Welcome to the October issue of Boer Goat Monthly!

Dear Mary Ellen,

Welcome to October! Many of you are now in full breeding season. Here is what you need to know for this month as an American Boer Goat Association™ member.

National Goat Expo
The third annual National Goat Expo was held at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL., Sept. 25-29. ABGA was at the event as a vendor. Thank you to all of the members who stopped by our booth to pick up materials and say hi!

Upcoming October Events
- 4-5: Alabama National Fair (AL)
- 5-6: Tulsa State Fair (OK)
- 7-8: Georgia National Fair (GA)
- 10-11: Arkansas State Fair (AR)
- 10-12: Southern Middle TN Boer Goat Show (TN)
- 11-12: Wabash Valley Boer Classic (IN)
- 18-19: MSU FFA Fall Classic (KY)
- 18-19: OBGA Fall Classic (OK)
- 18-19: Southern Middle TN Goat Show (TN)
- 18-20: Grand National Livestock Exposition (CA)
- 21-23: North Carolina State Fair (NC)
- 25-27: KBGA 4th Annual Fall Spooktacular (KS)
- 25-27: Tri-State Goat Producers Showdown IV (KY)
Face-to-Face Board of Directors Meeting
The Board of Directors held a Face-to-Face meeting in Oklahoma City, OK, on September 26-27, at the Courtyard Oklahoma City Downtown.

At this meeting, several items were discussed. To view the full agenda, click here, and to view the full minutes of the meeting, click here.

The next ABGA Board of Directors Face-to-Face Meeting will be held December 5th and 6th in either Phoenix, Las Vegas or New Orleans. Location to be announced at a later date.

The next meeting after that will be held March 20th and 21st in Oklahoma City, OK.

JABGA Fundraisers
The JABGA Board of Directors have decided to host a cookbook! They really want to put an emphasis on goat recipes, and they encourage people to send in recipes. Not only goat recipes are needed though. They are accepting recipes of all sorts, and they need as many as they can get! This is not directed to just ABGA or JABGA members, but everyone!

Please send recipes to Cindy Dusek, or any other junior board member. Cindy’s email: cindy@abga.org

Please keep in mind that these cookbooks will be a great fundraiser for the JABGA, and cookbooks will be ready for purchase by December 1st, 2014.

The JABGA is also putting together a calendar, and is currently selling ad space. A full page ad is $1,000, a half page is $550, a quarter page is $300, and an eight page is $200. A small ad beside the month is $150, a sale date, birthday or anniversary is $15.

Please contact Cindy Dusek for more information, cindy@abga.org.

The Boer Goat magazine management
The Boer Goat magazine has successfully been transferred from management by Encore Visions to ABGA. The primary contact for the magazine is Robyn Scherer, Director of Marketing and Communication. She can be reached at robyn@abga.org.

The media guide is updated and available by clicking here. Advertisement booking is due by the first of the issue month, so advertisements for the November/December issue are due by Nov. 1.

Did you know? You can list your business card in the classified section for as little as $150 for black and white, and $300 for color. One price covers placement in all six issues of The Boer Goat. E-mail your business card today to robyn@abga.org, and be seen by every ABGA member!

Announcements
2015 National JABGA/ABGA Show
The 2015 JABGA/ABGA National Show will be held in Grand Island, Neb., June 7-12. A full schedule was approved at the last Face-to-Face meeting and is available at the end of the meeting minutes. Click here to
go to the minutes.

Urgent contact information
If you need something urgently from ABGA, please give the office a call at (325) 486-2242. Questions submitted via Facebook are not always seen immediately.

Voluntary DNA
There are only 3 months left of the voluntary DNA Testing program on sires of kids conceived after January 1, 2015 that you are registering. All other DNA testing through ABGA is on a voluntary basis, including parent verification.

REMINDER
Members who are sponsoring shows and/or seminars are invited to send the information to Robyn Scherer for inclusion in the ABGA Events Calendars. Applications for show sanctions should be sent to the office.

Please look for this email at the beginning of each month to stay up-to-date on everything ABGA!

Sincerely,

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