



April 2018

A Great Loss to the Goatpacking World

Carolyn Eddy, a name well-known to many of us, one of the three original organizers of NAPgA, and author of the book *Practical Goatpacking* as well as other informational goat-related books, has crossed over the 'Rainbow Bridge' as we goat folks are prone to say about our animal friends. Carolyn the one-time editor & producer of the magazine *Goat Tracks*, was still an active NAPgA BOD Member & friend.



Carolyn, who has suffered through many years of medical and physical as well as family health issues, recently took a debilitating fall, breaking ribs, which produced a lung infection, and her kidneys and liver simply couldn't take the stress and began shutting down.

Carolyn then, per her wishes, was taken home and died there on Sunday, April 15th.

Carolyn was, to the end, a vocal advocate of goats, goatpacking and other outdoors adventures.

Goatpacking has lost a great friend and a fount of goat-related information.

It is pertinent to note at this point, that the three original founders of NAPgA are now gone. George Bogdan, Mike Silverman and Carolyn Eddy. May we always continue to fulfill their goals and dreams as we continue our support of the goat packing/cart goating world.

The Rendy!

NAPgA President, Curtis King has decided to poll the goat community to assess the group's desires as regards the classes/presentations for the upcoming Rendy. Please follow the link below to access the 'Survey Monkey' survey, and let your desires be known for June's fast-approaching rendezvous to be held near Henry's Lake in eastern Idaho.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BPYDLF>

ATTENTION: To all NAPgA members and members of the Pack Goat Community.

UPDATE ON FUND RAISING PROJECT: A message from the president.

On March 23rd, 2018, we reached out to our membership asking for support with our current funding to help with our legal fees. All of you stepped up to help with our cause and we had an overwhelming response.

I personally would like to thank each of you and all the organizations that made donations to our fund drive. I am honored to report to you that during the last month we have raised almost eight thousand dollars. We could not have done this without your support and dedication to the future of goat packing. A very heart felt thank you to all of you.

Your Board Members, Treasurer and President want you to be informed as to where all our finances are going. We will be posting a financial report in our quarterly NAPgA newsletter showing you exactly what our legal fees are and exactly where your funds are being spent. I have great confidence in our Board of Directors and the skill set that each one of them brings to the table. Their input weighs heavily on all direction and decisions that are taking place in NAPgA's future in moving forward and in securing your rights to use pack goats on public lands. I also have enormous faith and confidence in our very talented attorney Andrew Irvine who has continued to provide wisdom, representation and positive direction for our organization.

I have been informed by Andy and the Shoshone National Forest hearing officer that the objection process will take place on Wednesday May 2nd, 2018. The hearing officer has made the decision to conduct the objection meeting using a telephone conference and not within an office. This was partly due to the geographic location of all the objectors being so far spread out within the western states. Andy Irvine

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and myself will be present representing NAPgA and several of our other members that submitted objections will be present. This will help with our finances as we will not have to ensure travel expenses to Cody WY.

We will keep everyone informed of our progress and I look forward to serving you in the capacity of your NAPgA president. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend our annual rendezvous in Island Park ID in June 2018. We plan to have a schedule up soon on our website to include classes events and training that will be available. We look forward to our auction and fund-raising project and I project that there will be some extraordinary new saddles and equipment available. Put this on your calendars. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there and to meeting our new members.

A very sincere thank you to all of you for your continued support of this organization and our mission statement. Thank you.

"Long Live The Pack Goat"

Curtis King

President, North American Pack Goat Association

Goats 'n Gear Market

We'd like to remind our members that NAPaA offers free advertising space for any member involved in the packgoat business. If you sell packgoat equipment, offer outfitting, guiding, or packgoat rental services, or if you breed packgoats you are invited to advertise on our [Goats 'n' Gear](#) page at no charge. Look through the pages and if your business is not included, please shoot us an email at napga.org@gmail.com. If any business offers discounts to NAPgA members, please let us know and we'll start advertising that on our website too!

For those of you on the buying end of things, thank you for supporting our member businesses. If you have non-member friends who are looking for packgoats, equipment, or a goat packing experience, please refer them to our [Goats 'n' Gear](#) page. Our member businesses specialize in helping people get started in goat packing.

2018 NAPGA RENDEZVOUS



Rendezvous Thursday June 21-Sunday June 24

Who: Pack goat enthusiasts of all ages, goats welcome too! Dogs allowed if kept under control at all times.

Cost: Free! \$10 Donations to NAPgA for non-members.

Location: 11 miles north of Island Park Idaho, and 3.4 miles west off Highway 20. Google Maps link: [2018 Rendezvous location](#)

Camping/Access: This is a primitive camping area. No hookups. Restrooms (portable outhouses) will be provided. There is no running water, some will be provided for humans and goats, or you can bring your own. This is a large flat open area with lots of pine trees and camping sites. Access is good for cars, trailers and RVs (gravel road). There is plenty of goat browse. Weed free hay is also available, must notify kentdaniels@msn.com ahead of time. Firewood can be gathered adjacent to the camping area. THIS IS BEAR COUNTRY! Please see link for camping and food storage in Bear Country: [Bear Ethics](#)

Other Lodging Available: Red Rock RV Park (hookups), Drift Lodge, Island Park Village, Macks Inn, all within 10 miles.

Typical Weather: daytime highs in the 70s, nighttime lows in the 30s.

Cell phone service: (ATT and Verizon) available.

Nearby Amenities: Island Park (11 miles) has gas, groceries, & ice.

Island Park Amenities

Highlights:

NAPgA Country Store/Auction-This is a good opportunity to support the biggest fund raiser for the NAPgA as well as get some cool items and pack gear for a great price. Donations will be gladly accepted! To donate items, contact: kentdaniels@msn.com. Much of the rendezvous program is still in discussion/planning... stay tuned

Pre-register by emailing kentdaniels@msn.com with # of humans and # of goats. Contact phone after 4PM Mountain time: 208-351-7111

**** Tentative 2018 Rendezvous Schedule -- It will be updated as more details emerge. ****

Rendy Site



**Great picture from 2015, Henry's Lake
in background**

Carolyn



**Great picture from an annual meeting
of the Cascade PG Group**