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# GOATS ACROSS CANADA

*Goats Aid in  
Grow-op Clean-up!*

*East National Goat Show*

**Earth Art  
Cashmere  
& Design**

**Miniature Silky  
Fainting Goat**



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**On the way. Leading this group is Charlie Goggin, our organizer for this event. In back of Charlie's two goats is the South Warner Wilderness' botanist who accompanied us on this event.**

by *Larry Robinson*

Well, the goatpacker's much-anticipated event of the year is now only a memory, but a happy memory it is! Although I have not been able to attend a great number of these gatherings, in my mind, this one was, at least for me, one of the most rewarding in view of the significance of what we were able to do with our goats, and with the PR we were able to engender with the Forest Service, in this location, and by word of mouth, in other locales as well!

Charlie Goggin's efforts to establish a work project with the FS were richly rewarded in them allowing us to enter the wilderness and totally clean up a very messy pot-growing operation. This is notable in view of the fact that many people's reaction to the suggestion that 'goats' could be a significant help in such an operation would likely be, "Goats? What can goats do?"

What indeed! The picture will show that we hauled out an incredible quantity of trash and some very large items that were a push even for our very capable goats. But haul them out we did, and doing so generated a Forest Service memorandum that will likely be seen all the way to Washington, D.C.

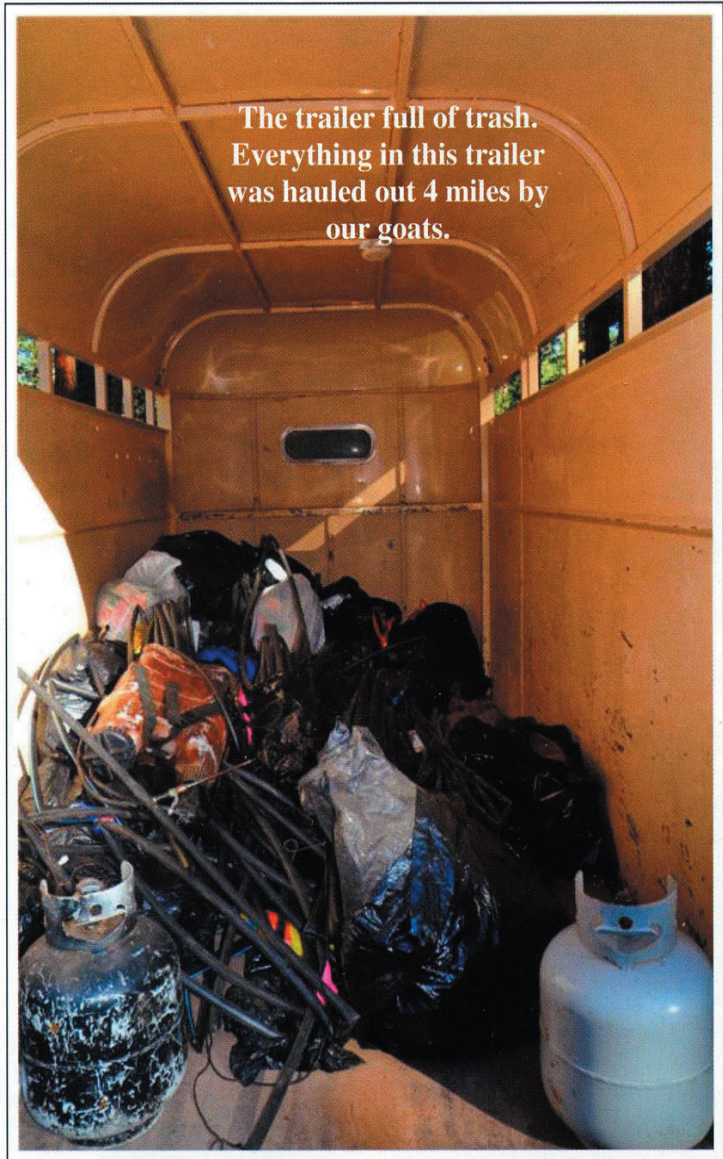
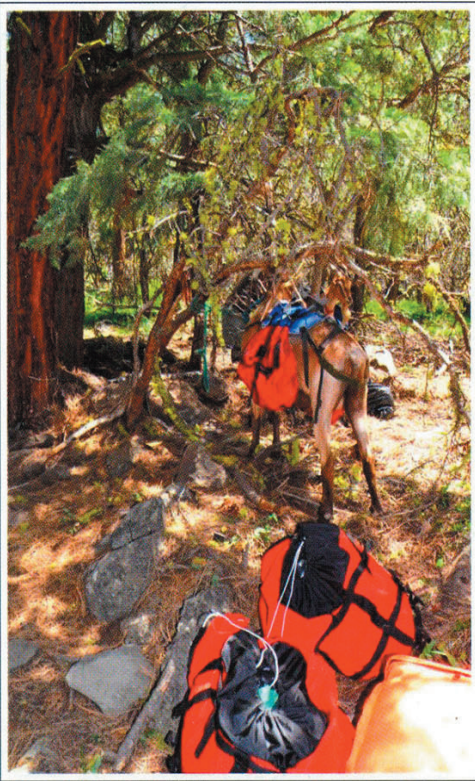
Other 'events' generated by Charlie that were new for me (and probably everyone else... Charlie is verrrrry creative!), were 'goat calling', 'speed saddling', 'even-weight pannier packing (without a scale)', 'goat calling', and '*cheater* goat calling'. Also, awards were given for a dutch-oven cookoff, the 'the Italian Granmamma (the one who fed the most Rendsy participants)', 'Goat of Distinction', & 'the Bard (teller of best stories). Lots of laughs over all of these. As I said, Charlie is a very creative lady!

**What their tents looked like. I am supposing that animals may have spread this around since the occupants split from 'Dodge' as their little empire had become discovered!**



Finally, the usual malarkey from the President about global warming, No! Not that, but the normal stuff about membership, ie., that members are brought in by members talking to other goat folks, and the need for a periodic newsletter... which we haven't been real good at to this point. Fortunately the President's stuff was left to last so the folks that fell asleep from boredom could be just carried off to their campsites. I have to admit that getting together with large gaggles of people isn't exactly at the top of my list. As Charlie so aptly said in an email to me before the event, 'getting goatpackers to do anything together is like trying to herd cats!' However this Rendy was a whole lot of fun and rewarding work, and I have to admit looking forward to next year's event, wherever it is.

*Happy Goatpacking! Larry Robinson*



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**Mission Statement: The NAPgA Inc. is an organization established specifically for promoting packing with Pack Goats**

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.....And when the job was done!