



North American Packgoat Association Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Recently, the North American Packgoat Association, has added two additional board members to our current staff. I would like to thank all of the members that participated in the ballot poll. You have voted unanimously to bring Emmett McCormick, of Clarkston, WA, and Taffy Mercer of Kennewick, WA, to your panel of board members. Both Emmett and Taffy bring special talents and skill set to the table, as well as their passion for their goats and goat packing. Please welcome Taffy and Emmett.

I am very appreciative of all of my board members, as they all play an instrumental part in helping NAPgA move forward as a national organization. As you know, our organization runs entirely on volunteer service. I am extremely appreciative of all the hard work, time, and commitment that our board members contribute for our cause. Without their dedication and commitment, it would be difficult for us to keep our heads above water.

As we move forward with this new year, I also want to update our membership on the Carolyn Eddy Memorial Research Fund. Prior to passing away, Carolyn expressed her strong desire to create a research fund dedicated entirely to benefit goats and goat packing. Carolyn had talked about creating this research fund on behalf of her wonderful canine companion, Bob. Carolyn was one of the three originators of NAPgA and was actively involved as a board member, an educator, and an author for goats and goat packing. She had dedicated most of her life to raising and training goats, as well as educating others. She authored several books to include, *Practical Goatpacking*, *Diet for Wethers*, and *Goat Field First Aid*. *Practical Goatpacking* was not the first 'Goatpacking' book, John Mionczynski's, *The Pack Goat* was. But John's book was more 'about' Goatpacking, and Carolyn's was a 'how to'

"Lone Star Hoofenanny" April 5-7 Kennard, Texas

A NAPgA Rendezvous for Texas!



Howdy, Pardners! It has come to our attention that we have a growing number of packgoat enthusiasts in the southern states, and it's about time we had a shindig! Nan Hassey is organizing a small packgoat Rendezvous at Davy Crockett National Forest for April 5-7. We will be staying at Piney Creek Campground near Kennard, TX. From Kennard, head south three miles on Pine Tree Rd. (#525), then turn right on Service Rd. 566. The camping is primitive but there is a pit toilet and a water spigot. The pit toilet may not have toilet paper, so please bring your own! There are about 21 campsites, which are first-come, first-serve and cost \$10/night. There are trees to string picket lines and provide shade.

Goats traveling to the event from within the state of Texas do not need health certificates. However, they DO need either a scrapies ID tag OR tattoos with registration papers. (Tattooed goats can be registered through the ADGA ID program.)

Goats traveling from outside of Texas need a veterinarian's health certificate in addition to the scrapies ID or tattoos/ registration papers. For the destination location, put Piney Creek Horse Camp, Davy Crockett NF, Kennard, TX 75847.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please email nanhassey@yahoo.com or call her at 719-489-2732. Please do not show up without giving Nan the heads-up. We need to let the district ranger know how many to expect.

You may also eMail Nan if you would like to see the schedule. We will be planning all of our classes and activities for

Goatpacking. Carolyn's Diet and Health books were definitely the first books in the field specifically aimed at packgoats.

Prior to her passing, Carolyn donated a significant portion of her funds to be dedicated to scientific research to benefit goat packing. In honor of her work and in her memory, the board members of the North American Packgoat Association have voted and launched the Carolyn Eddy Memorial Research Fund. The assets from this fund will only be used for research to benefit goat packing.

The North American Packgoat Association would like to receive input from our members with research suggestions. We will be working very closely with the Animal Disease Research Unit in Pullman, WA, as well as other Universities and organizations to determine where these funds would be wisely invested. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Please look to our NAPgA website in the near future, where we will have the Carolyn Eddy Memorial Research fund posted. We will have instructions on how you can submit suggestions.

I hope that all of you are preparing for 2019 and that your calendars will be filled with goat packing adventures. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual Rendezvous this June, in Elgin Park, WY (near Buffalo). See our website for details (<https://www.napga.org/2018/12/04/2019-rendy-save-the-date/>). We anticipate it will be filled with numerous learning opportunities and lectures from some of the most talented goat whisperers in our organization.

In closing, I want to ask and encourage all of you, both past and current members, to renew your NAPgA membership. There is great strength in numbers and we are making a difference. Please help us as we continue to strive towards securing your rights to use pack goats on public lands.

Long Live the Packgoat,

Curtis King

President, North American Packgoat Association

Saturday. If you live in Texas and you would like to see the State Parks open up to packgoats, please invite your nearby State Park rangers! Saturday morning there will be a "meet and greet" session geared toward introducing park officials to packgoats. I know you Texans would love to see more spaces available for goatpacking in your state, and this is how it starts! Get the word out, folks! We will be making flyers available. which you can print and hand out.

Contact Nan Hassey for more info about those.

Flyer Link on the NAPgA website: <https://www.napga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HoofenannyPDF.pdf>

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NAPgA Expanding Its Social Resources

So NAPgA now has an Instagram page as well as a Facebook presence

NAPgA is thrilled to announce we have expanded our social media presence! As many of you know we have always had the Facebook Group, we now added a Facebook Page and Instagram account! We would love for you to link up with us on both social media outlets you can find us on Facebook or Instagram by typing in **@northamericanpackgoat** follow along as we continue to share upcoming events, tips, photos, stories, and other great goat packing content! We will still keep the Facebook Group too, just expanding our social media resources!

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NAPgA Advertising for Your Business

We would like to remind all of our members that if they have a packgoat-related business or if they breed packgoats, they are entitled to free advertising on the "Goats N Gear" page at <http://www.napga.org>. Please contact us at napga.org@gmail.com if you are not yet included and we'll get you set up. *We want to know you're out there!*