

Georgia Goat News

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We are all saddened to hear of the passing of GDGBA club member, Cam Faircloth. Not only was Cam a well-known breeder of Nubian dairy goats, but he also served as president of the GDGBA for many years and as an ADGA District III director. Many Nubian breeders - especially in the South - can trace their Nubian's back to animals that bear the Cam's Menagerie herd name. Over the years, Cam patiently mentored many new goat owners & breeders, myself included. I bought my first purebred animal from Cam in 1989 — Cam's Menagerie HM Sizemore. Sizemore, earned a Reserve Grand Champion at the first show that I took him to and later became my first permanent Grand Champion buck. Illustrative of Cam's ability to breed show winning animals, as well as raise them, Sizemore's littermates: Checkmate and Cleopatra, both earned their permanent Grand Championships. With the help of his wife Lynn, Cam raised many champions.

Cam was a strong, competitive exhibitor in the show ring; he showed all over the USA & at several ADGA National shows. Some of my more fond memories are of watching him compete with Evin Evans & George Jefferson in the show ring. And, fittingly, Cam's recent doe Cam's Menagerie CM Halo went *Best in Show*

at our 2017 Monroe show, just a few days before his stroke.

Cam was always a colorful presence over the many years that he showed dairy goats and taught AI classes. Another classic memory of Cam was when he and longtime friend, Wes Hallman [Cold Comfort Nubians] purchased their first Boer buck in Nebraska at one of the first U.S. Boer goat sales.

Cam was a force to reckon with at work as a champion of workers' rights, in the show ring & wrangling over ADGA business at ADGA conventions. One thing is for sure, the Dairy Goat World will be a little less colorful without his presence.

The April 12th GDGBA show in Monroe was well attended & the largest show we've had in several years – we had 204 animals judged! Eighteen legs were earned by exhibitors' animals. Thanks to all of those that pitched in and helped with the show, to those that sponsored breeds and to those that provided food. Volunteers and hospitality help make our show one of the best in the South!

NOTE: The Club's 2018 show in Monroe is scheduled for May 12, 2018 – Judges TBA soon.

Mandy

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Next Meeting will be at Gloria Andrews' – Sunday, July 16th, 2:00 p.m.