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Happy Valentine's Day!



Goat Kisses!



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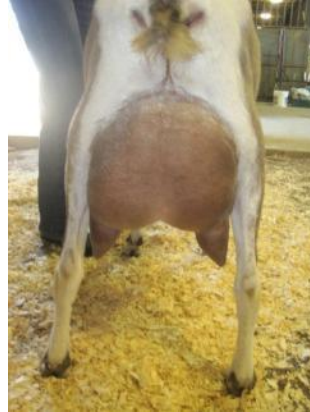


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Pictured Above Right: Sarah Magdalen Frank (Class of 2012) with 2011 Doe
Happy Thought Farm ES Saraphim AT1567409

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President's Note



Dear Members,

WOW! How exciting is it to have some new "light" put into your newsletter! It just makes me feel fresh, renewed and ready to get up and get going again. Whew, what a great feeling. With less than 50 days until spring too!

I hope that everyone else is feeling the spirit of spring as well, we've had a great winter thus far. Minus the thought that a good hard freeze for awhile would help with killing off some of the parasites and etc. for the summer. That can happen without loads of snow though!! At least in my thoughts, as I'm too old to go sledding!

With the thought of spring being just around the corner, so is MODGA's next big event, our annual show. Debbie is working hard to make this another fine year. Please find ways you could help out. If you can't be there in person that day, that's all right, but perhaps you could sponsor an award. We'd like everyone to contribute at least one item to the raffle table and a bake good for the food booth, and again, if you can't be there and don't want to send a parcel a donation in the mail, or through our PayPal link on the website would be great.

I know everyone is busy and kidding has already started for some, so stay safe, and find joy in each day with everything you do. As busy as I've been with caring for my mother and aunt, I am so thankful to still have them in my life, and so thankful that our MODGA membership has jumped in to help out in so many ways.

I absolutely appreciate and admire each and every one of you!

Blessings,
Sue

Letter from the Editor



Greetings!

As your new MODGA editor I thought I'd take a moment to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me.

Unlike many of you I haven't been involved with dairy goats for very long. I got my start about 3 years ago with a LaMancha wether bottle baby. I hated goats until then, but quickly fell in love with the LaMancha breed. After raising that lone little kid I decided I needed a doe. I found an old unregistered doe which I had bred to an unregistered buck. While waiting anxiously for the kids I decided I needed another doe. In mid January I purchased two bred registered does, which a week later had kids. Then in a span of only 2 to 3 months there were more purchases of registered does and an old South Fork buck which involved a day trip to Virginia. Dairy goat fever came over me very fast and I sold my herd of Jacob sheep to make room for the goats.

With the purchase of my registered stock in January I joined the ADGA. By summer I had a desire to learn about showing dairy goats and started looking for a local club to help me learn. That led me to MODGA. I attended my first meeting in September 2010, quickly followed by my first dairy goat show at the Delaware county fair. At the October MODGA meeting I was elected Secretary. 2010 was a year filled with so many new adventures and my enthusiasm for being part of the dairy goat world has not yet waned.

In my short time as both an ADGA and MODGA member I've learned so much and I know I still have a great deal left to learn. That's where you, the member come in- when you share your knowledge, experiences, funny anecdotes or even proud moments, all the MODGA members benefit. Without your contributions the newsletter isn't so much news. When you're updating on Facebook or any of the Yahoo goat groups, take a second to share your postings with MODGA and mention you'd like to share in the newsletter as well. Also please let me know what I can do to make the newsletter better fit your needs and interests. I hope to keep the newsletter fresh and informative and with your help it's a sure thing.

Regards,

Amy Gran (Honking Hill Farm)
MODGA Editor & Secretary





February Meeting Agenda

Date: February 11, 2012

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Sue's mom's 1437 State Route 72 N, Cedarville, OH 45314

AGENDA

- Call to Order at 2:00 P.M. (Again, we will try to have someone on-line to share with those of you who can't attend)
- Roll Call
- Secretary's Report (posted in group files please read before meeting)
- Treasurer's Report (also posted in group files)
- Correspondence
- Committee Reports
 - Show Committee — Debbie Wiseman
 - Programs/Education — VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!
 - Promotion/Fund-raising — VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!
 - Publicity (Newsletter/Website) - Amy Gran
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - ODGA Updates — Tom Justice/ Sue Smart
 - Future plans
 - Next meeting itinerary
- Adjournment

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MODGA Youth Corner

Check out these great drawings by Drew Buroker!



MODGA Youth Corner

The son of Holly Buroker, Drew is 12 years old and in the 6th grade. Thanks for sharing your awesome artwork Drew!



MODGA Youth Corner

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE – MODGA currently has 7 youth members. I challenge each of you to invite another friend to join. If we can reach 10 youth members we will begin an official youth section where you can choose to elect your own officers, develop your own web pages on Facebook, have your own newsletter. You make the "rules" and the adults will help you meet your goals.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Consider applying for the 2012 MODGA Youth Representative. Applications are available at modga.org and are due April 1st.
- Plan to attend the MODGA show in May and invite your friends.
- Make a contribution to the youth section of the newsletter
- Don't forget the MODGA doe chain for 2012, start thinking about applying, or tell a friend to apply. Applications are due March 1st and are available at modga.org.
- Surprise a goat friend with a fuzzy Valentine greeting in their mail box.

If you would like to make contributions to the newsletter or are having difficulty finding the applications, contact Amy Gran at ajgran12@yahoo.com

Goatmics

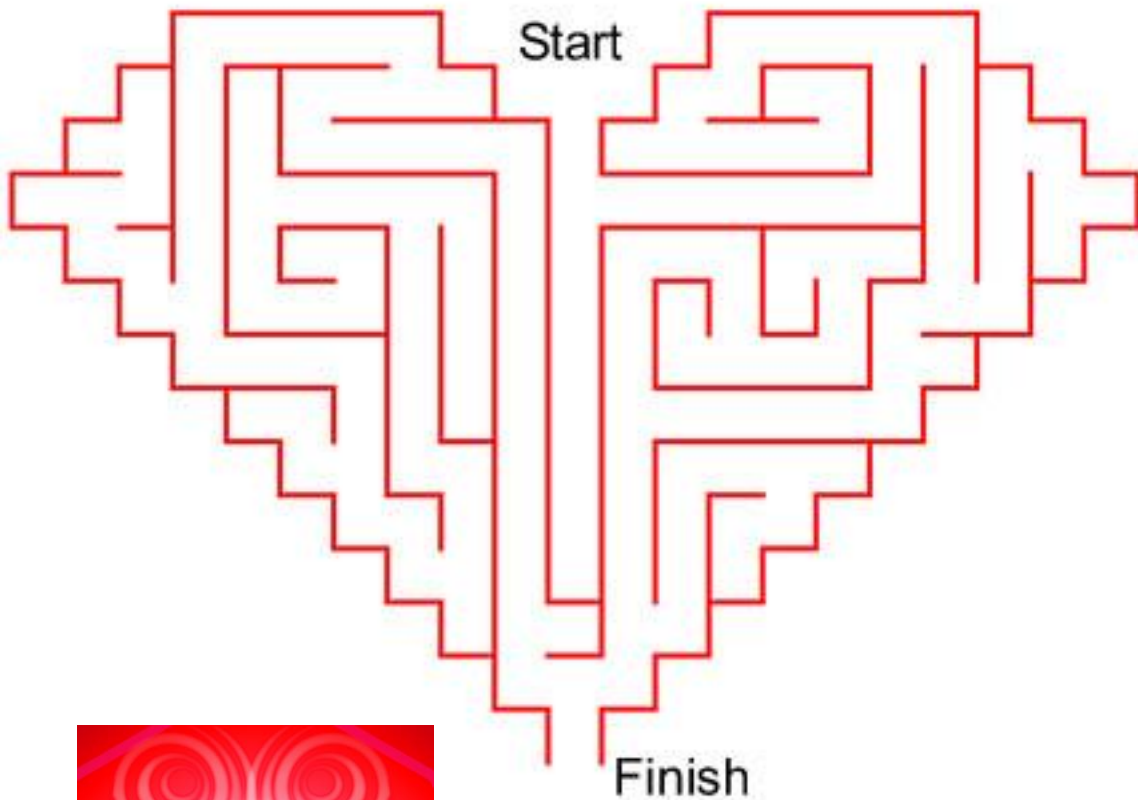
"Doctor, Doctor I feel like a goat".

"How long have you felt like that"?

***** "Since I was a kid".



Games & Puzzles



Be Mine

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This is just like regular
SUDOKU but the letters
MILK GOATS replace the
numbers 1-9. Enjoy!

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MODGA SHOW INFORMATION

Dear MODGA Members,

As the show is getting closer I wanted to give an update to you all. The judges have been confirmed. They are Joe Pilotte and Greg Murphy. We are having a Lamancha and Nubian Speciality so be sure to tell all your friends. Also, there will be showmanship classes along with adult showmanship. For you new members, adult showmanship is a lot of fun and the winner receives a \$25 gas card from Speedway. In past members have donated gift cards to the winners of the showmanship classes. We would appreciate any and all donations of gift cards for showmanship along with donations to the raffle table. If you are willing to donate gift cards please contact me at delwi@yahoo.com. For donations to the raffle table, please contact Amy Gran, she and her family are handling the raffle table.

The Justice Family is handling the food booth. As in the previous years, I am sure we will have delicious goodies to choose from. We are asking members to donate bakery items to sell at the table. Any and all donations of food or drink items would be appreciated. If you have any questions regarding what the food booth may need please contact Tom Justice or myself.

Just a reminder, membership dues are due. Please renew as soon as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see you all at the February meeting.

Take Care.

Debbie
Show Chair/Membership Chairperson .

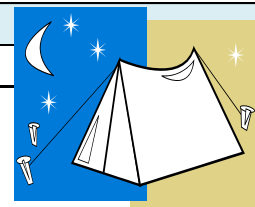


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Camping Out Udder the Stars

2012	Event	Time	Location
Feb 11	MODGA Meeting	2 pm	Sue's mom's: 1437 State Route 72 N, Cedarville, OH 45314
Feb 26	ODGA Meeting	1 pm	OSU Plumb Hall: 2027 Coffey Rd Columbus, OH 43210
Mar 10	MODGA Meeting		
Apr 9	MODGA Meeting		
Apr 29	ODGA Meeting		
May 12	MODGA Show		
May 19-20	WRDGA Show & 1 day milk test		Burton, OH
May 26-27	SWODGA Show		
Jun 8-9	NEODGA Show		
Jun	Hoosier Classic		
Jun 9	MODGA Meeting		
Jun 11	Begin Dairy Goat Awareness Week		
Jun 16	Tri-State DGA Show		
Jun 30	ODGA Youth Show		Clark Co Fairgrounds: 4401 South Charleston Pike Springfield, OH 45505
Jul 1	ODGA Open Show		
Jul	Ohio State Fair		
Jul 9	MODGA Meeting		
Jul 7-14	ADGA National Show		
Aug 8-12	IN State Fair		
Aug 11	MODGA Meeting		
Aug ?16-?	KY State Fair		
Sept 8	MODGA Meeting		
Sept	Highland Co Fair		
Sept	Sandwich Fair Illinois		
Sept	Delaware Co Fair		
Oct 13	MODGA Meeting		
Oct	ODGA Conference & Buckeye Sale		
Oct	ADGA National Convention		
Oct 28	ODGA Annual Meeting		
Nov 10	MODGA Meeting		
Nov	MAILE Dairy Goat Show		
Dec 8	MODGA Meeting		



CSI: Barnyard



Biosecurity for Goats by Ann Wood

Let's talk about bio security in 3 main avenues which are not complete but a beginning: 1) preparing for and time at a show, 2) returning from a show and bringing all new stock onto the farm, and 3) human guests on the farm. This is based primarily on my own experiences and reading guides here and there. If I have inadvertently stolen some idea that ought to be given specific credit, please speak up. I assure you it is not intentional to leave out credit where it is due.

Preparing for and time at a show. At least 6 weeks prior to going to a show, pull the goats that are going and put them in a separate pen with each other. This allows us to make sure the personality of the group will work, enables them to establish their herd order, and lets us watch them more closely outside the group. Check for parasites and treat, if necessary. No more than 30 days prior to the show, get a veterinarian certificate for health purposes should you need that for your travel or for admittance to the show. Make sure you know the vaccinations required by your state and by any state you travel through as well as the destination state and that the veterinary certificate you have complies with all of that. There is a file in the MODGA Yahoo site which gives the telephone and fax number for each state veterinarian for your use. Make a list of what papers you need. Have copies of that list and keep them where you can get to them. Unless there is a requirement for the original(s), make copies and keep the original in a safe place at home.

Obviously follow what your own vet advises, but I like deworming (and delousing) preventatives about two weeks prior to the show. Certainly no closer to travel time than one week prior. Per a wonderful PhD/DVM from The Ohio State University, the late Cliff Monahan, we learned to keep goats we deworm, if possible, in the barn for 48-72 hours after deworming because the worms dropped cannot survive in barn conditions because the barn floor is too dry. Whenever I can do that, I do. No point in adding to the worm load in pastures.

At the show, if at all possible, wash your hands with soap and water if you have touched any other goats before you handle your own. If you have been in a pen with goats other than your own, change to clean shoes before you step into your own pen. Another easy way to facilitate this shoe business is to take plenty of plastic grocery bags and strings for tying them on or rubber bands to cover your own shoes. If you have any influence, it is a good idea to have all goats and any animals that will be abutting the goats checked for vet health certificates and louse checks prior to allowing the animals to be penned.

Returning from a show and all times when new stock is brought onto your farm.

Again make sure you have the paperwork you need if you are importing any goats into Ohio. Make sure you have the required veterinary certificates for that purpose. After that the very first thing always to do is to isolate/quarantine. Yes. Even if it is bringing home the very same goats you took from your very own farm. Even if they were gone for only 2 days. They have been introduced to other conditions and they have been subjected to transportation which alone is sometimes enough to bring on shipping fever. Even if the goats returning have nothing that is communicable, give them a chance to wind down and become comfortable again. How long? Depends. No less than 6 weeks is my suggestion. And I extend that time period by 6 weeks from the time that any treatable problem has been cleared up. And let's define isolation. No goat can touch any other goat. So they cannot share opposite sides of the same fence. To be completely careful, feed and handle your stay at home group before you tend to your returning goats. Or new goats. AND keep feed and water bowls separated out. As much heartache and time and money as can be involved in treating 3 sick goats, it is easier than treating a whole herd. And even a lot better than losing a whole herd. The worst scenario does not usually happen. Following good practices can mean that it never happens at your farm.

Human guests on the farm. Whether the guest is invited or has shown up with some sort of insistence that they have a right to be there. And we won't get into the "officials" having the right or not in this article. Make sure you keep a log with the date, time and full names and addresses of all who come onto your farm and have any contact with your animals or your pastures or our barns in any way. Keep a notebook just for that purpose. If it is someone you know some of the questions you have may be easily answered.

- What other farms...giving specific locations...have you been on in the past 2 weeks. and were you wearing any of the same clothing? Shoes? Now as you were wearing then? Do you have any knowledge of any disease at that location now or any time since your visit there?
- Have you been outside the USA in the past 6 weeks? if so, where? And did you visit any farms of any description while you were there? If yes, get details. Place. Kinds of animals.

As inhospitable as it sounds, do not allow anyone free access to your farm. When we have goat buyers come to our farm, we know what they are coming to look for and have a selection of those for them to choose from pulled aside so that the potential buyers do not need to traipse all over our farm. It's also less stress for the animals (and us). Less stress is also healthier for us all...people and beloved critters. No one is out of line to ask visitors to don shoe protectors and gloves. And by all means follow your own veterinary advice.

Note: A big THANK YOU to Ann for contributing this article. While fairly new dairy goats, Ann has years of experience raising and showing Spanish (Cashmere) goats.

Member Announcements

To have your special event listed go to the Yahoo Groups and add it on the Calendar or in the Birthday Application or e-mail it to modga@sbcglobal.net



Happy Birthday!

February

❖ **12 Amy Gran**



March

❖ **13 Derek Justice**

❖ **20 Kandi Collins**

April

❖ **1 Alex Martinez**

❖ **3 Debbie Wiseman**

Please keep me updated on your special day, cause if I miss you it's because I didn't know! 😞



February To Do List

- **Shave udders and tails before kidding**
 - **Clean and disinfect kid pens**
- **Collect and sanitize nipples, bottles & kid bars**
- **Do maintenance on the milker before your does freshen**
- **Have your vet's number ready in case of kidding problems**
- **Be prepared to disbud kids at the first sign of those little nubs**
- **Take picture of those adorable kids and submit them for the March newsletter**
 - **Attend your monthly club meeting**

Membership Information

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\$20.00 Individual

\$10.00 Youth

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M.O.D.G.A. Membership Application

MODGA application for adult membership dues are \$15.00 per year. This includes membership in the Ohio Dairy Goat Association (ODGA) and a newsletter from both ODGA and MODGA. A junior is \$10.00 per year. Family membership is \$30.00 that includes two adults and one youth membership. After 25 years of continuous membership you earn LIFETIME membership with no dues paid. This application can also be downloaded at

www.modga.org

I would like to join the association, I am sending my dues to:

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Name: _____

Herd Name: _____

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County: _____ Phone: _____

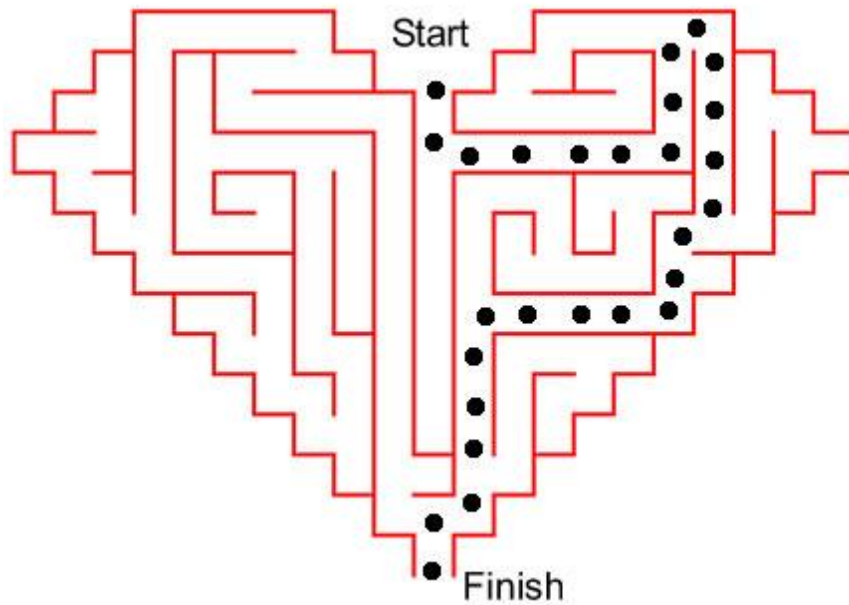
Website and/or e-mail: _____

Breeds owned: _____

If you are a member of another affiliate club please check here if you wish MODGA to serve as your main club.

SIGNATURE: Signing this application indicates that you are giving your consent for the information on this application to be published or shared with MODGA and it's affiliates. If you DO NOT wish to be listed please leave this line blank.

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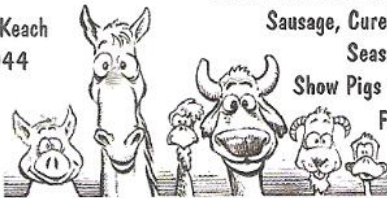
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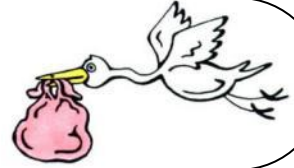
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Just Kidding!



T'was the Night Before Kidding

T'was the night before kidding and all through the stalls
Were heard wide bellied yearlings with matronly calls.
The stalls they were bedded by the herdsman with care
In hopes of the babies that soon would be there.

The owners lay sleeping upstairs in their beds,
While visions of goatlings they danced in their heads.
They were relly quite peaceful, then Pa heard a tap
On the window it continued, followed by a light rap.

Then noises they came from the barn over yonder,
Making him wonder, and think and then ponder.
He jumped out of bed and looked out his window,
"Come help me," he heard, "with this little brown doe."

Was the message he heard from behind the oak tree.
"First one foot was coming, but now there are three!"
So with some more effort, a grunt and a sigh,
The kidding progressed and finally went by.

The little brown doe had a doe and a buck,
The owner just smiled and pondered his luck.
She was the daughter of his favorite old doe,
A winner in bucket and even in show.

Those two little darlings still wobbly and wet,
Thankfully born without the help of a Vet.
Were perfectly formed and so very strong,
Now nuzzling at mama, and gurgling a song.

They slurped and they licked, even tried once to play,
Not quite sure exactly where they needed to stay.
Then into the corner their mother directed,
She lay down beside them, oh so well protected.

What more could you ask for in this blessed season,
Great gifts from above, we all know the reason.
Remember it all throughout the long year,
'cause next kidding season again soon will be here!

By Christine Edwards Cotton Eyed Does Dairy Goats

Copied from LaMancha Talk

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