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Secretary or Registrar?

When should you send information to the ARBA secretary and when should you send paperwork to Associated Registries?

General association questions can be directed to the secretary or any board members.

Membership, futurity and fund raising monies are sent to the secretary.

Information for the Romney Ramblings and the ARBA website is sent to the secretary.

Animal registrations and transfers are sent to Associated Registries in Wamego, Kansas.

Pedigree searches and requests are done by Associated Registries.

If paperwork for the registrar is sent to the secretary, an added week or more will be added to the processing time.

Romney Ramblings

Newsletter of the American
Romney Breeders Association

President's Message

By Chris Posbergh

I want to start my last president's message by congratulating the newly elected board members! Thank you to all of you who took the time to mark and return a ballot. The new board members will start their new roles at the Annual Meeting in September. I know they will serve the breed well.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival for the annual meeting and the National Show & Sale. The entry deadline for the sheep show is August 25th. There will also be a National Fleece Show, so be sure to bring your best fleeces even if you will not be bringing sheep. Look for more details in this edition of the Ramblings, the ARBA website, Facebook, Gaggles group and the mailchimp mailing list.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as President these past four years. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the breed and the membership.

ARBA Board 2019

Newly elected board members include:

President: Don Burgess

V. President: Anne McIntyre Lahner

Directors at Large: Scott Culver,
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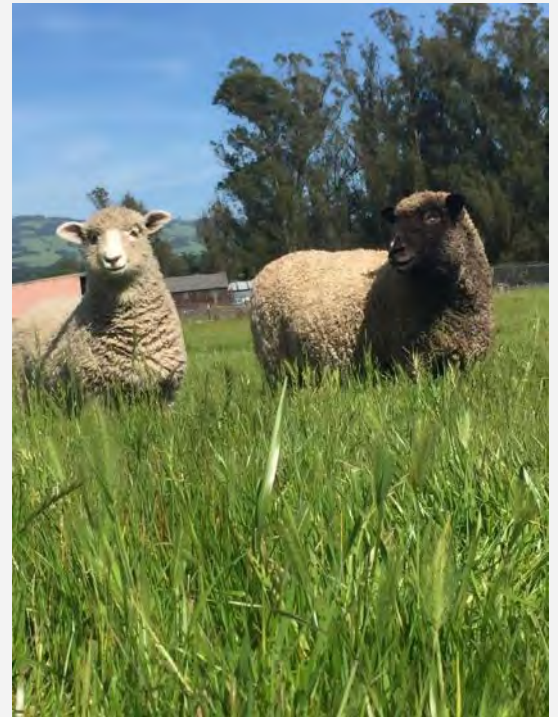
District Directors: (1) Emma Morton
Rogers (2) Allison Seyfert

(3) Penny Swearingen

(4) Nicole Murray

(5) Carol Pasheilich

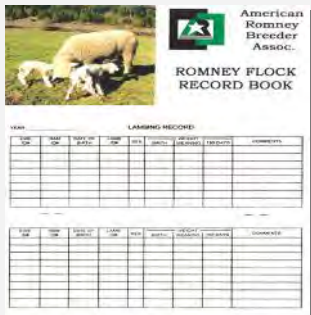
(6) Betsy McPherson.



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Romney Ramblings

The Romney Ramblings is the newsletter of the American Romney Breeders Association. The purpose of the Ramblings is to provide sheep industry news, highlight the efforts of ARBA, announce events and activities, provide an outlet for promotion of your sheep and wool products and recognize the accomplishments of the membership.

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Mentoring Program

Mentors are available to assist breeders with questions, discuss upcoming events, chat sheep and help promote the membership. The following ARBA members have signed up as mentors, and this list is posted on the website.

Welcome to our New Members

Joining ARBA after January 1, 2019

Rice Family Farm, Winston, OR
Harrison and Jessica; Hannah, Noah and Isaiah
Avah Gladle, Junior Member, Stanley, NY
Robin Doty, Gypsy Mountain Farm, Dugspur, VA
Brendan Murphy, Iron Water Ranch, Albany, OR
Kylee Sprague, Iron Water Ranch, Albany, OR
Stacy Schmoll, Ewe and Herb, Wausau, WI
Taivry Virus, Junior Member, Hebron, NE
Lauren Lowery, Junior Member, Grantsville, MD
Luke Lowery, Junior Member, Grantsville, MD
Janet Gosnell, Junior Member, Elkridge, MD
Vicki Mast, 2 Petes Farm, Bridgeville, DE
Noah Cole, Junior Member, Tivoli, NY
Kylee Cole, Junior Member, Tivoli, NY
Sarah Cole, Junior Member, Tivoli, NY
Channing Farmer, Junior Member, Terre Haute, IN
Coleen Maloney, 5 Creek Farm, Santa Rosa, CA
Kelly Baughman, Baughman Hollow Farm, New Concord, OH
Todd & Holly Jacobs, Alpacas in the Glen, Smithville Flats, NY
Brooke Young, Junior Member, Bell Buckle, TN
Helene Dooley, Skybrooke Farm, Mocksville, NC
Kevin & Becky Mehringer, Mehrgold Farm, Cambridge, WI

Welcome to all of our new ARBA members in 2019. Take time to introduce yourself to these new Romney breeders. Contact information can be located on the ARBA website, membership directory. www.americanromney.org

ARBA on Facebook Check out the American Romney Breeders Association facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanromney>. to see events, news and reminders about the association.

ARBA on Instagram ARBA now has an Instagram account for sharing events and news about the association. Its handle is: @americanromney.

Gaggle A new online email group has been formed as a way for members to share information about their sheep, management practices, events, etc. with each other more easily and be up to date on what the ARBA Board is working on. It is hosted through Gaggle Email. For more information and how to join if you have not already received an introductory email, contact Carol Pasheilich, District 5 Director.

On The Cover:

Spring grass gets results in California and Oregon. Top photo is one of the shots show-casing ARBA member Sarah Keiser. Read more about her sheep, family, day job and marketing skills in this edition. Lower photo is a group of SOR yearling ewes.

Rambling Roads ~ Notes from District Directors

District One—New England

Greetings from Connecticut. Show season is getting in full swing here in the northeast. As I am writing this, we are two weeks from the Northeast Youth Sheep Show. How time flies. Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft fair occurred over Memorial Day weekend. There was a good turnout in the show ring. Additionally, Susan Weaver won first, second and third place (in the white, long wool division), and third place in the hand spun competition in the fleece show with her Romney fleeces. Congrats!

More upcoming shows in the area include Woodstock Fair on Labor day weekend, Deerfield Fair, Fryeburg and the Big E. This year at the Big E, Romneys will show Friday, September 20 at 1 p.m. Big E also offers a fleece show with a variety of divisions. Be sure to check it out!

While the national show and sale are in Wisconsin, Little Hooves is offering transport to the east coast. The sale will be live streamed. Be sure to check it out! Additionally, the national show will feature a national fleece show. Look to the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool website for more information. Feel free to contact me with any show (sheep or fleece) results or other Romney information you would like me to share in a future Ramblings.

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Fitting Videos:

Romney Fitting by the Bullocks (2005)
<https://youtu.be/nODqZcTr1VU>

Trimming Romneys for the Show Ring by the Chapins (2013)
<https://youtu.be/32T8xTpvTFI>

Breeding Sheep Fitting Demonstration at All American Jr Show by Ethan Kennedy
<https://www.facebook.com/ThistleDownFarmRomney/videos/1781443295242073/>

Use these videos to help get you started on prepping your sheep for shows and sales. Although there are some differences in technique, each one will provide helpful tips. Allison Seyfert mistyrosefarm@rocketmail.com

District Two—Mid-Atlantic

Summer Impacts on Sheep

Hot summer days are upon us in the Mid-Atlantic...as well as humidity and thunderstorms. The lambs and I are ready for cooler days ahead. Although sheep tend to be less susceptible to heat stress than other livestock such as swine and cattle, be mindful of the heat index

especially when handling and transporting your animals. Make sure they have access to shade, air flow (natural breeze or fans), and plenty of fresh water. Also, don't forget that wool protects sheep not only from extreme cold, but from extreme heat as well. Sheep with a one inch of fleece are actually more comfortable than sheep with less wool.

Heat Index
Temperature (°F)

	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
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Likelihood of Heat Disorders with Prolonged Exposure or Strenuous Activity

Caution Extreme Caution Danger Extreme Danger

Heat stress can cause poor growth, temporary ram infertility (6 to 10 weeks), illness, and even death. Heat stress can also lower natural immunity and make animals more vulnerable to diseases such as pneumonia. Be on the lookout for signs such as rapid breathing, open mouth breathing, nasal flaring, staggering, lethargy, rectal temperature over 104 degrees Fahrenheit, lack of chewing cud, and lack of appetite.

Animals suspected of heat-stress should be moved to a cool, shaded area with good air circulation and cool drinking water. Do not spray woolled sheep with water as this will inhibit cooling as air will not be able to pass through the wet fleece. Instead, apply rubbing alcohol to the area between their rear legs to help with cooling. Additional therapies such as IV fluids may be needed as well.

Transporting sheep in hot weather can create an environment with little air circulation, especially in covered pick-ups or stock trailers without air ventilation near the heads of the animals. Keep moving during the heat of the day, and allow air to be moved in and around the animals. When stopped, the temperature can increase quickly. If you are driving for several days, stagnant air and dirty bedding can create potential problems. Be aware and keep your sheep as healthy as possible during summer travel.

Keeping the high temperatures in mind, have fun, be safe, and good luck at all the shows this summer and with breeding season soon after! Don't forget to keep up with the ARBA website (lots of updates and new information available) and Facebook pages. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any Romney happenings in our district as well as any ideas you may have for the future of ARBA.

Upcoming events throughout District 2:

September 7-8: Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival
Hunterdon County Fairgrounds - Lambertville, New Jersey
www.njsheep.org/

September 28-29: Adirondack Wool & Arts Festival
Washington County Fairgrounds - Greenwich, NY
<https://www.adkwoolandarts.com>

October 19-20: New York Sheep & Wool Festival
Dutchess County Fairgrounds - Rhinebeck, NY



District Three—Central

Summer is here, and many sheep and wool shows and sales are available for exhibitors and spectators. I hope many of you will join me in Jefferson, WI for the annual ARBA meeting to be held in conjunction with the WI Sheep and Wool Festival, September 6-8, 2019. A form for reserving your dinner is included in this issue, plus information about hotels in the area.

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District Four—Oregon

Summer is here with it all the things that summer means. Hot weather, bringing in next winters hay, planning breeding season for next spring's lambs and of course fair season. Throughout the summer there will be Romney breeders attending county fairs, state fairs, and fiber festivals across the country.

Black Sheep Gathering, held July 5-7, proved to be another wonderful event with many Romney breeders in attendance who represented the breed in both the show ring and fleece show. Congrats to all breeders who received awards at this event! There were also several Romney breeders who had vendor booths at Black Sheep Gathering sharing their beautiful farm grown Romney fiber products with the fiber enthusiasts in attendance.

The Oregon State Fair Sheep Show is an upcoming event, held August 23-27. It is a regular event for many of our Romney breeders and is always a great chance to catch up with friends while sharing our love for sheep. The White Romney show will be held Friday, August 24 and the Natural Colored Romney classes will be held Saturday, August 25. The Romney Youth show will be held Saturday, August 25. We had a wonderful turnout last year at our youth show and I am looking forward to seeing all our junior members again this year. I also encourage members to enter fleeces in the Oregon State Fair Wool Show and Oregon Romney Breeders Association sponsored Romney Wool Show.

Also mark your calendars for the Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival held at the Clackamas County Events Center in Canby, Oregon, September 28 and 29. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the summer!

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District Five - West

Thank you everyone for voting for me for another 2 year term. You do me great honor. It is an honor and privilege to serve on the ARBA board. The board just voted in should be a great one. Chris Posbergh and Randy Thompson have done a wonderful job and under the leadership of Don Burgess and Anne McIntyre-Lahner, I expect the programs they started will continue and grow. I hope that each and every one of you will step up when called to serve. There are many competent, worthy members who can help make this organization even better. Remember, you can follow the board's activities by reading the board's minutes on the ARBA website. They will give you an idea of how the board is meeting your needs.

I invite you to meet Sarah Keiser, another small breeder who is also contributing to the breed by the promotion she is doing with her small flock. Remember, if you are in district 5 and would like to be featured in the Ramblings, please contact me.

You may also contact me with any concerns or questions about our wonderful breed and/or the organization.

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District Six—South

Hello from District 6!

Summer has arrived and I'm going to speak for my fellow district members by saying...."It's Hot Here!!" Two things that help me get through the dog days that are ahead, are big barn fans and also knowing that every day is getting shorter and closer to fall! I'm convinced that the sheep handle the heat better than the shepherd!

While our district is the smallest in members, a fun fact is that we have the most Romneys in Virginia and next it's a tie between North Carolina and Tennessee. I encourage all who are looking to purchase Romneys within District 6, to please go to the ARBA website (americanromney.org) and look up all of the southern members who are listed in the directory. This may be helpful when planning a shopping trip and/or trying to arrange transport.

Fall Fairs/Festivals coming up in our district.

TN State Fair—Nashville, TN, Sept. 6-15.
 Mountain State Fair—Fletcher, NC, September 6-15.
 Fall Fiber Festival & Dog Trials—
 Montpelier Station, VA, October 5-6.
 Southeastern Annual Fiber Festival—
 Fletcher, NC, October 25-27.
 NAILE—Louisville, KY, November 5-21.

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About the time you think things are settling down and a routine might develop, the weather or the need to step up to help others sends the thought of routine into a spin.

Oregon experienced some unusual weather this spring. April was dry and unusually warm. It appeared the irrigation pump was going to be dusted off and sent down the bank to start moving water to the pastures and yard. Then came May, and we had more than some showers. It rained enough to

revive the pastures, leave the pump in the shed and be thankful that the ewes had been shorn during the drier days of April.

Weather was also a factor in my need to step up and assist. My brother needed to take time away from his commercial flock of ewes during lambing. While he was in the hospital having treatment for pancreatitis and a gall bladder removal, I was mucking through the days of snow that came to the south coast. We usually get a couple of days

of snow each year, so why not while his ewes are lambing? Unlike my ewes that are penned in the barn and assisted, his ewes are on a rolling hill with trees for shelter.

As I traveled from farm to farm on the Kawasaki mule, loaded with buckets of whole corn, it strengthened my decision that less is better, especially for this shepherd who has downsized.

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Basics of Pasture Management: by Don Burgess, District 3 Director

Quality pasture is one of the greatest assets in sheep production. Good pasture provides high quality feed very cost effectively and with a relatively low labor requirement. However, many pastures receive little if any management. This can result in low yielding, low quality feed. Here are a few basic tips when it comes to managing for a quality pasture.

Get to know your grass (and forbs, legumes, etc...): Different forage species have different growth characteristics and, as a result, have different requirements. Understanding these requirements depends on having an accurate identification of the plants that you are managing. Once you know what species you are dealing with, developing a better understanding of their specific requirements will allow you to make management decision to properly manage them.

Know the soil conditions: This is where having a timely soil test is key. Forage crops, like all crops, are affected by soil conditions such as pH, phosphorus, and potassium levels. Maintaining these attributes within the acceptable range for these crops is critical to ensuring that they perform as they should.

Manage growth stage: Forage quality is at its highest when the plant is in vegetative growth stages and declines rapidly once the plant enters reproductive stages. Managing grazing or mowing to keep forage crops in a vegetative state will maximize the quality of forage that the animal receives.

Let it rest: Allowing adequate rest periods between grazing events will help to maximize the vigor and health of the forage stand. When a forage plant is grazed, that plant loses a majority of its photosynthetic capacity, and must rely on root reserves of carbohydrates in order to build more leaf tissue. If repeated grazing is allowed, that plant will be continually depleting its root reserves in order to build new tissue. Over time, this can result in stunted forage plants that are more susceptible to drought stress, winter injury, and pests.

Manage weeds: Weeds are a given, even in a well-managed crop. Complete weed control is often impractical due to a number of factors, such as cost, grazing restrictions of herbicides, and limited herbicide options. However, properly timed and executed grazing and cutting will limit the ability of weeds to actively grow and, perhaps more importantly, limits their ability to reproduce. In addition, maintaining a strong forage stand will also reduce weeds due to competition.

Forages are unique plants that require careful management to perform to their fullest potential, which in turn can have major benefits to animal productivity.

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Meet Sarah Keiser - submitted by Carol Pasheilich

Sarah Keiser is wife, mother, shepherd and spinner. Her children are a 12 year old boy and a 9 year old girl. She and her family live just north of San Francisco in Sonoma County, California. During the school year, Sarah is the head of a program called Mentor Me. It is a program run through the Petaluma School district and incorporates volunteer adults to mentor a child in need. It is very much like the Big Brother program.

In addition to her day job, Sarah shepherds 16 sheep, 9 of which are Romneys. She has won many awards with her Romney fleeces in several prestigious California fleece shows, such as Lambtown and the California National Wool Show. She came to Romneys simply because she met some and fell in love with them. The other sheep in her flock are merino crosses which she added for their fine fleeces. She also has 3 dairy goats that she milks once a day. She uses their milk for her family, makes cheese and soap.

Although Sarah's acreage is small she has been very creative and started what she calls Pengrove Grazing Project. It is a community based, ecologically sound land management system. With this program she is able to graze 11 acres, moving her sheep around her neighborhood. She is able to graze this way from November through July or August before having to use stored hay. Her children help move the sheep from one pasture to another using portable electric fencing to secure the animals and offer protection for them.

She also raises 3 to 4 pigs every year to use for meat, keeping one for her family and selling the rest. Since she is a person who does not waste anything from an animal, she found a way to use the lard from the pigs. She developed a line of personal care products; soaps and lotions, formulating her own recipes. She uses milk from the goats, lard from the pigs, plus other natural ingredients. She often felts the goat milk soap with Romney roving for added value. Sarah gets rave reviews for these products. You may see both the products and the reviews on her web site: www.wildoathollow.com.

Sarah also belongs to the very active Northern California Fibershed where she is able to sell her products, personal care, her raw wool and yarn. Through the Fibershed she is developing a carbon farming plan for her small farm. The Northern California Fibershed offers classes and resources not only in carbon farming but also sponsors subjects such as a local farm that teaches spinners and craft people how to indigo dye wool, yarn, and fiber in a safe, ecological way. There are many of these wonderful resources in all areas of wool production starting from the animal all the way to actual clothing. Sarah is in the perfect place to take advantage of classes, mentoring, education, as well as opportunities for marketing her handcrafted products.



I asked her what she expects from ARBA. She mentioned three things: 1) Community building among members; 2) ideas on fleece and meat sales; and 3) how to stay sustainable as a sheep breeder.

Sarah is a Romney breeder with a lot of energy, innovative ideas and products to sell. ARBA is very fortunate to have her as a member. She plans to become more active in the association as time goes on. You will want to visit her web site: www.wildoathollow.com.

Photos on this page are of sheep managed by Sarah Keiser, Romney breeder.

July 29: Entries Due for National Romney Sale
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Aug. 1-2: California Wool Growers on-line sale.
CaliforniaWool Growers.org/calendar/online-all-breeds-sale/.

Aug. 2-3: Bartlettyarns Annual Open House
Harmony, Maine. Bartlettyarns.com.

Aug. 14-18: Michigan Fiber Festival in Allegan, MI
www.michiganfiberfestival.info

Aug. 23-27: Oregon State Fair Sheep Show, Salem.

Aug. 25: American Lamb Board Jam Tour, Denver, CO
americanlambjam.com

Sept. 6: ARBA Annual Meeting and Dinner at 8:00 pm
Jefferson, Wisconsin www.americanromney.org

Sept. 6-8: Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival, Jefferson, Wisconsin. WisconsinSheepandWoolFestival.com.

Sept. 6-15: Tennessee State Fair, Nashville, TN
Mountain State Fair, Fletcher, NC

Sept. 7-8: New Jersey Annual Sheep & Fiber Festival
in Ringoes, NJ. www.NJSheep.org/festival/index.html.

Sept. 7-9: Endless Mountains Fiber Festival, New Milford, Pennsylvania. EndlessMountainFiberFest.com.

Sept. 13-15: California Wool and Fiber Festival, Mendocino County Fair in Boonville, CA.

Sept. 21-22: A Wool Gathering, Yellow Springs, OH.
www.YoungsDairy.com.

Finger Lakes Fiber Festival in Hemlock,
New York. Wwww.GVHG.org/fiber-fest/

Sept. 28-29: Northern Michigan Lamb & Wool Fest.
West Branch, MI. www.LambAndWoolFestival.com

Oct. TBA: Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival, The Dalles, OR
www.ColumbiaGorgeFiberFestival.com

Oct. 5-6: Lambtown Festival, Dixon, California
Lambtown.org

Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival in Tunbridge, VT. VTSheepandWoolFest.com.

Fall Fiber Festival & Dog Trials, Montpelier Station, VA

Wool Festival at Taos. Taos, New Mexico
www.TaosWoolFestival.org

Oct. 9-13: Trailing of the Sheep Festival, Ketchum, Idaho
TrailingOfTheSheep.org

Oct. 19-20: New York State Sheep & Wool Festival.
Rhinebeck, NY. www.SheepAndWool.com

Fiber Fusion Event, Monroe, Washington
FiberFusion.net

Oct. 25-27: Southeastern Annual Fiber Festival in Fletcher, NC

Nov. 1-2: Ozark Fiber Fling in Steelville, MO
OzarkFiberFling.com.

Nov. 5-21: NAILE in Louisville, KY

Nov. 15-16: East Texas Fiber Festival. Lindale, Texas
EastTexasFiberFestival.weebly.com.

Sponsors Needed For Futurity Program

If you sell animals to junior members, consider becoming a sponsor of that member and animal(s). A \$20 fee per animal will allow you to be recognized as the breeder and provide an extra premium for the buyer, based on placings and number of shows entered. See details on the website.



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National Show Sponsorships

Special awards and added incentives to participate have been secured for the upcoming ARBA National Romney Show. To promote your support of the show, donations are being accepted to assist in the cost of these awards. You will be recognized as a donor during the show. A special class can be requested, if you have one that is important to you.

Send Donations To: ARBA Secretary
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The annual dinner and meeting of the American Romney Breeders Association will be held Friday, September 6, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. CDT. This event, held at The Heron's Landing restaurant, 200 W. Milwaukee Street in Jefferson, Wisconsin, is open to current members, friends of members, potential members and any family members taking in the festivities. Meal options will include steak, seafood or salad. Plan to attend and meet board members, exhibitors, youth and other breeders from the area. Learn about work completed and in progress from your ARBA president.

Annual Meeting Dinner Reservation

Complete this form and return to:

ARBA Secretary
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Or

Email information to:
soromney@wildblue.net

Name(s)

Select from the following:

☐ Steak (12 oz. Black Angus Ribeye)
☐ Seafood (3 pieced deep fried or broiled cod)
☐ Salmon salad

Meals include roasted red potatoes, coleslaw and soft drinks.

Include payment of \$30 per meal.
Price includes gratuity and tax.

Schedule of Events in Wisconsin

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved for ARBA members coming to the festival. The Comfort Suites, 725 Paradise Lane, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin provides rooms ranging from \$134 to \$152, excluding tax and fees. Use ARBA Block as a reference when making reservation. Other options exist in Jefferson, and eastern Madison.

Meetings: Current board members meet Friday, September 6 at 10 a.m. in Johnson Creek at the Comfort Suites.

Annual Meeting is Friday, September 6 at 8:00 p.m. in Jefferson at The Heron's Landing.

New board members meet Saturday, September 7 at 8 a.m. in Johnson Creek at the Comfort Suites.

National Romney Show: Taking place at the Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave, Jefferson. Sheep show begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 7. Romney Show time to be announced. Judge Lance Miller will evaluate all animals. Classes for white and natural colored are listed, and will include group classes and special awards.

National Romney Sale: Placing of sale animals will be held on Friday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the show ring. Sale is set for Saturday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Video participation will be available. Transport east is available for sale purchases. Sale management is Banner sales. Entries Due July 29: <http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com/saleentry.html>.

Romney Fleece Show: Fleece show begins at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, September 7, time for Romney judging to be announced. Held at the fair park, judge is Hollin Kennen.

Youth Skill-a-Thon: A variety of activities held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Check in for details.

Youth Showmanship: Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. All Breeds.

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Once again the All American Junior Sheep Show was a success. This year it was held in Kansas and as much as I wished I could have clicked my ruby red slippers together to get there, it still took 23 hours. This was the longest distance I have ever driven to get to a sheep show and one might not think it was worth the drive, but it was. We caravanned out with two vehicles, one trailer, two adults and four youth with a trailer load of sheep. Some were to be shown and others were being transported. We talked, laughed, played trivia and charades, while others slept. I am not a very good trivia player and now the folks traveling in my vehicle surely know my lack of knowledge but by the time we arrived I had memorized all the answers so maybe next time I can shine a little brighter.

The show was well run as always, much like a well oiled machine. The kids fall right into place especially the ones who have experience the All American before and they help guide our newer or younger showmen. Activities are many; there are judging contests, skillathon, promotional exhibits, 3 on 3 basketball games to name a few. Top of the list this year was the Dorper Splash Down where all exhibitors were invited to join the Dorper Association for a swimming event. It was a beautiful and relaxing place to be. Many thanks to the Dorper association.

Gift bags were provided to the Romney exhibitors by Cassidy Borchert Romneys and many thanks to Cassidy for taking photos of Romney breeder events. This year the All American had a total of 474 exhibitors from 25 states, with a total of 12 Romney exhibitors representing 8 states. Approximately 1900 head of sheep with 46 being Romneys. In the whole picture, one might not think that 46 is a lot, but when you consider the last time the show was held in Kansas, the Romneys didn't participate because we had no breeders who would be attending so I think it is a very positive number. One gentleman (not a Romney breeder) from Wisconsin casually mentioned to me that Romneys were taking over Wisconsin. I am not so sure that he felt it was a positive thing, but I sure did.

The following youth participated in the All American this year: Anne Nichols (OR), Madison Feehan (OH), Andrew Feehan (OH), Ava Jo Hayes (NJ), Catherin Hromis (NH), Teresa Hromis (NH), Morgan Fitzsimmons (WI), Claire Von Behrens (IL), Malorie Schmoll (WI), Linsey Schmoll (WI), Taylor Young (TN), and Helen Kagan (NY).

Showmanship is very competitive with anywhere from 20 to 30+ in each class and classes are for each year of age. Catherine Hromis captured the 1st place spot in her age class and then continued on with 1st in team showmanship with her sister, Teresa. In senior judging, Malorie Schmoll secured the 1st place with Anne Nichols and Taylor Young close behind. Intermediate judging had Cather Hromis and Helena Kagan in near the top and the junior division Lindsey Schmoll settled in nicely in the 4th spot. Helena Kagan received 1st place in Intermediate Ad Layout and 2nd place in the Intermediate Power Point. In the 3 on 3 basketball competition, Malorie Schmoll's team received the 1st place honor and Malorie was also the recipient of a College Scholarship award. Best ram fleece went to Helena Kagan, 2nd to Anne Nichols and 3rd to Madison Feehan. The Best Ewe Fleece went to Anne Nichols, 2nd to Madison Feehan, and 3rd to Taylor Young. The highly coveted, Top Gun Belt Buckle Award, for the Romney Breed, went to Anne Nichols.

In the breeding class, the Champions were as follows: CH Ram went to Teresa Hromis with her natural colored ram lamb; Res CH ram went to Madison Feehan with her white junior ram lamb. CH ewe went to Catherine Hromis with her white yearling ewe and Res CH went to Teresa Hromis with her natural colored yearling ewe. There were so many winners in the show ring that it would be impossible to name them all, so please go to the All American website and scan the results. All the sheep were well fitted and our youth continue to make us proud.

Next year the All American will be in Michigan, make plans to attend, you won't be disappointed.

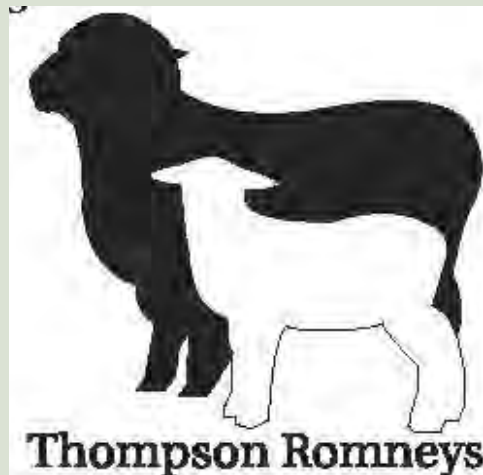




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ARBA Strategic Plan Outcomes

June 2018 was the beginning of a strategy to identify, share, set goals and create results. If you have been reading the minutes of the board meetings, you may have noticed that things have been happening. Board members have taken leadership on several issues, some near completion and others still in the early discussion and information gathering phase. If you have not noticed ARBA on Facebook, take a look. If you have not checked out the mentoring list or tips for management on the website, check that out as well. If you want to see recent work of the board, read the minutes from the past few years, also on the website.



National Romney Sale—September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The National Romney Sale will be held in conjunction with the WI Sheep & Wool Festival in Jefferson, Wisconsin on September 7. Sale order will be determined with a show of sale entries on Friday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m., prior to our annual meeting.

Sale sheep will be identified with green, white and black balloons attached to their pens. They will be penned as a group, but in the same section of the barn as Romney sheep entered in the show.

Sale entries will be due in July 29, to Banner Sale Management. These entries are separate from the show entries, and are not located on the Wool Festival site.

The entry fee is \$30 per animal. A 10% commission will be collected from Banner Sales and a 2% commission will be sent to ARBA. A method of viewing and participating in the sale via video will be coordinated by Banner Sales. If you are shopping and want pictures of sale entries, contact Banner Sales or Charlene Carlisle for assistance.

Transport for sale animals can be arranged for breeders living east of Wisconsin. At this time, transport west is not looking promising. If you or someone you know has an interest and space for sale sheep going west, please contact Greg with Banner Sales.

For further details, contact Charlene Carlisle, c.carlisle@littlehoovesromneys.com or (856) 866-1747/



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Stars & Stripes Livestock Show kicked off the start of youth shows here on the east coast. The show is held in Moorestown, New Jersey. This was the 17th year and it is run entirely on donations with the support of two key families. This show is an all species show, and includes steers, dairy heifers, meat and dairy goats, sheep, poultry, small animals and a ARBA sanctioned rabbit show. Rabbits topped out at approximately 220, which is a lot for our barn yard! All other species were fairly consistent with previous years.

The sheep show was a variety of breeds. Crossbreds, purebreds and registered are all accepted. No registration papers needed, only paper required is a health paper! Our goal for this show is to encourage young folks to show and to help reduce the fear associated with being in the show ring. Smiles, laughter and the exchange of knowledge is what we try to achieve in a relaxed farm environment. Our judge, Duckey Chute of New Hampshire, worked with our youth for the second year. Parents and kids expressed their enjoyment of Duckey as she encouraged learning and showing in a non stressful manner. Fitting and Showmanship classes were held for various age groups, as well as, breed classes for meat breeds, white and natural colored wool and then a very strong market lamb class with three weight divisions. There were approximately 60 head of sheep that went through the show ring with 36 youth. This is a one day show, off the trailer but with pens provided. Any youth up to and including 21 can show, no affiliation with 4-H or FFA required, help in the show ring is allowed and encouraged.

For the first time, the meat breeds outnumbered the wool breeds but the woolies were able to capture the supreme titles. Supreme Ram went to Ava Jo Hayes with her white spring Romney Ram Lamb and Supreme Ewe was awarded to a beautiful Corriedale ewe owned by Rebecca Kugler of Pennsylvania. Supreme Fleece went to Ava Jo Hayes with her white spring Romney Ewe Lamb. Other Romney placings were as follows: Ava Jo Hayes was first in Showmanship in the 11-14 year age group, first in Junior Fitting division and Champion White Wool ram and Reserve Champion White Wool Ewe, and Best White Fleece. Hunter Hayes showed her white Romney ewe lamb like a champion but was out horsed and received a third in the white wool spring ewe lamb class. Colton Hayes had first in Novice Wool Fitting and had Champion Natural Colored Wool Ram with his spring ram lamb.

Wegman's Grocery Store donates lunch for all exhibitors and their families and our small concession stand sells drinks, ice cream treats and snacks all for the nominal fee of \$1, which goes directly back into our budget. Many other folks donate to our show including Agway, Investors Bank, Riephoff Sawmill, Little Hooves Romneys, Bruins Farm, Burlington County Board of Ag, Shared Ground, Blueberry and Cranberry Association, Growmark, Absolute Auto, and Roma Bank. Stars and Stripes has received New Jersey AG Fair Status due to the education that we provide. Local agricultural producers set up learning stations, including NJ Cranberry Association, aviary producer, master gardeners who give tours to the community gardens, and "Farmer for a Day" which gives the little ones a place to play and explore. We are registered as a 501c-3 non-profit corporation, so all donations are classified as tax exempts. Anyone wanting to support our cause is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you next year; the show is always the last Sunday of June.
Charlene Carlisle, ARBA Director at Large



Ava Jo Hayes from start to finish with her white Romney lambs.



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ARBA is holding a national show and sale this year. It will also be holding the annual meeting of the association at the same venue. The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI is the site and September 6-8 is the date. The first meeting of the association was held during the Chicago International Livestock Exposition in 1912, so we are back in the mid-west for another gathering in 2019.

Romney sheep are not entering the festival show ring with limited experience or exposure. But the sheep and exhibitors are entering the ring at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival for the first time in an ARBA sponsored National Show.

National, Regional and Specialty shows supported by ARBA started on the west coast, where the majority of the Romney sheep were being raised. William Riddell delivered a group of Romneys to Oregon in 1905 when he purchased the entire show string of sheep that were part of a Traveling Sheep Show from England on exhibition during the San Francisco World's Expo. This was the introduction of Romneys to Oregon and the United States.

1961 was a celebration year. 50 years of ARBA growth was highlighted with a National Romney Show at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland, Oregon. Exhibits included sheep, meat cuts in refrigerated display cases and woolen garments. The next 25 years found shows to continue to grow in Oregon, Washington and California.

1982 brought expansion east for ARBA. Annual meetings, usually including National Shows and Sales were being held across the country, not just the west coast. This was also the first year Romneys were shown at the Keystone in Pennsylvania. 1985 brought the National Show and Sale, and east coast members to Orland, California. This was also the first year Romneys were shown at NAILE and the first year NAILE offered a fleece show.

The National Jubilee Celebration, marking 75 years for ARBA, was held during the 1987 Oregon State Fair and included 22 exhibitors from across the country showing 150 head of Romneys. This was also the first year for Natural Colored Romneys to be exhibited at OSF. This was followed by a National Show and Sale at OSF in 1998, which recognized 25 years of Natural Colored Romneys registered with ARBA. This show also featured Morris Culver as judge for all Romney classes.

National shows were held every three years through 1998, when the show schedule changed to every two years. Locations over the next years included NAILE, the BigE, Rhinebeck, Clark County Fair in Washington, and the Oregon State Fair. Other locations include New Jersey's Garden State Fair and the Michigan State Fair.

When possible, ARBA organizes the annual meeting, national show and sale at one location. That is the case this year, with all events scheduled on or near the fairgrounds. When National Shows are late in the season, National Sales may be held earlier in the year. Locations used within the last twenty years include Springfield, Illinois; Reno, Nevada; and Wooster, Ohio.

Regional shows also receive support from ARBA. Three regions sponsor shows in one year, allowing shows to rotate and offer added events. 2012 Regional Shows recognized 100 years of ARBA and American Romneys. These shows were held in Regions 2, 4, and 6, involving shows from the west coast to east coast and the south.

Be part of history, plan to attend the National Show, National Sale and Annual Meeting in September at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival.

Promote your efforts: Advertise in the Ramblings and on the ARBA website.



BEST PRACTICES TO INCREASE YOUR LAMB CROP

12 Lamb Crop Best Practices

- **Optimal Nutrition.** Prior to breeding, ewes should be fed a ration that puts them on track for appropriate weight gain. When breeding ewes, they should have a body condition score of 3 or slightly less. Throughout gestation, be sure to meet the nutritional requirements of your bred ewes. Following lambing and through weaning, maintain ewes on quality feed that takes into account factors such as the number of lambs they are rearing. At any stage of production, consider sorting ewes into groups based on body condition in order to allocate feed to dietary needs.
- **Breed Ewe Lambs at 7 to 9 Months of Age.** If managed properly, ewe lambs should be able to lamb at or near their first birthday. Ewes that give birth to their first lamb before they are yearlings tend to be more productive throughout their lifetime compared to those that first lamb as yearlings. When considering this best practice, keep in mind that different breeds of sheep vary in age of puberty.
- **Select for Prolific Genetics.** Select for prolific genetics within rams that produce offspring you will be considering for replacements. Similarly, replacement ewe lambs should be selected from high performing dams. Estimated breeding values (EBVs) produced by the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) are an excellent tool to accomplish this goal.
- **Use Crossbreeding.** First-cross lambs tend to have a 5% higher survival rate than straight-bred lambs, given that genetics are matched with environment. In addition, first-cross ewes tend to have higher lamb crops than purebred sheep.
- **Cull Underperforming Ewes.** Identify and cull ewes that fail to rear a lamb, rear a single-born lamb that is below average in quality and/or weight, fail to rear twins, or lamb outside the first or second heat cycle. Exceptions may be made for reasons outside the ewe's control.
- **Reduce Lamb Loss.** Postnatal lamb loss should be kept below 10% of all lambs born. Identify best management practices for flock health, predator prevention, protection from severe weather conditions, and other factors that will improve lamb survival. Most non-predator lamb loss occurs within the first week, so management decisions during this time period can have large impacts on flock profitability.
- **Test for Pregnancy Status.** Determine pregnancy status via ultrasound. Cull open ewes or market ewe lambs prior to lambing season. Group and feed ewes according to the number of lambs they are raising and stage of pregnancy.
- **Disease Prevention and Treatment.** Work with your veterinarian or consultant to develop an overall health management plan to prevent or eradicate disease, such as aborting agents or chronic disease, which have a negative impact on reproductive efficiency.
- **Match Reproduction to Management.** Your goals for flock reproductive efficiency will vary depending on nutritional and labor resources. However, increasing reproductive efficiency should be a primary goal for most flocks.
- **Test Rams.** Don't overlook ram fertility. Check all rams using a general breeding soundness exam 30 to 60 days prior to breeding. Semen test all rams, or at least any rams that are suspect following a physical exam. Observing rams for breeding activity is another consideration.
- **Manage for Seasonal Changes in Reproduction.** Pregnancy and lambing rate are reduced in ewes that are bred outside the normal breeding season. Ovulation rates peak during October and November in the northern hemisphere. Genetics, improved nutritional management, ram effect, light treatment, and/or hormone therapy can assist in meeting aseasonal breeding goals.
- **Accelerate Lambing Cycles.** For flocks with management practices which allow for more than one lambing season per year, accelerated lambing can improve reproductive efficiency. There are multiple accelerated lambing programs. Identify the program that fits your flock and resources.

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American Romney Breeders Association Seller Checklist
(Find the following pages on your ARBA website and use them as you desire.)

- Advertise your animals.
 - o Make sure you are a current ARBA Member to be listed in the online directory
 - o Attend fairs, festivals, shows, and sales. Regional and National ARBA Show and Sales are a great venue. <http://americanromney.org/member-services/events/>
 - o Places to post ads:
 - § <http://americanromney.org/classifieds/>
 - § Send an email to americanromney@gaggle.email - every member of the list will get the email
 - § ARBA District Facebook groups (as well as other farm groups)
 - § Farm Website/Facebook page
 - o Take pictures from all angles –front view, back view and side view. Don't forget a picture of the fleece, too!
 - o Provide details based on breed standards and the uniqueness of your genetics.
 - § General appearance (topline, black points, etc.) and condition
 - § Neck and head
 - § Feet and legs
 - § Body and fleece
 - § Refer to <http://americanromney.org/about-romneys/breed-standard/>
 - Offer pictures and information on sire/dam, progeny, or full siblings of animals for sale, of the animal you are buying.
 - o Provide health information.
 - § Vaccinations and deworming
 - § Be honest about any known health problems and how they were addressed
 - § If selling mature animals, provide breeding history and productivity
- Inspect the animals before sale to ensure you are selling the highest quality animals possible.
 - o Know how your animals align with the breed standards
 - o Check bite/Jaw alignment
 - § Teeth should meet dental pad
 - § Avoid under or overshot jaw abnormalities
 - o Check body condition and eye membranes
 - o Check for health problems (hoof rot, lice, etc.)
- Be sure the animals have at least an official USDA scrapie tag that includes the originating flock's premise ID (state followed by number, ex. NY1234).
- Obtain health certificates as necessary under state requirements.
- Be sure the animals are registered and transferred.

- o Either sign the papers for the buyer to send in for transfer, or promptly complete transfers for the buyers. Have copies of registration papers available.
- o Be sure if you sell a bred ewe that you provide the proper signatures on a registration form so the buyers can register the lambs.

ARBA encourages all sellers to be open, honest, and helpful. If you would like assistance finding buyers or advertising your animals, contact your District Director.

American Romney Breeders Association Buyer Checklist

- Where to find Romneys for sale:
 - o <http://americanromney.org/member-services/events/> - Fairs, festivals, shows, and sales. Regional and National ARBA Show and Sales are a great venue to find quality Romneys.
 - o <http://americanromney.org/membership-directory/> - Local ARBA breeders
 - o <http://americanromney.org/classifieds/> - Current ads from ARBA members
 - o <http://americanromney.org/member-services/events/> - ARBA sanctioned sales
 - o ARBA Gaggle email list
 - § Members can send an email to americanromney@gaggle.email and it will be distributed to every member of the list
 - § To join, contact Carol Pasheilich, District 5 Director
 - o ARBA District Facebook groups (as well as other farm groups)
 - o Farm Website/Facebook page
- Make sure the animal fits your needs
 - o Sex, age, color
 - o Show/fleece/meat/pet quality
 - o Budget
- Have you seen the animal?
 - o If at all possible, visit the farm and see the animal before purchasing.
 - o If you are unable to visit the farm prior to your purchase, then ask for photos.
 - o You'll want to see pictures from all angles –front view, back view and side view. Don't forget a picture of the fleece, too!
 - o Familiarize yourself with breed standards so you can make an evaluation.
 - § General appearance (topline, black points, etc.)
 - § Condition
 - § Neck and head
 - § Feet and legs
 - § Body
 - § Fleece
 - § Refer to <http://americanromney.org/about-romneys/breed-standard/>

- o Ask to see sire/dam, progeny, or full siblings of the animal you are buying. Anything you can see will be helpful to you in making your decision.
- Is the animal (and flock) healthy?
 - o Make sure the animal meets your state's health requirements. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) provides a list of requirements by state. Make sure the seller has obtained a health certificate if needed.
 - o Has the animal received any necessary shots (CD&T vaccine)?
 - o Has the animal been dewormed? If so, when and with what?
 - o Any known health problems in the flock (hoof issues, lice, etc.)?
 - o If you are purchasing a mature ram, is he proven (does he have offspring). You may want to request a breeding soundness exam. This can be done by a local veterinarian. A breeding soundness exam checks the ram's overall health and the health of their semen to assure that they are fertile and that they are in good breeding condition.
 - o If you are purchasing a mature ewe, you may want to inquire about her breeding history. How old is she? How many lambs has she had? Singles, twins, or triplets? Were the births easy and unassisted? Did she produce enough milk? Any mastitis or other issues?
 - o If purchasing lambs, ask about their dam and sire productivity/history.
- Inspect the animal upon pickup.
 - o Breed standards again
 - o Bite/Jaw alignment
 - § Teeth should meet dental pad
 - § Avoid under or overshot jaw abnormalities
 - o Body condition and eye membranes (should be nice and red/pink)
 - o Check for health problems (hoof rot, lice, etc.)
- Is the animal ARBA registered?
 - o Ask the seller if the animal is registered with ARBA.
 - o Double-check the animal's registration status by asking to see the registration certificate, OR ask for the animal's ARBA registration number.
 - o If you want help checking an animal's registration status, contact your District Director (contact information can be found on the ARBA website at <http://americanromney.org/about-arba/officers-directors/>)
 - o If the animal is not registered, ask for it to be registered BEFORE you purchase it. At the very least make sure it can be.
 - o If registration is pending, ask for a copy of the completed registration form.
 - o ARBA only registers purebred Romneys. For an animal to be registered with ARBA both parents must be registered, purebred Romneys. No cross-breed animals can be registered.
- Obtain registration paper.
 - o Seller may sign over paper for you to then send in for transfer, or
 - o Seller may offer to send in registration and payment for transfer (this is great, but ask for a copy so that you have all of the necessary information right away).
 - o Find information at <http://americanromney.org/member-services/registration/>
 - o Be sure if you purchase a bred ewe that you get the proper signatures on the registration form so you can get your lambs registered.

- Be sure the number on the registration and health papers match the number in the animal's ear tag.
 - o Animals should at least have an official USDA scrapie tag that includes the originating flock's premise ID (state followed by number, ex. NY1 234).
 - o Animals may also have an additional farm tag.
- FIND A MENTOR at <http://americanromney.org/member-services/membership-mentors/>

Buyer Beware: Most sellers are conscientious and remember to take care of important sale details; as the buyer, it is in your best interest to double check all details, including registration status, any testing, and health status. It is highly recommended to ask for references (previous buyers) and heed the advice of experienced buyers.

ARBA encourages all prospective buyers of Romneys to verify the registration or qualification for registration of any animal prior to purchase of the animal. If there is any question about the qualification for registration of an animal, contact your District Director or another board member before committing to its purchase.

American Romney Breeders Association BILL OF SALE

This is to certify that on this _____ day of _____, _____, the undersigned Seller, in consideration of the sum of \$ _____, sold to the undersigned Buyer the following described livestock, the title to which the Seller guarantees.

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ARBA recommends making copies of registration papers for both Seller's and Buyer's records to maintain animal information during transfer process.

Seller's	Buyer's
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Phone:	Phone:
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Address:	Address:
Signature:	Signature:

This information has been provided by the ARBA Education Committee: Seyfert, Thompson, Lahner-McIntyre.

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