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ABR Newsletter Committee

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President's Message

Kim Sawyer- ABR President

Hello ABR!

It's with great joy and enthusiastic anticipation that I assume the role as your president for the next two years. ABR is a great organization, made great by its members. We'll have some challenges as we move into this new year – economy, tight budget, lots of plans for growth. But I know with the effort of everyone, we can make this a successful year for ABR and its members.

I've been thinking of new ways to communicate to the membership for the next couple years and decided it would take the form of an email. Each month, shortly after the ABR Board of Director meetings, you'll receive a communiqué called "Hello ABR". This will be my way of providing you an update as to what's happening in ABR. These might be topics that you need to know immediately, or just a topic for you to mull over and then provide comments if you wish. I know it can seem crazy to open things up for discussion but at the end of the day, what a better organization we will have by gathering input, hearing issues and solving for our common goal, our common good. So, the first thing you'll notice is a change in format of our quarterly meetings. Since our by-laws were revised in early 2007 and we don't have to hold "business meetings", why don't we get down to business and work on our industry and our future?

We'll still provide the basic information you need to know about committees and projects in ABR, but we'll experiment for the best delivery method. Let's develop a more open forum combined with education to allow for greater member input and improved knowledge transfer. With the growth of ABR and fast-moving changes occurring at the national level, now is the time to focus on ABR, our members, our mission and our strategy - to improve the breed, increase interest in alpacas and help our members succeed. Your success is our future. I look forward to seeing you in February.

Till next time... Kim

Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies

**Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 7, 2009
Embassy Suites (I-70 & Havana)
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Welcome and Thank You to 2008 BOD	Carl McGill
New President Welcome	Kim Sawyer
ABR Direction 2009/2010	
New Meeting Format	

Introduction of new Members/Guests	Ron Hinds
Member forum for bulletins	Kim Sawyer
(Events not sales – please submit your events to Kim Sawyer before the meeting)	

Round Table Discussion

This is a new format for 2009. After a brief welcome at each meeting we'll move into Round Table discussions for the members to provide input and help guide ABR to our future goals. Each meeting will be dedicated to a certain topic for members to discuss, chart ideas, develop plans, projects, etc.

The intended result is to start putting some of your great ideas into actions, giving our members time to discuss these topics and develop working plans that can be built upon and put into action.

Readouts from each Round Table discussion will be sent out to the membership shortly after each meeting. Committees and project teams can take the action items from the Round Table to develop and work to completion.

The first topic for 2009 will be (actual breakout topics may change):

Fiber – Driving to a Solution
Fiber Sorting - processes
Fiber Grading – measurements
Fiber Herds – marketing, tracking
Fiber Processing - (mills, coops)
Fiber End Product (utilization)

Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's) and How They Work (starts at 1:00PM)

Estimated Progeny Difference (EPD's) is being presented around the country in various formats and from an array of speakers. Don't miss this informative session right here in Colorado.

EPD's are used in every livestock business, from sheep to cattle. This scientific approach to estimating how a particular sire's cria will perform in certain traits as compared with another is a new tool that has been critical to the successful advancement in other livestock breeds. ARI and Suri Network are starting to review the traits breeders are looking for in order to start a database for use by breeders. Dr. Enns will explain how EPD's work and then will open the session to questions.

**Presented by Mark Enns
Associate Professor of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University**

The following excerpt is from CSU Bio on Mark Enns

While pursuing his graduate studies at Colorado State University, Mark spent a summer developing selection indexes with Dr. Mike MacNeil at the USDA Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Laboratory in Miles City, Montana. He also worked as a research associate for the CSU Beef Improvement Center near Encampment, Wyoming. In this position, he developed breeding plans, supervised data collection, coordinated bull sale information, and maintained the 50+ year old database for the 450 head, purebred Angus herd.

After graduation, Mark worked for 2 years as a visiting research scientist with Landcorp Farming, Ltd in New Zealand. There he developed genetic evaluation systems and breeding programs for the company's deer, sheep, goat and beef enterprises.

Mark returned to Colorado State University in 2001 to join the faculty of the Department of Animal Sciences. Mark oversees the operations of the CSU Center for Genetic Evaluation. He also teaches Principles of Animal Breeding (AN 330), Selection Index Theory (AN 631); co-teaches Livestock Production Systems (A 634) as part of the graduate program in Western Center for Integrated Resource Management; and guest lectures in several other courses.

Mark's research focuses on methods to genetically evaluate and select animals that fit their production environment both biologically and economically. These efforts include development of new methods for evaluating and improving cow and heifer fertility, cow maintenance requirements, time to finish in the feedlot; and development of methods to better use economic information in selection decisions for increased profitability of beef production.

Message from ABR Past President Carl McGill

The New Year is upon us and with it comes the time that we spend reminiscing over the past as we look forward to the future. Looking back it's hard to believe three years have

passed since you elected me as President of ABR. It has been a pleasure and a responsibility to serve as your President.

As the Alpaca industry has continued to grow so has ABR. Our membership reached an all time high last year. Both GWAS and Fall Festival have grown to almost full capacity and in 2009, for the first time, we will have Alpacas as livestock at the National Western Livestock Show. ABR has grown as an industry leader, is recognized and looked up to by our National organization. With the economy what it is today we have some big challenges ahead of us but I feel that with Kim and her new board at the helm we are in good hands and I look forward to working with them.

ABR is a volunteer organization and we could not have accomplished what we have without the hours and hours given by our wonderful membership. Thanks to all of you who take time from your busy lives to give so freely of yourselves.

I feel extremely privileged that you have trusted me with the leadership of ABR for the past three years. It has been gratifying to work with all of you and especially those who have served on the board with me. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You, to all of you. Have a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

May your ribbons be blue and your crias be girls.

Carl McGill, Past President ABR

Vice-President's Message
Lynn Boak

I have been privileged to work with Carl McGill, Ann Danielson, Jody Sharp, Denise Haines, Kim Kastner, Ron Hines, Beth Blonder, Tom Costner and Becky Zierer on the Board of Directors this past year. They are a very talented and dedicated group of people and I clearly see why ABR is the leading affiliate organization. I thank the members of ABR for the opportunity to serve you as vice-president for 2008, and wish the new Board the best in the upcoming year.

May your ribbons be **purple** and your cria be **twin** girls!

Lynn Boak, Outgoing Vice-president, ABR

Membership Report
Ron Hinds – ABR Membership Director

I hope your holiday was pleasant, but here we are in 2009... and It's membership time.... Once again.

About 450 2009 membership letters and forms were mailed out near the end of November to all 2008 ABR Members, alpaca owners from other various lists including

the AOBA directory in a 5-6 state surrounding area, and a few that were members in the past.

As of today (Dec. 16) we have about 50+ 2009 members. This is typical for this time of the year. Many members are using the credit card option on the website to renew. You can also send in the form you received with your check.

However you choose to join... Do it before January 15th

There are 4 ways you can join this year:

- 1) Go to the ABR website: (<http://www.alpacabreeders.org/join.php>) and use your credit card. Fill out the form that comes up and click on Renewal or New at the bottom and follow your nose.
- 2) You can send in the form that was sent to 2008 ABR members with a check.
- 3) You can print out the form from the website, fill it out and send it in with a check.
- 4) Or if you can't find the form that was sent ... send me a message and I'll send you another one either by USPS or email... your choice.

The online credit card system is secure, safe and relatively easy to navigate. It'll take all major credit cards.

Any problems... Contact the Membership Director (me, Ron Hinds) at 303-646-1320 or pacaron@estreet.com and I'll fix it!

DID YOU KNOW (What's on Google?) By Ron Hinds

5,420,000

The number of listings for "Alpaca" on Google.

65,800

The number of listings for "Alpaca Fiber" on Google.

37,200

The number of listings for "alpaca sweater" on Google

211,000

The number of listings for "Alpaca wool" on Google

135,000

The number of listings for ""alpaca yarn" on Google

165,000

The number of listings for "alpaca" and "lifestyle" (as 2 words) on Google
(Only 4,050 if the words are combined)

1,780

The number of listings for "alpaca marketing" on Google

272,000

The number of listings for "alpaca" and "Colorado" on Google

95,400

The number of listings for "alpaca" and "Nebraska" on Google

229,000

The number of listings for "alpaca" and "Kansas" on Google

126,000

The number of listings for "alpaca" and "Utah" on Google

98,800

The number of listings for “alpaca” and “Wyoming” on Google

667,000

The number of listings for “alpaca” and “California” on Google

38,300

The number of listings for “AOBA” and “alpaca” on Google

33,900

The number of listings for "Suri alpaca" on Google

8,850

The number of listings "huacaya alpaca" on Google

13,900,000

The number of listings for “cashmere” on Google

49,000,000

The number of listings for “llama” on Google

2,380,000

The number of listings for “Vicuña” on Google.

1,240

The number of listings for “paco-vicuña” on Google.

You have to be careful.

Suri is also the name of Tom Cruise/ Katie Holmes’ child.

AOBA has lots of meanings:

Apartment and Office Building Association

It’s the name of a Japanese Restaurant in Sterling, VA (and many other places)

To name just a few.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Kim Kastner

The Holiday Boutique at Fall Festival was a huge success, thanks to the organization and hard work of the coordinators, Melissa Wager, Barb Ziek, and Diane Hollenbeck. All of us that participated greatly appreciate the hours you ladies put in to make this event run so smoothly!

The Fiber Committee is looking for a Chair—someone to guide the committee and keep new ideas flowing. The group has members with past experience who have agreed to coordinate each event, but we are looking for an organized fiber enthusiast to chair the group. If you would like more information or have any questions, please let me know. I’d love to discuss it with you! The Fiber Directory will go to print soon and should be ready for distribution at the February member meeting.

The Education Committee, chaired by Suzy Rosenkranz, has put together some great programs for 2009! To start off the year, Dr. Mark Enns from CSU will be the speaker at the February member meeting. His topic will be EPD (Expected Progeny Differences).

Set aside Saturday, March 7, 2009 on your calendar! Angus McColl of Yocom-McColl Testing Laboratories, Inc. will present a program on fiber testing that will include why we test, what we test, how we test, and understanding the test results. This program will be

followed by scheduled tours of the Yocom-McColl testing laboratories, so that you can see first-hand how your alpaca fiber goes through the process.

March will bring another neonatal clinic with Dr. Kim Gardner-Graff. This is a must for new breeders before birthing season, and for experienced breeders to enhance their skills.

Our fall program in September features Dr. Robert van Saun, author of the nutrition section of the *Complete Alpaca*, by Eric Hoffman. This is something you don't want to miss!

Happy and safe holidays to all,

Kim Kastner
Director, Education, Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies

Communications

Denise Haines
Director of Communications

Please welcome Julie Averch as the new Director of Communications. Lynn Boak has agreed to be the Editor of the Paca Parade for 2009. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Member events can be posted on the ABR Calendar on the website under Member Events be sure to take advantage of that option. It is not only seen by other breeders, but also by people looking to join the alpaca industry.

If you would like to post an event or submit an article for the newsletter, send the information to Julie Averch - javerch@u2ranch.net

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Andrew MacArthur

Ya'll come see the Alpacas!

Planning for the National Western Stock Show is in full force with less than a week to go and opportunities for you to participate are still available. ABR is once again offering some exciting marketing opportunities for all members. Two booths are reserved for the entire run of the show, January 10 through January 25, 2009. One booth will be for educating the public about alpacas, your farm, and ABR events such as GWAS 2009 and National Alpaca Farm Day 2009. The other booth will be a marketing opportunity for your alpaca products. If you are interested in marketing alpacas, products, raw fleece, yarn or just like to educate the community on alpaca-related subjects, there are still a limited number of time spots available.

On Friday, January 16 through 17, for the first time, alpacas will be exhibited in the livestock rings. ABR has secured 72 stalls for members to show off our incredible animals and will take them to the ring Friday at 4:00 pm for the halter show and Saturday at 4:00 pm with the performance classes. For more information on the Stock Show, please go to the following link:

http://www.nationalwestern.com/nwss/livestock/livestockshowsched_main.php

Check out some of the other events and schedule some volunteer time at one of the booths.

Hope to see ya'll at the show!!

Contact information:

Volunteering at a booth: Andrew MacArthur – Andrew@springtoofarm.com

Selling products at a booth: Cheryl Keydel – cheydel@comcast.net

Event Reports

Fall Fest Wrap Up Kim Sawyer Event Manager

ABR has completed another great show – Fall Festival! I want to thank all our coordinators, volunteers and exhibitors for continuing to make each event even better than the last. We're starting to get comfortable at The Ranch, working through our combined issues and finding the right fit for all our show events – Fiber Arts, Spin Off, Fleece Show, vendors, etc. I heard lots of great comments about the show ring being in the arena and the stalls in the pavilions and we'll continue with that arrangement. And with any show, we continue to work on different areas – compliance check, ribbons and what to do with that cardboard! We're also looking at different options for ABANC's Meet 'n Greet on Friday night and the Saturday night dinner. With growth comes change and new opportunities for success. Overall, I believe we exceeded most expectations and that is a result of a well-oiled membership!

We're already starting planning around Fall Fest 2009. We had a great wrap up session with some great ideas for next year. What we really need right now is an Event Manager. Yes, its hard work but if you start planning now, the job is easier. With great coordinators, it gets even better. And perhaps there are two of you out there that would make a great team, Event Manager and Assistant Event Manager. If you're interested and want to know more about the duties, contact Beth Blonder, rcralpacas@aol.com or Kim Sawyer, kim@tapestryalpacas.com.

Great Western Alpaca Show 2009 Becky Zierer, Event Manager Carl McGill, Shows Manager

The 7th Annual Great Western Alpaca Show will be held May 1 – 3, 2009 at the National Western Complex in Denver, CO. Early bird special for stalls is available now at www.greatwesternalpacashow.com through January 20, 2009. Registration for the halter, fleece, fiber arts, and photography/art and Silent Auction will be on the website in January. Information on the Spin-off will be available soon.

Halter judges are Ruth Elvestad, AOBA Judge [huacaya males black through white; group classes for huacayas] Tim Lavan, AOBA Judge/Trainer [all suri classes including group] Cathy Merkley, AOBA Judge [Huacaya Females plus gray & multi male huacayas and huacaya group classes]. Judges for the fleece show are Polly Michaelis doing the black, brown, multi Huacaya and all of the Suri and Stephanie Glyptis doing the white, light, fawn and grey Huacaya. Linda Hayes will be handling the Performance Show. Handcrafter's spin-off judges are Judy Glaser, Karen Kinyon, and Debbie Dodge. Claire Walker will be judging the Fiber Arts and Skein Competition.

Be sure and sign up early for your stalls to save money!!

More information will be available via e-mail so watch your in-boxes!!!

Any questions, please contact Becky Zierer, Event Manager, lzbalpacas@aol.com, or Carl McGill, Shows Manager, carl_freda@msn.com.

Alpacas at the National Western Stock Show Becky Zierer

January 15 will be here before you know it!! Hope you were one of the 47 farms that purchased stalls at the National Western Stock Show! All of the stalls were sold with over 100 animals entered for the Halter Show with 20 participants in the Performance Show. Alpacas are a great addition to the National Western Stock Show!

If you are not participating in the show, please make plans to attend and support the Alpacas at the Stock Show. Tell your friends and neighbors and encourage them to attend this first ever event!

Any questions, please contact Becky Zierer, Show Superintendent, lzbalpacas@aol.com.

Affiliate Congress Carl McGill Becky Zierer

AOBA's Board of Directors has disbanded the Affiliate Congress as you may have read in their news release. Carl McGill and Becky Zierer were involved from the first set-up of the Affiliate Congress and thought the concept would bring greater communications between the AOBA BOD and the Affiliates. While it was sad to see the Affiliate Congress disbanded, the Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies are eager to be a part of any affiliate group that fosters communications with the AOBA BOD. We look forward to the reported AOBA's communications with the affiliates.

Alpaca Float at the Rose Parade

Becky Zierer

An alpaca float at the Rose Parade was proposed in 2006 and the Rose Parade Task Force began efforts to raise money for the float. There was not enough money raised to have a float for 2009 and it was decided to try for 2010. With the downturn in the economy and a slow-down in fundraising, it was decided that the proposal to finance a float in the Rose Parade would not go forward for 2010. If you donated money and would like a refund, contact the AOBA office. Thanks to all who did support the concept!!

----Features----

Rocky I

By Lindsey Annan

With fall time coming on, I am reminded of what happened here at AlpacaKing Alpaca farm almost a year ago. My parents raise white Peruvian huacaya alpacas for high quality breeding stock. This story is about a very special little alpaca born to AlpacaKing on October 10, 2007.

None of the females were due to have their crias for a couple weeks, but on October 10, 2007, my dad found a little white alpaca running all alone in our back pasture without it's mother in sight. Marcella was our only female nearing her due date and after having the vet check her, we were able to determine that she was the mother.

Marcella had abandoned this cria and had no milk to nurse him. We had to tube goat colostrum into him that day and syringe feed him every two hours until the next day when Marcella's milk came in.

We were hopeful that Marcella would accept her cria since her milk came in, but she did not. She would push him away with her neck and even kicked him when he came close to her. He continued to try to nurse even though he was mistreated. He was such a fighter so that is why my dad named him Rocky.

We didn't want Marcella to loose her milk so we milked her every two hours and force fed the milk to Rocky. He hated the bottle and Marcella hated him. After a few times of milking and force feeding we tried holding Marcella and encouraged Rocky to nurse. We thought this would create a bond between them and maybe cause Marcella to accept him. She hated this even more than being milked! Marcella stomped and spit the whole time while Rocky ravenously nursed from his mother.

After Rocky nursed a few times with us holding Marcella, he tried nursing on his own. This made Marcella really mad so she began kicking him harder and even started to pull his fiber out with her teeth. We had to separate the two for Rocky's safety.

We fought with Marcella for nearly a month when a friend suggested that we use their alpaca, Arlene Francis; she was known as the barnyard buffet because she let all the crias nurse from her. Arlene Francis and her cria, Marco, came to visit our farm in

November. We put the four, Marcella, Rocky, Arlene Francis and Marco, in a pen together and hoped for the best. Marcella was noticeably different and seemed almost threatened by Arlene Francis. We even caught her letting Rocky nurse on his own a few times! We were so excited and thought that this did the trick; causing Marcella to feel threatened snapped her into motherhood mode!

After the newness of Arlene's presence wore off, Marcella was back to her old nasty self, kicking, spitting, and biting. By this time it was mid December, winter was setting in and Rocky was not putting on any weight. We decided to follow the advice of our vet and completely separate Rocky from Marcella and the rest of our herd so that he would put more energy into eating and less into trying to gain acceptance.

We moved Rocky to Wabi Sabi, an alpaca farm down the road, where he lived in a heated greenhouse with May, our bay black alpaca who was the only one that was ever nice to him. Our friends at Wabi Sabi fed and weighed him daily and he even seemed to be improving, but on December 25, Rocky took a turn for the worse.

My husband and I were up early getting ready for Christmas morning. My parents had just gotten chores done and let us know that they were going to go check on Rocky. After about an hour they came home, Rocky in my dad's arms once again. His body temperature was very low and he was extremely lethargic. As my dad sat in his rocking chair with Rocky in his lap, my mom brought him warm blankets to wrap around Rocky; my two young daughters woke to see what Santa had brought for them. Instead, they found Papa rocking Rocky. They were so excited to have Rocky home for Christmas that we could hardly get them to open their presents.

My parents were able to get his body temperature back to normal and decided to take him back to his greenhouse at Wabi Sabi. Later that evening, they went to check him again only to find that his body temperature had dropped again. They rushed Rocky back to our house and made a pen for him in the playroom. He could hardly stand and the reality of losing him was really starting to set in.

However, my parents are not ones to give up. On Christmas night, they rushed Rocky to CSU Veterinary Hospital where they were told that Rocky had a 10 percent chance of survival. He was dehydrated, sepsis had set in, his body was eating its own proteins, his temperature was 94°, and the doctor thought he had pulmonary edema. They hooked him up to several machines and he had tubes coming out of his mouth and nose. My mom didn't want him to be alone, like so much of his short life had been, so she slept with him in the barn. She talked with him, sang songs to comfort him, and pulled him back from death several times that night.

The next morning, Dr. Bohnhoff was amazed that Rocky made it through the night and began running more tests and added two more tubes to try to save Rocky's life. At this time Rocky had four tubes connected to his little body. Rocky fought for life daily and continually amazed the vets at the hospital. Over the next week Rocky listened to country western music and had regular visits from my parents, my girls, and our friends from Wabi Sabi, Sue and Ellen.

Rocky was released from the hospital on January 1, 2008. It was a great beginning to a new year. We took him back to his greenhouse and left him there with May for the rest of the winter. He still was not out of the woods because he was only eleven weeks old

and we would have to make sure he continued to eat, without a mother, to survive. On January 3, May had her cria, Samson. It was so nice to see Rocky finally have an alpaca friend. Much to our surprise, as soon as Samson was born, Rocky began to nurse from May and she allowed him. She nursed him for the next six months and we believe that this truly saved Rocky's life.

Today, Rocky and Samson are like brothers; inseparable. Rocky has grown into a very strong beautiful alpaca with no signs of the struggle he endured for his first eleven weeks of life. This is a great story of endurance, faith, love, patience, and never giving up.

National Alpaca Farm Day in Cheyenne, Wyoming September 2008

Wyoming Prairie Alpacas and Arroyo Seco Alpacas buddied up to participate in National Alpaca Farm Day or as we call it in Wyoming, National Alpaca "Ranch" Day.

It was a great opportunity to open our ranches to the community and also show off what we do. NAFD provided the general public a chance to touch and experience the world of alpacas and visit our gift shops. We had a sign in sheet at both ranches. When folks visited both ranches, their names were placed in a drawing for alpaca socks. This also gave us a mailing list for our joint Open House in November.

Education was a part of the day as well. A display of raw fleece, carding, roving, crocheting, knitting, and wet felting taught how fiber becomes fashion.

The event was popular with families and especially the kids. Kids loved hand feeding the alpacas hay. But when kids were asked their favorite animal on the ranch, the answer almost 100% of the time was.....
"the (guard) dogs!" – GO FIGURE! ☺

Linda P. Davis
Wyoming Prairie Alpacas
Cheyenne, WY
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Ridge Valley Alpaca Ranch Hosts National Alpaca Farm Day



Ridge Valley Alpaca Ranch of Loveland Colorado celebrated in conjunction with the annual National Alpaca Farm Day, an open ranch day on September 27. During the course of the day we welcomed at least **325** guests. They all enjoyed many activities including live music, spinning demonstrations, talking with a fiber artist, shopping in the farm store, bouncy tent for the kids, name a baby alpaca, and fed the alpacas and

horses. To top off the day they enjoyed eating an awesome ranch barbecue."

The Bradbury's, owners of the Ranch, requested that guests bring a can of food as a donation for the Larimer County Food Bank. The results was amazing as a 100 gallon water trough was nearly filled full of canned food.

Owners Ann & Carl Bradbury discussed different aspects of their business; Carl gave a presentation on the history of Alpacas while Ann showed off the Moms with their crias and talked about how to care for them. A fun and successful weekend all around.

Strategic Risk Management for Agricultural Women Seminar Colorado State University-Dept. of Ag. & Resource Economics

Several women alpaca breeders gathered for a seminar about Risk Management October 24, 2008 at Colorado State University. This seminar, like others in the last 18 months was possible through a grant obtained to help women in agriculture. Unlike previous seminars, this particular seminar focused solely on alpaca producers. Many great resources were shared with the group such as how to receive carbon credits. Did you know that your pastures store carbons? If you qualify, carbon credits can range from \$.80-\$1.80 per acre and is retroactive for the past five years. The group also participated in a brainstorming session to assist attendees with solutions and ideas to deal with current and potential risks.

If you would like to receive information about free upcoming seminars, or obtain a copy of the first newsletter that has the information about the carbon credits, email Catherine Keske at Catherine.Keske@ColoState.EDU.

Denise Haines
Daybreak Criations Alpacas

ABR's Schedule for 2009

Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies

Schedule of Shows, Events, Meetings, Deadlines Updated December 22, 2008

January 5, 2009	Winter 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
January 10 – 25, 2009	National Western Stock Show ABR Booths
January 15 - 17 2009	Alpacas at the National Western Stock Show
January 16, 2009	Agenda Items due for January BOD Meeting

January 16 - 18, 2009	AOBA Midwinter Educational Sessions – Las Vegas
January 20, 2009	Early Bird Stall Registration Deadline GWAS 2009
January 21, 2009	January BOD Meeting
February 7, 2009	Winter Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 13, 2009	Agenda Items due for February BOD Meeting
February 18, 2009	February BOD Meeting
Feb or March, 2009 TBD	GWAS Color Compliance Workshop
March 7, 2009	Angus McColl on Fiber Testing
March 13, 2009	Agenda Items due for March BOD Meeting
March 13, 2009	Agenda Items due for Spring Membership Meeting
March 13, 2009	Articles due for spring 'Paca Parade
March 18, 2009	March BOD Meeting
March 21, 2009	Neonatal Clinic – Douglas County Fairgrounds
March 27, 2009	Spring 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
April 10, 2009	Agenda Items due for April BOD Meeting
April 15, 2009	April BOD Meeting
April 26, 2009	Spring Quarterly Membership Meeting
May 1 - 3, 2009	Great Western Alpaca Show
May 15, 2009	Agenda Items due for May BOD Meeting
May 20, 2009	May BOD Meeting
June/July, 2009	TBD Health Issues Program – Drs. Anderson & Holt
June 1, 2009	Nomination Committee presented to BOD
June 3 – 7, 2009	World Alpaca Conference & AOBA National Conference – Cleveland, Ohio
June 13 – 14, 2009	Estes Park Wool Market
June 12, 2009	Agenda Items due for June BOD Meeting

June 17, 2009	June BOD Meeting
June 22, 2009	Articles due for summer 'Paca Parade
June 22, 2009	Agenda Items due for Summer Membership Meeting
July 6, 2009	Summer 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
July 10, 2009	Agenda Items due for July BOD Meeting
July 15, 2009	July BOD Meeting
July/August, 2009 TBD	AOBA Judges Training
August 8, 2009	Summer Quarterly Membership Meeting
August 14, 2009	Agenda Items due for August BOD Meeting
August 19, 2009	August BOD Meeting
August 28 – Sept 7, 2009	Colorado State Fair
September 1, 2009	Nominees for 2010 BOD presented to BOD
September 11, 2009	Agenda Items due for September BOD Meeting
September 12, 2009	Camelid Nutrition - Dr. Robert van Saun
September 16, 2009	September BOD Meeting
September 17, 2009	Nominees and Ballot for 2010 sent to Membership
September 17, 2009	Articles due for fall 'Paca Parade
September 17, 2009	Agenda Items due for Fall Membership Meeting
September 26 - 27, 2009	National Alpaca Farm Days
October 1, 2009	Fall 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed
October 1, 2009	2010 Budget e-mailed to Membership
October 16, 2009	Agenda Items due for October BOD Meeting
October 17, 2009	Ballots returned for 2010 BOD election
October 21, 2009	October BOD Meeting
November 1, 2009	Annual Membership Meeting

November 7 – 8, 2009	13 th Annual Fall Festival – The Ranch
November 13, 2009	Agenda Items due for BOD Meeting
November 18, 2009	November BOD Meeting
November 20, 2009	Membership Renewal Forms Mailed
December 11, 2009	Agenda Items due for BOD Meeting
December 16, 2009	December BOD Meeting
December 18, 2009	Newsletter Articles due for winter 'Paca Parade
December 18, 2009	Agenda Items due for Winter Membership Meeting
January 4, 2010	Winter 'Paca Parade Newsletter E-mailed