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1997 Third Quarter Report & News Letter

The third quarter was very good to our association. I missed the Oct. meeting, as I was traveling with my wife, attending a wedding & made a trip to Niagara Falls, Canada. We had a very good time & enjoyed the scenery very much.

The meeting was fun but not many attending. Eric Spurlock won 1st place leading his little Ewe, Precious, through the obstacle course, timed 59 seconds with a lot of persuasion. Ray Lewelling brought his niece, Crystal, with several lambs of which she led the two smallest ones through the course timed 1 min 53 sec and 2 min 40 sec. Crystal won both 2nd and 3rd places, and each were given ribbons & medals accordingly. A very impressive thing was Crystal's ability to load her lambs up a ramp into a pickup with a nursing bucket which had several nipples on it.

Another obstacle course is in the discussion stage for April 1998. I will make out some entry forms so that we can have all the children's full names & membership connection.

No business was actually conducted at the October meeting.

Information is very much needed from & for those who are raising sheep for private game farms. Bob Nolin, Billings, Mt. is buying trophy rams for his game farm. Jim Jones, Crossville, Tn., is raising rams for three game farms in his area. Jim is a little let down because he does not feel the information he has gathered from us & other sources is of much help to him since he is not planning to register his animals. I would certainly like to improve his value to our association. Please help if you can. I believe that all of us might benefit by receiving information from the game farms all over the U S. If you have game farms near where you live, or sell or buy for game farms perhaps we could help network them together. We could send pictures & prices of what we are willing to sell or buy, including weights & measurements.

If you are a regular member of our association, please remember to keep your \$25.00 annual dues paid up to date. If not you will not be able to register or transfer registrations until you pay up. You will not be eligible to vote or hold office & we may drop you from our mailing list. Our lifetime members do not pay any more membership dues.

Please check with your local & state fair board & any other shows & such & find out if we could show our sheep. If they do not have a class for them, ask if they would make a class for them. Send me the results, & address of each board. We are making progress in this direction. We could use the ones that do accept our sheep as leverage to open others.

We have enough members now, and an impressive mailing list to interest venders in giving us information on feed & vet supplies. If you are willing to do some very controlled research with our kind of sheep, please let me know what you would like to test of research. For instance, I will check out getting an independent lab to certify an analysis report of the meat.

There is a lot of work to be done, & a lot of ground to gain through the membership of our association. (Praise the Lord for blessing & keep moving on.)

Charles R. Beam,
Sec/Treas

FOR SALE

Claud Hughes, raises Reg. Maremma Sheep Dogs. He had 5 female pups available 08/18/97 at \$350.00 each. These pups were born 07/08/97. I'm sorry I left this out of my last mailing. They may be gone by now, but if you are interested, give him a call. He might put you on his waiting list for his next litter. Bracken Brae Farm, 3500 Oak Grove Rd., Mebane, N.C. 27302. Phone: (919) 563-8993.

Bob Nolin has 6 ewes for sale at 3019 65th St. W., Billings, Mt. 59106. Phone: (406) 652-9463 evenings.

Merle Gray, Tahlequah, Ok., a personal friend of mine, says that he has a very beautiful B B Ram for sale. He has a full curl on his horns, only two adult teeth, and weight estimate of over 100 lbs. Phone (918) 456-4140.