



ALPINES INTERNATIONAL

Winter 2006

Message from your AIC President

I welcome you to read this AIC Newsletter, the first of the 2006 year and hopefully the first of many regular copies of the newsletter to come in 2007. If you are already an Alpines International Club Member, thank you for supporting this association. If you are not a member, I invite you to join by filling out a membership application found at this website and either send a check to our Treasurer or join by clicking the PayPal Button also found on the webpage. Our next and future issues will be able to be read electronically or downloaded from the website only by AIC Members who have a password issued by AIC. All other areas of the website will be accessible by anyone visiting the site.

I have become your Alpines International Club President through the resignation of your former President, Mark Baden. Mark resigned due to personal reasons early last summer so, as Vice President, I became your President and will complete his term of office.

Tina Antes was selected by your Board of Directors to fill the Vice Presidential vacancy at the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. We will serve in this capacity, along with your other officers until new officers are elected and take office at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Assuming this office has presented a very steep learning curve for me. Mark's resignation came at the time of year that is busiest for me, with Linear Appraisal, judging and my own herd to take care of. Needless to say, I was unprepared to take over the leadership of AIC, and had little time to give at that particular time. I am just now coming to grips with all that it entails. We are very fortunate to have a Board of Directors and a group of volunteers who

are willing workers who have simply stepped up to the plate to take over the responsibilities of running AIC. I am thoroughly indebted to them for their work and expertise.

We conducted an AIC Meeting in October in Milwaukee and worked out a plan for conducting the club's business for the remainder of the 2007 Year.

While the club has been quiet for the past year, activities have been going on as usual due to the competent help and leadership of your officers and committee chairmen:

- * Lois Spitzer conducted a successful All American Program last winter and spring; the results of the voting appeared in the May issue of United Caprine News. All American and Reserve All American winners received certificates from the club and photos have been retained for both a scrapbook and the webpage. Judges for the 2007 All American Program have been selected and entries are to be **postmarked by January 20, 2007. Nomination forms are available on the AIC webpage.**
- * Jennifer Vance, as Chairman of the AIC Specialty Shows, awarded AIC Specialty Shows to 8 District Shows plus one buck show. She is still processing the data and photos from those shows for future publication.



Requests for hosting 2007 AIC Specialty Shows are available on the AIC Webpage. Completed requests are due by December 31, 2006, but will be accepted until shows are awarded in each district.

- * Brian Vance conducted a very successful fund raising raffle at the Annual Meeting and set up and supervised our AIC display. He also has been collecting the performance data that you have been submitting and has it ready for publication in future newsletters. **Send your official Linear Appraisal and Production Testing information to him** according to the rules on the AIC webpage in order to have your herd recognized.
- * Ed Cavanagh, as AIC Membership Chairman, is conducting an **AIC membership drive**. He is emailing membership information to every ADGA member in the directory who has an email address and Alpines listed as a breed. This is a monumental task but one where we are hoping will generate new members and support for the club.
- * Paul Adams has agreed to be our new **webmaster** and has already started updating the AIC webpage. More work to follow. You will soon be able to read your AIC Newsletter on the website with the use of a password to access it.
- * Karen Smith, **Secretary/Treasurer** is busy collecting membership dues and is in the process of setting up the AIC PayPal Account that will allow you to pay your dues from the AIC webpage through PayPal. The decision to offer PayPal as an additional method for paying dues was just passed by your Board of Directors. PayPal dues will be slightly higher than those paid by cash or check, but will be more convenient for some of you.
- * Shari Reyna has agreed to be our **newsletter editor** and has written the one that you are currently reading. **We are committed to publishing an electronic newsletter four times a year** and to making sure that information required by our Constitution and By-Laws is included in it, in addition to current events, reports from throughout the U.S. and articles of interest to the membership will be included. Let Shari know what you want included in your newsletter and she will try to accommodate you.

We are working on developing an Alpine Sales Booster Club to help support the sales of Alpines in both the Spotlight and Colorama Sales. We also are working on developing a "Miss Total Performer

Award" for AIC to sponsor at National Shows. We have sponsored awards for both the Youth and the Champions at the National Show. So you can see we have been planning and have been busy, we just haven't been vocal about the things we have been doing. We are also aware that a newsletter is the heart of a National organization and ours has been sorely missed. Shari is an experienced newsletter editor and with your help will be able to get ours back on track. It can be the lifeblood of AIC.

When you check out the AIC Webpage, www.alpinesinternationalclub.com, you will see the list of AIC Officers and Committee Chairmen. We really want willing workers to help set the policy for AIC. If you see a committee that you would like to work on, email me and let me know. My email address is: SheilaNix@aol.com. We also are going to need people to run for office this summer. Please think about serving dairy goats, Alpines, in general, and Alpines International as an Officer, Committee Chairman and/or Committee Member.

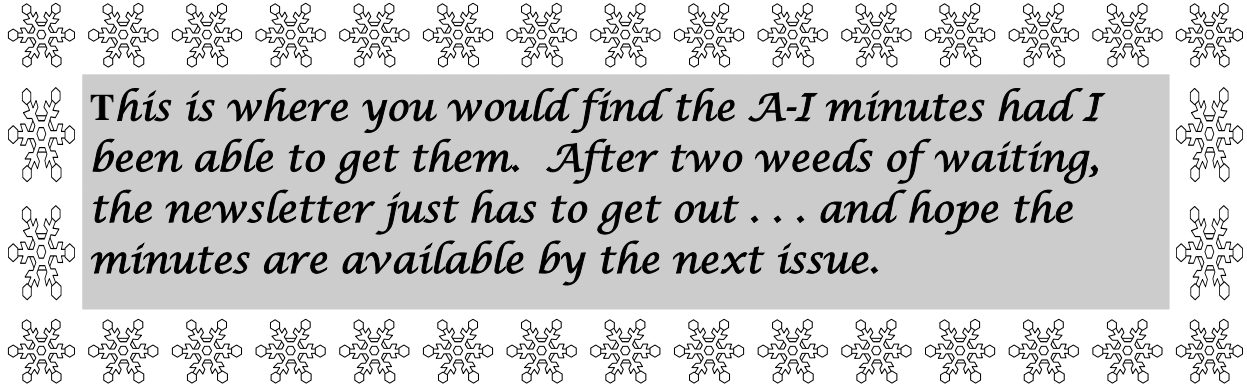
I want you to know that I appreciate your interest in AIC and I need your help in growing AIC back to the organization that was a powerhouse in promoting the Alpine breed. I will do my best to make it work and I can vouch for the current slate of officers. They are committed and enthusiastic workers, but we can't do it alone. Volunteer to help....we will find a job for you that you want to do.



Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Karen Smith

Date	Amount	Deposit	Payable To	Description
	\$3,459.32		Tina Antes	Transfer of AIC Funds
11/20/05	\$50.00		Marcia Keller	D4 Specialty Refund
12/3/2005	\$50.00		MD Dairy Goat Assoc.	D3 Specialty Refund
12/9/2005	\$50.00		Boon Companions	Specialty Refund
12/20/2005	\$15.00		Jon Scheidemantle	Dues
12/25/2005	\$50.00		TVDGA	Specialty Refund
12/30/2005	\$50.00		Curtis Cas	Specialty Refund
Opening Deposit	\$3,724.32			
1/13/06	\$15.00		Bank of America	check order
2/24/06	\$145.48		Khimaira	webhosting
2/24/06		\$405.00		memberships
5/1/06		\$122.00		memberships
5/1/06	\$25.00		Heather Tucker	Specialty Refund
5/1/06	\$25.00		Jennifer Vance	Specialty Refund
5/1/06	\$25.00		Idaho Syringa DGA	Specialty Refund
5/1/06	\$305.65		RB Powers	Specialty Ribbons
5/1/06	\$225.00		ADGA	National GCH & RGCH Blankets
9/1/06	\$170.91		Lois Spitzeer	All American Program
10/11/06		\$45.00		Dues
10/16/06	\$125.00		ADGA	Spotlight Sale Sponsor/Table
10/26/06		\$334.00		Rent
12/4/06	\$28.16		Jonathan Bland	Dues \$45 & Raffle \$289
12/4/06	\$55.00		Khmaira	Shipping
12/4/06	\$25.00		Khmaira	webhosting
12/4/06	\$25.00		Marci Waterman	Specialty Refund
12/4/06	\$25.00		Marcia Keller	Specialty Refund
12/4/06	\$25.00		Boon Companions	Specialty Refund
12/4/06	\$25.00		Curt Cash	Specialty Refund
12/4/06	\$25.00		Kennon-Feasler- Etchison	Specialty Refund
BALANCE	\$3,375.12			



This is where you would find the A-I minutes had I been able to get them. After two weeks of waiting, the newsletter just has to get out . . . and hope the minutes are available by the next issue.



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*Why is she important?
(see bottom page 6 for answer)*

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Getting to Know Your Directors

Sheila Nixon: AIC President

President Sheila Nixon was elected AIC Vice President in the fall of 2005, following a 2 year term as an AIC Director. Upon the resignation of Mark Baden, AIC President in the summer of 2006, Sheila filled the vacancy and became President of Alpines International. As you will see in other parts of this newsletter, she has been busy with the other AIC Officers and Committee Chairmen and active members reorganizing and revitalizing the club, so that it will be able to meet the needs of the Alpine breeders and the goals of the AIC and follow the Constitution and By-laws.

Sheila has been a lifelong breeder of dairy goats; owning and breeding most of the standard dairy goat breeds, operating a Grade "A" Commercial Dairy for more than 40 years, a judge, an ADGA Director, a Classifier and then a Linear Appraiser, and an aficionado of purebred French Alpine Dairy Goats since the early 1950's. She and her Nixon's Hilmar Farms dairy goats will be celebrating their 55th anniversary of breeding registered dairy goats in 2007. She has been involved in showing, appraising, production testing, judging and the promotion and development of correct, productive dairy goats in the United States, but also in Mexico and to a limited degree in Canada. She and the Nixon family have bred does that became National Champions in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Since her retirement from active teaching in 2001, she now limits her teaching to the showing and in dairy goat seminars, Sheila has been able to be more involved with her own herd of French Alpine Dairy Goats in Hilmar, CA. She milks somewhere between 24 and 30 does throughout the year. It is a labor of love and what gets her out of bed every morning.

Her goals are simple, do a good job, make a positive difference in whatever she does, breed good, and sometimes great, dairy goats, and to help others do the same. She is a worker and a thinker and hopefully, a visionary in developing programs that enhance our abilities to improve dairy goats and dairy goat programs.

She is committed to working with Alpines International and its BOD and members to make it a vital, worthwhile organization that promotes and supports the Alpine Breed. It hasn't been easy, but most things worthwhile are not easy.

TINA ANTES: Sec'y/Treasurer

Tina Bush born August 17, 1962 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Raised and graduated from Grand Valley, Colorado, AKA Parachute. Had Nubian bottle wethers as a child, but my love as a child was my big red mare named Cindy, who I competed in Gymkhana(Rodeo) with. I love Animals, Mountains, Music and Gardening. I graduated from Mesa State College and married Duane Antes in 1985.

I worked for many years as an Accountant and singer before we bought our first Alpine goat, Gurdy and a second goat Legacy in 1993. We were off to a great start setting up a web www.mammkey.com and participating in Tattooing, Dehorning, Castrating, Selling, Linear Appraisal, DHIA, ADGA Committees, Local and National clubs and Local and National shows.

We use goat milk in many ways and yes we do drink the milk. We have raised & owned over 300 Alpine goats sense, earning many Grand Champions and Top Ten Awards. We currently live in Silt, CO with our lovely herd of Mamm-Key Alpines.

PAUL ADAMS: Director

Raised in Miami, FL, I don't recall ever seeing a goat until I took my own children to a petting zoo about 20 years ago. So my past experience was limited, but when I was first introduced to goats up close and personal in 1993, it was love and appreciation at first sight.

I am an electrical designer and construction manager by trade. My job took me from Florida to Cincinnati, OH in the early 90's. My wife, Beth, went to work as an instructor at a working educational farm and there we were given our first goats by the owner.

As a lot of parents do, we started raising goats with our son, Jason, as a 4-H project. When that era ended, Beth and I couldn't all it quits with the goats. We have been raising strictly French and American Alpines for show since 1994. We have attended and shown at National

shows since 2000.

I have served on ADGA's Registration Committee since 2001 to the present time and have served as President of Alpines International from 2003-2004.

WAYNE CULLEN: Director

Wayne Cullen is now the herd and sales manager of Cherry Glen Farm. According to his partner, Diane Kirsch, the goats have never looked more beautiful in or out of the show ring. Wayne has a master's degree in Agriculture from the University of Georgia. He majored in Dairy Science and has lots of experience with cows as well as goats. After being hired to fit and show Holsteins for the General Cochran Farm, which was originally owned by George Washington's Surgeon General, he and his wife ran their own Holstein and Jersey Farm where they milked up to 80 cows. Wayne currently owns and works Percheron Horses, has Alpine and Grade dairy goats of his own and has raised and shown poultry, Australian Shepherds and English coon hounds.

Wayne and Diane Kirsch, as partners, have purchased some very exciting new breeding stock. Most of the Cherry Glen Alpine herd is American bred including the 2007 National Champion, Cherry Glen Radical Gesture. Wayne's purchases with Diane have been mostly purebred Alpines. We have taken on the challenge of trying to correct the problems we see here in the front end assemblies of our purebred Alpines. We feel that some French Alpine breeders may have disregarded important structural parts while concentrating on the back end and breeding goats with excellent rear udders and teats. We appreciate good rear udders and teats as much as anyone but are trying hard to work on the whole goat even though we are now milking in a pit from behind and understand how that emphasis came about.

Raymar's Impression 1971 ADGA National Champion Alpine and only Spotlight Sale animal of any breed to become an ADGA National Champion. Bred by: Ray & Mary Ellen Horton, Raymar Ranch Owned by Merrill Gruber, Cedar Falls, IA. 1971 National Show at Ohio State Fair in Columbus, OH

APPLY NOW FOR ALPINE SPECIALTY

Once again we are looking for hosts for the respective districts to hold an Alpine Specialty. Applications are already arriving and we are looking for several more districts. You must fill out the application, and one is provided for you on the AIC website, send the application along with you deposit by **December 31, 2006**. If districts are open come December 31 we will extend that date to March 31, 2007. A complete list of rules and regulations are on the AIC website. Please consider having a specialty for you can have your lovely alpines and your show highlighted in our scrapbook, in our newsletter and if space allows in goat publications such as the United Caprine News. Don't delay send your application today!! Send completed applications with deposit to:

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If you have any questions please call Jennifer Vance or email her privately. 262-742-2339 or frenchalps@elknet.net



2206 AIC RAFFLE

1. **5% off Bio-Genics**-Donated Teresa & Don Wade, Bio-Genics, won by **Abby Lippmann**
2. **Hmong Goat Tapestry**-Donated by Shelia Nixon, Hilmar Farms, won by **Joyce Blair**
3. **Roy Oswalt/Astro's Basealle**-Donated by Vance's French Alpines, Brian & Jennifer Vance-won by **Greg Brackett**
4. **Homemade Product Basket**- Donated by Thistlecroft, Mark & Chris Lewis- Won by **Val Ski**
5. **Dontrelle Willis/Marlin's Baseball**- Donated by Vance's French Alpines, Brian & Jennifer Vance- won by Bio-Genics, **Don Wade**
6. **Todd Helton/Rockies baseball**- Donated by Vance's French Alpines, Brian & Jennifer Vance- won by Mamm Key, **Tina Antes**
7. **Nanny Goat Hair Coat**- Donated by Cherry Glen- Wayne Cullen & Diane Kirsch, won by **Teresa Wade**
8. **5 straws Alpine Semen**- Donated by SEMEN SISTERS, won by **Korey Statton**
9. **Milk Stand**- Donated by Vance's French Alpines, Brian & Jennifer Vance, won by **Andrea Green**
10. **Alpine buckling**- Donated by Mamm Key, Tina Antes, won by **Barb Knilans**
11. **5 stras semen**-Donated by Mamm Key, Tina Antes- won by **Mark Lewis**
12. **Bucket Opener**- Donated by Sheila Nixon. - Won by **Val Ski**
13. **Alpine Pillow**- Donated by Iron Rod- Leslie Sidwell, Won by **Kathy Goodin**
14. **Tattoo Kit**- Donated by Lady-K, Karen Smith- won by **Rose Boero**
15. **Goat Print**- Donated by Iron Rod, Leslie Sidwell, Won by **Kris Ellis**
16. **Goat Print**- Donated by Iron Rod, Leslie Sidwell, won by **Linda Li bra**
17. **Goat Print**- Donated by Iron Rod, Leslie Sidwell, won by **Vicki Larson**
18. **5 straws Alpine semen**- Donated by Cherry Glen, Diane Kirsch & Wayne Cullen- Won by **Lauren Acton**

* 'TIS THE SEASON . . .

-by Shari Reyna

Ah, the holidays!

While the thoughts of other, more ordinary, souls turn to seasonal visiting and meals and gift exchange, the thoughts of goatkeepers are fixed on a single seasonal concern. While those others" (softly humming appropriate tunes as they sharpen a pencil) make guest lists and card lists, the goatkeeper needs no paper, no pen. This list is short, ever-present and all-consuming: "Who's going to do the chores?"

If the answer is "me," one can only hope you're an orphan or have unusually tolerant relatives willing to schedule holiday activities around your outdoor responsibilities. And that your unusually tolerant relatives are compatible enough to carry on without you when you disappear to the barn for two hours of chores right after dinner.

If there is an alternative to "me" (and chorepersons willing to work on a holiday are slightly less available than the proverbial hens' teeth), one's options begin to expand . . . a little. Additional questions like, "how much?" and "how long?" hang in the



air, hard to ask and hard to answer (commitment comes slowly and dearly during the holiday season).

The primary difference between inviting guests or being one is the availability and level of expertise of the prospective choreperson. A marginal helper may "do" if you're at home but be terrifyingly unsuitable to "take over" while you're gone for a day or longer (tho' you can adopt the "out of sight out of mind" philosophy — at least until you're on your way home . . .).

Are there ways to efficiently prepare for holiday help? Probably not. But there are some sneaky possibilities for tipping the odds in your favor. You are not allowed by law, for example, to ask a prospective worker their religious persuasion, but surely one could inquire about which holidays they would expect not to work. If Yom Kippur is their answer as well as yours, you have been warned. On the other hand, if their favorite is different from yours, overlook the fact that they have never seen a goat and start teaching them to milk.

Discuss trade-offs in advance. If you are personally convinced that no one but a complete cretin would expose themselves to New Year's Eve traffic, inform your prospective helper that (at great personal sacrifice) you have decided to stay home New Year's Eve so they can party — and hope they rise to the bait before you add that you would very much appreciate Christmas morning off in return.

From personal experience, I suggest you do not overlook, as bargaining chips, the esoteric, unusual and unexpected "holidays" that may be critical to your chorepersons — as in college finals week, Grateful Dead memorial concerts, Star Trek conventions and Rainbow Gatherings (yes, I have experienced unexpected absences as a result of all these events). One might as well take a pro-active approach and try to get a quid pro quo since they will probably call in sick anyway.

Most important (and again from experience) prepare for the inevitable last minute defection that will occasionally occur. Consider, ahead of time, what you will do "if . . ." Your back up plan may not be your first choice, but it just might avert holiday disaster.

♪ Deck the goats with boughs of holly.

Tra la la la! ♪

*Top Quality, Top Dollar Alpines
2006 ADGA Spotlight Sale*

Lot #1 Sweet-Dreams Nixon's Affirmed

Sire: Nixon's Showy Vanguard
1-08 V87 VVE
Dam: SGCH Sweet-Dreams SB Silver Charm
8-04 EX 93 EEEE

Consignors: Kristina Bozo-Baldenegro,
Alison Bozzo & Sheila Nixon CA
Purchaser: Jennifer Lynn Bice, CA
Sales Price: \$4700

Lot #2 *B Tempo Aquila Bold Type

Sire: *B Tempo Aquila Free Trade
Dam: GCH Tempo Aquila Caption 5*M
4-3 EX 91 VEEE

Consignor: Lauren Acton DVM OR
Purchaser: Diane Kirsch & Wayne Cullen MD
Sales Price: \$6000

Lot #3 Lady-K SRR Waukesha

Sire: *B Sunshine Rehma Reign
1-4 84 ++VA
Dam: CH lady-K WRC Phillie
5-0 EX 91 EEEE

Consignor: Karen Smith TN
Purchaser: Hatsoff2U WI
Sales Price: \$1050

Lot #4 Nodaway SGG Raya's Rapture

Sire: *B Sunshine Gyniry Gyro
3-4 87 VEE
Dam: GCH Nodaway DW Raya
3-2 EX91 VEEE

Consignor: Richard & Fredrica Waldman NC
Purchaser: Randy & Mary Adamson Family WI
Sales Price: \$1650

Lot #5 Walnut-Fork Silk Kimono

Sire: One*Oak*Hill Dragonsault
3-4 VG 89 VEEE
Dam: GCH Walnut Fork D Kimchee 8*M
5-02 EX91 EEEE

Consignor: Lynn L. Benedict WVA
Purchaser: Silver Shadow Farm OH
Sales Price: \$1600

*Cherry Glen:
Taking Home a Winner!*

Diane Kirsch and Wayne Cullen of Cherry Glen Farm are the delighted new owners of the top-selling Alpine buck of the 2006 Spotlight Sale, *B Tempo Aquila Bold Type.

Diane points out that although the Cherry Glen



herd is mostly American bred, including the 2007 National Champion —Cherry Glen Radical Gesture,—she and Wayne, as partners, have purchased some very exciting new breeding stock, mostly purebred Alpines. They have taken on the challenge of trying to correct problems, particularly in front end assemblies, that they observe in their purebred Alpines.

In spite of attending the sale as observers, without the intent of purchasing anything, Diane says that they immediately realized that “Bold Type has all the good things a buck should have —wide, level, correct and beautiful “— just what they needed in their breeding program.

As of March 2006, Cherry Glen is a licensed dairy producing basic chevre. This is a soft curd much of which has been frozen in 20# plastic bags, 2 bags to a box. They already have a substantial amount of frozen curd available which is a great product for cheese makers. Wayne is also starting to work on specialty cheeses.

Given the production behind him, it seems that Bold Type will not only contribute to conformation in the Cherry Glen herd, but bring milk and components to their new enterprise as well!

Significant Dates On An Alpine Breeders Calendar*

December 31, 2006

Deadline for District Specialty Show Applications

January 1, 2007

Alpine International Club Dues Due

January 20, 2007

All American Alpine Nominations Due

January 20, 2007

University of California Goat Day
UC Davis

January 2007

ADGA Voting for National Show Judges

March 1, 2007

American Dairy Goat Association Dues Due

May-June 2007*

Spotlight Sale Nominations Due

June 15, 2007

Nomination of AIC Officers Due

August 15, 2007

Election of AIC Officers Voting Due

July 7 – 14, 2007

ADGA National Show, Gillette, Wyoming
National Celebration of Alpines- Meeting & Party*

July 13, 2007*

Colorama Sale

2007 Show Season

Individual Dates to be Announced

AIC Specialty Shows

October 13 -20, 2007

ADGA Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado

October 15, 2007

AIC Meeting & Celebration of Alpines*

ADGA Annual Meeting

October 20*

ADGA National Spotlight Sale

Fort Collins, Colorado

Quarterly 2007*

AIC Electronic Newsletters

December 2006

March 2007*

June* 2007 Mandated by Constitution for Elections

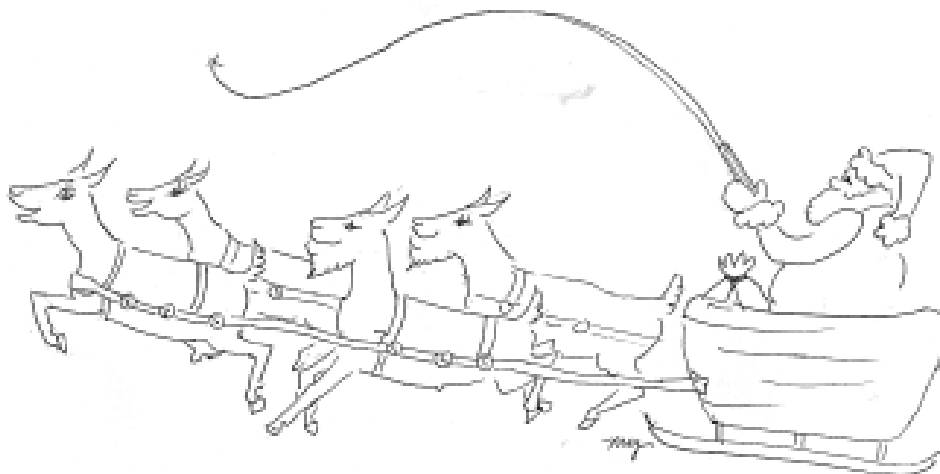
August* 2007 Mandated by Constitution for Elections

October *2007

October 2008

Alpines International Club Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Dates subject to revision and correction as year progresses and events are firmed up. Please send your significant Alpine Event Dates to Shari Newsletter Editor at Shari@ori.org



Newsletter Survey

Here's your opportunity to express opinions on both the look and content of this, the Alpines International Newsletter. Print, fill out and return this survey, attaching extra sheets for additional comments — the more the better.

About This Issue:

What do you like best about this issue? _____

What did you like the least? _____

What were you expecting that you didn't get? _____

About Future Issues:

What would you most like to see in the Alpines International Newsletter?

What features are most likely to catch & hold your attention?

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