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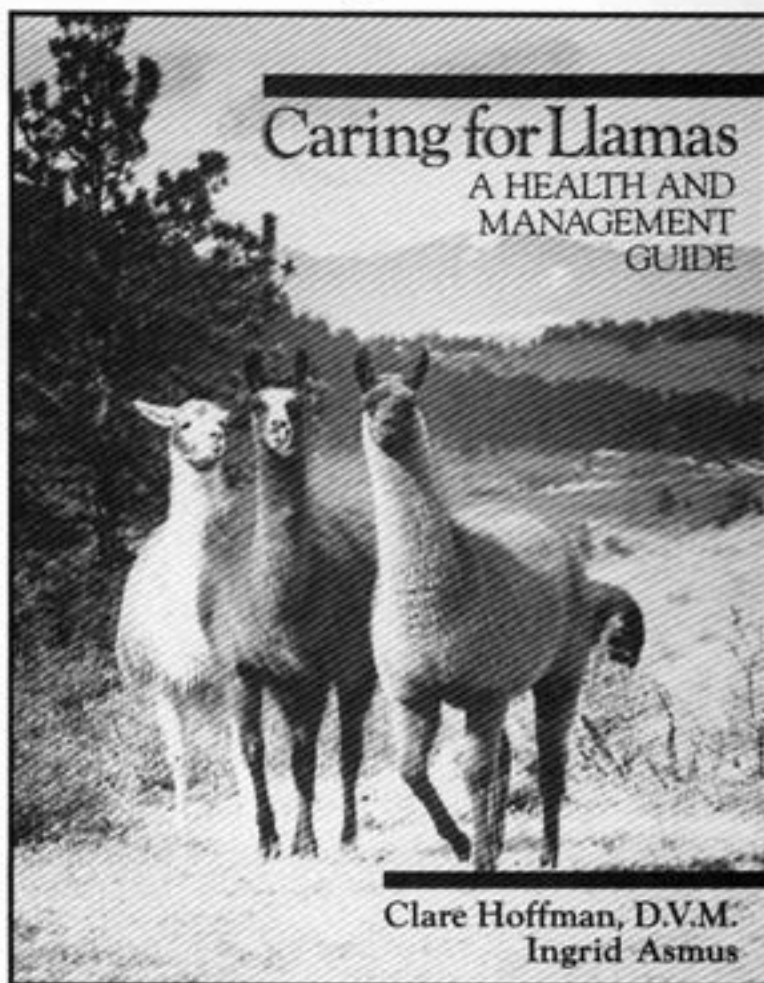
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RMLA also provides an extensive lending library of books and videos to members.

For further information please contact Judy Sealy

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 16-17: Four Corners Llama and Alpaca Bazaar; Cortez, Colorado

A Bazaar promoting llamas and alpacas to the public. For more information, call Ted Earley, 303-327-4511.

July 23-24: North Dakota State Fair ALSA Llama Show; Minot, North Dakota

Two day ALSA sanctioned show. Halter and performance classes including cart pulling, obstacle, PR, packing, and Show Champion. Call Greg Jacobs, 701-255-2849.

July 29 & 30: Llama Shows; Hastings and Burwell, Nebraska

For information on classes and times, call Bob or Jaci Aue, 308-623-1231

July 30: Fairplay Pack Llama Race; Fairplay, Colorado

A 3-mile pack llama race, plus kid's events and other llama lunacy. Contact Dee or Karla Goodman, 303-345-2927.

August 5-7: Wind River Llama Rendezvous; Riverton, Wyoming

The tenth anniversary of this RMLA sponsored event.

August 5-7: Llamafest at Fiberfest; Kalamazoo, Michigan

Fourth annual Llamafest includes workshops, demos, shows and sales related to llamas and alpacas. For information, contact Dar Snyder, 616-668-3089.

August 9: Boulder County Fair ALSA Youth Show; Longmont, Colorado

A wonderful ALSA Youth Show to be held in the morning followed by packing and showing demonstrations. For more information, call Mary Beth Hartsough, 303-785-2463.

August 13-14: Indiana State Fair Llama & Alpaca Show; Indianapolis, Indiana

An ALSA Show with Halter and Performance Classes. For more information, call Rose Baker, 317-254-0917. See article on page 18.

August 20-21: Colorado State Fair ALSA Youth Show; Pueblo, Colorado

The first ALSA Youth Show to be held at the State Fair plus demonstrations by adults and a parade for all. For more information, call Chris Brown, 719-784-3220.

August 29-31: ALSA Llama Show; Lincoln, Nebraska

Llama Show with premium money hosted by the Nebraska Llama Association. For information, call Bob and Jaci Aue, 308-623-1321.

September 17: Big Horn ALSA Llama Show; Buffalo, Wyoming

One day Llama Show and Sale. For information, call Barb Coffman, 307-683-2548.

September 23-25: Heartland Alpaca Festival; Iowa City, Iowa

Free seminars on management, health, fiber, and investment potential. Large selection of alpacas for sale. Contact: Irene Wherritt, 319-683-2722. See article on page 20.

September 24: Western Slope Llama Fall Festival; Fruita, Colorado

Pens will be set up to display llamas. See article on page 30.

September 29-October 2: RMLA Conference; Longmont, Colorado

Our wonderful Beinnial Conference is planned to be the best! For information, call Dee Goodman, 303-345-2927. See articles on page 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and the inserts.

October 14-15: Central States Conference; Iowa City, Iowa

The Iowa Llama Assoc. is the sponsor. Seminars, animal displays and sale, fiber demos, commercial booths. For information, Steve and Kathy Bright, 319-351-4429.

October 28-30: Firecracker Fall Edition; Reno, Nevada

Reno Livestock Events Center. Featuring the Harvest Classic Production Sale and the Fall Open Sale. For information, Call Dick or Pat Wickum, 800-876-8816.

RMLA BOARD NOMINATIONS

By Lougene Baird

PRESIDENT ELECT: CHERYL McCUTCHEON

I run a family-owned llama ranch in New Mexico and belong to a diverse group of llama associations: RMLA, LANA, ILA, SCLA and ALSA. As President Elect, I believe that the Board should try to get as much input from each member as possible and represent the general membership. We should promote llamas for the sake of llamas and not view llamas and alpacas as a "get-rich-quick" scheme. I believe in taking llamas and alpacas out into the public to

educate people about the animals and would like people to realize that they are an accessible animal that can be owned as easily as a horse or dog. RMLA should continue to sponsor many diverse events - from pack races to youth shows.

There are many different llama organizations. Each one has its own place and with its own interests, in the llama community. I believe RMLA needs to remain independent.

VICE PRESIDENT: KATE BOOTH DOYLE

Thank you for considering me for an elective position. If I am elected as Vice President, I will do my best to represent RMLA and the llama/alpaca community as best as I am able. I have owned llamas since 1986 and have operated a commercial llama guide pack service for the past 5 years. I primarily promote llamas as gentle and cooperative work animals. I have used llamas with children, mental health communities, adults and for meditative/spiri-

tual groups. RMLA gave me the jump start I needed to get going and get the courage to actually make a business doing what I love...hiking and counseling using llamas as both pack animals and liaisons to personal healing and growth. With an active background in education, counseling and consulting, I believe I can be more than "decorative" and truly "functional" in this RMLA position.

VICE PRESIDENT: DARYL WOOD

I am an active llama owner. I now own fifteen llamas and the herd is growing. I belong to several llama organizations including ILA, LANA, ALSA, and ULA, and can say from my own personal experience that RMLA is the best and has the most to offer to its membership.

My interests with llamas are in the areas of packing, cart driving, shows and public relations. I have used my llamas to pack into the mountains for fishing and to pack out big game (elk). I have also

trained two llamas for cart driving. Public relations is a fun thing to do by taking the llamas to care centers, schools and just getting them out where the public can see them and have their questions answered. I enjoy going to shows where I can exhibit my llamas. I also enjoy seeing old friends and making new friends as well. LLAMA PEOPLE ARE GREAT!

I see this as an opportunity to give back to RMLA a service which RMLA has given to me.

TREASURER: LOUGENE BAIRD

RMLA's accounting system is currently set up on an IBM-PC compatible using Quicken Accounting Software. We use this same method to keep all accounting for our personal records and several businesses, including the "kids" (llamas)! I am happy to volunteer the use of our computer, software and my accounting and pre-tax preparation experience to

our organization. If elected Treasurer, I will keep accurate accounting records in a timely fashion. As an Executive Board member, I will hold important the independent future of RMLA as well as the current needs of each individual. Thank you for your consideration.

TREASURER: JOAN PRICE

I have been in the llama business since November of 1989 when I purchased my first weanling male and fell in love with him. Shortly thereafter, I purchased a second one and now try to maintain no more than 14 so I can give them each individual love. They have made trips to the three local nursing

homes, schools, parades, stock show, wool market, shopping centers and 4-H. I have had no experience other than keeping my own books at home to qualify for the office of Treasurer, but I do bring willingness and interest in RMLA.



RMLA CONFERENCE '94

September 29 - October 2
Raintree Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
Longmont, Colorado

Thursday, Sept. 29th - Pre-Conference Clinics

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. LaRue Johnson - Neonatal Clinic
Marty McGee - TTEAM Clinic
Howard Kerstetter - ALSA Show Clinic

2:00 p.m. - *Registration*

Friday, Sept. 30th - *Classes and Seminars*

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - *Welcome and Introductions with Buffet Breakfast.*

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - *Guest speaker David Dunn - Institute for Cultural Affairs.*

10:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. - *Seminars*

Llamas 101 - Basic Care and Feeding (Dr. Tim Thompson)
Basic Llama Training (Marty McGee)
Male and Female Reproduction (Dr. Walter Bravo)
Fiber Preparation Equipment (Susan McFarland)
Choosing the Right Llama for the Job (Panel)

- Pack Llama (Stan Ebel)
- 4-H Llama (Bob Aue)
- Therapy Llama (Sally German-Rucker)
- Show Performance/Versatility Llama (Steve Gilland)
- Fiber Llama (Judy Brock)

12:45 p.m. - *Lunch*

1:50 to 2:50 p.m. - *Nutrition Seminar* (Dr. LaRue Johnson)

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. - *Seminars*

Fiber Genetics (Dr. Walter Bravo)
Packing with Kids (Cindy Ross)
Contracts: Breeding, Sales, Financing (Mary Ewing)
Creating Display Ads (Patty Taylor)
Organic Llama Farming (Marty McGee)

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - *Seminars*

Llama Shows: Preparation and in the Ring (Howard Kerstetter)
Felt Making (Ann Sneary) - Limit of 15
Wool Combing (Susan McFarland) - Limit of 18

5:15 to 7:30 p.m. - *Beverages and Substantial Grazing*

7:30 p.m. - *Hiking the Colorado Trail* - a Public Slide Presentation by Cindy Ross.

Saturday, Oct. 1st

8:30 to 10:00 a.m. - *Seminar*

Llamas 202: Breeding, Birthing, Cria Care (Dr. LaRue Johnson)

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. - Cud Chewing (visit displays)

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - *Seminars*

Ill Thrift (Dr. Jenny Hutchison)
Have You Considered Having Your Llama Rolfed? (Briah Anson)
Planning Extended Hikes (Cindy Ross)
Male and Female Reproduction (Dr. Walter Bravo)

12:45 p.m. - *Lunch* (Raintree Conference Center)

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1:50 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. - *Genetics and Ethics* (Dr. LaRue Johnson)

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - *Seminars*

Selecting a Pack System for Your Llama (Larry Sanford, Wes Mauz, Charlie Hackbarth, Bobra Goldsmith, Pat Militzer)

My Llama Won't Get Pregnant (Dr. Tim Thompson)

Fiber Genetics (Dr. Walter Bravo)

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - *Seminars*

Unabashed Shearing (Marty McGee)

Felt Making (Ann Sneary) - Limit of 15

Wool Combing (Susan McFarland) - Limit of 18

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - *Panel*

Ask the Vet (Dr. Johnson, Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Thompson, and Dr. Bravo)

6:30 p.m. - *Banquet and Slide Presentation*

Cindy Ross documenting her family's trip on the Colorado Trail.

Sunday, Oct. 2nd

8:00 to 10:30 a.m. - *Breakfast and Business Meeting* (David Dunn, Moderator)

YOUTH PROGRAM

Friday, Sept. 30th

10:00 a.m. to Noon - Spend 2 hours making a llama wool project. Includes spinning and weaving.

Noon to 2:30 p.m. - Pizza Party

2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. - Llama learning. Dr. Tim Thompson will share how to care for llamas the fun way. Includes slides.

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Llama packing, and other things, with Charlie Hackbarth. Learn how to load and pack a llama and other training thoughts.

Saturday, Oct. 1st

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Llama pack trip on the City of Boulder's Open Space Mesa Trail. Includes lunch. All you need is good shoes, jacket, camera and a smile.

6:30 p.m. - Banquet for all participants with Cindy Ross and her slide show presentation documenting her family's trip on the Colorado Trail.

Registration fee for youth is \$40 for one day or \$75 for both days. If you are registering for only one day, please indicate Friday or Saturday on the registration form. Fees include Breakfast on Friday and Sunday and Lunch and Dinner on Friday and Saturday.

Note: For children six and under - call Dee Goodman, 303-345-6632, for information.

CONFERENCE HOTEL (SEE OTHER CHOICES ON PAGE 11)

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776-2000 (local) 1-800-843-8240 (other)

Rates include a full continental breakfast

Single or Double = \$65 per day • Triple or Quad = \$75 per day

A block of only 50 rooms has been set aside for our Conference.

Rooms must be booked by August 24, 1994 to receive the above special rates.

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THURSDAY PRE-CONFERENCE CLINICS - RMLA '94

ALSA Show Clinic

Howard Kerstetter, Bozeman, Montana, will present a full-day ALSA Show Clinic. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the secrets of successful showing from a real expert. Howard has shown for 5 years and has perfected techniques in both halter and performance classes. He was one of the most successful competitors at the Estes Park Wool Market in June. Howard is also an ALSA "A" Judge.

The Clinic will begin at the Conference Center with three hours on soundness, conformation and related topics such as genetics for soundness and conformation, management, and nutrition. Howard will use slides, overhead projector and chalk board for the presentation.

We will take a break for lunch and do the "hands-on" portion outside so please be prepared for any type of weather. You might want to bring notetaking materials and the ALSA handbook. Understanding ALSA rules for shows is very important.

Neonatal Clinic

This clinic by Dr. LaRue Johnson, CSU, covers everything you need to know about llama reproduction; from breeding and birthing to cria care. The all day clinic includes 2 hours of "hands-on"

The next hour will cover what one does before the show. Topics to be covered include: Why are you showing? • Deciding on who to take to a show • The paper-work and why it is important • Grooming for the show
Traveling and arrival • Show time and after

The following hour will be a presentation on halter classes, how to show before the judge, what judges are looking for and what is discounted in the performance classes.

After the classroom presentation, we will have some hands-on practice sessions outside. We will practice some grooming and brushing techniques, etc. We will also practice setting animals, moving with the judge and performance tips.

This is the best way to learn how to present your llama in a show situation. If you have any questions, just call the ALSA office, 303-823-0659.

TTEAM Clinic

TTEAM, a training system for llamas, offers practical, efficient solutions to the problems owners and breeders experience whether they have two llamas or two hundred.

When you attend a TTEAM clinic, you will be exposed to a different way of thinking about animals and the way they learn. TTEAM is based on the premise that when an animal resists, it is because the animal is fearful, is in pain or doesn't understand what is being asked. In traditional training, animals often associate fear and/or pain with certain movements or situations and, therefore, develop resistance and problematic behavior. TTEAM work breaks through these patterns of mental and physical tension to create a relaxed and willing participant. TTEAM re-educates the llama with understanding, not fear or force.

practice. Learn the "how, what, where, when and why" of reproduction.

This is an essential clinic for anyone who breeds llamas.

You will see a variety of training tools demonstrated: the use of a catch pen, wands, halter training rope, body rope, some new grooming tools. You will have a chance to practice using some of these tools with llamas.

TTEAM work acknowledges the llama on many levels — physical, mental, behavioral and emotional. TTEAM offers a way to re-educate problem llamas, a way to start your llama, and an interesting and time saving method of dealing with all llamas.

Marty has taught over 150 seminars in the United States, Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand, and is without a doubt the busiest trainer in the business. Come and learn from the best!

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RMLA CONFERENCE SEMINARS

THE FOLLOWING ARE VERY BRIEF DISCRPTIONS OF SOME OF THE SEMINARS AT THE CONFERENCE:

Dr. LaRue Johnson is the leading llama Vet from CSU and has extensive llama experience.

- **Nutrition:** Discover everything new in llama nutrition. This seminar covers all aspects of llama diet including types and amounts of feed and the importance of mineral supplements.
- **Llamas 202:** A "mini" Neonatal Clinic! This seminar highlights the essential aspects of breeding, birthing and cria care in a shortened 2 hour format.
- **Genetics and Ethics:** This seminar is a must for anyone participating in llama breeding. Many issues will be discussed with emphasis on the importance of proper genetic planning.

Dr. Jenny Hutchison is a CSU graduate student.

- **Ill Thrift:** Learn the most recent discoveries revealed by the current study dealing with ill thrift llamas. Researchers at CSU are in the first year of a 3-year study investigating possible causes of this fatal disease.

Marty McGee (More information on Marty is included in the Thursday Clinics on page 8.)

- **Organic Llama Farming:** The joys and advantages of letting your llamas be llamas. Allowing your llamas express their basic nature will help keep them happy and healthy.
- **Unabashed Shearing:** Shearing without a showdown. Learn to shear your llama without tying him up or using any kind of force. Your llamas will love you for it!

Cindy Ross has authored 6 books and is a contributing author to *Outside* and *Backpacker* Magazines. Cindy, her husband and two children walked the entire 470 mile Colorado Trail from Denver to Durango last summer. She is giving her wonderful slide presentation in addition to these seminars:

- **Packing with Kids:** She is the expert on everything from diapers to keeping them happy!
- **Planning Extended Hikes:** Not only has she completed the Colorado Trail but also the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. She is already planning to hike the Continental Divide Trail next summer. Come and find how to be successful from the real expert!

Susan McFarland has worked with fibers for many years. She has a fiber supply business and will share her expert knowledge of equipment.

- **Fiber Preparation Equipment and Wool Combing:** Her demonstration of the use of wool combs is excellent. Susan also has vast experience in the use of other equipment and many different fibers. Expand your knowledge of fibers and equipment by attending these classes.

Dr. Walter Bravo, a native of Peru, has both clinical and research experience with llamas and alpacas in Peru and the United States.

- **Male and Female Reproduction:** Dr. Bravo will discuss the latest research on the fertility of the lactating female. The male reproduction portion will include the sexual activity, copulatory pattern and semen collection of male llamas.
- **Fiber Genetics:** Dr. Bravo has been involved in the alpaca selection of the last 2 Peruvian importations. He will discuss selecting animals for fiber quality, wool genetics of alpacas and llamas and how to make your selections. If you are interested in producing wool, come and learn how to maximize your efforts.

Dr. Tim Thompson has hundreds of llamas in his practice and will bring his extensive, practical knowledge to the seminars.

- **Llamas 101:** This will cover the basics for the beginner. Come and shorten the learning curve.
- **My Llamas Won't Get Pregnant:** Dr. Thompson will discuss possible causes and solutions other than just changing sires.

Anne Sneary is consider the best in the business of felt making.

- **Felt Making:** Anne will teach you the basics of felt making that will lead to many projects.

Briah Anson: one of the best Rolfers in the country and the author of one of the best-selling Roling books, has rolfed many animals including llamas.

- **Have You Consider Having Your Llama Rolfed?:** Briah will present an introduction to Roling and explain the effect on people and llamas. It will include a demonstration on a llama. If your llama's conformation has been changed through an injury, this may be the best solution! This is a great way to help llamas to be their best.

INDIANA STATE FAIR: AUGUST 13 & 14

The Hoosier Llama Association proudly announces the third annual Indiana State Fair Llama & Alpaca Show: Saturday and Sunday, August 13 & 14, State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The HLA extends a hearty "Hoosier" welcome to llama lovers of all ages and with all levels of show experience; we have a little something for everyone! This year we will be awarding premiums to all first place winners, but as always, our main emphasis is on having FUN!

Plan to arrive early on Saturday. Registration is between 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Upon arrival you'll be greeted by our friendly unloading team who will quickly help you move your tack and llamas into your 10' x 10' stalls. Farm displays are encouraged and can be set up in a 10' x 10' stall area.

Our show is held in a HUGE, covered outdoor arena adjacent to the llama stalls. Our showbill

includes halter and performance classes for adults, youth and 4-H'ers. Saturday night is "family night" and will include a llama mama and cria exhibition and conclude with llama square dancing!

Our judge this year will be Maggie Krieger, traveling from her farm in British Columbia, Canada. Maggie is an avid fiber user and has recently produced a video on llama conformation.

Now is the time to start planning your trip to Indianapolis! Deadline for all show entries was July 1. All HLA and ORVLA members will receive a premium book in May or June. Others should contact:

Rose Baker
2217 E. 57th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
317-254-0917 (please leave message)



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We are offering advertising space in the Conference Notebook. There are two categories of advertising. The Section Tabs will have ads printed on each side. If you want a photo in your ad, this is the place to advertise. The other pages in the notebook will be xeroxed and will not be the same quality as the printed pages.

This is not only a great way to advertise your ranch but to also show your support of RMLA and a great Conference.

The deadline is August 15th. Please send your camera-ready ads and check payable to RMLA to:

Jo Riley • Post Office Box 1189
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As an added incentive, all advertisers will be listed in the Newsletter. In addition, those who place full and half page ads will receive a free business card ad in the Newsletter (*include the card with your ad*). You can advertise your ranch, herdsire, supplies, packing services, etc. Remember, many new owners will be attending and this will be their first introduction to all of us.

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Full Page	\$90.00
Half Page	\$50.00

All ads must be the same size as in the Newsletter. See page 37 for dimensions. It is important that you conform to these sizes.

The placement of the ads will be on a first come - first placed basis. There is a limited number of spaces, so please respond quickly.

I can help you complete your ads, if you wish. For more information or if you have any questions, just call Jo, 303-823-5409.

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Llamarage

Breeders of Champion Show Llamas



"Dances Smartly"

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Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Female
1994 Estes Park Wool Market

Entered in the prestigious Aquafest Sale at
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Stanton Lacher

Dear Friends,

RMLA is a vibrant, can-do organization. I want thank everyone who has volunteered to run for the Board. Reid Langerman, your next President, has a vision to make owning camelids more common. He once told me that there are over 70,000 horses in Connecticut, that owning camelids should be as popular.

For those of you who haven't heard, RMLA constructed a semi-portable obstacle course which was unveiled at the Wool Market. This course could be used for various event in your area.

I encourage a decision by the Board to use the services of a meeting facilitator at the upcoming annual business meeting in Longmont. I intend to use his services to gather input for the task force group (ILA Assembly '94) that is attempting

to access grassroots information on the future of the llama industry. I hope you will be there to guide.

There are various research projects that you should consider. There are studies on TB, immunodeficiency and trail use that need funding. We have some resources for these but we need your input to decide who gets what.

I am hoping that you will join us at the Conference to learn, exchange ideas, share your experiences, meet new people and grow. I am encouraging you to attend the business meeting to talk about what we do next.

See you soon.

Stanton



A LOOK AT IN-BREEDING & LINE BREEDING

by Hank Kauffman

Have you ever wondered how closely related llamas can be and be safely bred? Often the information is confusing and different breeders have different opinions. Thus, I went to several experts for answers.

I first interviewed Dr. Frank Allaire, a geneticist at the Ohio State University Department of Animal Science. I then spoke to Jeff Ziegler, a breeding specialist at the Central Ohio Breeders' Association "Select Sires." Select Sires specializes in livestock breeding and artificial insemination. According to Dr. Allaire, in-breeding occurs any time related animals are bred to each other.

Line breeding is deliberate in-breeding of related animals emphasizing a particular ancestor to amplify the traits of that ancestor. Dr. Allaire states that to successfully line breed three things are necessary:

1. You must have faith in the genetic merits of the ancestor you are attempting to amplify.
2. That these specific genetic merits are what the industry, and you the breeder, want today.
3. You don't currently have these same qualities in your existing animals.

In other words, line breeding is in-breeding with an attempt to amplify the traits of a particular ancestor. Line breeding is a trade off. You may end up with the desirable traits you attempted to accomplish but create other serious effects. The most serious negative effects in line breeding affect reproduction abilities and growth traits of the progeny. There is generally little affect on

conformation except in growth patterns. Lactation abilities of the offspring are also affected. In dairy cattle as little as 1% in-breeding can create a lactation loss of 50 pounds of milk a day. It follows that closely bred llamas will tend to have reproduction problems and be poor milkers.

Dr. Allaire ended the interview by stating that a good safe rule of thumb for line breeding is that anything with less than a 10% relationship is safe.

Jeff Ziegler from Select Sire amplified most of Dr. Allaire's points. He did add that males that have been highly line bred have a problem with semen production. He also made the point that to line breed one must pick animals with only good traits. Line breeding will also intensify any bad genes that the breeding animals may have.

Mr. Ziegler then stated that for safe line breeding not to breed any closer that a 6.25% or 1/16th relationship. A 1/64th relationship exists when the male and female being bred to each other have the same ancestor as a grandparent of one animal and great grandparent of the other animal.

In summary, one can intensify the outstanding traits of a bloodline but the progeny may also have amplified any negative traits that exist in the bloodline. Apparently, one can safely breed two related llamas as long as the relationship is no closer than a common grandparent and great grandparent which is a 1/64th relationship. The following chart shows the relationships and their percentages.

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Breeding Llama #1	Same Parent	Same Grandparent	Same Grandparent	Same Great Grandparent	Same Great Grandparent
	and	and	and	and	and
Breeding Llama #2	Parent	Parent	Grandparent	Grandparent	Great Grandparent
Relationship	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128

FAIRPLAY NEWS

by Dee Goodman

This is a reminder . . . don't miss the Fairplay fun! For the 12th year llamas will be taking over Fairplay, Colorado, on Saturday, July 30th. And this is the year you have no excuse not to participate for, in addition to the Amateur and Pro Divisions, we now have the Walker's Division.

Participants in the Walker's Division must be at least 13 years of age. The use of packs in this new division is optional. Walkers will follow the same course, but will not be required to cross the river as many times.

The Amateur Division is divided into two main groups, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's groups are each divided into age groups. These are as follows: 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, and 55+. There will also be an award given to the top male and female runners. In this division, each llama must carry a 30 lb. pack which must be packed during the race.

The participants in the Pro Division compete for one of the top three places in the Men's and Women's groups. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to both the first place male and first place female finishers. Llamas in this division must also carry a 30 lb. pack which must be packed during the race.

The entry fee for all the races is \$15. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt on race day.

There will also be a free Llama Lunacy Obstacle Course for kids. First through sixth place awards will be given to participants in the following age divisions: 7 and under, 8-11, and 12-17. This course will be set-up on Front Street.

The schedule of events is as follows:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration on Front Street

11:15 a.m. Racer's and Handler's Meeting

11:30 a.m. Post Time for Amateur & Pro Divisions

11:45 a.m. Post Time for the Walkers

1:30 p.m. Llama Lunacy Obstacle Course

2:30 p.m. Race Awards

If you are not interested in racing, please consider volunteering. We can use all the help we can get! If you have extra llamas, bring them, we always have extra runners.

Remember, this is a great place to market your llamas for we have around 3,000 people watching the llama race. Also, "Sports Illustrated" and ESPN may be covering the event.

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WHY PREMIADO?

by Darlene Vaughan

Purchasing a stud usually involves much time on the phone, travel, picture and video processing, heated discussions, hand wringing, lost sleep and finally, delivery of the magnificent male animal. Even with all that preparation, buying or raising a stud is a gamble.

Anne Johnson and I decided about three years ago that we needed another bloodline to complement our females. We were intrigued with the imports but could not justify the huge expense for the type of animal we had in mind.

A trip to Oregon was in the offing, so I decided to spend an extra day or so cheeking on potential young prospects in the area. First, I did a great deal of telephoning to the major breeders in the area. I called not only to inquire about males on their farms, but also to see if they had used their studs on outside females. Questions included pedigree, detailed information on parents and siblings, color, size, temperament, training, and then the "biggy" ...price. I must say, a lot of folks really were extremely proud of their animals. If the price was above our limit, that farm was marked off the list. No visit, no temptation!

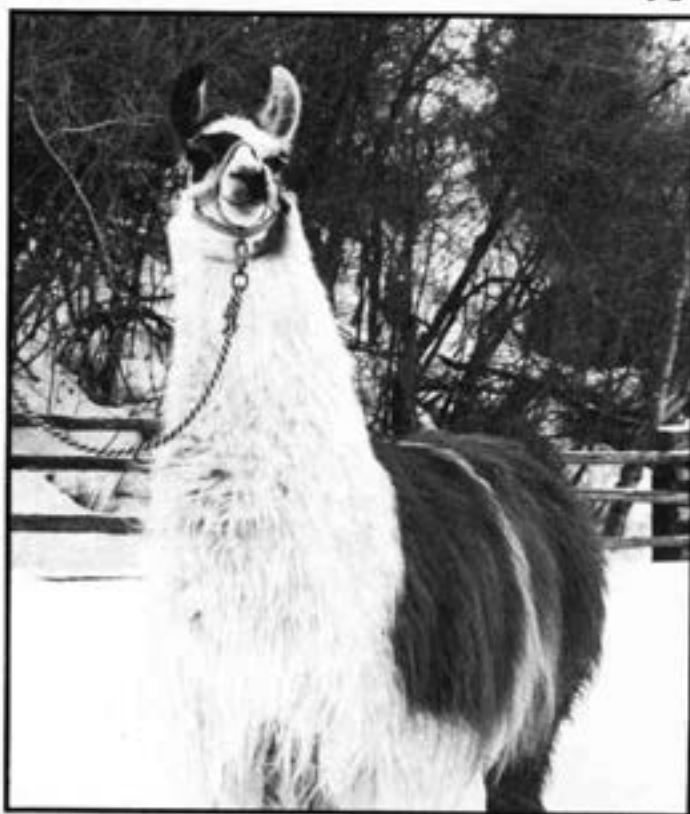
We ended up with a list of five farms. What fun to see those breeding operations and all of their llamas. I took lots of pictures and scads of notes. When buying animals, it's best to let all the information digest before making any decision. Our whole breeding program was going to be influenced by this new stud and we hoped we would go the right way.

AND THE WINNER IS . . . After much deliberation, a yearling male I had seen at Tim Vincent's made the cut. He was 1/2 Chilean, 1/2 Bolivian and a very colorful paint. I had admired his sire, Señor Rojo's consistency in offspring as I had traveled around the country and I thought his dam, Miss Penelope was one of the largest, finest imports I had seen. Anne and I had poured over the photos and notes and he just kept coming out on top. We named him Rojo's Premiado and called Tim to arrange delivery.

Premiado had many of the qualities for which we were looking. His leg structure was correct, his movement flowing. He was attractive with that indefinable masculine attitude that sets him apart.

This male has developed into a fine stud. His temperament is all male but under control. He is an aggressive breeder who knows more than we do about the breeding status of a female. When they are pregnant he turns away with little persuasion, but if he says they are open, they are! He bred his first female at 16 months of age and she came up pregnant. He is one of the largest 100% imported bloodline males that I have seen. He is easy to handle and Anne has been doing some packing with him.

Premiado has sired correct, attractive offspring. He is working on his third crop of babies this year. He already has a reserve champion female and a reserve get-of-sire win to his record. Anne and I are pleased with the results of our stud search.



A SERENDIPITOUS VISIT TO PERU: PART III

by Bobra Goldsmith

Tuesday morning--How well I slept on this simple bed! It was just a 4" foam mattress on a wooden frame, no springs, and yet it was not too hard. (I am not the spartan type to sleep on a firm mattress with a board under it. The only truly comfortable nights I spent out on our llama pack trips were after I acquired a one-pound air mattress which one of our clients introduced me to. I only wished she had come on a llama trek sooner. The popular Thermarests didn't do for me--too narrow for my sleeping style.) And temperature--perfect all night. My Peruvian bed had just a quilt buttoned inside of the beautiful floral-designed sheet-bedspread, like a big pillow case--an arrangement one often finds in parts of Europe, usually with a huge down comforter inside. Before falling asleep I heard a myriad of dogs barking in the distance and a night watchman's whistle, as he passed below the wall at the very bottom of the hotel's domain. This was the longest, most refreshing sleep I'd had in many days, and I felt ready for whatever new activities were in store. Whenever I'm traveling, I always feel that everything that happens is all part of the big adventure, even the adverse and unexpected things.

Watching out the window as I dressed for breakfast, I saw a peasant woman with a small band of sheep and a couple of goats descend into the cobblestone riverbed from the left. The river seemed just a trickle in an incredible, broad bed of gray, round river stones. The little flock stopped to drink and then proceeded on across the stream to some terraced fields on the other side where they would graze all day and be brought home again for the night. This turned out to be a daily routine we saw every morning.

As I reached the top of the steep stairs on my way to breakfast, I saw the hotel gardener dragging some hose and the young llama, Angelica, frolicking along the terrace with him. She seemed quite excited about his morning watering chores. She wandered about freely, grazing on the lawn or nibbling on the ice plants growing along the lower edge of the terrace. She did not touch the geraniums. I picked up the skinny little cord she was trailing and approached her. She

accepted my attentions quite cheerfully and even seemed to like it, looking at me rather quizzically. I burrowed around in the dense wool at the base of her neck to see what kind of knot the cord was tied with--totally improper. I retied it with a bowline, which would not tighten if the line snagged on something, though it was clear that she was so used to the line's control she would not panic and pull, if she did get caught. Throughout my solitary breakfast, I could watch her through the big picture windows. At some point the gardener returned from the iron gate at the end of the garden with an armful of fresh alfalfa, which he placed on the ground near where she would be tied in the shade later. She ignored it for the time being. Observing Angelica this day and subsequently, I concluded that she was not a lonely llama hankering to be somewhere else. She seemed to have accepted her life in this situation and was cheerfully making the best of it.

About 9:30 Marco and Ursula arrived in Marco's microbus. The garden gate was opened and Angelica was tied near her fresh alfalfa pile and water bowl. Mauricio had ordered a tour of parts of downtown Arequipa for me in the morning, prior to the llama training planned for the afternoon. The tour took us to the large central plaza with its huge cathedral occupying one whole side. It was, of course, a Spanish version of so many cathedrals I had seen in France and Italy. My curiosity these days, I found, ran more to how life was lived here and, as always to local agricultural practices. Ursula took me to a couple of academic bookstores just off the plaza and showed me interesting books on the history and archaeology of the Arequipa region. If I'd had more time here I would have wanted to delve into these books, but I knew there wasn't time enough.

We stopped at a pleasant park overlooking the Chile River which runs through Arequipa. Below was a sports club and a very fancy hotel with lovely gardens. Somehow I was surprised to see palm trees at this high and dry altitude, 7608 feet. I have to keep reminding myself--Lima is at 12 degrees latitude and Arequipa at 18 degrees. Baseline Road in Boulder, Colorado, lies right on the 40th parallel--some difference. We Color-

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FIELD TRIPS AND LLAMAS

by Dee Goodman

How does this sound for a field trip? You load 40 kids, 5 parents, 2 teachers and 1 bus driver (it really helps to have a bus driver) into a bus, drive 135 miles to the foothills, and go hiking in the mountains. Sound like fun? Lets add to this: 7 additional helpers plus 13 llamas to carry lunches, water and jackets. Doesn't this sound like even more fun, especially since the kids get to lead the llamas? Now add Channel 9 News and 2 mountain lions. What a great time we had! And no one was eaten by the lions. One of the best parts of this trip was watching the kids get interviewed by Channel 9 for their segment "Never Stop Learning" shown on Saturdays. Our children always have different thoughts than adults do!

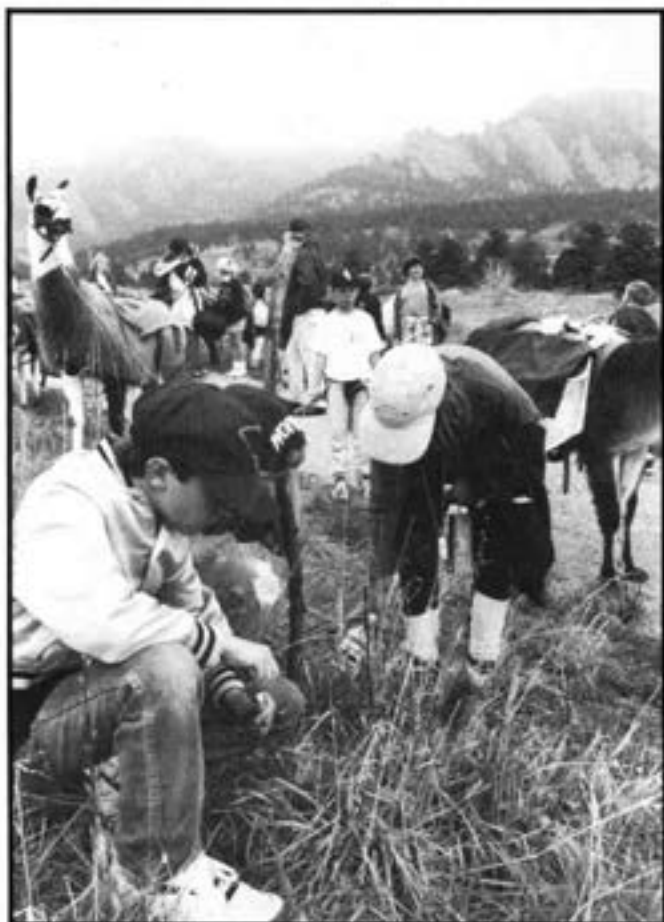
What was just described was the second annual Akron Grade School third grade class field trip. Since, during the first trip, there were no kids lost, no llamas lost, and yes, no teachers or

parents lost, it was decided that this fun and educational field trip should be repeated.

How did this trip get started? By the determination of the two Akron third grade teachers, Darlene Clifford and Marilyn Pilcher. They knew that not all that is learned or taught to our children is done so in the classroom. So, they went to the School Board and talked them into allowing this trip. This was done during a period of school budget problems when field trips were being cut out. But the teachers were persistent, and now this trip has become an annual affair.

Just by watching the kids, you soon see that each one has learned something new. This field trip allows the kids to spend a day exploring plant life, geography, wildlife and walking in the backcountry. Also, each kid comes away with a great love and understanding of llamas.

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by Irene Wherritt and Fran Milde

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To open the event on Friday, September 23, Sharon Alderman, internationally known weaver will give pre-conference lectures on "Why We Weave" and "Incorporating Exotic Fiber Into Weaving." This event is sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Handweavers and Spinners.

Beginning on Saturday breeders from Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, and Missouri will offer an assortment of alpacas for display and private treaty sale, including females and stud and pet quality males in an assortment of colors. Additional booths will display alpaca products and related items.

Dr. Ila Davis, camelid specialist at Iowa State University will offer four seminars: "Alpacas 101: Routine management practices," "Communicating with Your Veterinarian: Medical technology and what it means in lay terms," "Alpaca Reproduction," and "Basics of the Physical Exam." Dr. Davis has built up a large camelid practice at Iowa State University and will be available during the weekend to answer individual questions.

In addition, experienced breeders will provide seminars on the investment and tax benefits of owning alpacas, herd management, shelters and fences, training your alpacas, and purchasing your first alpacas.

To introduce the public and fiber enthusiast to alpaca uses, the festival offers alpaca fiber and products for sale as well as demonstrations on spinning, combing, and dyeing alpaca. Spinners are invited to enter the popular choice contest on Friday 9:00 a.m. (at least 50% alpaca) for prizes from sponsors.


You will enjoy the Heartland by appreciating favorite Iowa recipes. Lunches will be sold on the grounds by the Iowa Lamb and Pork producers. A local group will sell home baked delicacies. ALPACAS OF TOLST HILLS FARM will host an Iowa Hog roast on Saturday evening including country oven baked sour dough bread and assorted side dishes.

Your stay in Iowa City will be pleasant. The weather at this time of the year is mild, and before or after the festival you may wish to visit the nearby Amana Colonies and the University of Iowa. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Westfield Inn, buffet breakfast included (319) 354-7770 (reserve by August 23 and mention the Heartland Alpaca Festival).

For wonderful fellowship, informative seminars, and a view of the current status of the alpaca industry, save the date for the Heartland Alpaca Festival! For more information or questions please call or fax Alpacas of Tolst Hills Farm, 319-683-2722.

Irene Wherritt and Fran Milde tend a small herd of alpacas in Southeast Iowa. They participate in Alpaca Owner and Breeder Association (AOBA) activities and write articles for *Alpacas Magazine*. They both teach at the University of Iowa and have been raising alpacas and llamas for the past 5 years. This year they are hosting the first annual Heartland Alpaca Festival.

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COMMERCIAL DISPLAY HOURS	
Set-up	Thursday, September 29th 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Exhibit	Thursday, September 29th 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Set-up	Friday, September 30th 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Exhibit	Friday, September 30th 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Exhibit	Saturday, October 1st 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Dismantle	Sunday, October 2nd 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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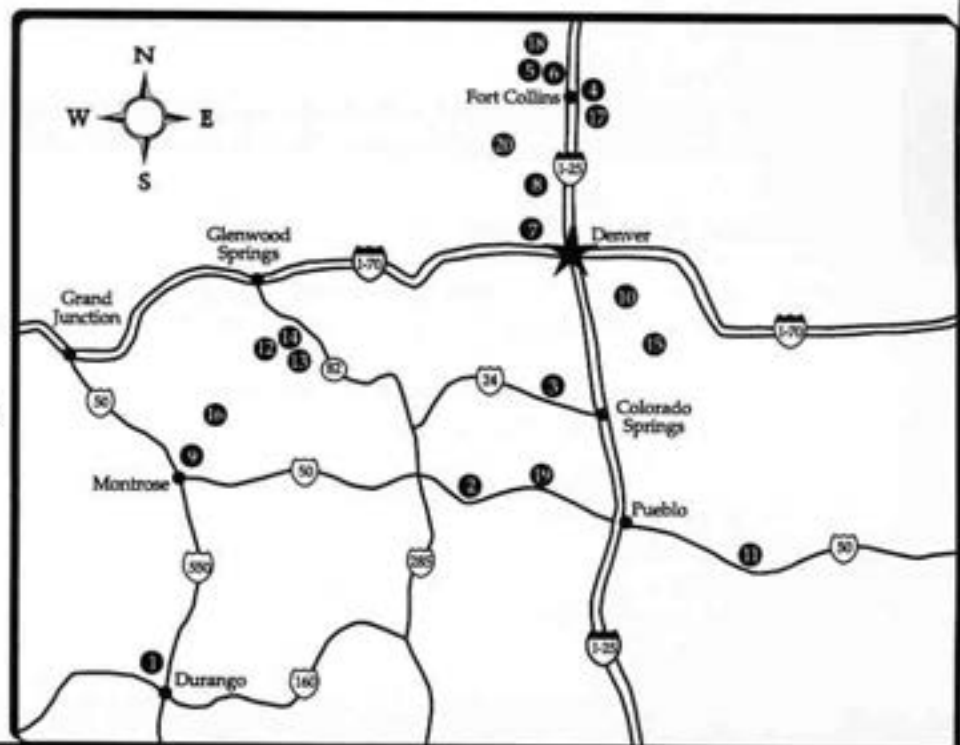
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LIBRARY NOTES

by Chris Switzer

NEW - add these to your list!

- Article - "**Hungry Crias**" by Randy Webster, DVM, LANA Newsletter, spring, 1991.
- Article - "**So You Want To Show Llamas, Now What?**" by Lora Crawford, LANA Newsletter, spring 1991.
- Article - "**Traveling With Llamas**" by Franci Greth - Peto with Dr. Lee Matem, LANA Newsletter, spring 1991.
- Book - **Classic 2000 - Directory '93 - A Guide for Packers and Breeders** by Wes Holmquist, 1994. (donation by author)
- Book - **Spinning Llama and Alpaca** by Chris Switzer, 1994.
- Thesis - The Use of Guard Llamas to Protect Sheep from Coyote Predation by Kelly Johnson Powell with William Franklin, advisor, 1993.
- Magazine - **Alpacas Magazine**, spring, 1994.

- Video - **Llama Trappers** by Betty Barkman (training experience for those ready to train their first packers), 1994.

Since the updated library list was mailed to members, lots of requests have come to me especially from new members. Those of you who have been in RMLA awhile, focus on the items with a star (added in 1993) or the new things mentioned in this column.

A special thank you to Doris Rasmussen for her donation to the library. Also, to Wes Holmquist for sending his book.

The notes many of you send with requests and thank yous mean a lot to me. I pass them on to the president so that the board is aware of the positive feedback for the library. At the fall RMLA conference, the whole library will be on display and available for check-outs.



RIBBON CUTTING & LLAMA TREK ON THE COLORADO TRAIL

by Bob Riley

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the Colorado Trail, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 27, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Gold Hill Trailhead which is 4 miles north of Breckenridge, Colorado. It is being sponsored by the Colorado Trail Foundation and Eastern Mountain Sports. After the ceremony, workshops will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. a short llama of 2 to 3 miles will take place.

The plans are for the llama trek to start at Gold Hill Trailhead and travel east towards Georgia Pass. We hope to have many llamas involved in the trek. If you are interested, since the news media will be involved, we are asking you to bring a "gourmet lunch" or a

"sack lunch" if you prefer, and during the trek, we will stop and have lunch. An award will be presented to the llama owner who brings the best lunch voted by all the participants. Let's leave room in our packs so we can haul other lunches for the people not lucky enough to own llamas! We just want you with us. If you can come, please call Bob Riley, 303-823-5409 and I will send you a map. We need to know who's coming in case the plans are changed at the last minute.

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IT'S FAIR TIME!

by Mary Beth Hartsough

Once again it's that great time of year when we all gather at the fairgrounds, enjoy watching the kids show their animals, wander through the myriad exhibits, and gorge ourselves on corn dogs and cotton candy. Hope you'll all join us at the Boulder County Fair's Open Youth Llama Show. This year's Boulder County Fair promises to be bigger and better than ever, as part of their 125th Anniversary.

Both llamas and alpacas will be featured during this Anniversary year's expanded format (Aug. 5-14). Alpaca demonstrations will be on Monday, August 8, and the Youth Llama Show will be held on Tuesday, August 9, starting at 10:00 a.m. This year's show is an ALSA sanctioned event meaning that the kids that are registered with ALSA will receive points toward their champion handler designation. The afternoon prom-

ises to be an informative one for the public, with driving demonstrations, wool spinning, packing demonstrations and perhaps a chance to handle and try out a llama on the obstacle course.

There will be a sliding-scale premium payout and special commemorative ribbons for 1st through 5th places, and Champion and Reserve Champion. Classes are offered in Showmanship, Obstacle, and Public Relations. To request your Premium Book and Entry Form, please call the Boulder County Fair office at 772-7170, and do it soon!! The entry deadline is July 18, 1994. For an ALSA registration form, please contact Jo Riley, Gen. Manager, P.O. Box 1189, Lyons, Co., 80540; 303-823-0659. For general information or questions regarding the Youth Llama Show, call Mary Beth Hartsough, 303-785-2463, or Dan Gould, 303-665-5273. We'll see you there!

A SERENDIPITOUS VISIT TO PERU: (CON'T)

dans seem to have an idea fixed: higher means colder. It does, of course, for us, but we tend to ignore the latitude factor. Early in my life with llamas, a biologist at Colorado University-Boulder who had done research for many years in Peru told me that in spite of the altitudes where llamas live, the temperature doesn't go below 22 degrees. He said the climate could be harsh, and it could freeze every night in some areas, but they did not have the zero and below temperatures we experience in winter. Facts are beginning to sink in: Cuzco is at 12,045 feet but Rolando has never seen snow? Ah yes, Cuzco lies around 13 degrees below the equator. About 11:30 Ursula explained that we needed to go to the airport to pick up a friend of Mauricio's. Driving out to the airport gave me an even better view of the city and general surroundings. All morning the sun had been intense but still misty. Now the mist was thinning and one could see the towering, barren, beige peaks surrounding the city. There stood Misti, 19,272 ft. With Chichaney next to it, both volcanic, with Picchu-Picchu to the South. Too bad the word "awesome" has been so overused of late. It properly applies here.

Mauricio's friend turned out to be the Swedish film director, Tony Anderberg, a warm friendly man, probably in his sixties. He was totally at home in Peru, having made several nature films there over the last 16 years. His Spanish as well as his English was fluent. One of his bags was missing-but never mind. It was only the one with a couple of bottles of his favorite liquor--replaceable. We were to go out to the Expo to see Mauricio first, then go to the hotel for lunch, and finally to Mauricio's to begin llama training.

Tony asked Marco to stop at a liquor shop so he could replace his missing bottle. And then I suddenly realized that I had completely forgotten to bring a little notebook to keep as a diary or trip log. I asked Ursula if she could find me such an item. On the second try she succeeded and brought me a soft-covered school notebook. Inside it was just like French notebooks--the pages marked with squares, like large graph paper, rather than just horizontal lines like ours. But the outside cover--? In bold print in a semi-circle arching over a full color drawing of a happy, smiling cartoon cat and mouse it says, "Celebrating 53 Years - 1940-1993" and below

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NOTES FROM RMLA NEWSLETTERS IN THE PAST:

by Erma Hast

- 1985 officers: Jim Hook, President; Dan Schreiner, V.P.; and Erma Hast, Sec. Treas.
- Howard Kerstetter has a little male born in the fall of 1984, the first-ever birth of a transplanted llama embryo.
- The pros and cons of llama shows were being discussed.
- Llama insurance was offered.
- RMLA was represented at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo, CO.
- Jim Hook submitted a recipe for "Loin of Llama."
- July 27, 1985, 3rd Annual Llama Race was held in Fairplay, Colorado. Proceeds from the race and T-shirt sales will be donated to Colorado State University Llama Contingency Fund.
- In August, RMLA Members participated in the Boulder County Fair, Boulder, Colorado.
- In August, 1985, the first Annual Wind River Llama Rendezvous was held at Lander, Wyoming
- September, 1985, RMLA Conference was held in Ft. Collins, Colorado in September, with Phil Switzer as Chariman. Assisting were Reitz' from Windsor, Pettigrew's from Livermore, Tom Van Velson from Bellvue, Russell's from Ft. Collins, Arndt's from Loveland, and Hooks from Loveland.

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the figures "TOM & JERRY." What Ho? Are these still popular cartoon characters for children in Peru? On the back cover in a more educational vein, there is a map showing the complex river system of the upper Amazon basin along the border with Ecuador and below the national flag and escutcheon. The latter includes the image of a vicuna. I wished the map had been of Southern Peru.

Once on the Expo grounds I could see that more alpacas and quite a few llamas had arrived. It was amazing to see how calmly and quietly the llamas behaved even when crowded together in mixed groups of males, females and young ones. Stud males were invariably just tied to the fence by a rope around the base of the neck. Some youngsters, nearly yearling in size, were still being nursed by their mothers. They all seemed quite alert and curious about their surroundings and accepted the situation, even though this was probably an uncommon event in their lives. Water and hay were plentiful with the latter being supplied by the Expo. Usually the hay was put just outside the corrals and the animals could easily reach it through the rails, which were about 18 inches apart. I thought of our rowdy young boys and stud males at home and what a ruckus they would undoubtedly make in that situation, climbing all over everybody and orgling. With

more llamas at hand I began observing build, legs, head and ear shapes, colors. I also observed a few alpaca handlers trying to teach their untrained animals to lead. With a rope around the base of the neck, if the animals didn't move along, they were either hustled along by the wool on the back or by the tail, which usually resulted in continued balkiness accompanied by pitiful bleating from the alpaca. As you can imagine, I felt like jumping in and saying, "Wait! There's an easier way!" But this was neither the time nor the place. Soon, after the brief but very warm greetings between Mauricio and Tony, long time friends, we set out for the hotel and lunch. We were to make this drive between Expo and the hotel many times, and it was always interesting. It took us along the outskirts of town, through some residential sections, then along a couple of thoroughfares with shops and businesses of many kinds, and again along the fringes of the city to where our hotel was. Everywhere there were terraces and stone walls around fields with various crops--lots of alfalfa, onions, corn. As I climbed the stairs from my room, having washed for lunch, Tony Anderberg hailed me from the second landing up. "Here, Bobra," he said, holding out a small glass of liquor--I don't remember what kind. "Have a drink with me! I'm back in Peru!" I never drink at midday, but what

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by Jonathan Blacher

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By Linda VanDoozer

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A \$25.00 deposit is requested to reserve your space. For further details on costs, area maps, activities in the Grand Valley, RV parks and motel locations, please contact Linda VanDoozer, 303-241-1420 or Judy Sealy, 303-241-7921. For over-

night participants, free llama boarding can be arranged at local ranches. A park has been selected as the location for our llama events which will include the RMLA display booth, an obstacle course, packing demonstrations, cart driving, spinning and grooming demonstrations. This is a well shaded, grassy, visible location near the festival activities.

What an extraordinary opportunity to take advantage of the warm autumn days of Colorado's Western Slope and show-off your animals and share in your ranch viewpoints!

NEW DEADLINES FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Because of the limited time of the Editor, the deadlines have been moved up to the first of the month preceeding the month of publication. I need more time to put it together than in the past. The times in my life when I had a

whole week to devote to it are over. I have to sneak in 3 to 4 hours at a time and not 8 to 12 a day. Hope that is not a problem for anyone. I still need articles typed. If anyone would like to volunteer to type, just call!



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ZOO LLAMA PROJECT

In an effort to bridge the communication gap between zoos and private llama owners, a project which began in November, 1991, is entering its final stages. Initiated by Cynthia Kreider, General Curator at the Erie Zoological Gardens in Erie, Pennsylvania, and an active llama breeder herself, the project began with a survey being sent to all AZA (American Zoo Association) Accredited zoos in the United States and Canada that exhibit llamas. The survey asked basic questions about the care and use of llamas in each zoo. It also provided a good "feel" for any interest in communication between zoos and the llama world. The response was very encouraging with 87 of the 107 surveys being returned.

The information gleaned from the surveys enabled Cindy to determine what action might be taken next. Many zoos appeared open to exchanging information and ideas. It was decided that the next step would be to provide a "llama packet" to each zoo. It would include the survey summary (which includes many notes and information along with the numbers), informational brochures about llamas from ILA, and articles from llama books and magazines that would

cover different topics and provide valuable information to the zoos.

To fund this project, ILA was approached to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. Cindy met with ILA Board members Jack Brooks and Lance Bell to propose the idea, and in January, 1994, funds were approved for the project. At the current time, work is being done to obtain permission to re-print of articles and segments of books to be included in the packet. RMLA, Clare Hoffman, D.V.M., and Ingrid Asmus have been extremely helpful by giving permission for parts of their book, *Caring for Llamas - A Health and Management Guide*, to be used for this purpose. RMLA has also expressed interest in becoming even more involved in the project. Hopefully, by the end of the summer, the packet will be ready for mailing.

We can all benefit from more open communication between all parties involved with llamas. It is hoped that this is the beginning of a growing relationship which can only improve llama care in the future. As this project proceeds, we will keep you updated.



FIELD TRIPS AND LLAMAS (CON'T)



RANGERS TELL THE KIDS ABOUT MOUNTAIN LIONS IN THE AREA.

Special thanks go to Bob Riley, Jim Osmun, Karla Goodman, and John and Sharon Beacham for supplying the llamas and helping the kids along this trip. As proof that the kids thoroughly enjoyed the trip, Bob received a large envelope of handmade thank you cards from the kids. Many depicted wonderful drawings of llamas and all described what a great time they had on the trip. It is clear that the children were all affected by the gentle nature and intuitiveness of the llamas.



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the heck. I knew we were faced with a big lunch. Tony's enthusiasm for Peru was unbounded, and he wanted to share much with this neophyte who was just beginning to see and puzzle over this very complex country. We went up and had lunch with Marco and Ursula. Little Angelica was contentedly chewing her cud in the shade, having eaten quite a bit of her alfalfa.

After lunch Rolando descended to my room with me and kindly carried up the duffel bag with all the llama equipment in it. Then Marco drove us to Mauricio's house. It turned out to be very close by--across the big riverbed and a bit further on. Marco let us out in front of a broad, arched, wooden door. Tony knocked vigorously and soon a servant girl opened a smaller door built into the larger one. As with so many Spanish style houses, one passes through this door from a busy, dusty road into what seems like a totally different, quiet world. This house was not quite typical in that just inside the doors was enough

room to park a couple of cars and a truck. Mauricio came to greet us and we went through a passage into--not a patio with a portico around it, as I might have expected--but into a grassy back yard surrounded on three sides by parts of the house. Behind that was more lawn, surrounded by tall trees and bushes. A gate at the back led to a large garden area with tall eucalyptus trees. Soon several members of Mauricio's family were there to welcome us. They were especially glad to see Tony.

Where are the llamas?" I asked. "Just there," said Mauricio pointing to the back section of the lawn, "Come and see." Behind the bushes that divided the two sections of the yard there was a cool shed from which the two llamas appeared as we approached. One was white with a small amount of black on the tail. The other was an appaloosa who reminded me of our Agate. Neither was very large, about 260 lbs. I guessed, remembering the gelding we had trained to drive

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for someone else a couple of years ago. Mauricio explained that two of his helpers, Roger and Felipe, would come to help me and learn how to train the llamas for cart pulling. Felipe was on hand, but Roger was coming from the Expo. We unpacked from the duffel bag all the equipment I had brought. These llamas, Mauricio explained, were two of the pack llamas from his farm in the Colca Canyon. They were used to carry good water from his spring up to a church in a nearby village twice a week. I was pleased at the thought of starting with two good working animals, given the time I had. Both llamas were wearing halters which Mauricio had had made up out of the braided llama wool rope which is commonly used there to tie the woven bags (costales) they use for packs onto the llamas. The halters had buckles and leather tabs sewn on and were very nice-looking with their natural colors, although

they were quite thick. I thought I had better use some of my own halters for the training.

The llamas were caught and held by a rope around the neck. Mauricio asked if I had any suggestions regarding his halters. When I took the halter off the white llama I found that it was tight enough around the noseband that the llama was beginning to get a bit raw under the chin from chewing in it, even though he had only had it on for a couple of days. The appy's halter had caused no trouble. These llamas did not normally wear halters, I learned, they were just herded from behind—a practice we saw often later. Using my slow-motion haltering technique I put one of my halters on each llama and adjusted it to fit well. It was clear that even though these llamas were very docile, my first task would be to teach them to lead.

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We unpacked the two harnesses I had brought and I selected the appy, who was a whole male, to be the first to have the harness put on, as he seemed a bit more confident. As I explained things in English, Mauricio immediately translated what I was saying into Spanish for Felipe and all the others who were crowded around. I found that I could follow what he was saying well enough to tell he was giving the same careful explanations I was. The first order of business was to brush the llama and explain that there should be nothing irritating under the parts of the harness. Fortunately these were both short wooled and they did not have much debris in their coats. I brushed the appy lightly with a pin brush and was impressed how he stood perfectly still for the first brushing he probably ever had. He was very calm and patient.

With Mauricio translating and Felipe holding the appy llama and watching closely, I explained the function of all the parts of the harness as I put it on and adjusted it to fit this llama. At Jose's request I had brought red harness pads, since the

colors of Peru's flag are red and white. The llama made no objections to my fastening on any part of the harness. I even showed how I teach the llama to have the neck strap of the breast collar put on over the head. He was very good about it. Once the harness was on I explained that the first real training procedure for these llamas would be to teach them to lead, since they showed clearly that they did not understand that at all. Like very calm weanlings, these two four-year olds then learned to take their first tentative steps in response to signals from the lead rope. I also stressed the importance of praise and how llamas do respond it. This seemed to be a completely new concept here where, as I had seen both on video and at the Expo, manhandling and earing them seemed to be the primary technique for getting the animals to do what one wanted. It was gratifying to see how these llamas paid attention and that they were learning to respond quickly, as I had seen so many adult llamas do before, when I had bought totally untrained ones some fourteen years ago.

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By the time the first brief leading lesson was over it was late in the afternoon and time for refreshments which, Patricia, Mauricio's wife, had laid out on a table on the porch outside the living room. Since I had brought a copy of my video tape on Training Llamas to Drive, and I had explained the distinction I make between driving and cart pulling, Mauricio wanted to show it, as the idea of driving llamas to a cart is a startling notion to everyone down there. I said that the whole tape took two hours, and of course, it was all in English, but the introduction and some other parts would show llamas driving nicely. So we all sat down and Mauricio put the tape into the VCR. The only trouble was that it was running at double speed, and he couldn't do anything about it. So he turned the sound off and we watched Jester, Squire, and Jerry Dunn's Targhee jiggling along in the beautiful fall colors of the Colorado Rockies. To my astonishment everyone sat and watched the entire tape, and I thought it was a good thing it was running at double speed, as they had already seen me demonstrate some of what was on the tape. But then they saw introducing a llama to the cart and different kinds of carts. In the end, the speed with which everything got done seemed to be entertaining, like seeing jerky old black and white movies. And of course, we all got the giggles every time I made a llama back up, since it looked so incongruous, the way it does when a tape is run backwards at fast speed.

As the company dispersed Mauricio and I discussed the fact that the cart had still not been found at Faucett in Lima. Faxes from Jose indicated that the cart had never arrived there. Driving to and from the Expo I had seen many

bicycle push carts--tricycles, actually, with a little flat cargo area in front and the seat and chain wheel at the rear. I had even noticed a small bicycle factory and wondered if they could modify it to make a llama cart. Mauricio said he would pick me up in the morning from the hotel and bring me to his house to continue the training. Then we would see what to do about a cart. He still had much to do at the Expo, checking in animals and having more pens built, as many more animals were arriving than he had expected.

It was dark by the time Marco and Ursula drop Tony and me back at the hotel. The garden gate is always closed at dusk, so we entered by the big wooden door in the high stone wall that ran all along the street side of the property. This night Tony was my companion at dinner. He continued to share his insights and enthusiasm for Peru and explained that he was planning a special film on Arequipa, this city of light.

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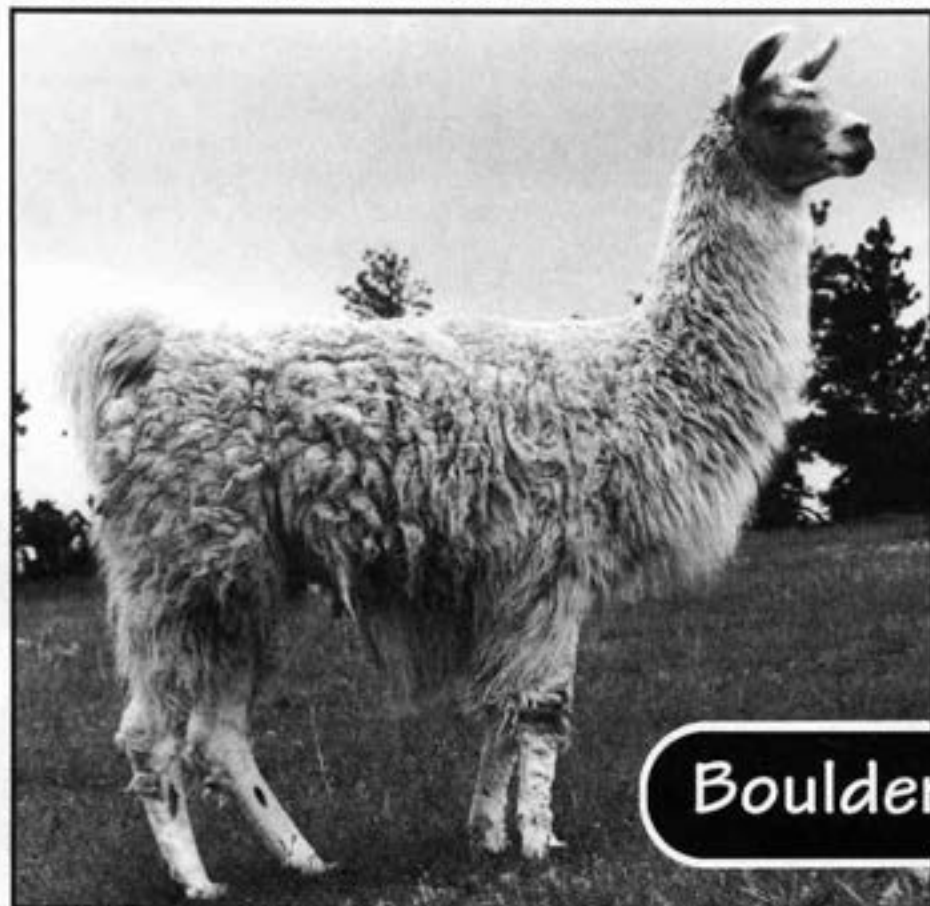
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