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President's Message

Wow what a winter! Hope everyone fared well and got the moisture they needed. A late winter storm helped our drought problem. We are just trying to figure out how to repay our daughter/farm sitter for being snowed in for 4 days while we were at a show. A Caribbean Cruise would probably work. Anyway the grass is now green and it's time for spring, and a search for a new farm sitter.

It was a full and active 2006 with the completion of the first RMLA audit the board is working on implementing the auditor's recommendations into our Policies and Procedures. I hope all of you received a copy of the audit and reviewed it and now know that RMLA is in good financial status.

The Fiber Coop had a record number of consignors and had a very good year even with the inclement weather that literally dampened the Taos event which is historically the biggest event for the Coop. The fiber committee is working on a remedy that will allow for another rainy day in the future. Plus the Fiber Coop has had a great start to 2007 with record setting sales at the National Western Stock Show. Thanks to all the members that have participated in the Coop in one form or another to make it a success.

The Bylaws committee is in the process of rewriting the bylaws which will be sent to you for your approval in the near future. If anyone has any suggestions please contact

any board member and we will be happy to talk with you.

We have many plans in the works for 2007. We are in the process of setting up a one day conference in conjunction with our annual meeting with topics covering neonatal concerns to packing. I hope all of you can make plans to attend. It is scheduled for October 20th, 2007. It should be lots of fun. We also have an election coming up to fill 4 seats on the board. Anyone with interest please contact the elections committee.

Now that it is spring, it is time to start planning for our next season of shows and events with the animals we all love. Don't forget to take care of some details that are sometimes neglected. Please take the time to check the condition of your trailers.

We are sometimes in a hurry and forget to check the tires, brakes, lights, and bearings. These are the parts that keep us, as well as our animals safe and secure. There is nothing worse than to be broken down on the way to an event or on the way home.

Thanks to the volunteers, who have given of their blood, sweat, and tears, without you there would be no events.

Thanks to you, our members, for you are RMLA. Without you we would not be.

Always just a phone call away,

Paul Schwartz

Call for Candidates

The 2007 RMLA election of directors will be especially important because there will be a minimum of four seats open on the Board of Directors. A combination of expiring terms and resignations has resulted in this unusually large number of vacancies.

Any RMLA member whose dues are current is a member in good standing and eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving on the RMLA Board of Directors, please send your statement of candidacy to the RMLA Secretary by July 15, 2007. Statements should be limited to 300 words or less and can be mailed to Cheryl Juntilla at Post Office Box 1321, Clifton, CO 81520, faxed to (970) 434-6092 or e-mailed to cajwdj@aol.com.

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RMLA...

We all tend to take too many things in life for granted. For instance, we assume that the lights will turn on when we flip a switch, but the blizzards and ice storms of last winter showed that electricity cannot always be taken for granted. For too long our society has taken our natural resources for granted and assumed they would never run out. Probably the saddest mistake any of us can make would be to take our family and friends for granted.

I must confess that for years I took RMLA for granted. I paid my dues and took all the benefits of membership for granted, without giving any real thought to how those benefits came to be. I assumed that there would always be sponsored shows, educational seminars and other events to attend and that the Membership Directory, Service Directory and Journal would magically appear in my mailbox. I enjoyed checking materials out from the Library and assumed that RMLA would keep me informed about health concerns and other important issues. I must have thought that RMLA had a full-time paid staff to do all this for me, or perhaps a troupe of fairies with magic wands.

At some point it finally dawned on me that RMLA is operated by its members and that the benefits I was enjoying were all the result of many hours of work done by numerous volunteers. Serving on the Board of Directors has deepened my appreciation for all of the former and current committee members and volunteers who are the lifeblood of RMLA. The accomplishments of these volunteers are even more impressive when you consider that all of them are busy people who also have jobs, families, animals to care for and other commitments.

There is an old adage that the more you give, the more you get back. That is certainly true when it comes to an association like RMLA. The best way to enjoy the full benefit



WANTS YOU!

By Cheryl Juntilla
Photo courtesy of Barb and Bob Hance

of being a member is to get involved. If you have an interest in the work of a particular committee, don't hesitate to contact the committee chairperson to volunteer. If you think RMLA should sponsor more packing events, then contact the Pack Committee to see how you can help make that happen. If you are a fiber enthusiast, helping with the Fiber Booth is a great way to meet people with similar interests. If you want RMLA to have educational conferences, then please volunteer to be the chairperson of the Education Committee. If you are a parent and would like to see more activities for your kids, you should volunteer to serve on the Youth or 4-H Committee. In many cases just a few hours per year can make a difference. Even if you indicated an interest in volunteering on your membership renewal form, don't wait for a committee chairperson or board member to contact you. It is always harder to ask for help than it is to offer it.

One of the most rewarding ways to get more involved with RMLA is to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board consists of five to seven members who serve staggered three-year terms. The Board has face-to-face quarterly meetings and communicates via

telephone and e-mail as needed between those meetings. Any RMLA member in good standing is eligible to run for election.

There will be four positions on the board to be filled in this year's election and nominations will close on July 15, 2007. The Elections Committee will be contacting members to seek nominations, but even if you are not contacted, don't hesitate to throw your hat in the ring. Please contact the Elections Committee as soon as possible if you are interested in declaring your candidacy.

Whatever you do, don't make the mistake of taking RMLA for granted. RMLA is unique because its mission to educate its members and the public about llamas and alpacas covers a wide spectrum of interests and is not limited to any one particular activity or type of lama. RMLA is not just about showing, or just about packing, or just about fiber, or just about youth, or just about informing members with health alerts and other news. It is all of those things and more, thanks to efforts of its members. To paraphrase one of President Kennedy's most famous statements "Ask not what RMLA can do for you; ask what you can do for RMLA."





April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 RMLA MEMBERSHIP

JOIN RMLA now! Your dues will assure the continuation of all the good RMLA has accomplished.

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Please consider making a donation to the RMLA Foundation Inc., for RMLA Youth scholarships.

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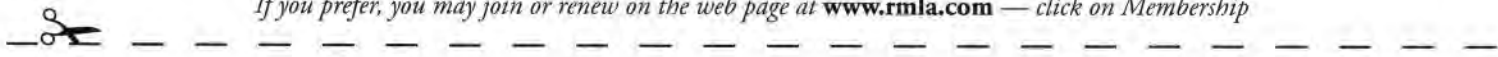
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Life Membership: \$500.00 one time only! Same as Annual, plus: Special recognition in Directory; and a one time free 1/4 page ad in the Journal. If there are future special assessments, "Life Members" would pay the same as annual members.

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Mark your calendars! Annual Meeting and Mini-Conference

On October 20, 2007, RMLA will be conducting a one-day conference with several educational sessions. The location for this conference will be the Federal Correctional Institution at 9595 West Quincy Avenue, in Littleton, Colorado 80123. Speakers will include Charlie Hackbarth, who will give a short pack clinic, and at least two veterinarians who have expertise in caring for llamas and alpacas.

The educational program will be followed by the 2007 Annual Business Meeting.

More information and registration forms will be sent to members with the official Notice of Annual Meeting. If you are not an RMLA member, but would like to attend the educational sessions, please contact Cheryl Juntilla at cajwdj@aol.com to obtain a registration form.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

- June 2, 2007 CAAMP Performance Show, Guffey, CO
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- June 2-3, 2007 Llama Pack Training Clinic, Longmont CO
Contact Bobra Goldsmith, 303.530.5575
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- June 9, 2007 Pack Llamafest, Plains, MT
Contact Dick Williams, 405.826.2201 • drdrjhw@hotmail.com
- June 16-17, 2007 Estes Park Wool Market, Estes Park, CO
Contact Gayle Woodsum, 307.721.2919 • dbjllamas@aol.com
- June 24, 2007 Legendary Lama Poker Hike, Elbert, CO
Contact Sherry Adamcyk, 303.621.9021 • sadamcyk@d20.co.edu
- June 30, 2007 Indian Hills Youth Performance Show, Evergreen, CO.
Contact Sandra Lockwood, 303.838.9554 • dslockwood@juno.com

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- July 14, 2007 Douglas County Summer Youth Show, Franktown, CO
Contact Scott McHenry, 303.688.6642
- July 22, 2007 Out On The Prairie Youth Show, Calhan, CO
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- July 28, 2007 Fairplay Llama Pack Race, Fairplay, CO
Contact Gary Carlton, 303.503.1324, • gary@jmhfarm.com
- July 29, 2007 Fairplay Llama Show, Fairplay, CO
Contact Sandy Lockwood, 303.838.9554 • dslockwood@juno.com
- July 31, 2007 Kiowa Creek Youth Llama & Alpaca Show, Kiowa, CO
Contact Sherry Adamcyk, 303.621.9021 • sadamcyk@d20.co.edu

AUGUST

- August 6, 2007 Boulder County Youth Show, Longmont, CO
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- August 18, 2007 Hope Pass LT-100, Pack Trip, Leadville, CO
Contact Jim Osmun, 303.457.2787 • osmunj@att.net

SEPTEMBER

- September 1-2, 2007 LOCC Fall Classic, Castle Rock, CO
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- September 29, 2007 Looking For The Gold, Golden Gate Canyon State Park
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Library Moved to Plains, Montana

One of RMLA's most unique and valuable assets is its Library. The Library contains hundreds of llama-related books, videos and articles, which are available for members to check out. Most of these items have been donated by members and some are irreplaceable. A list of the Library contents appears at the back of the Membership Directory and also at www.rmla.com. Checkout requests can be completed on-line or by contacting the Librarian.

Sharon Herbold served as Librarian for many years, but was forced to retire last year because of health concerns. Dick Williams volunteered to take on the duties of Librarian and was able to get all of the Library's materials moved to his home before the serious winter weather began. Dick can be contacted by telephone at 406-826-2201, by e-mail at drdrjhw@hotmail.com, or by regular mail at Post Office Box 1070, Plains, MT 59859-1070.

Note from Dick Williams

As I prepare to assume the responsibilities of librarian for the RMLA I want to personally thank Sharon Herbold for the fine job she has done with the library during her tenure. The library is in excellent shape and I really appreciate all the help she has given me to make the transition as trouble free as it was. I hope the entire association will join me in thanking Sharon for a job well done.

— Dick Williams

RMLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2006
Residence Inn,
Loveland, Colorado

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by President Paul Schwartz. Board members present were Teri Baird, Bob Hance, Cheryl Juntilla, Larry Lewellyn and Paul Schwartz. Absent was Steve Quackenbush. RMLA members Barb Hance and Wally Juntilla were also present.

Election of Officers:

Officers unanimously elected for the coming year are:

President – Paul Schwartz
Vice President – Larry Lewellyn
Treasurer – Bob Hance
Secretary – Cheryl Juntilla

Old Business:

Several motions previously made by e-mail were addressed in order to have a clear record of the voting.

Motion by Teri Baird to approve Patti Morgan's proposal for 2007 operation of the RMLA Fiber Booth in which Patti will continue as Manager, the consignment percentages charged will remain the same, and the Booth will be taken to the National Western Stock Show, the Celebrity Show and Sale, the Estes Park Wool Market, the Taos Wool Market and the ALSA Grand National Championship show.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Larry Lewellyn that RMLA sponsor the Open Pack Class at the 2006 ALSA Grand National Championship in the amount of \$250.

None opposed – motion passed.

Motion by Paul Schwartz that RMLA be a gold sponsor of the National Fiber Show at the 2006 ALSA Grand National Championship in the amount of \$200.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Also discussed as old business was the RMLA Outstanding Youth Award. The only application for the award was received after the deadline and there were differing opinions on the fairest way to proceed.

Motion by Teri Baird to publish an e-mail announcement about the Outstanding Youth Award, extending the deadline for applications to December 31, 2006, and specifying that the applicants must be current youth members of RMLA.

In favor: Paul Schwartz and Cheryl Juntilla. Opposed: Bob Hance and Larry Lewellyn. Motion passed.

Also under old business was a discussion to clarify which prior meeting minutes had been approved by the Board. It was determined that the corrected May minutes and July minutes had been approved, but that there had not been a complete vote on the corrected June minutes.

Motion by Cheryl Juntilla to approve corrected June meeting minutes.

In favor: Bob Hance, Paul Schwartz and Larry Lewellyn. Opposed: Teri Baird. Motion passed.

Teri Baird passed around minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting that had taken place on September 22, 2006, in Castle Rock, Colorado. These minutes will be published in the Fall issue of the Journal, but cannot be approved until the next Annual Meeting of the membership. It was noted that the minutes did not include the 2005 Treasurer's report which was read into the record at the meeting. That report will be added to the minutes and they will be resubmitted to the Board for its review before they are sent to the Journal editor.

The Management letter prepared by Bruce L. Fosdick, CPA, as part of his audit of RMLA's 2005 financial records was discussed at length, as were steps that could be taken to address the recommendations made by Mr. Fosdick. The Board has already adopted a policy which requires the Treasurer to inform the Board and obtain approval for all payments to be made. We should move some money to another bank to make sure all of RMLA's accounts are covered by the \$100,000 FDIC insurance limit. Ideas were discussed having the Journal editor work with the Treasurer to set up a system to allow advertisers to pay for ads with credit cards and to make sure all payments for ads are deposited promptly. Volunteers will be sought for a Finance Committee to perform an annual review of RMLA's financial records.

The audited 2005 Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2005, have already been sent to Linda Eastman, CPA, the certified public accountant who prepares RMLA's tax returns.

Motion by Teri Baird to send Linda Eastman, CPA, copies of the audited 2004 Financial Statement and 2005 Management Letter.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Teri Baird that the RMLA Treasurer investigate taking some of the money from the Liquid Asset account to be deposited into certificates of deposit with staggered maturity dates.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Cheryl Juntilla that copies of Mr. Fosdick's audited Financial Statements and Management Letter be mailed to all RMLA members with a transmittal letter signed by President Paul Schwartz after approval of the wording of the letter by all board members.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Proposed revisions to the RMLA General Financial Procedures for Committees, Events, Conferences, and Projects and Conference Guidelines which had been presented to the Board in February, 2006, were also discussed. The vote on these revisions had been tabled until the completion of the audit, and a copy had been sent to Mr. Fosdick for review as part of the audit. Board members agreed on several changes to the language of the revisions, including eliminating a reference to a Special Events fund which does not exist, and also eliminating a provision allowing automatic payment of budget overruns up to 10%.

Motion by Teri Baird that the RMLA General Financial Procedures for Committees, Events, Conferences, and Projects be sent to Linda Eastman, CPA, for review.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Larry Lewellyn that the Board approve the revised RMLA General Financial Procedures for Committees, Events, Conferences and Projects with the language agreed upon during this meeting.

In favor: Paul Schwartz, Bob Hance and Cheryl Juntilla. Opposed: Teri Baird. Motion passed.

Motion by Teri Baird that the Board approve the revised Conference Guidelines with the language agreed upon during this meeting.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding RMLA's possible involvement in the publishing and sale of the book *Scraping Heaven* was tabled until Steve Quackenbush can participate.

New Business:

Larry Lewellyn presented a proposal from Charlie Hackbarth for selling his book *Tales of the Trail* through the RMLA Bookstore. The motion on this proposal was tabled until the Bookstore Liaison has an opportunity to discuss it with the Bookstore Manager.

Larry Lewellyn also reported that he had been in contact with a particular chain store about

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the possibility of selling Caring For Llamas and Alpacas in its animal book section.

Motion by Teri Baird that the \$15.00 monthly bank fee for the credit card machine be charged to general operations rather than allocated to various committees.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Committee Business:

Bookstore – No report. Bob Hance will remain as liaison.

Bylaws - Discussion regarding proposed revisions to RMLA's Bylaws was tabled until Steve Quackenbush can participate. Attempts will be made to find copies of versions of the Bylaws which existed prior to 2005 for review and comparison.

Calendar – Patti Morgan reported that she has sold more than 70 already. She is willing to be in charge of the calendar again next year and requests that the deadline for photos be moved up to June or July. Paul Schwartz will be the liaison.

Continuing Education – Cheryl Juntilla tendered her resignation because she has not been able to even talk anyone into acting as chairperson and thinks another board member might be able to accomplish more. By the end of the meeting she was convinced to remain as liaison because none of the other board members wanted the job.

Elections and Nominations – Teri reported that Maggie Merrill Brown is willing to be in charge of counting ballots again in 2007. There was a discussion about the need to reactivate the nominations committee in order to get more candidates for the next election. Larry Lewellyn will be liaison for the Elections and Nominations committee.

Events – Jerry Dunn will remain as chairperson and Paul Schwartz will be liaison. Larry Lewellyn found an old inventory of RMLA equipment such as banners and signs and gave it to Paul to review and update with Jerry.

Fiber – Sales at Taos were down from the prior year because of bad weather. A report of the income and expenses was submitted, but the Treasurer has not yet had time to reconcile all of the numbers. However, it was noted that expenses for this trip were only \$203.25, which is very reasonable. It was also reported that the current tent was too small to display all of the consigned items and that customers were having to stand in line in the pouring rain.

Motion by Teri Baird that the Fiber Booth Manager be authorized to shop around for an appropriate ten foot by twenty foot tent with sides and report back to the Board for approval of the expense when she finds one.

None opposed. Motion passed. Teri Baird will be liaison for the fiber committee.

4-H – Larry Lewellyn reported on his ongoing efforts to get the 4-H project manual updated and

approved. Barb Hance has found a disc which contains the text for the current version, which should help greatly with this effort. Larry will continue as liaison.

Government Relations – Teri Baird stated that she did not believe there was any reason for this committee to continue to exist. A review of the volunteer spreadsheet shows that no other members have volunteered to serve on it.

Motion by Cheryl Juntilla that the Government Relations Committee be eliminated.

None opposed. Motion passed.

Library – When it was announced that Sharon Herbold would have to resign as Librarian, Helene Charles and Dick Williams both volunteered for the position. Written statements submitted by them and opinions expressed by Sharon were discussed.

Motion by Larry Lewellyn that Dick Williams be appointed as the next RMLA Librarian.

None opposed. Motion passed.

A question was raised about whether the contents of the library are insured. Bob Hance will review the existing policies and investigate the possibility of obtaining such insurance if we don't have it. Cheryl Juntilla will continue as liaison.

Marketing – No report. Paul Schwartz will remain as liaison, but this is another committee for which several members have volunteered and nobody wants to be chairperson. It was suggested that the information about CSU Ag Day be turned over to this committee to see if any of them could man a display at that event.

Membership/Website and E-mails – Barb and Bob Hance will continue to be in charge of these. Teri Baird is liaison.

Pack – Charlie Hackbarth has agreed to be chairperson and Larry Lewellyn will be liaison.

Rescue – The written annual report for this committee was distributed for board members to review. L'illette Vasquez will continue as chairperson and Cheryl Juntilla will be liaison.

Research - Ron Baird was going to try to get a report together, but was probably hampered a bit by the earthquake. Patti Morgan's report on the Camelid Community mentioned some research projects that we should look at. It was noted that 10% of membership dues and 10% of the profits from selling Caring for Llamas and Alpacas has to be set aside for research purposes. Ron Baird will continue as chairperson of this committee and Paul Schwartz will be liaison.

Youth – Barb Harris will continue as chairperson and Larry Lewellyn will be liaison.

Publishing/Journal – Teri Baird reported that the Summer issue had been taken back from the printers and that Steve Quackenbush would not be back in town until Thursday to reformat it. Teri also reported that she had about \$600 in checks for advertising payments to deliver to the Treasurer.

Motion by Teri Baird to print the front and back covers of the Summer issue in color.

Failed for lack of a second.

A spreadsheet summarizing the publishing expenses and advertising income for the Journal for 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date was reviewed. A proposal for color printing and color ad rates had been submitted to the Board, but not discussed or approved before the editor announced her intention to use color on the Summer issue. Board members expressed concerns about increasing costs, ongoing lack of communication, payments for ads not being promptly delivered to the Treasurer for deposit and the importance of meeting deadlines. The need for more volunteers to be involved with the Journal was discussed, including someone to be in charge of selling ads and ensuring payment is received and deposited so that the editor can concentrate on lay-out which is a big enough job by itself.

Motion by Cheryl Juntilla that the Journal editor be advised to have the Summer issue printed in black and white and that no further color printing be done until rates for color ads have been established to help support the additional cost of color printing.

In favor: Larry Lewellyn, Bob Hance, Paul Schwartz. Opposed: Teri Baird. Motion passed.

Motion by Larry Lewellyn that Paul Schwartz be the liaison to the Publishing/Journal committee.

In favor: Cheryl Juntilla, Bob Hance, Paul Schwartz. Abstaining: Teri Baird. Motion passed.

It was decided that the Board will hold quarterly face-to-face meetings on February 24, 2007; June 15, 2007 (at Estes Park); and September 22, 2007, with a date for a meeting in November to be determined.

Cheryl Juntilla and Teri Baird submitted requests for reimbursement for expenses including postage, election expenses, receipt books and a gift for an outgoing board member.

Motion by Paul Schwartz to approve payment of expenses. None opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Teri Baird. None opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Cheryl A. Juntilla

Secretary

Meeting Minutes *continued*

February 24, 2007
Residence Inn
Loveland, Colorado

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by President Paul Schwartz. Board members present were Bob Hance, Cheryl Juntilla, Larry Lewellyn, Steve Quackenbush and Paul Schwartz. Also present were RMLA members Barb Hance and Wally Juntilla.

Old Business

The first agenda item was to confirm that the minutes of the October 21, 2006, meeting had been approved via e-mail vote. Larry, Paul and Bob had voted to approve the minutes; Cheryl and Steve abstained. Teri Baird did not vote as she had tendered her resignation following that meeting.

Youth Award Larry will follow up with Barb Harris about purchasing the belt buckle and savings bond so that Paul can present them to Marshall Rutledge at the Hobo Husker Classic show. Larry will call Geri Rutledge to confirm that Marshall will be there. We need to send out an e-mail announcement about Marshall getting this award for 2007 and to encourage applications from other youth members for the 2008 award, with an entry deadline of August 31, 2007.

Scraping Heaven Steve talked to Cindy Ross about the information he had found on publishing costs and she has not gotten back to him. It appears from her website that she is having the book printed herself, so this issue is tabled indefinitely.

Motion made by Larry via e-mail that Charlie Hackbarth's book *Tales of the Trail* be sold through the RMLA Bookstore failed for lack of a second. Larry has talked to Charlie about selling the book in the Fiber Booth and Cheryl has confirmed that will be agreeable to the Fiber Booth manager. The usual 15% commission will apply.

Rose Parade An e-mail motion to make a contribution to the Llama Association of Southern California to be used towards the cost of the flowers for the llama entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade was not fully voted on in time to send any funds before the Parade. Larry, Paul and Cheryl had voted in favor of the motion. Since the Parade is now history, Bob and Steve voted against the motion because it is no longer timely. Larry will make a courtesy contact with Maryan Baker and this issue may be considered again if a llama entry is accepted for next year's Parade.

Youth Performance Clinic

Motion by Larry to approve the proposed May 20, 2007, youth performance clinic as an RMLA event. Seconded by Cheryl. All in favor. Motion passed.

Steve will get more information about the estimated expenses of this clinic.

Committee Reports

Bookstore As of 2-20-07: CFLA Sold 2006 = 1,193

CFLA Sold 2007= 117

Inventory Now = 2,857

4H Manual Sold 2006 = 389

4H Manual Sold 2007 = 28

Inventory Now = 356

Based on sales data, it appears that another printing of CFLA may be needed in the Spring of 2008. We will wait to hear from the Bookstore manager about that and when she anticipates another printing of the 4H Manual will be necessary.

Calendar There are about 100 copies left of the 2007 calendar. Patti Morgan will try to sell them in the Fiber Booth at the Grand Slam/Celebrity event and mark them down to \$5.00 per copy. We are \$20 to \$40 short of breaking even on the calendars this year. Patti already has some photos and ads for the 2008 calendar and would like to move the submission deadline up to June or July, increase the cost for business card ads to \$25.00 and only have 200 copies printed. The calendars should be ready to sell by September.

Motion by Larry to approve Patti's proposal for the 2008 RMLA Calendar; seconded by Bob. All in favor – motion passed.

Continuing Education Cheryl reported that there is still no chairperson for this committee and it is getting too late to try to organize a big conference for 2007. Larry stated that Charlie Hackbarth has expressed interest in doing a pack clinic. After much discussion and review of available dates it was decided to hold a mini-conference in conjunction with the RMLA Annual Business Meeting on October 20, 2007. Larry will check into reserving the conference facility where he works and contact several veterinarians who were suggested as possible speakers. The tentative schedule is as follows: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - arrival and sign-in

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - pack clinic

11:00 a.m. – noon - presentation by DVM

Noon – 1:00 p.m. – lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. - presentation by DVM

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – DVM panel discussion

3:00 p.m. - Annual Business Meeting

Elections and Nominations Larry reported that Maggie Merrill-Brown is still willing to be in charge of counting ballots. The need for an active nominating committee was discussed and members who volunteered to serve on that committee will be contacted. There will be four openings on the board this year. It was agreed that the ballot should

include a space for write-ins, but that it needs to be clearly explained. The call for candidates will go out no later than June 1, 2007, with nominations closing on July 15, 2007. Ballots will be mailed out on August 1 with a return postmark deadline of August 31, 2007.

Events Paul received a report from Event Chairperson Jerry Dunn stating that there are 24 RMLA sponsored events on the calendar for 2007, nine of which have requested proof of insurance. There will probably be three or four more events added as the year progresses. It was agreed that the events packet should be posted on the website.

Fiber Booth Sales at the National Western Stock Show were a record \$1,700.00. Unfortunately, there were two mercatras stolen from the Booth that weekend. A police report was filed, but the chances of anything coming of that are slim. Patti will earmark part of this year's fundraiser to cover the cost of the stolen items. Other events to which the Booth will be taken this year are The Celebrity Sale, Estes Park Wool Market, Taos Wool Market and ALSA Grand Nationals. The net amount raised by last year's fundraiser was \$340. The prize winners were Tammy Schendt, who chose the yarn donated by Sharon Beacham; Jerry Dunn, who chose the shawl donated by Patti Morgan; and Cheryl Ryberg, who got the panniers donated by Larry Lewellyn. Paul stated he had found a 10 x 20 tent at Sportsmen's Warehouse for \$210 that might be suitable for the Fiber Booth and will forward information about it to Patti and Sharon Beacham.

4-H Larry has gathered a lot of information and material for updating the 4-H manual and getting it officially accepted on a national level, but does not have time to finish this project and requested that Steve take over as liaison to the 4-H Committee. Larry will contact Maureen Bergenfeld and Steve will contact other people who have volunteered to be on this committee. Cheryl will send Steve the compact disc which appears to have the text of the current manual on it. It was noted that 4-H record books are now provided on-line, so there is probably no need for the printed record book.

Youth The need to inform youth members about the benefits available to them through the RMLA Foundation was discussed. There have been articles published in the Journal about the Foundation in the past and we may be able to recycle one of them this year. Paul will contact Maureen Bergenfeld to find out about the current status of the Foundation, which is a completely separate entity from RMLA.

Library Cheryl reported that Dick Williams had some questions for the Board. The first question involved postage costs. Library materials had historically been mailed to members via parcel post, but a couple of years ago the Board decided that media mail should be used in order to reduce

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expenses. The problem is that this so greatly increased the time it took for items to be received and returned that the small amount of money being saved did not seem justified. It was also noted by a board member that items sent by media mail cannot be tracked.

Motion by Steve that the RMLA Librarian be allowed to use priority mail with delivery confirmation at his discretion; seconded by Bob. All in favor – motion passed.

Dick also asked for permission to purchase a subscription for the RMLA Library to The Backcountry Llama at a cost of \$20.00 per year.

Motion by Cheryl to approve the purchase of a subscription to The Backcountry Llama for the RMLA Library; seconded by Bob. All in favor – motion passed.

A possible total budget amount for annual acquisitions for the Library was discussed, but it was decided that it would be better for each purchase to be submitted to the Board for approval. It was also noted that a current inventory and valuation of the Library is needed for insurance purposes and Cheryl will ask Dick for them.

Marketing – No. report.

Pack – No report.

Membership - Report from Barb Hance: Membership as of 2-22-07 219 Adult Memberships; 27 Life Memberships; 26 Youth Members; 4 Young Adults.

Since October we have had 7 New Memberships.

Membership sent one email message for renewal and Service Directory Order on

2-17-06. We had about 25 returns for bad emails, over quota, etc. including chantar@fiberpipe.net as spam. Rec'd 5 membership renewals and to Service Directory Orders so far. Plan by 3-1-07 to send hard copies by snail mail for those who have not rejoined by then.

Research – Paul reported that no one from the Llama Medical Research Group has contacted Ron Baird for a very long time and it appears that the LMRG is not very active. The notice regarding the death of Dr. Mark Morris, DVM, and memorial donations to the Morris Animal Foundation was discussed. Descriptions of camelid research projects currently being funded by the Morris Animal Foundation were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the balance in the Research Savings account is more than \$7,000 and that no donations towards research projects have been made for years. It was suggested that we might be able to apply the money closer to home by making a donation to CSU.

Motion by Larry that RMLA make a \$1,000 donation to the Morris Animal Foundation in memory of Dr. Mark Morris with the funds to be earmarked for the "Development of a Quantitative Method of Assessing Insulin Sensitivity in

Camelids." Seconded by Cheryl. In favor: Paul and Steve. Opposed: Bob. Motion passed.

Paul will ask the Research Committee to contact Rob Callan, DVM, at CSU to investigate whether RMLA should donate funds for use in their camelid department.

Publishing/Journal Paul stated that he had not received a response to his request for a report from the Journal editor. Steve stated he believed Shari had e-mailed a report to Paul and that the Journal would be going to the printer the following week. The need for timeliness and the difficulty of having one person trying to produce the Journal were discussed. Just the layout work for each Journal takes many hours and the editor also has to reformat and clean up most of the ads and photos submitted. Paul circulated a proposal he had received from a publisher for doing both the layout work and printing, which could reduce the amount of work for the editor and help meet publication deadlines. Steve will give Shari a copy of the proposal and Paul will call her to discuss it. Cheryl stated a member had commented that the current editor has been in a position of having to play "catch up" ever since she took over and that we should just admit that an issue was missed so that future issues will accurately reflect the season in which they are actually being published.

Bylaws Steve reported that he has never received any response from RMLA's attorney regarding the proposed revisions to the Bylaws that he sent to her. Documents were circulated and discussed regarding questions about the history of the current bylaws. The proposed revisions were reviewed and additional changes agreed to. Steve will prepare and circulate an updated draft to board members.

Finance Committee Barb Hance is the chairperson of this committee and reported she has communicated with the members who volunteered to serve on it. About the only concern they had was the high cost of publishing the Journal. She will work on getting a 2007 budget to submit for board approval.

New Business

Copies of the revised General Financial Policies approved at the last board meeting were circulated and a master copy signed by Paul and Bob. Cheryl suggested that the existing versions of the guidelines for committee chairs and liaisons could also use some sprucing up and circulated proposed revisions, which were reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Larry to approve the revisions to the Guidelines for RMLA Board Liaison; seconded by Steve. All in favor – motion passed.

Motion by Steve to approve revisions to the RMLA Committee Chairperson

Guidelines; seconded by Bob. All in favor – motion passed.

Master copies of the revised guidelines were signed by Paul and Larry. Cheryl will send

photocopies of the revised financial policies and guidelines to all committee chairpersons.

Cheryl requested that an e-mail be sent to RMLA members to let them know about a fundraising event to benefit cancer patients and their families which did not have anything to do with llamas, but which would help the family of a former RMLA member. Some board members felt this would be a violation of the E-mail Newline Guidelines, but after discussion the majority agreed that it would qualify as a message from BOD members and not violate the policy since it did not involve any camelid sales or rescue announcements.

It was noted that there is an apparent contradiction in the Guidelines and agreed that it should be clarified the word "emergencies" refers to events caused by natural disasters. A revised version will be prepared and distributed to board members for review.

Treasurer's reports distributed included a P & L report for October 20 through December 31, 2006; a P & L report for all of 2006; a P & L report for January 1 through February 23, 2007 and a Balance Sheet Comparison report comparing account balances on February 22, 2007 to those on February 22, 2006. The Treasurer is now using Quickbooks. No funds have been transferred into a certificate of deposit yet.

The next board meeting will take place on June 15, 2007, at Estes Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Submitted,
Cheryl Juntilla
Secretary

RMLA Treasurer's Report

10/17/06

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	11,945.95
CFLA Special Production	1,151.22
General Operations	7,844.49
Life Member Escrow	62,857.80
Liquid Asset	3,448.86
Marketing Research Savings	7,060.24
Medical Research Savings	4,198.07
RMLA Bookstore	-----

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts

	98,506.63
Receivables	0.00

TOTAL ASSETS 98,506.63

LIABILITIES 0.00

OVERALL TOTAL 98,506.63

Press Release from the Pack Llama Trial Association

To the Llama Packing Community:
3/26/07

The Pack Llama Trial Association (PLTA) is back up and running. As you know, the majority of the original founding members (PLTA started in 1995) left the Board in 2002. A few new Board members were added and the bylaws updated in 2003, but the changeover of the many PLTA functions did not happen. The remaining founding members wound up carrying the load until burn-out finally set in. The time came to recognize that the PLTA Board must be revitalized and the functions must be parceled out to the Board members. This has given the current Board the impetus to renew itself. New Board members have been appointed and President and Vice-President have been selected by the Board.

We would like to thank the past Board members for their vision to establish the PLTA and their long years of work. Special thanks go to Jay Rais, Rocky Hammons, Madeleine Landis, and Margaret Van Camp for their continued support and assistance during this transition. Founding member Dick Sheehan is still with us as a Board member until the end of 2007, giving us invaluable continuity and expertise. Jo Sheehan has been carrying the share of several people for all these years without any payment besides the gratitude of all who know what it takes to do what she does.

The current Board members include Dick, Viv Fulton (President), Nancy Hester (Vice President), Kurt Pihera, Toni Knie, Mike Thompson, and Shirley Weathers. Jo Sheehan will also continue to transition the PLTA functions to the Board over the rest of this year.

As mentioned, Jo has handled all of the PLTA duties as an unpaid office

manager. While this made it easy for the Board and for the membership, the time is long overdue for the duties to be spread among many hands. To that end, the Board is in the process of dividing out the PLTA tasks primarily among five Board members with these Board members acting as Task Managers. The divisions are: Trial Database - Mike Thompson, Bookkeeping - Shirley Weathers, Membership - Viv Fulton, and Website - Nancy Hester. The area of Newsletter has yet to be assigned.

For the time being, all activities will continue to be funneled through Jo at the current PLTA office. We will notify you when transition of tasks is complete and let you know who to go to for what. In the meantime, we have extended memberships to make up for the lack of newsletters and services over the last couple of years. Please check the website for the membership listing that was updated in February this year and contact Jo with questions. We expect to utilize the website more extensively and to keep it updated on a more timely basis. We do intend to keep a hardcopy newsletter as a membership benefit, but also will be researching the feasibility of providing the option of receiving it electronically.

Working out all of the logistics of these transitions will take a few months to master, but we are confident that the new and improved PLTA will become an attentive and responsive organization for its membership.

If any member has questions or issues they would like the Board to address, please contact any of the Board members. Thank you for your patience as we buckle down to support you with the best PLTA we can.

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Rescue Committee Report

Rescue Committee Report to the RMLA Board 10/21/2006

RMLA Rescue Committee members: L'illette Vasquez, Chair; F. E. Baxter, Laura McNamara, Helen Charles

RMLA Rescue Committee Goals

- To raise awareness about the problem of lama rescue and develop a stronger community understanding about what rescue entails.
- To educate all lama owners to recognize what "legitimate" rescuers do, so that fraudulent rescues become an exception and not a rule.
- To provide lama owners in need of foster and care services with resources and information about legitimate sanctuaries.
- To connect with lama rescue organizations across the country to strengthen resources and develop a stronger network for rescue activities.

RMLA Organizational Benefits

The presence and involvement of this rescue committee offers the RMLA organization a huge benefit to its members:

- As we adopt and foster out our rescues, we have a great opportunity to also generate interest and increase membership in RMLA.
- Rescue fund-raising activities present another opportunity to encourage new membership.
- The committee, or its individual members, may have a presence on regional and national committees involved in various aspects of rescue, again increasing RMLA's visibility.
- Of the committee, all are already involved in lama rescue through Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc. (SWLR). Our voice in the lama community, now also RMLA's voice in rescue, gives the organization an opportunity to help fashion rescue efforts nationwide, ensuring that lama rescue remains an important and viable part of the lama community, and serves as a primary

support in the further development of lama rescue.

Needed Resources

Our needs in order to accomplish the Rescue Committee goals:

- Our most pressing needs are, in order of critical necessity, more foster homes, transportation for lamas destined for foster or adoptive homes; money for hay, transportation and veterinary care; people to volunteer time to help with lama care
- To the end of "legitimizing" rescue operations, RMLA can support the Rescue Committee by publishing to the RMLA directory, posting information about rescue organizations on the Web site, and assisting in making educational and informational resources more widely available.
- The RMLA Journal has been wonderfully supportive of rescue articles. We will be submitting more articles for upcoming issues and encourage RMLA membership to share their own experiences with individual rescue efforts.
- More communications between the committee and board, as well as amongst general membership. This can be accomplished by a notable presence at RMLA events, in the Journal, on the Web site, etc.
- The committee needs more members in order to be most effective. Hopefully, these members will come from other than SWLR, as comprises the current committee membership.
- We need to find and create other venues and opportunities to raise funds for SWLR and individuals providing facilities and care for rescue lamas. For example, the Boulder County Leaping Lamas 4H Club will be doing a Llama Fun Day Benefit for Colorado Llama Rescue.

Statistics

More detailed data should be available at the next board meeting. As an example, however, of the SWLR intakes over the past three years, approximately 62% have been adopted out, and 32% remain in foster care (this includes llamas pending adoption, unadoptable llamas, and llamas remaining in SWLR care for other reasons).

Summation

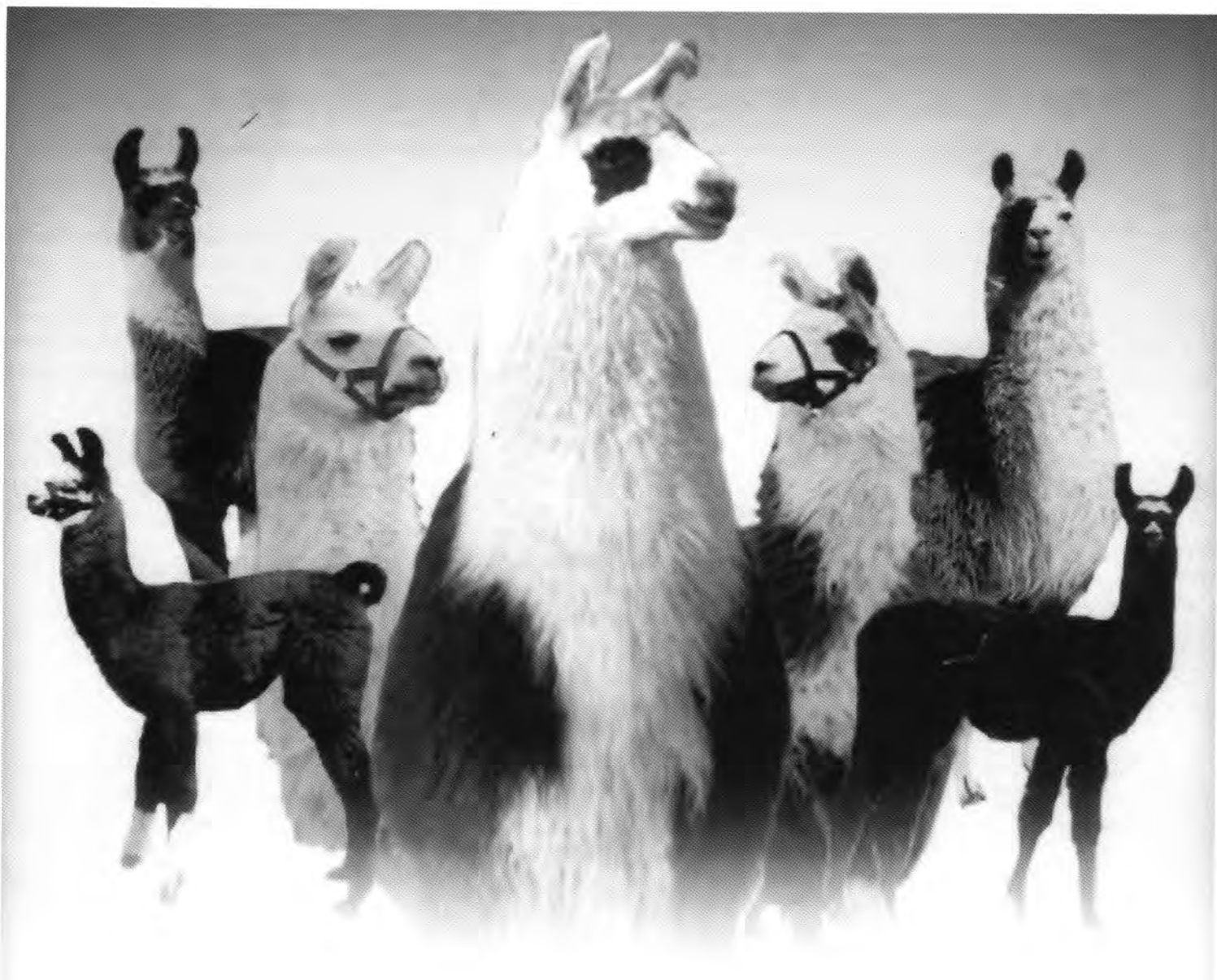
Rescue organizations and individuals are constantly short of money and assistance. Not only do intakes of individual animals continue to rise, but more and more we are seeing groups of lamas, sometimes even entire herds, coming into rescue facilities.

At this time, SWLR (and thus the committee members!) are at maximum load in our established foster homes. We are too often unable to transport lamas to new homes, sometimes losing the opportunity to place the animals. There are simply no funds for feed and care. Lamas in the facilities must be cared for first. And that means we may have to close our doors even to other lamas in critical need. SWLR's sister organization, Southeast Llama Rescue, is already considering a moratorium on intakes. Colorado Llama Rescue has been operating at over-maximum load for far too long.

Getting the word out about rescue needs, legitimizing our efforts through community and organizational involvement, and encouraging new interest — not only in lama rescue, but in lamas in general — will go far to help with much needed fund raising and volunteerism to help with the work loads.

I encourage the RMLA board and members to contact the RMLA Rescue Committee with ideas and suggestions to further educate, raise funds, and explore opportunities to expand our presence in the lama communities.

L'illette Vasquez, Chair
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RMLA Research Donation

In February, 2007, the RMLA Board of Directors voted to make a \$1,000 donation to the Morris Animal Foundation in memory of Dr. Mark Morris. This Foundation has funded a number of llama/alpaca studies over the years and currently has six such projects in progress.

After reviewing information about the current camelid studies and their funding status, the Board decided to request that RMLA's donation be earmarked for "The Development of a Quantitative Method of Assessing Insulin Sensitivity in Camelids." The principal investigator on this project is Anna Firshman, BVSc, Ph.D., of Oregon State University, and other sponsors include the Alpaca Research Foundation, Inc., and the Willamette Valley Llama Foundation.

The reason for this study is that hospitalized llamas and alpacas often develop a condition known as fatty liver which, regardless of the severity of the initial problem, often causes their death. The susceptibility to this condition may be in part due to their unique way of handling blood sugar. Previous studies have shown that these animals have reduced glucose tolerance and sensitivity to insulin compared to other species. This study will evaluate insulin secretion and sensitivity in these animals using a special technique called hyperglycemic (HG) and hyperinsulinemic euglycemic (HE) clamping, which is considered the gold standard for measuring insulin secretion and sensitivity in other species. Researchers hope to gain greater understanding of camelid physiology and to develop effective treatment strategies.

More information about the Morris Animal Foundation is available at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org.

Reflections of a Llama/Alpaca Community Member

by Allan Dewald, MD

Mark L. Morris, Jr. 1934-2007

With the death of Mark L. Morris, Jr., DVM, PhD, on Jan. 14, 2007, we lost a good friend. Mark was the son of Mark L. Morris, Sr., DVM, who founded the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) in 1948. Mark energetically carried on MAF work started by his father, as well as further developing therapeutic foods for animals. Among many other accomplishments, he became known as an international expert on animal nutrition. Mark earned a DVM degree at Cornell University and a PhD in veterinary pathology and biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

I first met Mark in December 1996 while attending my first MAF meeting. His enthusiasm for life and accomplishment was contagious. It was impossible to miss his energetic approach to life. He was well aware that we wanted to expand the depth and breadth of our knowledge to improve the health and well-being of llamas and alpacas. To that end, he was largely responsible for the creation in 1999 of an additional MAF division to be known as the Llama/Alpaca (L/A) division, which joined the other divisions of Canine, Feline, Equine and Wildlife. This meant we would receive financial assistance in funding peer-reviewed L/A division projects. Previous to that time, all dollars for such projects had to be donated specifically for that project. Starting in 1999, however, the L/A division received significant funding assistance from the general (undesigned) donations to MAF. We were also given the opportunity to provide significantly more input into the operation of MAF via trusteeships and committee service, such as on the MAF Executive Committee.

The superb system of quality peer review was established well before 1999 and has increasingly been strengthened and fine-tuned with the ongoing addition of knowledgeable academic veterinarians voluntarily serving terms on the MAF Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). The majority of these SAB members are highly specialized, which leads to intense, but fair, scrutiny of each proposed clinical

investigation. With Mark's able assistance, the L/A division has been given maximum opportunity to provide industry input during the peer review sessions (and other times) relative to the applicability, affordability and, on occasion, scientific merit of proposed L/A investigations. The L/A division has the highest level of activity in this area despite being the smallest MAF division.

As my friendship with Mark grew, I became increasingly aware of the great extent of involvement Mark had in making MAF the successful entity it has become. MAF is the largest, non-governmental, non-profit organization funding animal health studies in the U. S.

Officially, Mark served as the vice president of Scientific Affairs, a position he held until several years ago. He also had developed a passion for improving his investment skills, which he ably applied to the benefit of MAF as well as several other non-profit organizations. MAF endowment funds (restricted and unrestricted) currently are in excess of \$70 million. A portion of the income derived from investment of these funds is utilized to fund MAF overhead, which is why 100 percent of donations to MAF can be applied to fund research projects. As a major driving force within MAF, Mark was often in the background assisting with the many other aspects needed to make MAF such a successful organization.

Mark also served in many roles in community and national organizations beyond MAF. Many will remember Mark for all he gave of himself. If llamas and alpacas could talk, they would also agree that we have lost a good friend.

Dr. Allan Dewald is a past board member and president of the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association. He currently serves as vice president of the Alpaca Research Foundation, MAF trustee and Llama/Alpaca division liaison, and liaison between MAF and the Lama Medical Research Group. A semi-retired physician, Dr. Dewald and his wife Leah share their lives with alpacas at their Rapid City, South Dakota, farm.

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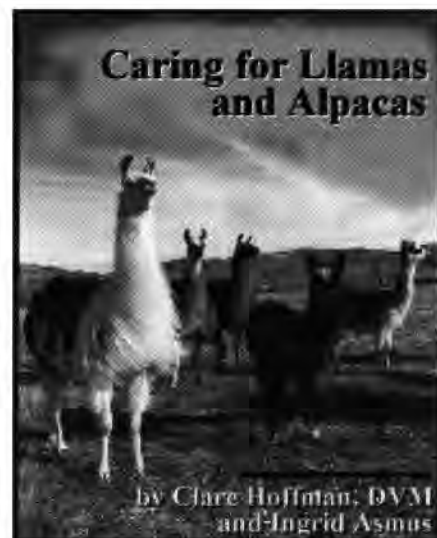
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The recipient of the 2007 RMLA Youth Award was selected some time ago, but we haven't revealed his or her identity because we didn't want to spoil the surprise. The wait will be over soon, and the Award will be presented during the Llama Show at the Estes Park Wool Market on Saturday, June 16, 2007. At that time the deserving youth who has earned the Award will receive a really spiffy belt buckle and a \$100 savings bond.

RMLA youth members who are interested in being considered for the 2008 RMLA Youth Award should get their applications in as soon as possible because the deadline is August 31, 2007, and the winner will be announced at the 2007 ALSA Rocky Mountain Regional Championship. The criteria for applying is as follows:

- RMLA Youth member must have been a member for a minimum of one year prior to application.
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- Letter of reference. This must come from a non-family person.
- One thousand word (approximate) essay as to why individual would make a good representative for RMLA. This essay should include how they will promote RMLA and llamas as well as solutions to raise money for the RMLA Foundation.
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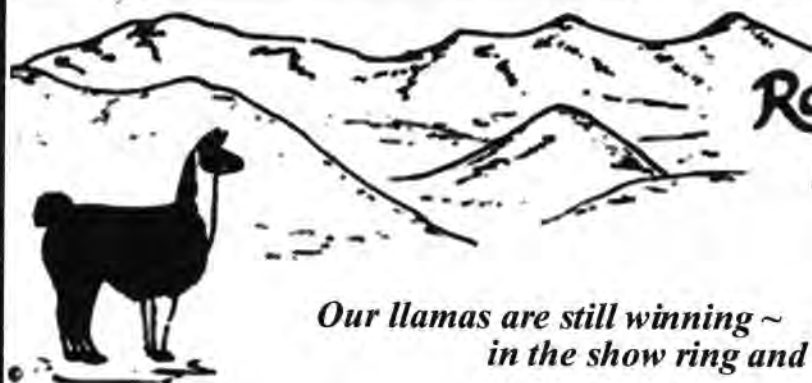
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"DISCOVER LLAMAS" EXHIBIT AT 2006 FFA CONVENTION

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Once again the llama exhibit was a big crowd pleaser, and was the only one allowed to include live animals. The major sponsors of the exhibit were the International Llama Registry (ILR), the Alpaca and Llama Show Association (ALSA), and the International

Camelid Institute (ICI). In addition, eleven regional organizations, including RMLA, contributed to the success of the display with cash and in-kind donations. The event was an outstanding example of how diverse groups can work together to educate people about llamas and alpacas and promote these wonderful animals to potential future owners.

The majority of the donated funds were used to produce laminated bookmarks that displayed the "Discover Llamas" on one side and the web sites of the major sponsors on

the other. About 7,200 of these bookmarks were taken home by attendees. In addition to contributing \$250 towards the cost of the exhibit, RMLA provided 750 copies of a "Standards of Care" brochure for the leaders' packets. The brochures indicated they were compliments of RMLA and gave the address of the RMLA website. These brochures were especially appreciated by attendees who are already using llamas as guardians, but had little knowledge about the care they require. Thanks to Patti Morgan for taking the lead on getting the brochures copied and delivered. A copy of the brochure appears below.

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Minimum Standards of Care for Llamas and Alpacas

Minimum Standards of Care are mandatory to llama and alpaca survival and humane treatment. These are the most basic requirements that all llamas and alpacas must have for physical well-being and, as such, define minimum requirements for animal control officers and government officials investigating questionable llama and alpaca care situations.

1. **WATER:** Animals should have continuous access to potable drinking water.
2. **NUTRITION:** Animals should have nourishment adequate to sustain life and health.
3. **SHELTER:** Animals should have natural or man-made shelter that enables them to find relief from extreme weather conditions. The sheltered area must allow for the ability to stand, lie down, rest and reasonably move about.
4. **MOBILITY:** Animals should have a living area through which they can move freely and exercise independently.
5. **NEGLECT:** Animals should have a physical appearance free from signs of serious neglect. Signs of serious neglect may include such things as crippled ambulation due to severely curled toenails, ingrown halters, or living conditions not meeting the minimums listed above.
6. **SAFETY:** Animals should be reasonably safeguarded from injury or death within their defined living environment and/or when traveling.
7. **CRUELTY:** Animals should be reasonably safeguarded from cruel treatment and actions that endanger life or health or cause avoidable suffering.
8. **SOCIALIZATION:** Llamas and alpacas are herd animals and should not live alone without a companion animal. A cria (a baby llama or alpaca under six months) should not be raised apart from other llamas or alpacas.

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Morris Animal Foundation

Llama/Alpaca Division Funds Health Studies

The Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) funded its first llama/alpaca study in 1990, a grant that looked at congenital defects. Fifty projects relating to llamas and alpacas have been funded since then, with more than \$1.3 million in funding occurring since 1994. Generously supported by llama and alpaca foundations, organizations, clubs and individuals, these studies have helped to improve camelid health and well being. There are a number of ways to contribute to camelid research through MAF and at a variety of funding levels. Every dollar donated is applied to health studies because MAF overhead expenses are funded with proceeds from the MAF endowment.

Before any project is approved by MAF, it is subject to a thorough peer review by an elite MAF Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) whose members are carefully selected. The SAB evaluates proposed projects for scientific methodology and merit. Members receive no payment for their service and are extremely receptive to input from the camelid industry during each of the annual evaluation sessions. Industry input is provided by members of the Lama Medical Research Group (LMRG) and the Alpaca Research Foundation (ARF) which review projects for applicability and affordability. In essence, LMRG and ARF indicate whether the projects proposed have practical application to our lives and the lives of our llamas and alpacas.

A brief sample of the MAF-funded studies that have had a positive impact on camelid health include:

- A study that characterized the main features of the llama/alpaca immune system helped establish the basis for Juvenile Llama Immunodeficiency Syndrome, a serious disease affecting many young llamas and alpacas.
- A commercially available drug was found to prevent meningeal worm

infections in llamas and alpacas. Prior to the study, there was no known safe and effective preventive medication against meningeal worm, which causes neurological damage and death in camelids.

- A recently completed study determined the oral form of omeprazole (GastroGard) doesn't effectively treat ulcers in llamas and alpacas, but the intravenous version is effective in both preventing and treating ulcers.
- Four proteins have been identified that have the potential to serve as vaccines for meningeal worm in llamas and alpacas.
- Scientists determined that the anesthetic gases sevoflurane and desflurane produce extremely rapid recovery in camelids, which will help increase the safety of general anesthesia in llamas and alpacas.

Veterinary Honor Roll

By making a gift of \$500 or more to MAF, you can honor a special veterinarian. Your vet receives a framed award honoring his or her accomplishments toward camelid well-being, and the vet's name is also added to the Veterinary Honor Roll plaque at MAF headquarters. Such a gift can be made either by a group or by an individual.

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Steps to Prevent Plant Poisoning

Shirley A. Weathers

Every year, poisonous plants cause death, temporary and chronic pain and illness, abortions, decreased productivity, and birth defects involving hundreds of thousands of grazing and browsing livestock. The annual economic loss amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars. Although less is known about llama and alpaca susceptibility to plant toxins than other livestock, there are documented cases of poisoning of llamas by at least Oleander; Mountain, Black or Sierra laurel (*Leucothoe davisiae*); Rhododendron; Water hemlock (*Cicuta* spp.); Ponderosa, Western or Yellow pine (*Pinus ponderosa*); Yew (*Taxus* spp.) and Death camas (*Zigadenus* spp.). Camels reportedly have been poisoned by African plant species identical or related to western U.S. plants: Thornapple (*Datura stramonium*), Milk or Pencil bush (*Euphorbia tirucalli*), Lantana, Castorbean or Castor-oil plant (*Ricinus communis*) and Sorghum.* Time will tell more about how llamas react to other plants that have harmed horses, sheep, cattle, goats or pigs, but using caution in allowing them access is the best policy in the meantime.

For complicated reasons of plant and animal evolution, well-nourished herbivores will generally avoid eating most toxic plants. The toxins in some plants make them unpalatable to animals—they either smell or taste bad. Animals learn from other animals, particularly their mothers, to avoid some of the other poisonous plants. Still other poisonous plants produce a disagreeable physiological sensation soon enough after ingestion that animals learn not to eat them at all or they stop before consuming toxic quantities. But these mechanisms of safe eating are not fool-proof. As noted, above, poisoning does occur and when it does, it can be devastating to both animal and owner.

There are a variety of reasons why livestock eat poisonous plants. There are some to which livestock have been found to be attracted. Some unpalatable plants appear to lose their

disagreeable odors or tastes when dried (as in hay); a significant cause of poisonings is consumption of toxic plant parts mixed in hay, silage, grain, or processed feed. Some typically safe plants become toxic when fertilized or treated with certain herbicides. They may simultaneously become more palatable. Weather stresses and other natural conditions may convert the non-toxic to toxic. Probably most importantly, if put into a situation where only poisonous plants are available or where they make up a large percentage of available forage, livestock will eat them.

Whether or not animals will be sickened by ingesting particular toxic plants is also a complex matter. Not all species of livestock are equally affected by or susceptible to various plant toxins. For example, it is thought at this time that only equines contract “chewing disease,” a devastating illness involving irreversible brain damage caused by consumption of toxic amounts of *Centaurea solstitialis* or *Centaurea repens* (commonly known as Yellow starthistle and Russian knapweed, respectively). The relative health of the individual animal (or, if a ruminant, of the microflora in its rumen) can figure into how well it can handle some toxic substances in the plants it consumes. The digestive systems of some animal species can adapt to be able to detoxify higher levels of toxins with exposure. A substantial quantity of some plants must be ingested to trigger illness or death. A couple of leaves of other plants can kill.

Despite all of these variables (and more), experts agree that plant poisoning can be minimized. The best means is a combination of effective use of good information about toxic plants and the provision of adequate amounts of safe alternative food. In the unhappy event that poisoning occurs, being informed may facilitate effective response.

Here are some suggestions that may help owners of livestock of all types protect their animals from poisoning:



Cicuta

- Pasture management is critical. Learn about plants in pastures and the animals that will graze there. Seek help from Extension agents and others, if necessary. Some options:
- Eliminate or fence securely around toxic plants, especially if animals may find them palatable or if they are highly toxic or abundant. NOTE: If you grub out highly poisonous plants such as the various Water hemlock species (*Cicuta* spp.), take appropriate precautions to protect yourself and others, especially children.
- If animals will have access to less palatable toxic plants, ensure that they always have adequate safe forage available. Check plant levels and types periodically. Do not overgraze.
- Watch carefully in early spring or late fall when toxic plants may be more prevalent than others.
- Know which plants are drought resistant. They may be the only food available under some circumstances.
- Watch out for toxic plants that are evergreen from fall to spring.
- Ensure that animals have adequate water, as well as salt and mineral supplementation, if needed.
- Avoid giving access to plants during their toxic season(s).
- Check on your pastured animals regularly and know the signs of poisoning to

allow prompt action in case poisoning occurs.

- Be careful with herbicides (including those that may be applied by others, e.g., local government entities). Learn about their direct effect on animals, whether animals have been found to be attracted by application of the product and, if palatability is likely to increase, know about the inherent toxicity of those plants.
- Be prepared to identify and respond appropriately to toxic plants when animals will be taken into unfamiliar areas. New poisonous plants may be eaten simply because the animal has no experience with them.
- Avoid driving animals through areas with high concentrations of toxic plants, particularly if they are hungry.
- When tying, picketing, or staking animals, identify, and avoid areas where they are likely to consume toxic plants. If at all possible, find a place that is grassy, rather than leafy. Most, although not all, wild grasses are safe forage. [Be able to identify and avoid *Triglochin maritima* (known in most areas as Seaside arrowgrass) and *Zigadenus* spp. (commonly known as Death camas, but there are several other common names).]
- Do not assume that others know about poisonous plants. Feeding animals "treats" seems to be an almost irresistible urge of humans. Educate both adults and children who may come in contact with



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animals so that they know not to feed them leaves, fruits, etc. (This exercise will also alert children to the whole issue of poisonous plants. Many plants are at least as dangerous for children to eat as livestock.) Consider providing visitors with "official treats" that animals like and can safely eat.

- If animals are rented or lent to others, orient the temporary caretakers to toxic plants along with other instructions on care and handling. Provide plant identification resources to be taken along with the animals.
- When selling animals, ensure that buyers are aware of toxic plants. Consider providing pertinent materials to the new owners.
- Do not feed yard or garden vegetation (clippings or trimmings) to livestock.
- Try to arrange to walk uncut hay fields before buying and check hay when feeding. Buy grain and processed feeds from reputable sources.
- Consider removing toxic trees and shrubs in corrals, pastures, and yard that could be accessible to livestock. Of course, the urgency of this measure depends on the toxicity of the plants.
- Anticipate accidental circumstances such as leaves blown by wind or the fact that animals sometimes get out.
- The safest course during Christmas and other holidays is to avoid feeding trees or other greenery to livestock. Although *Pinus ponderosa* (Ponderosa pine, among other common names) is the most commonly referenced harmful member of the *Pinus* genus, other species and other conifers also may be toxic, especially if consumed in large quantities over a short period. Many common types of holiday decorative greenery can be deadly.
- Check branches and tree limbs brought down in pastures by storms to ensure that they are not from toxic trees.
- Plant poisoning is generally a complex medical situation and will probably require a veterinarian's evaluation and



Lantana

care. The following may be helpful for livestock owners to keep in mind:

- Establish a connection with a veterinarian before an emergency arises. Locate a practitioner familiar with your species of animal(s) and involve him or her in routine care.
- Ask for information about any plants in the area that may already have caused problems. If other animals have been poisoned by local plants, there is a good chance that local veterinarians at least will be aware of that. They also may have some good advice to give you about prevention or response or both.
- If you will be taking animals into a situation where veterinarian assistance will be difficult to obtain, ask your veterinarian to discuss some prudent actions to take in the event of poisoning. Always notify a veterinarian when plant poisoning is suspected. Be prepared to provide him or her with as much information as possible about the situation.
- Discuss appropriate supportive/symptomatic care you may be able to provide to sick animals and be prepared to provide it until assistance arrives.
- Try to identify any suspect plants.
- Get a sample.
- Inspect the area where the animal was grazing. Try to determine the amount and duration of consumption.
- Observe and make careful note of any physiological or behavioral signs the affected animal may exhibit.

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- Keep an open mind and investigate other possible toxic agents to which a sickened animal may have been exposed, as well as the possibility that another type of illness may be involved.

*Murray E. Fowler, "Plant Poisoning in Camelids" in *Poisonous Plants - Proceedings of the Third International Symposium*, Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1992, pp. 335-39.

On a personal note, when I began this book, I understood the grave potential of plant poisoning, but had not had any direct experience with it. Then in the midst of writing it, our neighbors had to put down five horses due to Russian knapweed poisoning. Just after the book was published, one of our pack llamas plucked a large mouthful of a young Water hemlock plant as we prepared to cross a stream. Although almost certainly not a lethal dose for a 300 pound animal, I'm convinced that I prevented him from being sickened by recognizing and forcibly removing the plant matter from his mouth.

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Shirley Weathers, RMLA member and co-owner of Walsh & Weathers Research and Policy Studies and Rosebud Llamas Utah, excerpted this article from her book, *Field Guide to Plants Poisonous to Livestock—Western U.S.* The book is designed to help livestock owners recognize over 100 toxic western plants and provide adequate basic knowledge to consider effective animal or pasture management responses when those plants are present. Possible physiological and behavioral signs of poisoning are also provided, as well as types of care or treatment that may be helpful. The field guide is \$14.95 (Utah residents please add 6.00% sales tax), plus \$3.00 shipping for one book and \$1.00 for each additional book. Mail orders to Rosebud Press, P. O. Box 270090, Fruitland, UT, 84027-0090. For questions or comments, phone (435) 548-2630, FAX (435) 548-2438, email wrw@ubtanet.com. Visit <http://users.ubtanet.com/wrw/> to see sample plant entries from the book.

Llama Poker Hike

Our 1st annual Llama Poker Hike was held on Sunday, June 25, 2006. The weather was fabulous . . . the scenery spectacular, as we hiked with friends and llamas/alpacas through wooded terrain! The game was 7 Card Draw. At various "natural" obstacles, each participant drew from a deck of cards. Great fun was had by all! Our winners were as follows:

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Llama Show

Join us for our 2nd annual Llama Poker Hike on Sunday, June 24, 2007!

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Twenty Five Years And Running

by Gary Carlton

The 25th Annual R.M.L.A. Fairplay Llama Race/Walk Saturday July 28th 2007

Twenty five years ago on July, 30th the first Llama race was held in Fairplay, Co.

Jim Hook asked if he could run on the Burro course with a Llama when they told him no, the current three mile course was born. The first event featured a total of fifteen Llamas and participants. Today this course may see more than 240 racers and be televised by shows like H.D.T.V'S Wacky Sports, your local news channel, or a host of others.

It was about the same time that Llamas really began to emerge across America in a new trend. They had been domesticated in their native countries over two thousand years ago, as pack animals and used for their fiber, but not many people here in America

had ever seen or heard of them outside of National Geographic's, or there high school science classes.

As popularity and curiosity of these fine animals began to grow, the need for an organization to help study and learn about llamas was recognized, and the Rocky Mountain Llama Association was formed to benefit all of the camelid species.

Today as we enter into the silver anniversary of this event, I would like to recognize the faces of the past who have given so much of their time and energy to create the big success this race has become today. A GREAT BIG HATS OFF to Wally White, Rob Ferris, the late Dee Goodman and Roger Miller who held it all together and kept the event growing until 2004 when Roger sized me up and passed the hat in my direction.

I have often wondered what possess a person to take on the kind of responsibility involved, in putting this kind of weekend together. I have found it's the people you meet along the way, the smiles at the finish line, the spectators watching in amazement, the big eyes of the children, and the ranches and volunteers, who give so much of themselves year after year.

We have hosted participants from as far away as England and Japan and regularly see runners well into their sixties, who finish the course with great times.

Dan and Jason Hudson are always fierce competitors finishing on top, and Lindsay Morgan has taken first place in the women's division, for the past several years.

This event has reached a point where we have more participants then available Llamas so I am having to come up with

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creative ways to accommodate everyone, so if you have Llamas you can bring, or we can arrange to borrow please let me know. I would like to get a good count before the race, so I can have an idea of where we are at before race day. You can e-mail me at gary@jmhfarm.com.

Here is the list of the top three runners in the 2006 event.

In first place Craig Kemp 33.07 with Elvis from C&M Llamas.

In second place Jason Hudson 33.23 with Sunfisher from Comanche Creek Llamas.

In third place Shane Bergman 36.48 with ranch unknown.

I would like to thank all of the Llama ranches, Merchants and volunteers for your continued support. We could not do it without every one of you.

Ranches: Rock-N-M-Llamas, Q.S.W.R Ranch, T.L.C Ranch, C&M Llamas, Split Rock Ranch, RG Alpacas, Stage Stop Llamas, Kaltenbaugh Llamas, Clearwater Llamas, Escarpment Llamas, llama Time, Mary Wickman and Comanche Creek Llamas.

Volunteers: Roger Miller, my prize patrol pal Bob Welsh, Vivian Johnson, Bee Bartel Cassberry, Susanne Thomas, Jim Osmun, Mike Friedel, Jeff & Sally Rucker, Mark & Arthur Smith, Niles Waylen, Mary Wickman, Ann Bruhn, Dave & Sandra Lockwood, Steve Jenkins and Marc & Kathy Wittrup.

Merchants who donated prizes: South Park Historical Foundation, South Park bar, High Alpine Sports, Java Moose, Chocolate Moose, Red barn, Calamity's Cabin, Colorado Mountain Hat Co, Dr.Charles Gordon D.D.S, Brown Burro café and Bob Welsh for the moose doll.

I will have registration forms on the R.M.L.A web site again this year, Please come join us in making the 25th year the biggest one ever.

For Information, suggestions or to volunteer please contact me at gary@jmhfarm.com or call me at 303-622-6306 or 303-503-1324 Gary Carlton Event Coordinator.

2007 Hobo Show Report

HASTINGS, NE. APRIL 20 & 21

Submitted by clerk,
Eunice M. Cernohlavek

A beautiful weekend welcomed 116 llamas and 29 exhibitors from CO, KS, WY, TX, IA, ND, and NE. Everyone was in good spirits and enjoyed himself or herself and we were so happy to have all the exhibitors from other states join us. Being a no-groom show, the llamas enjoyed that also. Competition was high and the quality of the llamas was of high caliber and kept the Judges, Patti Morgan and Linda Hayes on their toes trying to pick out the best llamas on this day.

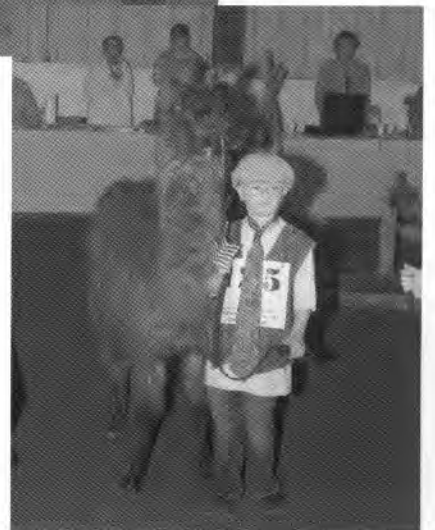
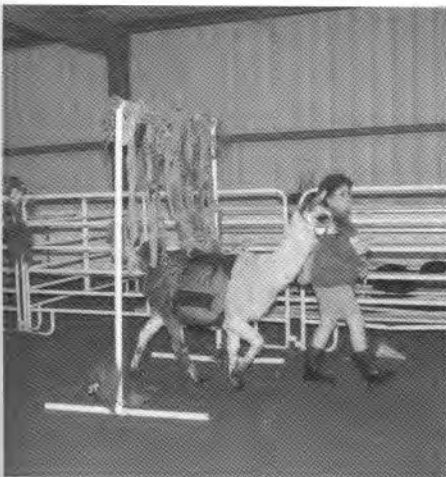
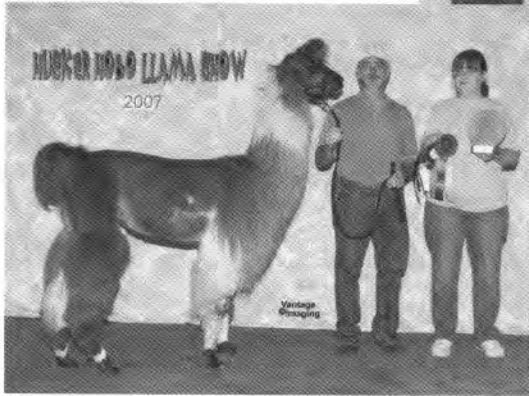
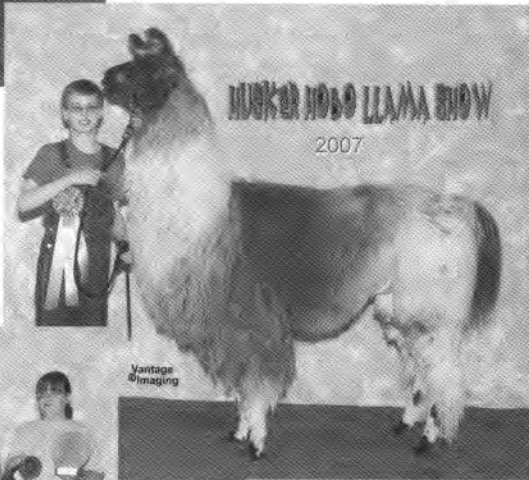
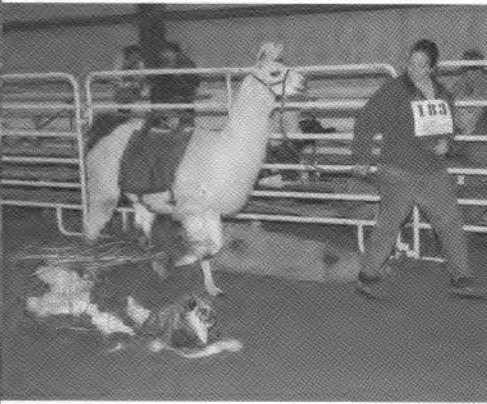
The youth classes were full and enjoyed by the spectators as the llamas and youth did their thing in the performance classes. We have some outstanding youth handlers. Our Sub-Junior Youth did so well and it is always

amazing how llama and child work together so well. The llamas being much bigger and following them around like puppy dogs. A crowd pleaser to be sure.

We have an outstanding obstacle designer and the arena was so festive with the Hobo theme, red and white bandanas flowing from the obstacles and pigeons cooing and pop cans blowing in the wind as they hung from the arch.

Mini-llama and harness pleasure driving were some of the newer features of this year's Show. Dee January and Deb Manske put together another outstanding Show and the results reflected that. Congratulations to all the winners and non-winners alike. There are no losers with llamas!





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RESULTS OF THE HUSKER HOBO SHOW 2007

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
APRIL 20 & 21

ALSA YOUTH JUDGING CONTEST

Senior:

1st Tom Ramsey

Intermediate:

1st Samantha Steward

2nd Stephanie Steele

3rd Cody Steward

4th Brianna Jensen

Junior:

1st Mary Kate Steele

2nd deChelley Ramsey

ALPACA PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Intermediate:

Public Relations

CORDENO'S EMILIO, Samantha Steward

ROMEO, Brianna Jensen

CHEYENNE 2, Cody Steward

Pack

CORDENO'S EMILIO, Samantha Steward

CHEYENNE 2, Cody Steward

ROMEO, Brianna Jensen

Obstacle

CORDENO'S EMILIO, Samantha Steward

ROMEO, Brianna Jensen

CHEYENNE 2, Cody Steward

Grand Champion

CORDENO'S EMILIO, Samantha Steward

Reserve Champion

ROMEO, Brianna Jensen

Junior:

Public Relations

JULIETTE, Alyssa Jensen

Pack

JULIETTE, Alyssa Jensen

Obstacle

JULIETTE, Alyssa Jensen

Open:

Public Relations

ACERO MARKAS LA PAZ 531, Sharon Carrier

SURI SAFARI COGNAC, Patrick Schendt

AMIR BAS CJHIN, Kenny & Peggy Steward

Pack

SURI SAFARI COGNAC, Patrick Schendt

ACERO MARKAS LA PAZ 531, Sharon Carrier

AMIR BAS CJHIN, Kenny & Peggy Steward

Obstacle

SURI SAFARI COGNAC, Patrick Schendt

ACERO MARKAS LA PAZ 532, Sharon Carrier

AMIR BAS CJHIN, Kenny & Peggy Steward

Grand Champion

SURI SAFARI COGNAC, Patrick Schendt

Reserve Champion

ACERO MARKAS LA PAZ 532, Sharon Carrier

MINATURE LLAMA MALE

Judge 1 Patti Morgan

Judge 2 Linda Harris

Juvenile

Judge 1

SHOOT SKOOT & GO, Tim & Deb Sund

Judge 2 Same

Adult

Judge 1

MANDOLINA'S MR IMPRESSIVE,
Ken & Nancy Forster

Judge 2 Same

MINATURE LLAMA FEMALE

Juvenile

Judge 1

HAILEY'S LULLA-BYE RER, Tim & Deb Sund

MINI LOU, Barb & Jerry Persinger

Judge 2 Same

Same

Yearling

Judge 1

STEEL MAGNOLIA RER, Tim & Deb Sund

Judge 2 Same

Grand Champion

Both Judges

STEEL MAGNOLIA RER, Tim & Deb Sund

Reserve Champion

Both Judges

HAILEY'S LULLA-BYE RER, Tim & Deb Sund

MINATURE LLAMA MALE/FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Champion

Judge 1

STEEL MAGNOLIA RER, Tim & Deb Sund

Judge 2

MANDOLINA'S MR IMPRESSIVE,
Ken & Nancy Forster

Reserve Champion

Judge 1

MANDOLINA'S MR IMPRESSIVE,
Ken & Nancy Forster

Judge 2

STEEL MAGNOLIA RER, Tim & Deb Sund

SURI MALE

Juvenile

Judge 1

MGF RIO DE LA PLATA,
Jerry & Barb McRoberts

SSRMT SIRICAHE'S GUSTON,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

REVELATION RTC, Randy & Tara Cipriano

Judge 2

SSRMT SIRICAHE'S GUSTON,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

REVELATION RTC, Randy & Tara Cipriano

MGF RIO DE LA PLATA,
Jerry & Barb McRoberts

Yearling

Judge 1

ALOHA JULIANO, Jeff & Sally Rucker

CRATIONS KOSMIC, co/owners Tim & Deb
Sund & Barb & Jerry Persinger

ROCKY TAPA, Jeff & Sally Rucker

Judge 2 Same

Same

Same

Two-year Old

Judge 1

MGF ICE BREAKER, Jeff & Sally Rucker

Judge 2 Same

Adult

Judge 1
PERUVIAN SILVER LINING, Jerry & Barb
McRoberts
AZARIO ABSR, Ken & Nancy Forster

Judge 2 Same
Same

Grand Champion

Judge 1
ALOHA JULIANO, Jeff & Sally Rucker

Judge 2
PERUVIAN SILVER LINING,
Jerry & Barb McRoberts

Reserve Champion

Judge 1
PERUVIAN SILVER LINING, Jerry & Barb
McRoberts

Judge 2
ALOHA JULIANO, Jeff & Sally Rucker

SURI FEMALE**Juvenile**

Judge 1
SWEET INSPIRATION RTC,
Randy & Tara Cipriano

Judge 2 Same

Yearling

Judge 1
GVL WHITE TINSEL,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker
PVL VANILLA TWIST, Jeff & Sally Rucker
STORM LADY OF GLENMORE,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

Judge 2
Same

STORM LADY OF GLENMOR,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

PVL VANILLA TWIST,
Jeff & Sally Rucker Reinecker

Grand Champion

Judge 1
GVL WHITE TINSEL, Rex & Dalene

Judge 2
SWEET INSPIRATION RTC,
Randy & Tara Cipriano

Reserve Champion

Judge 1
SWEET INSPIRATION RTC,
Randy & Tara Cipriano

Judge 2
GVL WHITE TINSEL,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker

LIGHT/MEDIUM WOOL MALE**Juvenile**

Judge 1
SSRMT BALDACCI,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker

MR ABSOLUTE, Sharon Carrier
MUDHOLLOW'S DAUTE,
Mike & Martha Swanson

STAGE STOP PROSPERO, Jeff & Sally Rucker
MGF McDREAMY, Kenny & Peggy Steward
GOLD FANTASY, Barb & Jerry Persinger

DOUBLE K FINDING NEMO,
Terry & Jan Fuehrer
KMJY'S MAGILLA GORILLA,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

Judge 2
MUDHOLLOW'S DAUTE,
Mike & Martha Swanson

GOLD FANTASY, Barb & Jerry Persinger
Same

MR ABSOLUTE, Sharon Carrier
DOUBLE K FINDING NEMO,
Terry & Jan Fuehrer

STAGE STOP BANK ON IT, Jeff & Sally Rucker
NOTHING GETS PAST ZEKE,
Brianna Jensen

Same
Same

Yearling

Judge 1
GRANDE'S TUCKER, Samantha Steward
FLICKERTAIL DURANGO, Ralph & Sandy Dick

Judge 2
Same
Same

Two-year Old

Judge 1
WHEATFIELD'S SILVERADO HEAT,
Gary & Mary White
RECTOR'S CINNAMON SUGAR,
Ken & Nancy Forster
WHEATFIELD'S CARMEL LATTE,
Krystal Nelson & Karen Kurbis

Judge 2
WHEATFIELD'S CARMEL LATTE,
Krystal Nelson & Karen Kurbis
WHEATFIELD'S SILVERADO HEAT,
Gary & Mary White
RECTOR'S CINNAMON SUGAR,
Ken & Nancy Forster

Adult

Judge 1
STAGE STOP TEMPIS FUGIT, Vance/Ricker

THE CZAR, Ralph & Sandy Dick
EASY MONEY, Ken & Nancy Forster

Judge 2
Same
Same
Same

Grand Champion

Judge 1
SSRMT BALDACCI, Rex & Dalene Reinecker

Judge 2 Same

Reserve Champion

Judge 1
STAGE STOP TEMPIS FUGIT, Vance/Rucker

Judge 2
WHEATFIELD'S CARMEL LATTE,
Krystal Nelson & Karen Kurbis

LIGHT/MEDIUM WOOL FEMALE**Juvenile**

Judge 1
GRANDE'S MISS PENELOPE,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

MUDHOLLOW'S TOKEE,
Mike & Martha Swanson

BELLA ROSE, Tim & Deb Sund
BRADFORD PRETTY WOMAN,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker

STAGE STOP MARGOT FANTAYZE,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

RMZ OREO DELITE,
Don & Sharilyn Ramsey

Judge 2
MUDHOLLOW'S TOKEE,
Mike & Martha Swanson

GRANDE'S MISS PENELOPE,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

BRADFORD PRETTY WOMAN,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker

BELLA ROSE, Tim & Deb Sund
Same

Yearling

Judge 1
WHEATFIELD'S MIATA,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker
TIGGY, Mike & Martha Swanson
CHILEAN FIRE FOX, Terry & Jan Fuehrer
LASEE'S HICKORY HILLS CATITA 05,
Gary & Mary White

SPLIT ROCK DAZZLING DREAM GIRL,
Jim & Brenda Vance
HCLR PROUD MARY, Ken & Nancy Forster

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ACER'S QUEEN OF HEARTS,
Don & Sharilyn Ramsey
TIARA'S CINNAMON TOAST, Drew Schendt
Judge 2

CHILEAN FIRE FOX, Terry & Jan Fuehrer
Same

WHEATFIELD'S MIATA,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker
Same
Same
Same

HRR CHILEAN PINK CADILLAC,
Ken & Nancy Forster

SSRMT NATALIE, Dee January

Two-year Old

Judge 1

SMOKIN'S LADY WINCHESTER,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

ATO+9 VALLEYRIE, Tagtmeyer/Overmiller

CALICO'S GABRIELLA, Sharon Carrier

Judge 2

Same
Same
Same

Adult

Judge 1

SIJAM ZANIONA, Tagtmeyer/Overmiller
BHLR FANTASTIC, Ralph & Sandy Dick

BLACK SHADOW'S SUGAR & SPICE,
Barbara Harris

Judge 2

Same

BLACK SHADOW'S SUGAR & SPICE, Barbara
Harris

BHLR FANTASTIC, Ralph & Sandy Dick

Grand Champion

Judge 1

WHEATFIELD'S MIATA, Rex & Dalene Reinecker

Judge 2

MUDHOLLOW'S TOKEE, Mike & Martha
Swanson

Reserve Champion

Judge 1

GRANDE'S MISS PENELOPE,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

Judge 2

CHILEAN FIRE FOX, Terry & Jan Fuehrer

HEAVY WOOL MALE

Juvenile

Judge 1

WHEATFIELD'S MOROCCO,
Rex & Dalene Reinecker

T BUG'S RER, Tim & Deb Sund

RAINBOW ALEX, Barbara Harris

TOMMY'S BLUE SKYE,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

STAGE STOP TIKAL'S TWILIGHT ZONE,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

LIBERTYS LET FREEDOM RING,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

STAGE STOP PERUVIA PIM, Jeff & Sally Rucker

Judge 2

Same
Same

TOMMY'S BLUE SKYE,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

STAGE STOP PERUVIAN PIM,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

Same
Same

RAINBOW ALEX, Barbara Harris

Yearling

Judge 1

BIG N RICH, Randy & Tara Cipriano

MGF BACKHUS PARR, Jeff & Sally Rucker

TOMMY'S PHANTOM OF THE OPERA,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

Judge 2

Same
Same
Same

Two-year Old

Judge 1

MGF KOBRA'S KONDO,
Jerry & Barb McRoberts

SNDR MONTANA GOLD, Jessica Tagtmeyer

CHIRSTES GRANITE RTC,
Jeff & Sally Rucker

Judge 2

SNDR MONTANA GOLD, Jessica Overmiller

MGF KOBRA'S KONDO,
Jerry & Barb McRoberts

Same

Adult

Judge 1

KOBRA'S MIGHTY JOE YOUNG,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

CRÈME' DE LA CALICO, Sharon Carrier

RAINBOW'S COSMOS, Pat & Tami Schendt

WHEATFIELD'S FERRARI, Ken & Nancy Forster

Judge 2

Same

RAINBOW'S COSMOS, Pat & Tami Schendt

WHEATFIELD'S FERRARI,
Ken & Nancy Forster

CRÈME' DE LA CALICO, Sharon Carrier

Grand Champion

Judge 1

BIG N RICH, Randy & Tara Cipriano

Judge 2

KOBRA'S MIGHTY JOE YOUNG,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

Reserve Champion

Judge 2

KOBRA'S MIGHTY JOE YOUNG,
Paul & Karen Schwartz

SNDR MONTANA GOLD, Jessica Tagtmeyer

HEAVY WOOL FEMALE

Juvenile

Judge 1

CHILACALLETTA LA PRIETTA, Drew Schendt

Judge 2 Same

Yearling

Judge 1

RML CHILENA TALK O LOT,
Gary & Mary White

SPLIT ROCK BELLES ERA, Jim & Brenda Vance

Judge 2 Same

Same

Adult

Judge 1

HS BARE ESSENTIAL, Barbara Harris

Judge 2 Same

Grand Champion

Judge 1

RML CHILENA TALK O LOT,
Gary & Mary White

Judge 2 Same

Reserve Champion

Judge 1

HS BARE ESSENTIAL, Barbara Harris

Judge 2

RML CHILACALLETTA LA PRIETTA, Drew Schendt

NON BREEDER

Two-year Old

Judge 1

BKR CHILEAN ICE BREAKER, Teresa King

Judge 2 Same

Adult

Judge 1

SILVER RIO GRANDE, Dee January

PATRIOT, Alyssa Jensen

PASAQ 99, Kaycee Anderson

RCL WAYLON JENNINGS, Barbara Royal

SMOKEY PAL'S TUXEDO, Brianna Jensen

DOL BARDO'S WILLIE NELSON, Barbara Royal

DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson

Rocky Mountain Llama and Alpaca Association

Judge 2
PUS 99, Kaycee Anderson
SMOKEY PAL'S TUXEDO, Brianna Jensen
SILVER RIO GRANDE, Dee January
DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson
PATRIOT, Alyssa Jensen
RCL WAYLON JENNINGS, Barbara Royal
DDL BARDO'S WILLIE NELSON, Barbara Royal

Grand Champion

Judge 1
BKR CHILEAN ICE BREAKER, Teresa King

Judge 2
PUS 99, Kaycee Anderson

Reserve Champion

Judge 1
SILVER RIO GRANDE, Dee January

Judge 2
BKR CHILEAN ICE BREAKER, Teresa King

LLAMA PERFORMANCE CLASSES

**SUB-JUNIOR
Public Relations**

STARR THUNDERBOLT, Samuel Schendt
Obstacle

STARR THUNDERBOLT, Samuel Schendt

**SENIOR
Public Relations**

DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson
SWEET TOMAH, Tom Ramsey

Pack

DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson
SWEET TOMAH, Tom Ramsey

Obstacle

DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson
SWEET TOMAH, Tom Ramsey

Grand Champion

DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson
Reserve Champion

SWEET TOMAH, Tom Ramsey

**INTERMEDIATE
Public Relations**

GRANDE'S TUCKER, Samantha Steward
SMOKEY PAL'S TUXEDO, Brianna Jensen
GVL PEGASUS, Cody Steward
BUCK'S BAMBI, Stephanie Steele
MY SWEET ROMERO, Drew Schendt

Pack

SMOKEY PAL'S TUXEDO, Brianna Jensen
MY SWEET ROMERO, Drew Schendt
GVL PEGASUS, Cody Steward

GRANDE'S TUCKER, Samantha Steward
BUCK'S BAMBI, Stephanie Steele

Obstacle

GVL PEGASUS, Cody Steward
SMOKEY PAL'S TUXEDO, Brianna Jensen
GRANDE'S TUCKER, Samantha Steward
MY SWEET ROMERO, Drew Schendt
BUCK'S BAMBI, Stephanie Steele

Grand Champion

Smokey Pal's Tuxedo, Brianna Jensen

Reserve Champion

GVL Pegasus, Cody Steward

**JUNIOR
Public Relations**

PATRIOT, Alyssa Jensen
CCFL BOLIVIAN SMORES, Taylor McAtee
RMZ FELICITY, deChelly Ramsey
LIT'LE NIKE BOY, Logan Brown
RMZ OREO DELITE, Shaughnessy Ramsey
BUCK'S SANTINI, Mary Kate Steele

Pack

RMZ FELICITY, deChelly Ramsey
PATRIOT, Alyssa Jensen
LIT'LE NIKE BOY, Logan Brown
BUCK'S SANTINI, Mary Kate Steele
RMZ OREO DELITE, Shaughnessy Ramsey
CCFL BOLIVIAN SMORES, Taylor McAtee

Obstacle

RMZ FELICITY, deChelly Ramsey
BUCK'S SANTINI, Mary Kate Steele
CCFL BOLIVIAN SMORES, Taylor McAtee
PATRIOT, Alyssa Jensen
LIT'LE NIKE BOY, Logan Brown
RMZ OREO DELITE, Shaughnessy Ramsey

Grand Champion

RMZ FELICITY, deChelly Ramsey

Reserve Champion

PATRIOT, Alyssa Jensen

**OPEN
Public Relations**

CLOUD PEAK'S SISCO KID, Teresa King
BARDO'S SPENSERIAN, Sharon Carrier
DDL BARDO'S WILLIE NELSON, Barbara Royal
EASY MONEY, Ken Forster
THE CZAR, Ralph Dick

Pack

CLOUD PEAK'S SISCO KID, Teresa King
BARDO'S SPENSERIAN, Sharon Carrier
EASY MONEY, Ken Forster

DDL BARDO'S WILLIE NELSON, Barbara Royal
JACKAROO, Patrick Schendt

Obstacle

CLOUD PEAK'S SISCO KID, Teresa King
EASY MONEY, Ken Forster
BARDO'S SPENSERIAN, Sharon Carrier
BHLR FANTASTIC, Ralph Dick
DDL BARDO'S WILLIE NELSON, Barbara Royal

Grand Champion

CLOUD PEAK'S SISCO KID, Teresa King

Reserve Champion

BARDO'S SPENSERIAN, Sharon Carrier

**SHOWMANSHIP
Sub-Junior**

STARR THUNDERBOLT, Samuel Schendt

Senior

DVORAK, Kaycee Anderson
SWEET TOMAH, Tom Ramsey

Intermediate

SMOKEY PAL'S TUXEDO, Brianna Jensen
GRANDE'S TUCKER, Samantha Steward
A & M FANCEE, Stephanie Steele
GVL PEGASUS, Cody Steward

Adult

EASY MONEY, Ken Forster

PRODUCE OF DAM

Judge 1 & 2 - Identical scores
Dam: TAPANGA RTC
Offspring: BIG N RICH & SWEET
INSPIRATION RTC
Randy & Tara Cipriano
Dam:
Offspring: MUDHOLLOW'S TOKEE & TIGGY
Mike & Martha Swanson
Dam: CALICO
Offspring: GABRIELLA & CRÈME' DE LA CRÈME
Sharon Carrier
Dam: LRL CHINA
Offspring: GRANDE'S MISS PENELOPE &
GRANDE'S TUCKER
Paul & Karen Schwartz

Grand Champion

Judge 1 & 2
TAPANGA RTC, Randy & Tara Cipriano

Reserve Champion

Mike & Martha Swanson

Pleasure Driving

Judge 1 & 2 - Identical Scores
JACKSON MAN, Barb & Jerry Persinger
SSRMT CHILEAN TEQUIZZA,
Gary & Mary White

2007 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Dwayne Flinn had a tough act to follow when Jerry Dunn retired as superintendent of the National Western Llama Show and he took over. His job wasn't made any easier by bad weather and a new schedule that had llama classes running late into the evening. However, he was up to the task and, with the assistance of an excellent group of volunteers, did an outstanding job in his first year as superintendent.

"Cold" is the one word that best describes conditions in Denver during the weekend of the llama show. Some regular exhibitors weren't able to get there because of bad road conditions and power outages caused by winter storms. Many of those who did get to the show prudently chose to not bathe their animals, which reduced grooming time considerably and really didn't hurt the appearance of the llamas in the show ring.

Even though class sizes were somewhat reduced, there was still strong competition in the halter classes and the performance classes were quite large. All of the open and youth performance exhibitors deserve medals for stamina and determination, as the performance classes were not completed until late at night.

The cold weather didn't seem to discourage spectators and hundreds of people visited the stall area to see the llamas up close and learn about them. No matter what the conditions are, there is always something special about the National Western Stock Show. It attracts more spectators than probably any other show in the country and the NWSS volunteers really give exhibitors the red carpet treatment.

Complete listings of the 2007 placings are available on the NWSS website, www.nationalwestern.com. The following list includes results as far as 8th place in each class.

Youth and Open Performance Classes

Class #L01 – Sub Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1st JURNI
Millie Mayo
- 2nd STAGE STOP TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT
Denise Wambolt, Sunset Ranch
- 3rd STAGE STOP PRINCESS SWEETPEA Grace
Mulholland,
Trail Ridge Ranch

Class #L02 – Junior Youth Obstacle

- 1st COLOLAMA'S SILVER BULLET
Wyatt Mayo
- 2nd DREAM MERCHANT
Taylor Tsakopoulos
- 3rd STAGE STOP TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT
Steffany Wambolt, Sunset Ranch
- 4th ASTRAL ECLIPSE
Samuel Gotthoffer, Idle Hour Ranch
- 5th CARLIN
Tamar Talbott

Class #L03 – Intermediate Youth Obstacle

- 1st GSL JOHN SMITH
Tianna Mayo
- 2nd GSLR EINSTEIN
Sarah Buss
- 3rd MAGICAL MERLIN
Megan Wambolt, Sunset Ranch
- 4th DOUBLE J'S JAMBALAYA
Mike Jensen
- 5th LDL WHITE LIGHTNING
Marissa Talbott

Class #L04 – Senior Youth Obstacle

- 1st CARLA'S MYSTIC LIGHTNING
Andy Darter
- 2nd ESCARPMENT SILVER HOMER
Sheree Friedel
- 3rd FFF FUDGE.COM
Tiffany Quackenbush
- 4th SENOR BESAME MUCHO
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- 5th LDL YINGYANG
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Dreamstar Llamas
- 6th DOUBLE J'S AUTUMN DANCER
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- 7th DBR'S DURANGO
Jordan McHenry, Lake Gulch Llamas
- 8th DBR'S CALICO KIDD
Bailey McHenry, Lake Gulch Llamas

Class #L05 – Open Obstacle

- 1st BONNIE'S CLYDE
Sherry Admacyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas
- 2nd WHEATFIELD'S BUTLER
Bobby Losasso
- 3rd CLOUD PEAK'S TOTALLY CALVIN
Julie Heggie, Double J Llamas
- 4th JURNI
Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm
- 5th WHEATFIELD'S ZIGGY
Gerald Losasso
- 6th D'S PONGO
Deanna Lewellyn, Foothills Llamas
- 7th STAGE STOP PAUL BUNYON
Sheree Friedel
- 8th BOLIVIAN HOT SHOTS
Tom Tsakopoulos
Fancy Pants

Class #L06 – Sub Junior Public Relations

- 1st JURNI
Millie Mayo
- 2nd STAGE STOP PRINCESS SWEETPEA
Grace Mulholland, Trail Ridge Ranch

Class #L07 – Junior Youth Public Relations

- 1st COLOLAMA'S SILVER BULLET
Wyatt Mayo
- 2nd STAGE STOP TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT
Steffany Wambolt, Sunset Ranch
- 3rd ASTRAL ECLIPSE
Samuel Gotthoffer, Idle Hour Ranch
- 4th DREAM MERCHANT
Taylor Tsakopoulos
- 5th CARLIN
Tamar Talbott

Class #L08 – Intermediate Youth Public Relations

- 1st GSLR EINSTEIN
Sarah Buss
- 2nd GSL JOHN SMITH
Tianna Mayo
- 3rd DOUBLE J'S JAMBALAYA
Mike Jensen
- 4th MAGICAL MERLIN
Megan Wambolt, Sunset Ranch
- 5th LDL WHITE LIGHTNING
Marissa Talbott

Class #L09 – Senior Youth Public Relations

- 1st ESCARPMENT SILVER HOMER
Sheree Friedel

- 2nd CL IRAZU
Melissa Quackenbush
- 3rd CARLA'S MYSTIC LIGHTNING
Andy Darter
- 4th DBR'S DURANGO
Jordan McHenry, Lake Gulch Llamas
- 5th FFF FUDGE.COM
Tiffany Quackenbush
- 6th LDL YINGYANG
Warren Lockwood,
Lockwood Dreamstar Llamas
- 7th DOUBLE J'S AUTUMN DANCER
Russell Gotthoffer, Idle Hour Ranch
- 8th DBR'S CALICO KIDD
Bailey McHenry, Lake Gulch Llamas

Class #L10 – Open Public Relations

- 1st BONNIE'S CLYDE
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas
- 2nd JURNI
Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm
- 3rd CLOUD PEAK'S TOTALLY CALVIN Julie
Heggie, Double J Llamas
- 4th WHEATFIELD'S P.T. CRUISER
Gerald Lossaso
- 5th TREKKER
Robin Hergenroeder
- 6th WHEATFIELD'S ZIGGY
Gerald Lossaso
- 7th D'S PONGO
Deanna Lewellyn, Foothills Llamas
- 8th DOUBLE J'S ARGENTINE ESPIRITO
Julie Heggie, Double J Llamas

Class #L11 – Junior Youth Pack

- 1st COLOLAMA'S SILVER BULLET
Wyatt Mayo
- 2nd DREAM MERCHANT
Taylor Tsakopoulos
- 3rd ASTRAL ECLIPSE
Samuel Gotthoffer, Idle Hour Ranch
- 4th CARLIN
Tamara Talbott

Class #L12 – Intermediate Youth Pack

- 1st GSL JOHN SMITH
Tianna Mayo
- 2nd GSLR EINSTEIN
Sarah Buss
- 3rd DOUBLE J'S JAMBALAYA
Mike Jensen

Class #L13 – Senior Youth Pack

- 1st ESCARPMENT SILVER HOMER
Sheree Friedel
- 2nd FFF FUDGE.COM
Tiffany Quackenbush
- 3rd CL IRAZU
Melissa Quackenbush

- 4th SENOR BESAME MUCHO
Ashley Fillmore, Red Tail Ranch
- 5th LDL YINGYANG
Warren Lockwood, Lockwood
Dreamstar Llamas
- 6th CARLA'S MYSTIC LIGHTNING
Andy Darter
- 7th DOUBLE J'S AUTUMN DANCER
Russell Gotthoffer, Idle Hour Ranch
- 8th TRR NIGHT AND DAY
Midori Matsuda, LBY Llamas

Class #L14 – Open Pack

- 1st BONNIE'S CLYDE
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas
- 2nd D'S PONGO
Deanna Lewellyn, Foothills Llamas
- 3rd LDL GREY DAWN
Dave Lockwood, Lockwood Dreamstar
Llamas
- 4th BANNER'S BOCELLI
Lloyd Wamsley
- 5th JURNI
Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm
- 6th WHEATFIELD'S P.T. CRUISER
Gerald Lossaso
- 7th WHEATFIELD'S BUTLER
Bobby Lossaso
- 8th CLOUD PEAK'S TOTALLY CALVIN
Julie Heggie, Double J Llamas

Class #L15 – Short Stack

- 1st JURNI
Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm
- 2nd CHAKOTE
Mike Jensen
- 3rd STAGE STOP PAUL BUNYON
Sheree Friedel
- 4th BANNER'S BOCELLI
Lloyd Wamsley

Class #L16 – Open Costume Class

- 1st DREAM MERCHANT
Taylor Tsakopoulos
- 2nd TRR NIGHT AND DAY
Midori Matsuda, LBY Llamas
- 3rd CMW THE STANDARD'S THOR
Courtney Strunk

**Class #CRC01 – Junior Youth
Performance
Champion and Reserve Champion
Champion**

- COLOLAMA'S SILVER BULLET
Wyatt Mayo
- Reserve**
- DREAM MERCHANT
Taylor Tsakopoulos

**Class #CRC02 – Intermediate
Youth Performance
Champion and Reserve Champion
Champion**

- GSL JOHN SMITH
Tianna Mayo
- Reserve**
- GSLR EINSTEIN
Sarah Buss

**Class #CRC03 Senior Youth Performance
Champion and Reserve Champion
Champion**

- ESCARPMENT SILVER HOMER
Sheree Friedel
- Reserve**
- CARLA'S MYSTIC LIGHTNING
Andy Darter

**Class #CRC04 – Open Performance
Champion and Reserve Champion
Champion**

- BONNIE'S CLYDE
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas
- Reserve**
- JURNI Jerry Dunn, Bear Track Farm

Showmanship Classes

Class #L18 – Junior Youth Showmanship

- 1st COLOLAMA'S SILVER BULLET
Wyatt Mayo – Champion
- 2nd SAMWON
Taylor Tsakopoulos – Reserve Champion
- 3rd CLOUD PEAK'S LITTLE RICKY
Masha Flinn
- 4th ASTRAL ECLIPSE
Samuel Gotthoffer
- 5th CARLIN
Tamara Talbott
- 6th STAGE STOP TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT
Steffany Wambolt

**Class #L19 – Intermediate
Youth Showmanship**

- 1st CHAKOTE
Mike Jensen – Champion
- 2nd GSL JOHN SMITH
Tianna Mayo – Reserve Champion
- 3rd LDL WHITE LIGHTNING
Marissa Talbot
- 4th MAGICAL MERLIN
Megan Wambolt

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Class #L20 – Senior Youth Showmanship

- 1st FFF FUDGE.COM
Tiffany Quackenbush - Champion
- 2nd STAGE STOP PAUL BUNYON
Sheree Friedel – Reserve Champion
- 3rd DBR's CALICO KIDD
Bailey McHenry
- 4th CL IRAZU
Melissa Quackenbush
- 5th SENOR BESAME MUCHO
Ashley Fillmore
- 6th DOUBLE J'S AUTUMN DANCER
Russell Gotthoffer
- 7th CARLA'S MYSTIC LIGHTNING
Andy Darter
- 8th GDF BELLE'S BRIE
Jordan McHenry

Halter Classes

Class #L23 – Two Year Old Non-Breeder

- 1st SAMWON
Tom Tsakopoulos

Class #L24 – Adult Non-Breeder

- 1st LDL YINGYANG
Warren Lockwood, Lockwood
Dreamstar Llamas

**Class #CRC04 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Non-Breeder**

Champion

- LDL YINGYANG
Warren Lockwood, Lockwood
Dreamstar Llamas

Reserve

- SAMWON
Tom Tsakopoulos

Class #L25 – Suri Juvenile Males

- 1st ARCHANGEL
Sharon Beacham, Pheasant Hill Farm
- 2nd CLOUD PEAKS CHIRI FREEZE
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peak
Llamas

Class #L26 – Suri Yearling Males

- 1st CLOUD PEAKS CHIRI COLA
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peak
Llamas

Class #L28 – Suri Adult Males

- 1st INTO THE MYSTIC OF SILVER MOON
Carolann Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

**Class #CRC05 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Suri Male**

Champion

- INTO THE MYSTIC OF SILVER MOON Carolann
Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

Reserve

ARCHANGEL

Sharon Beacham, Pheasant Hill Farm

Class #L34 – Yearling Light Wool Males

- 1st CLOUD PEAKS MUGSHOT
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peak
Llamas

- 2nd BANNER'S BACARDI GOLD
Carolann Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

- 3rd LDL WHITE LIGHTNING
Marissa Talbott

**Class #L35 – Two Year Old
Light Wool Males**

- 1st PHF SHAVANO
Sharon Beacham, Pheasant Hill Farm

- 2nd PONGO'S KAHOOTZ
Deanna Lewellyn, Foothills Llamas

Class #L36 – Adult Light Wool Males

- 1st SENOR BESAME MUCHO
Ashley Fillmore, Red Tail Ridge Ranch

- 2nd CARLA'S MYSTIC LIGHTNING
Andy Darter

- 3rd DREAM MERCHANT
Tom Tsakopoulos

**Class #CRC07 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Light Wool Male**

- Champion
SENOR BESAME MUCHO
Ashley Fillmore, Red Tail Ridge Ranch

- Reserve
CLOUD PEAK'S MUGSHOT
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peaks
Llamas

**Class #L37 – Juvenile Light
Wool Females**

- 1st JESENIA ABSR
Lanita & Dan Willeke, New Frontier
Alpacas

- 2nd LDL DO-SI-DO
Sandra Lockwood, Lockwood Dreamstar
Llamas

- 3rd ANNALIESE Carolann
Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

- 4th CCR YOLANDA
Leslie Schubert, Cedar Cliff Ranch

- 5th LADY ISIS Carolann
Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

- 6th MAGICAL PIXIE DUST Carolann
Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

**Class #L38 – Yearling Light
Wool Females**

- 1st PONGO'S TALULA
Deanna Lewellyn, Foothills Llamas

- 2nd PIZZAZZ'S SYDNEY
Lanita & Dan Willeke, New Frontier
Alpacas

**Class #L39 – Two Year Old
Light Wool Females**

- 1st CLOUD PEAK'S CASTANET
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peaks
Llamas

- 2nd RAMBUTAN'S RAINBO
Deanna Lewellyn, Foothills Llamas

Class #40 – Adult Light Wool Females

- 1st BELLE BRIE
Jordan McHenry, Lake Gulch Llamas

**Class #CRC08 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Light Wool Female**

- Champion
BELLE BRIE
Jordan McHenry, Lake Gulch Llamas

- Reserve
JESENIA ABSR
Lanita & Dan Willeke, New Frontier
Alpacas

**Class #L42 – Yearling
Medium Wool Males**

- 1st STAGE STOP TECHNOLOR DREAM COAT
Steffany Wambolt, Sunset Ranch

- 2nd LDL LEGEND OF THE DOVE
Sandra Lockwood, Lockwood Dreamstar
Llamas

- 3rd MAGICAL MERLIN
Megan Wambolt, Sunset Ranch

- 4th PACIFICO
Carlos Mendoza, Rancho Linda Vista

- 5th BOD DUSTY'S ORGULLO
Tiffany Quackenbush

- 6th CLOUD PEAK'S AMERICAN SOLDIER
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peak
Llamas

**Class #L43 – Two Year Old
Medium Wool Males**

- 1st PRECIADO
Carolos Mendoza, Rancho Linda Vista

- 2nd CADFAEL'S RAPHAEL
Sharon Beacham, Pheasant Hill Farm

- 3rd KIOWA CREEK SAMWISE THE BRAVE
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas

- 4th KIOWA CREEK RIC-A-SHAY
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas

Class #L44 – Adult Medium Wool Males

- 1st VIPER JET
Andy Darter

- 2nd BETO
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas

- 3rd WHEATFIELD'S P.T. CRUISER
Gerald Losasso

- 4th PHF WINTERTHUR
Sharon Beacham, Pheasant Hill Farm

- 5th JEWELL'S SANTIAGO
Steve Schubert, Cedar Cliff Ranch

6th FFF CHIRI MEISTER
Steve Quackenbush

**Class #CRC09 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Medium Wool Male**

Champion
PRECIADO
Carlos Mendoza, Rancho Linda Vista

Reserve
VIPER JET
Andy Darter

**Class #L45 – Juvenile
Medium Wool Females**

1st BANNER'S OLIVIA
Leslie Schubert, Cedar Cliff Ranch

2nd TALL TAIL'S KEYLIE
Rob Knuckles, Tall Tail Ranch

3rd Llady Mandisa Carolann
Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

**Class #L46 – Yearling
Medium Wool Females**

1st TALL TAIL'S BELIZE
Rob Knuckles, Tall Tail Ranch

2nd EARS TO YOU! J.E.T.
Tom Tsakopoulos

**Class #L47 – Two Year Old
Medium Wool Females**

1st TALL TAIL'S ARIA
Glen Stanko, Iron Horse Ranch

2nd BAL RIVULET
Annette Mulholland, Trail Ridge Ranch

3rd TREASURE OF CHENNAULT
Glen Stanko, Iron Horse Ranch

4th DUSTY'S PRECIOSA
Steve Quackenbush

**Class #L48 – Adult
Medium Wool Females**

1st EARS TO YOU! SAINT HENRIETTA-RAYE
Tom Tsakopoulos

**Class #CRC10 – Champion and
Reserve Champion Medium Wool Female
Champion**

TALL TAIL'S BELIZE
Rob Knuckles, Tall Tail Ranch

Reserve

BANNER'S OLIVIA
Leslie Schubert, Cedar Cliff Ranch

Class #L49 – Juvenile Heavy Wool Males

1st "BLUE" TOLA WONATE
Carlos Mendoza, Rancho Linda Vista

Class #L50 – Yearling Heavy Wool Males

1st KNICKLEBACK RTC
Rob Knuckles, Tall Tail Ranch

2nd CLOUD PEAK'S LITTLE RICKEY
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peaks
Llamas

3rd DOUBLE J'S ARGENTINE EMILIO
Tracy Ducharme, Idle Hour Ranch

**Class #L51 – Two Year Old
Heavy Wool Males**

1st DOUBLE J'S ARGENTINE ESPIRITU
Julie Heggie, Double J Llamas

2nd DON MIGUEL
Sherry Adamcyk, Kiowa Creek Llamas

3rd SEGER
Carolann Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

4th LORD CARUSO
Carolann Evans, Ladyhawk Llamas

Class #L52 – Adult Heavy Wool Males

1st WHEATFIELDS' BUTLER
Bobby Losasso

2nd BOLIVIAN HOT SHOTS FANCY BOY
Tom Tsakopoulos

**Class #CRC11 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Heavy Wool Male**

Champion
DOUBLE J'S ARGENTINE ESPIRITU
Julie Heggie, Double J Llamas

Reserve
KNICKLEBACK RTC
Rob Knuckles, Tall Tail Ranch

**Class #L53 – Juvenile
Heavy Wool Females**

1st RIVIERA TRR
Annette Mulholland, Trail Ridge Ranch

2nd EARS TO YOU! LITTLE ST. HENRI RAYE
Tom Tsakopoulos

**Class #L55 – Two Year Old
Heavy Wool Females**

1st OUR CARMALITA
Leslie Schubert, Cedar Cliff Ranch

**Class #CRC12 – Champion & Reserve
Champion Heavy Wool Female**

Champion
RIVIERA TRR
Annette Mulholland, Trail Ridge Ranch

Reserve
EARS TO YOU! LITTLE ST. HENRI RAYE
Tom Tsakopoulos

Class #L57 – Produce of Dam

1st and Champion
FANCY ANGEL
Sharon Beacham, Pheasant Hill Farm

2nd and Reserve
SEQUINE
Barbara Coffman-Flinn, Cloud Peaks
Llamas

FARM AND RANCH TIPS

Larry Lewellyn
Foothills Llamas

In the early RMLA newsletters of 1988, it had section for helpful hints for llama and alpaca owners which were submitted by members. I will be putting past and present hints in all the upcoming Journals.

Members we need your help, if you have a ranch or farm tip which can help members, please submit to me.

As you know Colorado has a lot of lighting strikes during the spring storms and it may have more than any other state. You should consider installing a lighting rod on your barns

You may wish to check the notes from Dr. LaRue Johnson's presentation at the RMLA Conference if you are planning to use insecticide fly tags this summer. One method is to make break-way collar from rubber inner tubes of the proper size for each llama's neck notching the rubber strip so it will break away if caught in the field. (RMLA 1988)

Mix Skin So-Soft with water to make a bug spray or use full strength on your llamas.

If you are located in an area with poisonous snakes you may wish to discuss emergency procedures with your vet in advance. It seems llama accidents are always on the weekends and holidays. Apparently, antivenoms are expensive, short dated and few vets have them on hand, so it may be worth exploring their availability in advance. Discussions on emergency ranch medications might include diuretics, anti-inflammatory agents and antibiotics. Because the nature of the snake bites, it's important that your animal inoculations are current.

(RMLA 1988)

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