear from you. Since you are the ones working directly with the llamas, I value your opinion.

Kate Booth-Doyle
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CAMP QUALITY, JUNE 1992

By Judy Sealy

We have once again been invited to participate in a day of activities with the kids and families at Camp Quality. To refresh your memory the purpose of Camp Quality is the following:

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A non-profit, all-volunteer organization is planning a week-long camp in June for children who have cancer. Camp Quality will be at Big Spruce Campground near Cedaredge on Grand Mesa. All camp-related costs are paid with donations from individuals, organizations and corporations. There is no cost to the families.

Last June with the support of Fred Anders, Ted & Fay Earley, Sally German and Ray Record and his son, we shared an unforgettable day with these kids. We were fortunate to have one llama per family. The llamas walked to the picnic site with them and shared in obstacle performances following lunch. Sally had a saddle for Larry and thrilled the children who rode his back. The feedback was incredible. **"The highlight of the week**

was the llama visit!"

Knowing the tremendous response the kids exhibited from our visit and the comments shared by the parents of the children, Camp Quality has given us first option on the date and will work other activities around our needs. The camp will be held the week of June 14th through the 20th. With the Estes Park Wool Market the weekend of June 13th and the Rifle Show the weekend of June 19-21, I suggested June 16th or 17th. I hope I can count on your support. Please let me know which date would be most feasible. We will need more llamas than last year due to the success of the program. I also encourage llamas with saddles or cart pulling llamas for the less mobile children.

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EXCEPTIONAL TRIPLE PACKAGE! Bred female (6/86) with female cria (10/91) at side. Beautiful black/white mother; cria mostly white & very correct. Mom's rebred to RASPUTIN, our gorgeous black stud, due 10/92. Package \$17000. Will sell separately. Call for photos or appointment, Serenity Lane Llamas. Bill and Donna Brown, 719-687-1224.

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NEW MEMBER NEWS

By Fay Earley

DARYL AND SANDRA WOOD live on their 24 acre farm in the central part of Utah. Daryl was born near Brigham City, Utah. He also lived in Tucson, Arizona where he met Sandra. They then lived in Farmington, New Mexico before moving to Oak City, Utah.

They have six children and he is a maintenance Supervisor. He first saw a llama about 10 years ago on the Johnny Carson show. About 3 years ago he stopped near Durango, CO to see some llamas close up and this really stirred up his interest. As soon as he returned home, he started looking for llamas located in Utah.

In 1988, he bought his first 4 llamas (all wealing males) from Gus and Jeanie Hansen in Bountiful, Utah. In 1990, he made a trip to Minneapolis to pick up a

1947 Luscombe Airplane. He planned to stop at some llama farms on his way back home. At his first stop, Dakota Llamas in South Dakota, he traded the airplane for a wealing female. He returned home without either the airplane or the llama as Denny Lund agreed to keep the llama till she was ready to breed and then deliver her to Utah.

He bought his second female with a \$76.00 investment. He submitted a sealed bid on some Surplus Salvage Test Equipment and later sold the Test Equipment for \$11,000. He immediately used part of this to invest in the second female llama and used the rest on his house.

He plans to have between 10 and 20 breeding females by the time he retires and will use the llamas to supplement his retirement income.

PLEASE FILL OUT ALL QUESTIONNAIRES AND MAIL THEM BACK NOW!

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Deadline for next issue is April 10th.

RMLA EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Ann Copeland

Being selected to chair the educational committee this year, I am trying to get an idea of what we, as members, are looking for and wanting to get out of this committee. I am asking all of you for some help in getting this started and hope some of you are interested in helping it stay started.

Some of the suggestions members have thought of are as follows;

WORKSHOPS: Offering different types of workshops to any group that is willing to get the required amount of people together in one location. Usually being free to members and a small fee for non-members.

AN EDUCATIONAL COLUMN IN THE RMLA NEWSLETTER: We could use one or many different types of formats for this:

1) Questions asked by members and finding the answers; then publishing them for all to have.

2) Having a specialist or guest writers on topics of importance to our members.

3) An advice column where we take questions for our members and having a diverse number of ranches answering the question; and or

4) Personal experiences we, as llama owners, have been thorough that would be informative and educational for other members.

These are just a few ideas we have come up with but could use more input. So please take a few minutes and fill out the following questionnaire and mail back to:

Ann Copeland
Post Office Box 839
Hayden, Colorado 81639
303-276-3348

Your help will be more than appreciated. A big thanks in advance.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you interested in Workshops?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wool | <input type="checkbox"/> Showing and Judging | <input type="checkbox"/> Neo-Natal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packing | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Care & Health of llamas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding | <input type="checkbox"/> For Your Local Veterinarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

What would you like in the Newsletter?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Question and Answers | <input type="checkbox"/> Advice Column |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist and guest writers | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Experiences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Any other ideas that you would like the educational committee to do:

Would you be interested in helping with this committee?:

Please put your name, address and phone number:

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