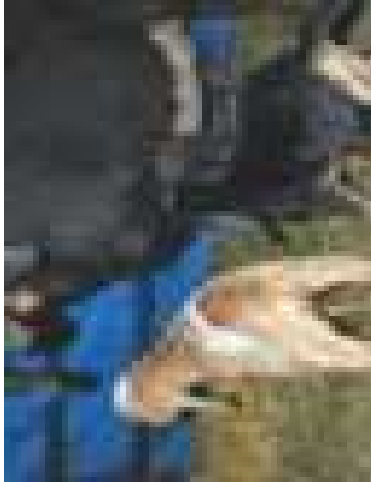


# Dairy Goat News

April 2010 Vol. 3 Issue 4



*This month's cover photo contributed by: Toni Sellers.*

*Ask her how to triple your herd size in a day!*

Date: 4/04/10

**WELCOME New Members:**

**Keach Manor Farm**  
[www.keach.us](http://www.keach.us)

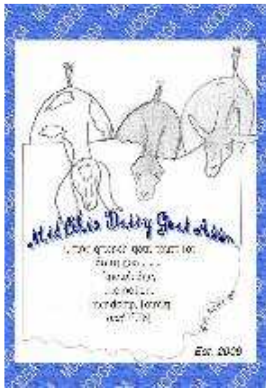
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### Mid-Ohio Dairy Goat Association

3911 Federal Rd.

Cedarville, OH 45314



**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Dear Members,

I'm so excited that spring has arrived, our new crop of kids keep sprouting up like the spring flowers, and our show is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing all of you this weekend at the Madison Co. fairgrounds with goats to practice a little showmanship and grooming and to put final "touches" on our show plans.

It's been a tough year for many of us, but with spring here I hope that everyone feels the spirit to get out and rejuvenate themselves, life and family. I've been catching up on long overdue yard work and goat care. I've also got some "spring cleaning" done with the goat equipment. Hopefully all of you have too so we'll have lots of stuff to offer to the raffle table and Auction. This is something I'd like to put final plans on this Saturday, so plan to talk about what you have and how you'd like to offer it for sale. Bring a list of the items so we'll have a general idea to share with the public what will be available. Some folks may just want to come visit the show for this purpose only.

I also want to THANK ALL OF YOU for your generous donations of time and giving to the club and the upcoming show. I appreciate all the hard work you've done to help out in whatever way you can. Every little thing you do does make a difference, there is no gift too small. Sharing and giving are our greatest gifts. THANK YOU!

See you the 10th.

Blessings,  
Sue



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

MODGA application for adult membership dues are \$20.00 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. After 25 years of continuous membership you earn LIFETIME membership with no dues paid.

This application can also be downloaded at [www.modga.org](http://www.modga.org)

I would like to join the association, I am sending my dues to:  
Debbie Wiseman, MODGA Treasurer  
3911 Federal Rd.  
Cedarville, OH 45314-9540

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Herd Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website and/or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeds owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Buck Service available (which breeds): \_\_\_\_\_

**RENEW NOW!**

**Last Issue**

What you get

- MODGA membership
- ODGA membership
- Newsletters
- Programs
- Shows/clinics
- Group opportunities (DHIR, LA, Futurities)
- Fun, family and goat friends!

**Mid-Ohio Dairy**

**Goat Association**

Serving Mid-Ohio Dairy Goat

Promotion/Programs/

Developments

**www.modga.org**

**It's time to renew**

**MODGA 2009**

**Membership**

**Dues**

We welcome all individuals interested in

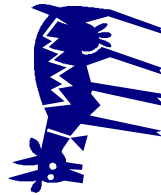
learning, sharing and enjoying promotion of

all caprines. Ownership not required, just a

joy and enthusiasm

for sharing with in

all things caprine!



**\$20.00 Adults/Family**

**\$10.00 Youth**



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## April Meeting Agenda

**Date:** April 10, 2010

**Time:** Noon until ??

**Place:** Madison Co. Fairgrounds. 205 E, Elm. St., London, OH

### AGENDA

Bring a “brown bag or picnic lunch” and after goats are settled in with water and hay for a little rest, we’ll give ourselves a quick reprieve as well and share lunch. Between 1 - 3:00 ish we can talk and demonstrate grooming techniques, followed by showmanship questions, demonstrations and practice. Meeting will be called to order following approximately 3:00.

**Call to Order** — by President @ approx. 3:00 P.M.

### Roll Call

**Secretary’s Report** —in the group files

**Treasurer’s Report** —in the group files

### Correspondence

### Committee Reports

**Show Committee: Sue Smart**

**Programs/Education — Need volunteer**

**Promotion/Fund-raising — Debbie Wiseman**

### Unfinished Business

**Show**

**Programs/Education**

**Auction thoughts**

### New Business

**ODGA Updates**

**Next meeting itinerary**



## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Yup, that’s right MODGA members and other goat enthusiasts who may be reading this have a homework assignment to be completed by May 1!

MODGA members ONLY...

Send a short biography of your goat history and family (Pictures are worth BONUS POINTS)!

See how many items you can complete on the April “To Do List”.

EVERYONE send in your questions about anything “goat” and one of your newsletter reporters will research and answer for you.

Need help with using the Group Pages for on-line meetings — get signed up for a free training class.

Send your fun and serious photos to be shared in the group photo files.

Invite 10 friends to the show — even if they don’t have goats they can watch and enjoy!

Where do I send my homework? You can bring it to the meeting. E-mail to: modga@sbcglobal.net Post it on the group Or send it snail mail to:

3911 Federal Rd., Cedarville, OH 45314

Adjournment —

# APRIL

## To Do List

- Gather goat items for auctioning on May 15th
- Round up some items to donate to the raffle table
- Ask your feed dealers, goat suppliers, and businesses you frequent to help support the club show with a donation of any type — an item for the raffle or sale, or a money donation. WE will give them recognition on the website and during the show in exchange.
- **DO YOUR MODGA HOMEWORK!**
- Get ready for the show early so your sure to be relaxed and have fun that day.
- Take your camera outside and enjoy a break with your goats and get some fun pictures to share.
- Bake and item, or make some goat fudge to offer at the food booth during the show.
- Make sure to ask for help when needed and volunteer to help when you can.
- Keep your life with your goats healthy, fun and simple.
- Enjoy your growing list of goat friends and share your thoughts and insights on the group list.
- Surprise a goat friend with a sincere compliment and/or thank you.
- Put the April 10th and May 15 MODGA events on your list
- **DO YOUR MODGA HOMEWORK!**
- Bring an item for the raffle table
- Tell your goat friends about the show
- **ENJOY YOUR GOATS**

## MODGA YOUTH CORNER

Newsletter



### MODGA's Youth Editor Alaina Schraufnagel

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[www.peacefulmeadows.webs.com](http://www.peacefulmeadows.webs.com).

**GOOD NEWS, Alaina** — help is on the way! The Schmanski family has volunteered to help us with the newsletter! So members please show your appreciation by continuing to send ideas and contributions their way.

**SAD NEWS** — There were some beautiful young does available to chose from for the 2010 MODGA doe chain and no applications were received. In the future please don't doubt your chances of being awarded one of these beautiful does, you'll never know if you don't apply!

Calling all **YOUTH** to apply to the MODGA Youth Representative Program. Heed the lesson learned from the previous program and see what great things may be available to those that apply themselves.

Don't forget your opportunity to learn and refine your skills as a groom and showman and even challenge your parents and peers. Come to the meeting with your goat and supplies this Saturday, April 10. If you can't bring your goat, give Sue a call at 937-766-2619 and we'll get a goat there for you to use.

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ADGA Sanction	family	Milkers
adults	food	raffles
Best In Show	friends	ribbons
Best of Breed	fun	ring steward
books	Glueasing goats	scorecard
class winner	Grand champion	secretary
Dairy Herd	group class	senior does
Dry Yearlings	judge	showmanship
Exhibitors	junior does	youth

Goat blanket, cover, t-shirts  
Show Collars  
Ringside Tie chain  
Tarps to block wind, rain and sun  
Emergency Care Kit  
Thermometer  
Kaolin-Pectin  
Antibiotics and Probiotics  
Electrolyte  
Nutri-Drench  
Syringes, needles  
Vet Wrap  
Broom, rake, shovel

AND ABOVE ALL, your smile, joy and compassion for what you are doing. Do as much as you can ahead, shampoo and clip your goats at home, trim hooves a couple of days in advance so you have time for them to get over an accidental short clip.

As your time and dedication to your goats develop over the years you will accumulate enough things that you can have two set of some items that you can keep clean and already loaded for show. This saves a lot of time and stress, and chances of forgetting something you might need. Also as your herd may grow you have goats that won't go to show every time that you'll need to leave equipment for those taking care of them at home.

You'll also learn more "tricks" or hints for making things easier on you and your goat. Don't be afraid to ask other exhibitors how they do things, or if they have a suggestion to help with an area you might be struggling to make easier. Most everyone has something to share.

Make it easy and enjoyable, relax and have fun with your goat and your goat friends and show personnel. Remember everyone is there because they WANT to be there, and everyone, including the judges had their first show to get through. ENJOY IT!

## Checklist for Dairy Goat Shows

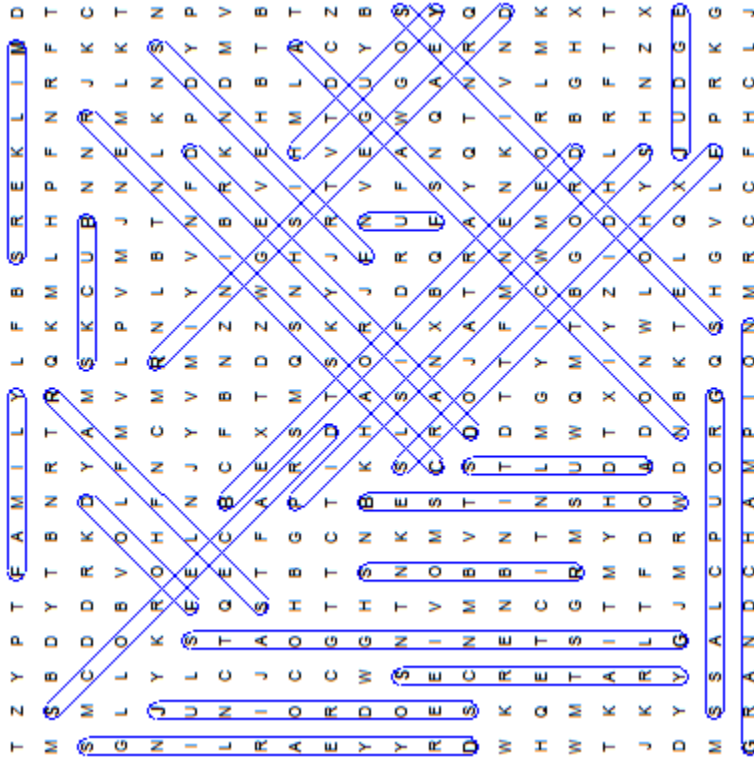
Exhibitor's Need:  
 Clean show whites  
 Change of clothes  
 First Aid Items/Medications  
 Toiletries  
 Cot, sleeping bag, pillow  
 REGISTRATION PAPERS  
 Health Papers /Copy of Show Flier and Pre-Entries  
 Camera  
 Chair

Livestock Needs  
 Hay  
 Straw for bedding  
 Grain  
 Salt  
 Grain  
 Mineral Supplements  
 Water Additives  
 Hay Feeders  
 Water Buckets  
 Grain feeders  
 Bottles and nipples (if bringing kids)  
 Milk/Grooming Stand  
 Milk bucket  
 Milking machine or supplies  
 Clippers for touch ups  
 Extension Cord(s)  
 Grooming brush  
 Clean Rags  
 Hoof Trimmers  
 Hoof Plane  
 Animal Shampoo  
 Showsheen  
 Udder cream

## ADVERTISEMENTS

SEEKING Goats and Goat Items for sale: We get e-mails in the MODGA mailbox from folks looking for goats to buy or items for sale. If I know you have them I can send them your way, but you can also do that yourself by placing your ad here, remember it is FREE to our members.

Swap, Sell, Buy and Trade: All usable goat and goat related items. Bring a list of your items to the meeting April 10th, or better yet bring the items for a members first option, or if you can't be present on May 15th for the show get them to us so we can get them to the sale area on show day. For questions or more information call 937-766-2619.



Solution to puzzle

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**Upcoming  
Events**

2010	EVENT
4/10	MODGA meeting
4/25	Showmanship and grooming "clinic" ODGA meeting
5/1	Van Wert Show
5/8	OVDGA Show
5/15	MODGA Show
5/22	WRDGA Show
5/29	SWODGA Show