

ON THE COVER — *Argentine Aficionados*

TUCKERWOODS FARM

Greg and Kelly Radding, Columbia, CT

Tuckerwoods farm is located on 20 acres in a quiet section of central eastern Connecticut. Our llama herd includes both Argentine and miniature llamas, including a full Argentine mini stud. TuckerWoods Farm has the largest herd of full and part Argentines in New England with four full Argentine studs, two full Argentine females, two part Argentine studs and eight part Argentine females. Our llamas' lineages represent most of the original Argentine imports. Our bloodlines include the famous Kobra, Pecos, Don Zunca, and Saltarin; as well as the more rare bloodlines including Lefu, Lebu, Oberon, Lola, Paco, & Laucha.

We are dedicated to preserving the rare Argentine genetics with our full Argentine breeding program while at the same time continuing with our part Argentine breeding program. Our crias are exhibiting all of the Argentine traits we so love; fine abundant fiber, great bone structure, and mellow, friendly personalities. For more information or inquiries please email, phone, or visit our website. We would love to introduce you to our amazing Argentine llamas.



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HACEINDA EL SUENO

Chris and John Elbert, Springbrook, WI

Located on 80 acres in Northwest Wisconsin, our farm is home to 28 llamas, most of them Argentine. My husband John and I have had llamas since 1992. In 2005 we purchased part and full ownership in eleven full Argentine llamas both male and female. A year later, in conjunction with Lynda Carothers (Carothers Country farm) and Kelly Brown (British Columbia) we purchased the bulk of Paul and Sally Taylor's Argentine herd.

Our Argentines have done well in the show ring, even advancing and placing at Nationals last year. The Argentine fleeces that I've entered in competition have consistently ranked in the top three placings. Fiber enthusiasts in our area specifically request our Argentine fleeces and yarn. Our 4H



Argentine Champana Gris

llama project kids love working with these mild tempered llamas. Besides their wonderful dispositions, our Argentines stand out in the pasture for their beauty, silky fiber and heavy bone. We have several Argentine llamas for sale; you can contact us at:

cjelbert@centurytel.net or
take a look at our web sites,
www.haciendaelsueno.com and
www.ArgentineLlamas.com

CADY CREEK LLAMAS

Jim and Jan McArdle, Wilson, WI

How did this happen? When we moved to Minnesota from Pennsylvania, living on a farm wasn't even on our radar screen. We moved into a 27th floor apartment in downtown Minneapolis and the only 'wild life' we saw were the pet mice that someone let loose in a neighboring park!

Now, some 19 years later, we live on a 40 acre farm with 18 llamas (with one on the way) and seven cats! Argentine Don Quixote ET ("DQ") is our stud and we are anxiously awaiting the birth of his first cria. By the time this is published, it will be on the ground. We recently bought Argentine Autumn Mist from Lynda Carothers and plan to breed her to DQ when she is 'of age'.

For more information about Cady Creek Llamas, please contact us.

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Argentine Don Quixote (ET)

THE FUZZY FARM

Gayle and Rich Dumas, Saluda, VA

The Fuzzy Farm, located in Gloucester, Virginia specializes in both Argentine llamas and Miniature llamas. We are very excited that we have been able to combine the two passions into our goal of Argentine Miniatures. We began raising and breeding miniatures because we loved the personalities of llamas, but wanted a smaller, easier to handle animal. We then discovered the Argentines and fell for the robust build, fine fiber and most of all, the mellow dispositions. We wanted to add substance to the bone structure of our minis, so we began adding Argentines to the "mini-mix". We are proud and delighted to report that we have succeeded in breeding

gorgeous little Argentines that exactly meet our goals. Pictured is TFF SweetTime, three-quarter Argentine female who is 29 inches of cute at over one year of age.



Cassidy with TFF SweetTime

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Sharon and Jerry Williamson, Trempealeau, WI

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PH Boy Oh Boy

MCROBERTS GAME FARM

Jerry and Barb McRoberts, Gurley, NE

Jerry McRoberts says....

We've been raising llamas for over 30 years. I had a chance to go to Chile and Argentina with Paul Taylor before his auction in Temuco. While there... I picked three males and four females ... all seven with silky type wool. We have had excellent results breeding these Don Zunca type llamas to some of our suris. Probably my favorite Argentine look is heavy bone and wool coverage all the way down the legs. We are currently breeding with full Argentine Don Macho and Kobra's Kondor ... both of whom have extreme silky fiber. Witness the results of a Don Macho solid gray suri cross. (Picture left)



MGF Argentine Don Macho X
MGF Overture.

Visit our website at
www.McRobertsGameFarm.com
or call 308-884-2371.

CAROTHERS COUNTRY FARM & FIBER MILL

Lynda Carothers, Minnesota City, MN

We are home to over 60 full Argentine llamas, located in the beautiful Mississippi River Valley in SE Minnesota. We have worked hard to bring almost every Argentine bloodline imported to the US into our herd. Once we were introduced to these amazing llamas we have never looked back. Their wonderful dispositions and robust build covered with dense, fine fiber as made this an easy decision to invest in.

Our llamas not only have placed well in fiber judging but have also done very well in ALSA shows and Futurities.

We are continually looking to improve our genetics while preserving the exotic look of the Argentine llama. If you are looking to add some rare genetics to your llama program be sure to check out our Argentines at www.CarothersCountryFarm.com. We also offer several Argentine herdsires standing at stud including: Kobra, Pecos, and Poltergeist. We invite you to stop by in person to experience these one of a kind llamas.

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email Lcarothe@hbc.com.



Argentine Poltergeist (ET)

STOBIE LLAMAS

James and Merlene Stobie, Condon, MT

Stobie Llamas is located in NW Montana. We have been breeding llamas since 1985.

As one of the original members of the A-Team we began breeding Argentines for their hardiness, disposition, bone and fiber.

We currently have 30 + part and full Argentines and are offering several very nice young males for future herd sires.

For more information or photos :
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Argentine Zapata



Interview with

Geoff Robinson:

Sea Air International Forwarders Ltd.

by Sue Wilde

Geoff is an international shipper of practically everything! I became acquainted with this interesting man when I enquired about shipping fiber to Bolivia and then again when we booked the llamas to France from my farm. Welcome Geoff to the LamaLink.

What is the exact nature of your business Sea Air and what things do you ship by sea and air? How long have you been an international shipper?

Sea Air International Forwarders Ltd., is a freight forwarder – coordinator of transportation – like a travel agent for cargo in simple terms. The industry is quite large so we have focused on niche markets like: livestock, hazardous cargo, perishable cargo, unique cargo, charter flights. Personally have been doing this for over 40 years and with Sea Air International for 30 years.

What were some of the first animals that you shipped internationally?

Dairy and beef cattle have been the base of our livestock shipping. Other farm animals such as swine, sheep, goats, horses, chickens, turkeys and hatching eggs.

What animals do you ship on a regular basis and to what destinations?

Shipments are worldwide and currently we are sending cattle to Russia, Croatia, Serbia, Turkey, and Morocco. Swine to Belarus, Russia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Chile, China, Viet Nam and the Philippines. Horses to Sweden, Italy, UK, Miniature Donkeys to Holland and UK. Tigers to Thailand.

You are located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. What countries do you ship to that are most unusual and what would be shipped there?

Every country is unique due to health import conditions, local customs and language. How about tropical frogs to Costa Rica.

What are the typical arrangements that have to be made to ship by air? By sea?

Health testing and certification. Reservation of appropriate space and construction of suitable shipping containers. Export Documentation.

What should buyers and sellers be most aware of when making these arrangements for shipping?

The shipment size needs to suit the service and equipment available over the route. It is easier to adjust the size of the shipment than find the aircraft to suit. Need to be flexible -

When dealing with international governments which are the easiest to deal with? Which are the most difficult and why?

People are difficult not Governments. Governments provide the health protocol or framework for the health testing of the animals to comply with the import conditions. So long as we follow these guidelines we seldom have a problem. If the protocol is not practical it needs to be amended and this best resolved by science not emotion.

Which animals present the most “interesting” shipping? Ostriches have been quite interesting and we have shipped about 1400 adults usually by charter flights. We shipped 650 camels from Australia to USA and operated 3 charter flights from Peru with alpacas to Switzerland and Australia.

What are a couple of your most memorable shipping experiences?

We operated all sorts of charter flights of cattle from Canada to Iran during the Iran/Iraq war. Fighter planes shadowed our flights into and out of Iran.

We had USA and Russian Cargo aircraft side by side in Toronto before the end of the cold war and had the crews visit each other and view each other’s aircraft. – Felt like we were ahead of the UN in USA / USSR diplomacy.

Who have been some interesting clients over the years?

The Vancouver Aquarium – sea otter, dolphins, and whales. Several private zoos – Lions, tigers, cougars and lynx.

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What type of airplanes are used to ship animals? What type of pens are used to ship llamas and alpacas?

Most of the wide bodied aircraft have very good life support systems so we use the commercial passenger services wherever available. B767, AB330's, AB340, B747, B777, DC10's, MD11. These aircraft are containerized so we build a stall to suit their container base configuration.

What type of care is provided for animals that are traveling long distances? Do different kinds of animals every travel together?

We need to be aware of feed, water and rest requirement during the entire trip for the animals. On charter flights attendants often travel. If shipment is transiting airport to connect on another flight we ensure that someone on site aware of the transit and prepared to provide assistance if and when needed. We cross check

all aspects of the shipment to ensure something not forgotten. – It is rare that mixed species travel together unless they have common health status.

How do buyers and sellers locate for find each other for international transactions?

Lately we see lots of new inquiries as a result of the internet. Trade publications are always a good way to promote your product. Canadian Embassy offices often have Commercial Trade Departments who are always looking for something new to promote from Canada.

Any suggestions for us to be marketing on a more global basis?

Look to the major agricultural shows and fairs such as Royal Show in UK.

Thanks Geoff for sharing a very interesting aspect to world travel, animal style. Contact Sea Air at robinson@seaair.ca

