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DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

I AM VERY EXCITED WITH THE PROGRESS OF OUR ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE A NEW COUPLE WHO SIGNED UP AS LIFE TIME MEMBERS WITH THE INTENTION OF RAISING BLACKBELLIES FOR SHOW. GERALD & SAUNDRA HERRING, WACO, TX., HAVE ALREADY FOUND OUT EXACTLY WHAT TO DO TO OPEN A CLASS FOR OUR SHEEP IN THE LOCAL & STATE FAIRS IN TEXAS. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IN TEXAS, PLEASE CONTACT THEM IF YOU IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING US. JERRY & SAUNDRA HERRING, RT 5 BX 482, 1417 WILDCAT CIR., WACO, TX. 76705. E-mail: g.herring111@worldnet.att.net AND COME & MEET THEM AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

IT IS TIME TO MAKE PLANS FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HOSTED BY DEBORAH & ERIC SPURLOCK AT THE SPURLOCK & BEAM FARM, JAN 17, 1999, 2:00 PM. I ANTICIPATE THAT A LOT OF BUSINESS WILL BE DONE AT THIS MEETING. THIS IS THE TIME THAT WE ELECT OUR OFFICERS EACH YEAR. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY TIME FOR CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS. THERE ARE SOME CHANGES THAT PROBABLY SHOULD BE MADE. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE RETYPED & WORDED IN A MORE PROFESSIONAL MANNER. YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE MUCH DESIRED BEFORE THE MEETING.

I HAVE RECEIVED PUBLICATIONS FROM NCSU OF RESEARCH DONE BY THAT UNIVERSITY WITH BARBADOS BLACKBELLY SHEEP AS PURE BRED AND CROSSES. GET THESE REPORTS BY PHONE, 919-515-2717 OR 919-513-1740, FAX: 919-515-7745, E-mail "Ken Esbenshade" ken_esbenshade@ncsu.edu CC: Johnny_wynne@ncsu.edu, Roger_mccraw@ncsu.edu OR MAIL HELEN THOMPSON, NCARS, BX 7643, NC STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, N C 27695. PLEASE NOTICE THAT THIS RESEARCH WAS DONE WITH THE HOPE OF IMPROVING THE GROWING OF MEAT SHEEP. THE CROSSING IMPROVED A NUMBER OF QUALITIES, BUT DID NOT MEET THE COMMERCIAL MEAT GROWERS DEMAND ON THE CARCUS UNTIL THEY WERE CROSSED INTO ¾ WOOL BREEDS. THE REPORTS AND DOCUMENTION ARE WELL DOCUMENTED AND UNDERSTANDABLE. THIS WAS GOOD RESEARCH. HOWEVER, I DO NOT INTEND TO CROSS MY SHEEP INTO THE WOOL BREEDS & SHEAR THEM & DOC THEIR TAILS TO GET A THICK LAYER OF BACK FAT TO CUT OFF. THAT IS THE FIRST THING A GOOD CHEF DOES BEFORE HE COOKS HIS LAMB. I DO NOT WANT THE RANCID MUTTON TASTE. I AM FOR IMPROVING THE MUSCELING, & INCREASING THE SIZE WITHIN THE BB BREED. I WILL PREPARE MORE ON THIS SUBJECT LATER.

YOU MAY CONTACT THERESA NOBLES AT 405-260-1618 WITH REGARD TO PLACING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR HOSTING FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE OF MEETING LETTER & A MAP TO THE SPURLOCK & BEAM
FARM AROUND THE END OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN JANUARY 1999.

HAPPY SHEPHERDING,

Charles R Beam

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