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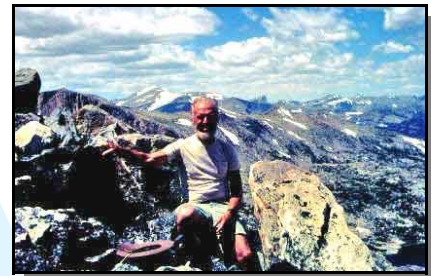
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LLAMEROS NEWSLETTER

Miles In Marathon Years, Scott Woodruff

Very few people have hiked recreationally as many backcountry miles across this country as Dave Appel. Not necessarily because he hikes marathon miles, but he hikes miles in marathon years. He's been hiking before most of us were born. Dave is a long time friend and customer of Lander Llama Company. I met Dave and his wife Julia in 1995 for their first llama trek into the Wind River Range. I was truly amazed at the deeply rooted desire for Dave to hike to almost any destination, especially ridges and mountain tops. It seems it is the love of his life second only to Julia. A couple of years later, Dave returned for another Wind River Range llama trek. On one of the layover days we took a group to a fly-fishing lake where a few could wet a line for an opportunity to catch some beautiful cut throat trout. Others, including Dave and I, opted to climb a mountain top paralleling Roaring Fork Mountain next to the trout lake. It was not an average hike and was a pretty good ascend for any hiker without ropes. As we climbed, I was huffing a bit, always looking over my shoulder for Dave, which was a very short look, as he was always on my heels. Even some of our younger "kid" camp helpers were along, whom as some of you know can do almost anything, and were behind Dave. We scrambled up on top and peered down the sheer cirque wall at our "little people" fly fishing 1,000 ft below. We looked to the north on this fabulous sunny day to see the "Grand" in Grand-Teton National Park 130 miles away. As always, it

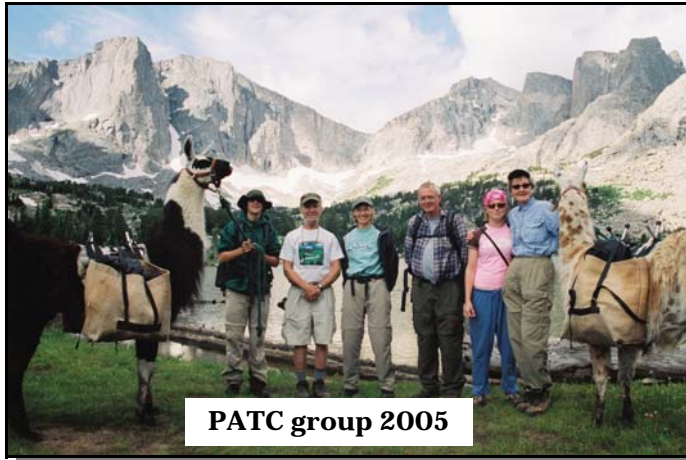
feels good to "top out" and take in the view. Dave looked at me and said "This is a glorious day", and I agreed nodding my head as I was a little out of breath to speak clearly. Smiling proudly Dave said, "You see Scott, today is my birthday, I'm 72 years old". I remember to this day thinking WOW this man has good genes. What a great way to spend his birthday!



Fast forward 8 more years. It's the summer of 2005. Dave has custom designed a 7 day llama trip with us bringing his friends and fellow hikers from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. Unfortunately, I had an untimely accident injuring my Achilles tendon and was very depressed I could not join Dave and his friends on this trip. However, they were in very good guide hands with Shad and Elish from Lander Llama Company. Shad told me after the 7 day Popo Agie Wilderness loop tour that the group was a joy to be around. He tells me Dave is an amazing hiker, and is astounded at his ability and appreciation of the great outdoors. ([con't pg. 2](#))

(con't Miles)

Dave's enthusiasm to refresh everyone's wilderness soul is unparalleled. At 80 Dave, we salute you, as you give us all the inspiration to strive to be healthy and never quit enjoying the serenity and solitude of



nature. We hope to see you again, for yet another year of hiking in the great outdoors!

TRAVELERS INSURANCE

Many of the vacations that we take can be expensive. If an un-foreseen accident happens we may lose much of our deposits and trip expenditures. But not if you have travel insurance! Travel insurance is cheap, quick and easy. Now with the progress of the Internet you can do it all on-line in a couple of easy steps. One on-line company that we are recommending is InsureMyTrip.com. It's well worth the premium and they give you the best available price from many underwriters.

Great Pic's

A big thank-you to the many customers who have forwarded their beautiful trip pictures with LLC. They are viewable at Lander Llama Company's online "[Guest Photo Album](#)". Send your photos today!

LLC Llama Facts

Did you know?

--LLC's crias, (baby llamas) are all named with the 1st or 2nd initial of its Mom and named after something found in the mountains nearby? (Aspen, Alpine, Pinnacle, Pylon, Dundee, Du-bois)

--LLC's 60+ llamas eat only 6 bales of hay per day in the winter months?

--LLC is one of the oldest commercial llama trekking operations in the U.S.?

--Female llama gestation is 11 ½ months?

--LLC's llamas are registered and blood typed for gene purity?

--LLC's has one of the largest trained llama pack strings in the U.S.?

Who did you have?

Malcomb, Toby, Brighton, Cream Soda, Thunder, Buck, Mocha, Bill, Arty, Dawson, Waylon, Journey, White Lightning, Big Sandy, Stough, Dandy, Arter, Arrowhead, Dundee, Sheep, Pinnacle, Pylon, Alpine, Malone, Piedmont, Popo, Aspen, Papy, Dubois, Beavis (Bonneville), Shady, Sonny, Atlantic, Kutz, America, Paint Brush, Shoshone, Ambush, + 3 crias not named yet....and that's just the boys.



Injured Reserves

It happened the first day of the first trip of the season. Scott is pushing on the buns of America, one of the younger llamas, to coax him into the already llama-filled trailer. "ARRGGHHH!" A simple lunge turned into 6 months of crutches, then walking cast, then physical therapy. Scott had ruptured his Achilles tendon! Try telling a guy, who lives and breathes the outdoors, that he can't hike this summer, to say nothing about the fact that he has a business to run!

Well, thanks to family, our great staff of wilderness guides and camp helpers, (and even some that came out of retirement), our llama trips went off without a hitch! We thank each and every one of them for stepping up to the plate to

fill in for Scott while he was recovering! Here are some glowing remarks from some satisfied customers this year...

Therese Woodruff

"Scott and Therese, Thanks again for a great trip with the PATC group. Without doubt, the best vacation trip I have ever been on..... Thanks again for everything. It was wonderful." Mark B.

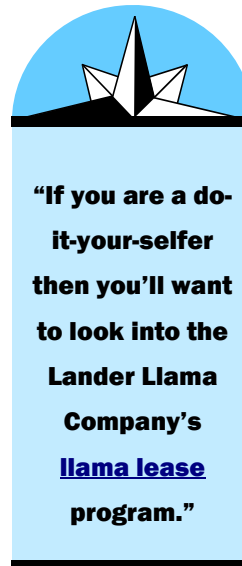
"Scott, Ildi and I spoke with Therese yesterday evening and told her how much we loved our trip - it was an unforgettable experience. We passed on our thanks to Lara and to the llamas Malcolm, Buck, Shady, and Dubois." Ildi & Ken

"Scott...we had a great time, and we have been showing off these pictures (and too many more of mountains, llamas and wildflowers) to all our friends. Having seen your mountains and your llamas we can really sympathize with your forced exile until that tendon heals. Thanks for a great trip..." Phil B.

"Scott --- Just to say again that it was a great trip.... I've already been talking around about the trip and the top quality outfitter that I found you to be." Kent F.

Shirts, Hats, and Mugs For Sale

LLC now has full color logo T-shirts, embroidered baseball caps, and traveler coffee mugs! These products are of high quality and make excellent unique gifts. The products are fully viewable on line and can be ordered on our secure web pages quickly and easily at www.LanderLlama.com under "[For Sale](#)" OR you may call 800-582-5262 to place an order.



We thank all of you for a wonderful llama packing season and truly appreciate your business. We wish all of you the very best this new year!

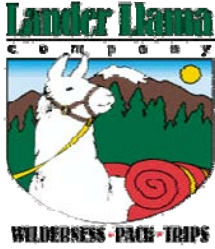
Scott, Therese and Skyler

THERESE'S TREATS FROM THE TRIPS, Brownie Cups

-1 pkg. refrigerated Tollhouse pre-made brownie dough
 -1 cup finely chopped pecans
 -12 Rolo caramel candies, unwrapped
 -fudge frosting
 Line muffin tin with liners.
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 Separate refrigerated brownie dough into 12 squares.

Roll each square into chopped pecans.
 Put square into each muffin cup.
 Bake about 20 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean.
 Take out of oven and immediately push a Rolo down into middle of each brownie cup.
 While cups are still warm, make fudge frosting and then spoon on top of each.

Fudge Frosting
 Add all together in a sauce pan—
 --6 Tablespoons of margarine
 --6 Tablespoons of milk
 --1 ½ cups granulated sugar
 Heat to a roiling boil and let boil for a minute or so. Remove from heat and add ½ cup of chocolate chips. Beat with a mixer until smooth.



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One Year For Skyler

It was a year ago Dec. 1st that we went to China to receive our daughter Skyler. Boy, the year went by quickly! Scott and I can't remember what life was like without her! Skyler's talking, singing, dancing and is pretty much keeping Mommy and Daddy wrapped around her little finger! "Llamas" was one of her first words and if we turn our backs, she's in the pasture trying to play with them! Definitely a future llama wrangler! Thank-you everyone who sent their well-wishes, cards and gifts! Your support and caring mean a lot to us.



One year ago



Now

Scott and Therese

Greeting Llama Trekkers

The high school principal business is back in full swing now. Back to wrangling kids instead of Llamas. Ha! I had some fantastic Llama trips this year. They were all truly my pleasure. Gannett Glacier, Dinwoody Glacier, The Cirque of Towers, Jackass Pass, Deep Creek Lake, Pinto Park, and the Leg Lake Coli are all made for a terrific summer.

Just before my last trip went out this summer I found out that I was going to multiply. I learned my wife, Mandy, was pregnant with our first critter. Well we're about 6 months along now and I just learned a few days ago that the critter will likely be beardless; yup it'll be a girl.

Hmmm, I spose that will keep me busy?

Currently, the snow is flying and I'm already into my fifth straight week of backcountry ski and snowboard trips. So far most have been in the Ab-



Shad prepping Pylon for Leg Lake snowboard

sarokas, but I think the Winds are ready now. My wife is still waddling with me with snowshoes and x-country skis permit.

She'll have to wait until spring before she straps on the down hill stuff though.

It should be an exciting year with much to look forward too. I know already that'll I'll be seeing some of you again when the snow clears. I'm looking forward to that. Until then, happy holidays and happy trails!
Shad Hamilton



Shad on a recent jaunt in the Pinnacles

