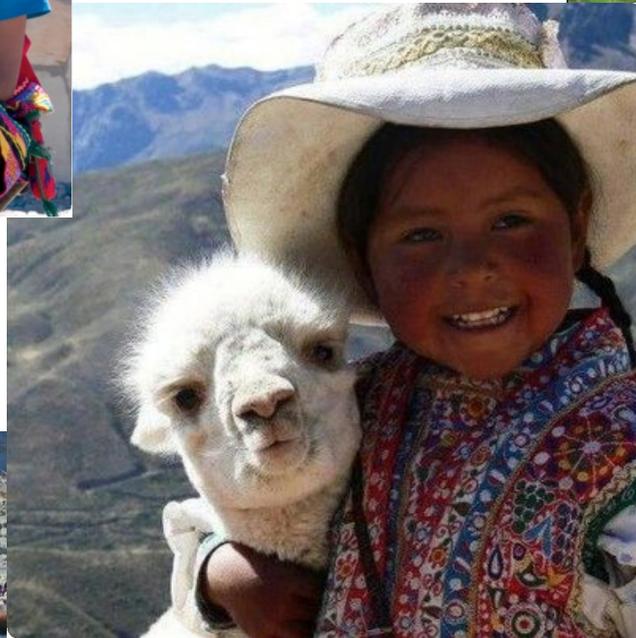


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In California's tradition as a pioneer of progress, Calpaca was the first—and is the oldest—regional alpaca association in the Northern Hemisphere. Calpaca and past and current members have been leaders in the American alpaca industry since 1989.

Calpaca represents alpaca owners, breeders, and enthusiasts in California and beyond. We promote the well-being of alpacas and education of the public about alpacas, alpaca fiber, and alpaca products. We support each other through shared information and experiences, and host meetings, speakers and shows for the benefit of members and the public. We invite you to join us!

Calpaca Membership Meetings are held quarterly on the second Saturday of the second month of each quarter.

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Happy birthing season Calpaca members!

We need to form an expecting mother's support group. Most folk call it spring, but around our ranch, it is butt watching season.

My little one asks, "Where is Mama?"

Daddy replies, "She's out watching butts."

It doesn't seem to matter how many times I correct with "Bellies, too, not just butts," the response is the same.

It is also shearing season and show/auction season. We have opportunities to take in a wealth of information from so many resources.

We are all quite busy, but with our comings and goings we have hugs and laughs with great friends. The California Classic Round Up was a great success again this year. We just about sold out of stalls—and that herd sire auction—did you hear? Quite the trio of auctioneers!

A special shout out and thanks to all who volunteered, particularly our impromptu hospitality service, the vendors that relinquished their space for the Walking Fleece show, and all the participants that smiled and supported one another. Thank you!

With the upcoming May 19th membership meeting at Sierra Rose Alpacas, Cynthia Kuhlmann will be leading our membership in critical decision-making process that will form and inform the work of the recently formed fleece committee. Please make every effort to be present at the meeting. The committee really wants to have membership input, so they can act on behalf of the membership needs.

We are also approaching elections. Calpaca's election committee will nominate potential board candidates this fall.

Alpaca Owner's Association will be electing three new members to their Board of Directors as well. Please cast your ballots in this election!! California is represented by two outstanding candidates: Past Calpaca President, and 2017 Citizen of the Year, Karen Ball, and Current Calpaca Vice President, Steve Aitchison. Both Steve and Karen have worked to build Calpaca and the future of our alpaca industry in positive directions. Both candidates bring desirable skill sets forward to serve all of the AOA membership.

As a final note, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Calpaca meetings and their locations. It is important to the Calpaca board that we be inclusive of our members from Southern California, and that there is a sense of belonging despite the geographical challenges. Our November meeting will be held at Rare Gems Alpacas and we hope that all the "regular attendees" gets this road trip on the calendar so we can show our newest members from the south that we care and we are a community that is worth being part of. We are intentionally inclusive, but that also means, our membership needs to intentionally plan a road trip as well.

To a good spring season,

Charlene Schmid

# Hey Calpaca Folks...What's up?



## Karen Ball recognized as Calpaca's 2017 Citizen of the year

Each year, Calpaca awards one of its members as Citizen of the year.

This year's award was given to someone that is always cheerful, willing to help, open minded and hard working...Karen Ball. Karen holds a passion for supporting the student design show and values the opportunity to get alpaca fiber into designer hands.

Karen made last minute changes in plans for show transport to last year's Classic Round Up as she stopped en route at the TV studio to promote the show weekend.

Over the last year, Karen spent countless hours working with the national organization to further the alpaca industry and even more than countless hours as Calpaca affiliate contact as our organization worked to help host the AOA Fiber show in Sacramento.

Thank you Karen for all you do to support Calpaca and the industry.

## Calpaca Committees

Two committees were recently established to support Calpaca goals.

**The Calpaca Fiber Committee:** members include Cynthia Kuhlmann (chair)—Sierra Rose Alpacas, Charlene Schmid—Integrity Alpacas & Fiber, Wendy MacBain—Shekinah's Alpacas, Beckie Perell—Loomis Alpacas, Dianna Jordan—Alpacas of Somerset Farm, and Sandra Wallace—Alpacas At Crossroads Ranch. The May 2018 membership meeting will focus on fiber and the goals, vision and objectives of the Fiber Committee.

**The Calpaca 2019 Camelid Symposium Committee:** members include Dale Davis (advisor and historian)—Derwydd Alpacas, Susan Petersen—Alpacas All Around, Sheila Scroggins—Colusa Riverside Alpacas, Sandra (Sandy) Wallace—Alpacas of Marin, Dianna Jordan—Alpacas of Somerset, Beckie Perell—Loomis Alpacas. This committee will be responsible for putting together the 2019 Camelid Symposium.

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## Upcoming Calpaca Events

### 2018

May 19 (date change because of Mother's Day)—Sierra Rose Alpacas, Grass Valley, CA

August 11— Membership meeting—Colusa Riverside Alpacas, Lincoln, CA

October 12-14— Gold Country Gathering, Grass Valley, CA

November 10—Rare Gems Alpacas, Hemet, CA

For more member events check: <http://www.calpaca.org/events/>



**DON'T MISS CALPACAS QUARTERLY MEETING!!!  
WE WANT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**SIERRA ROSE ALPACAS  
May 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM  
15895 Greenhorn Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945**

**SCHEDULE:**

**9:00 AM - Coffee, tea, and muffins**

**10:00 AM - General Membership Meeting**

**12:00 PM - Potluck Lunch**

**1:00 PM - Calpaca Fiber Committee Presentation**

Discussion and (if interest and time allow) will have a fiber skirting and sorting demo so you can make better decisions on what you do with your fleece

Calpaca Fiber Committee - We are moving into a new direction for Calpaca – with a focus on fiber, products, marketing and education, and hope you will be able to attend the meeting, and join in the efforts to establish a more viable market for our fiber. At this meeting, we will introduce ways Calpaca is prepared, now, to help move our fiber into the marketplace, and educate the consumer on the benefits of alpaca. We will also be working with the members to formulate and act on plans to get our fiber into production, and profits into your pocket. We'd like your input, and your assistance, in developing and implementing the plans that we as a group come up with that benefit us all.

**Lunch will be a Pot-Luck. Please bring something to share, as well as a chair!**

**Please RSVP by May 12 to Cynthia at**

**[cynthia@sierrarosealpacas.com](mailto:cynthia@sierrarosealpacas.com)**

**or call 530-272-1218**

**Don't forget to bring a chair!**

**Directions:**

From Bay Area, and Sacramento area head East on Hwy 80 toward Reno. In Auburn, take Hwy 49 toward Grass Valley. Once in Grass Valley, take the last exit, BRUNSWICK RD, and turn RIGHT onto BRUNSWICK RD. Travel about 2 miles until you come to a 4-way stop sign with a blinking red light. Turn LEFT at that STOP sign onto Greenhorn RD (East Bennett will be on your right). Go 3.1 miles, & just past "Tensy Lane" on your left, we are the next driveway on your RIGHT. We share a driveway with 15891 Greenhorn, so stay left onto the gravel drive and follow it to the house, about 1/4 mile. If you get to Christmas Tree Lane you went too far.

From Reno: Hwy 80 West towards Sacramento. Exit Hwy 20, and follow to Grass Valley. Take Brunswick Road exit, turn left over freeway. Go about 2 miles until you reach the blinking 4-way stop light. Greenhorn Road is on your left (East Bennett will be on your right): turn left onto Greenhorn. Go 3.1 miles, & just past "Tensy Lane" on your left, we are the next driveway on your RIGHT. We share a driveway with 15891 Greenhorn, so stay left onto the gravel drive and follow it to the house, about 1/4 mile. If you get to Christmas Tree Lane you went too far.

## 2018 Calpaca Scholarship Recipient



I had the honor of representing Calpaca at the Evening of Gratitude today. I am pictured here with the 4th year student, Cody Blumenshine, who received scholarship funds from Calpaca. Great young man! He is interviewing in the Grass Valley area and said he will intern with Robin soon. If you get to meet him, you will love him!! — at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

Charlene Schmid—Calpaca President

Two of our active Calpaca members are running for the AOA 2018 Board of Directors. Steve is currently serving on the Calpaca Board of Directors and Karen is a past member of our Board. Both have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and are deeply vested in the success of our industry.

### 2018 AOA ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Renew your Membership to Vote in the Upcoming Election

To vote in the upcoming election, you must be an Association or Registry member, at least 18 years old, and own at least 25% of a live AOA-registered alpaca. The deadline for becoming a member is May 25, 2018. If you have not yet renewed or upgraded your membership, you can do so on your dashboard after logging in at [www.AlpacaInfo.com](http://www.AlpacaInfo.com). As a reminder, individuals, not farms, are AOA members; therefore, spouses or partners must have their own individual memberships to be eligible to vote in the election.

We encourage everyone to participate in the process of electing three members to your association's Board. This year's election will again be conducted via an online voting service.

#### 2018 Election Candidates

The 2018 Election Committee: Norm Johnson (Chimera Ranch), Chair; Renee Ritenour (Alpaca Palace); Sue King (Big Timber Alpacas, LLC); Stacie Chavez (Sky Ridge Alpacas); and Faye Farley (Majestic Meadows Alpacas) have selected nine candidates for the three open positions. The terms expiring this year are those of Don Greene; Steve Hull, Ph.D.; and Mike Vigus.

**THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE THE CANDIDATES SELECTED BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- **Steve Aitchison — Epic Alpacas**
- **Karen Ball —Heart & Soul Alpacas and Spinnery**
- Mike Delaney — Irish Meadows Alpaca Farm
- Wendy Dittbrenner-Eiker — Peaceful Prairie Ranch
- Karl Heinrich — Long Hollow Suri Alpacas/New Era Fiber
- Dale Hoerl — Alpacas of Moose Creek Ranch
- Justin McElroy — Buck Brook Alpacas
- Chris Reachard — C and C Alpaca Factory
- Mike Vigus—West Penn Alpacas

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH AOA BYLAWS SECTION 6.2, THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATE FOR THE AOA BOARD WAS NOMINATED BY MEMBER PETITION:**

- Allen Kallel — Odin Falls Alpacas

#### Upcoming Dates

- May 25, 2018— Last day to become a paid member to vote in the upcoming election
- May 29, 2018— Online voting opens
- June 18, 2018— Online voting closes
- July 14, 2018— 2018–19 Board of Directors announced at the AOA Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, during the Natural Fiber Extravaganza.

If you have any questions or are unsure of your membership level, please call the AOA office at 402-437-8484 and we will be happy to help you.

Male Huacaya	85	Juvenile Suri Male	19
Female Huacaya	76	Juvenile Suri Female	15
Male Suri	41	Yearling Suri Male	17
Female Suri	25	Yearling Suri Female	15
Juvenile Huacaya Male	26	2 Year Old Suri Male	4
Juvenile Huacaya Female	29	Mature Suri Male	1
Yearling Huacaya Male	43	Total Count Huacaya	161
Yearling Huacaya Female	40	Total Count Suri	66
2 Year Old Huacaya Male	13		
2 Year Old Huacaya Female	5		
Mature Huacaya Male	3		
Mature Huacaya Female	2		
Total Count Huacaya	161		

Halter Registrations = 206  
 Walking Fleece Registrations = 162  
 Bred & Owned Registrations = 27  
 Get of Sire Registrations = 10  
 Produce Of Dam Registrations = 5  
 Breeders Best Three Registrations = 7  
 Total Stalls Reserved = 99  
 Vendor Spaces = 5  
 Total Sponsors = 16

#### AUCTION RESULTS

A big THANK YOU to our Herdsire Auction donors and purchasers for bringing in \$5006.

A big THANK YOU to our Silent Auction donors and purchasers for bringing in \$887.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CA CLASSIC SHOW

All show participants

### VOLUNTEERS

The back bone of a smooth flowing show

#### Volunteer Coordinator

Registration Packets

All who just jump in to help as needed

Hospitality Table

Silent Auction & Herdsire Auction Coordinator

Gate Keepers-Both Days

Recorders—Halter & Walking fleece—Both Days

Ribbon Coordinator-both days

Ring Stewards-Both Days

Barn Management Team

Compliance Check Team

Vet Check Team

### EVENT MANAGER

Ultimately responsible for all show activities (before, during and after)

Where the “buck” stops

CONTRACTS— Judges, superintendents, facilities, vet, AV equipment, announcer, program

AOA show certification, budget, host hotel, insurance, food service, AV equipment rental/service, works with show registration provider,

Selects and oversees show support team—volunteer coordinator, barn manager(s), photographer, advertising, website update and maintenance, announcements, Saturday dinner event

A SMOOTH RUNNING AND “FUN” SHOW DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN. IT IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.

Congratulations to California Classic event manager Charlene Schmid, the California Classic team, and the many volunteers on another successful show.

## UPDATE ON THE 2019 CAMELID SYMPOSIUM

The annual Camelid Symposium was one of the best educational values offered to Camelid owners and enthusiasts. Due to changes beyond Calpaca's control the symposium was not held in 2018. Feedback from membership was that we should pursue a new location and plan another Symposium. The February Calpaca meeting focused on gathering information on interests and topics about what members would like to see covered at the 2019 Camelid Symposium.

The Process: To gather the information large pieces of paper with different topic headings were hung on the walls around the room. Participants moved from topic to topic and indicated by placing a check mark next to listed suggested sub-topics the ones they were most interested in learning about. Participants could select more than one or add their own.

Before starting the information gathering the group made these decisions, by show of hands, about the Symposium:

**WHO:** Geared toward education for owners/potential owners. That includes all Camelids.

**HOW LONG** - 2 days, 2 tracks, include more on fiber & other

**WHEN** – Winter

**NEAR** a Major Airport

**SAME** registration cost as the UCD symposium

Following are the results. The numbers in parenthesis are how many selected that topic.

### Camelid Health

(3) Vit E, Phrenic nerve.

These speakers Dr. Stuart, Dallas Texas;

[Daniela.Bedenice@tufts.edu](mailto:Daniela.Bedenice@tufts.edu);

[balchdvm@gmail.com](mailto:balchdvm@gmail.com)

(1) Dummy cria syndrome Speaker: Dr. Madigan

(5) Nutrition for different phases of alpaca life, and weight issues. Speaker Dr Robin Skillman

(2) Alternative Camelid Care Leslie Phillips M.S., D.V.M

### Specific Topics

A Primer for Basic Camelid Care

Minimum Standards of Care

Knowing when to call your veterinarian

What questions will your vet ask when you call?

The basic supplies to have on hand for caring for your Camelids health needs and first aid.

(9) 1<sup>st</sup> Aid – what to do 1st

Common injuries in alpacas / illnesses – how to treat right after the immediate discovery, until more advanced Dr. care available (if available).

Care for Aging alpacas – how to make the final decision

What's new in Camelid diseases –

(4) Practical Methods for testing forage and the importance of having your hay tested and why it's important!

What to test for.

(2) Teeth Mgt/toes – when to trim

(1) Camelid eye health – we know they seem to be prone to cataracts and I've wondered about glaucoma in these guys – I don't know of any vets that test for it.

(5) Neonatal, usual stages & steps – ID pending dystocia (symptoms) new neonates with issues, DX & TX

(4) Nutrition – Minerals, supplements – Dry lot vs pasture – Cria creep solutions

(1) Alternative Forage options for Alpacas.

(1) Cooling Techniques for alpacas

(1) Needles & syringes.....size, gauge, uses including giving meds, shots, microchip etc.

## Camelid Health/Handling – Hands on work

- (5) How to draw blood and perform basic vet activities
- (6) Practice giving shots and shot locations
- (3) Neonatal hands on...
- (6) Camelid dynamics
- (6) How to safely handle alpacas both for them and for us Possibly how to do an exam on alpacas – hands on if possible. How to trim nails. Trimming nails & Health tasks solutions without a Chute –hands on AND Using or building Safe chutes
- (6) Halter training for the newbies

## Camelid Handling

- (6) Observational skills – Seeing things your animals doesn't want you to see
- (7) Mental/Emotional health of alpacas – PTSD (moving to new location, behaviors, Using Rescue Remedy for unruly alpacas, trauma, etc.
- (4) Weaning protocols to reduce stress

## Farm Solutions

- (3) Barn solutions – Creeps, medicine rooms, other good ideas
- (3) Land Capacity & how to measure what your land will support w/o degradation - Grazing, alpacas to an acre, dry lot – whats overstocking parasite rsk etc
- (9) Dry lot pasture management – practical pen/pasture arrangements, requirements for boys town, keeping boys and girls separate – how to build in your quarantine needs (and why you want a quarantine area) – using movable panels as a potential solution
- (1) Parasites and rotational grazing, parasites and dry lot
- (7) Manure Management – reduce flies, time to soil
- (4) How to successfully fill in poop scooped holes on a hillside and other tricks and tips for ranching on a hillside

## Breeding Decisions

- (4) What fiber traits are “easy” to breed out? (long primaries) & how
- (3) EPD's and their value / how to read/ make decisions using this info, etc.
- (6) How to evaluate what you have for breeding and breeding potential
- (1) Current state of knowledge of color inheritance in alpacas, significance of decoding the KIT gene, just finished in horses, any knowledge there for us.
  - Kylie Muynard – the current world expert on alpaca genetics
  - Dr. Bellone (UCD, just finished the horse KIT gene)
- (0) An Introduction to ET--- Jude Anderson
- (12) Creating a Fiber Herd Incorporating the Livestock Model—Stacie Chavez
- (3) Breeding for special results:
  - Spots
  - Color
  - Multis
  - Good head
- (2) Line Breeding how closely related is too close?
- (2) Actual breeding – Fine points of the process & doing it
- (2) How to start a young male going

## Marketing

- (5) Creating a marketing plan – whats included, who to target, how to measure success.
- (10) How to expand our customer base... ie beyond selling (pacas, product, etc) to ourselves? - marketing models for selling alpacas beyond the huggable investment – gain insight into why people buy animals – different approaches for different markets – how to define a market – value added concept applied to selling animals
- (9) A presentation on HOW an organization would step thru the process of developing a single product (from fleece to product and all the resources needed, where to find them, aprox costs) that can be produced on a large scale and marketed in a main stream channel – a step by step process for Calpaca to follow

## Fiber

- (1)What is a good fleece
- (6)What can you do with different grades, lengths, fiber type –What do they look like? How to use all the fleece
- (9)Blending fibers, what works, examples
- (5)Speaker Wini—have her choose the topic
- (4)Hands on: An interactive demonstration of fiber sorting and skirting training
- (6) Hands on : Carding blending dying spinning weaving

## Business

- (4)Are You Covered? Speaker: Steve Harvey Agribusiness/Farm Insurance Specialist---same basic presentation he gave at the Calpaca meeting
- (4)Liabilities for taking alpacas out, ranch visitors, what kind of coverage do you need for that, donations vs fees for farm visits, does it make a difference – operating a farm store – what kind of coverage do I need for that?
- (2)List of agents, insurance companies, grange insurance – for small <5 acre alpaca farms
- (1)TAXES, audits and alpacas
- (9)Agritourism—Regulations & Other Considerations—Speaker from the University of California Cooperative Extension – Models & Costs, also how to get more support for this.
- (10) examples and training on how to write a business plan for a VERY small business
- (3)Good Accountants and how to hire
- (1)How to joint market with other industries
- (6)Creating a good web presence (unique – not Openherd)

Where do we go from here? The members of the Camelid Symposium planning team (Dale Davis, Sandra Wallace, Sheila Scroggins, Sue Petersen, Dianna Jordan) will take this information and start planning. First we must secure a location then take it from there. Stay tuned!!

Captured at the California Classic  
Courtesy of Maureen Macedo



## Epic Alpacas Grey Studs

### Crescent Moon's Wilkinson

ARI: 32670982

Color: MSG

2X National Champ and 10X Champion. Producing amazing cria with two selling for \$25K and \$20K at auction in 2018! Co-owned with Crescent Moon Ranch.



### Snowmass Enlightenment

ARI: 1238747

Color: MRG

Cria have over 60 Championships and 150+ Blue Ribbons. He is one of the most legendary grey herdsires in the industry.



### Ringo Cloud

ARI: 31158039

Color: MF

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### WSA Patriotic Gentleman

ARI: 31154550

Color: Appaloosa  
Consistent producer of appy cria and new addition to Epic! This male will make an impact on any appy program!



### Enchanted Hill LuTau

ARI: 35262589

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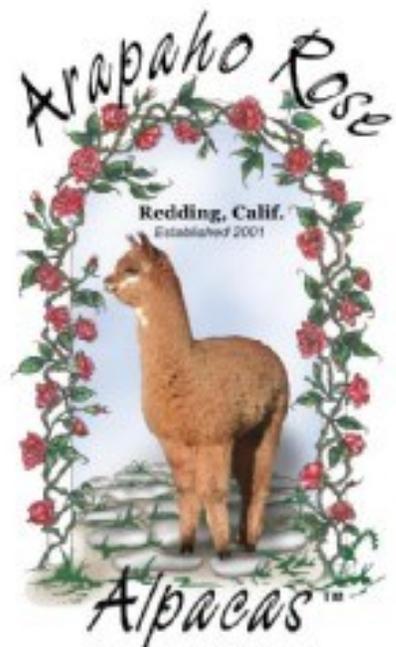
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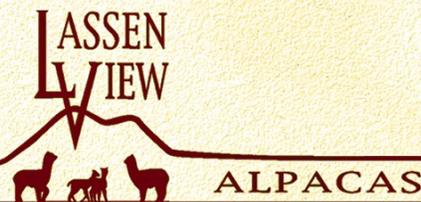
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## Herdsires

**Are you looking for some “bling” in your Suri herd?** SSilken's Accoyo Tesori is one of our **“Designer Suris”** herdsires. He is full Accoyo male with a solid compact frame with amazing dense coverage, luster, and a beautiful lock structure. He has produced a solid medium fawn female out of a white dam with a fawn spot. He also produced a fading fawn female out of a white dam. Tesori's sire is full Accoyo fawn & white pattern Our Accoyo Aurelius...which is a very rare coloring for a full Accoyo. Unfortunately, Accoyo Aurelius was lost in a tragic barn fire after only three years into his breeding career. In those years he produced 38 registered offspring\* making his first line genetics extremely limited and difficult to find. Tesori's dame is TSP's ACCOYO CHLOE. Chloe is Full Accoyo and comes from the famous David Gronauer Collection. Her bloodlines are very well known & RARE: Ganador and Starbuck!!! Chloe is a female par excellence in the fiber department... ultimate fineness, unmatched density & luminous luster!!!! Not sure you want to take a chance on a relatively unknown bursting with potential? We are expecting our first crias from Tesori in April 2018. Give us a call. Dianna and Jack Jordan, Alpacas of Somerset Farm, 530-620-6033.

Menagerie Hill Ranch introduces our newest herdsire, **RR Gun's Kit Carson (KC)**. With 17 Championships and 21 1st Place wins, it's no wonder that more than 8 of his offspring are Color Champion winners! KC took his first championship at 8 months of age. Since then, his fleece has maintained its length, fineness and uniformity, and he remains one of the best grey males in the country.

His kids still win big in the ring...2016 Gold Country Gathering KC son 4-Sights Crawford won RCC behind RR Dizzy Gillespie in Grey Male; KC daughter 4-Sight's Centerfold won CC, grey female; AND KC son RR Lancelot won Black CC. Centerfold also took CC at the 2016 ABI and the 2017 Futurity. And at the 2017 CA Classic, Lancelot won CC in both Halter and Walking Fleece.

Check KC and his cria out at: <http://www.menageriehillranch.com/alpacas-for-sale/121347/rr-guns-kit-carson>

With gorgeous silver gray fleece, excellent conformation and a perfect bite, we believe Kit Carson can make a big impact on our breeding program and yours!

For a limited time only, in celebration of our new partnership with SkyDance Ranch Alpacas, we are offering his first 5 reserved breedings at a reduced price of \$1,500. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at a great price!

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**LV Silver Sammovar by Vantaggio** took the Reserve Color Champion in gray at the California Classic 2015 where judge Sharon Loner called him a “Fantastic Male”, finer even than the juvie in the class!

Sammo scored very high in Walking Fleece at the 2015 West Coast Alpaca Show, taking First Place. Judge Wini Lebrecque noted he was very fine, dense and uniform with the blanket extending quite far down the side and a low amount of guard hair. She was so taken with Sammo that, in the awards ceremony, she commented that she thought he might have taken the Winners Cup! This is high praise for a 2 year old gray male!!!

His first cria are on the ground and they are gorgeous! Check him and them out at <http://www.menageriehillranch.com/alpacas-for-sale/103050/lv-silver-samovar-by-vantaggio>

His stud fee of \$750 includes 60 days agisting at Menagerie Hill Ranch in Vacaville for your girl. Get your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at a great price! Deb Galway & Kirk Howard, Owners. [www.menageriehillranch.com](http://www.menageriehillranch.com) 707.290.7915

**FTAF's Privateer**, ARI 32318326, is an elite-fleeced fawn over black sired by 13X banner winner SHVN Buccaneer (also the sire of FTAF's Blackbeard). His dam is Crown Jewel of PVA who also had a great run in the show ring. Privateer's 2017 skin biopsy (at 5yrs old) results are: Density 71 follicles/sqmm. SP ratio 12.1 to 1 with level 4 of 4 gland presence which correlates with what senior judges are referring to as “well-nourished fleeces”. Secondary fibers average 21.9 microns and primary fibers averaging 30.1 giving him a variation of only 8.2 microns. (Dr. Norm Evans). Additional details can be reviewed on his Openherd page <https://www.openherd.com/alpacas-for-sale/115890/ftafs-privateer>

**MHAR Blizzard by Justice** As a junior herdsire, we expect great things from this boy. He's a beautiful, bright white, with extremely dense, crimped fleece, full body coverage, and perfect bite and conformation.

At the 2014 Gold Country Gathering, judge Kathy Klay said “He's the total package!” when awarding him First Place (no CC), noting his soft crimp style and density. Most recently, his 3rd fleece spin-off entry won Judges Choice! And his 4<sup>th</sup> fleece spin-off entry won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the adult (D) class (of 8) at the 2017 AOA nationals, this in spite of being very dirty/muddy thanks to our very wet/muddy winter. His first cria is on the ground with more due this fall. We can't wait to see them all!

We want to put more of his cria on the ground. So through the end of the year, his stud fee will be \$500 for CALPACA members, including 60 days agisting at **Menagerie Hill Ranch** in Vacaville for your girl. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at this special price! Check Blizzard out at <https://www.openherd.com/alpacas-for-sale/101580/mhar-blizzard-by-justice>

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## Herdsires

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