

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club Newsletter, Jan, 2011

Happy Long Ears Everyone! It's the start of a New Year and our List of events is already starting to firm up for the year! So, I'm going to suggest that you take out your brand new calendars and start marking in some of these dates already booked for the Alberta Donkey and Mule Club activities.



Jan 14 -16. Join us at the Alberta Horse Breeders Conference at the Capri Center in Red Deer, AB. This is the first time that we will have a booth there so we are excited to have this opportunity to promote mules and donkeys at this educational seminar sponsored by the Alberta Horse Industry Branch. Yours truly will be helping in the booth and I hope to be able to visit with many of you there. Please consider attending as there are many wonderful seminars to choose from and most of the information is also applicable to mules and donkeys. Go to [www.albertahorseindustry.ca](http://www.albertahorseindustry.ca) or call 403 420-5949 to register.

March 6, ADMC General Meeting, 5015 - 46 Ave. Ponoka Drop In Center, Ponoka, AB. Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Please bring something for the Potluck Lunch after and stay for some good visiting and catch up time.

Spring Driving Clinic with Cheryl Fotheringham, Date TBA. Call Colleen Campbell at 780 672 – 6105 for more info.



\*April 25 -27. Open Clinic with Jerry Tindell. Lakedell Arena, Westeros, AB. This clinic will be geared towards young, green or problem equines. This is the clinic to start with if you've never taken a clinic with Jerry before. Safety and groundwork will be stressed. Contact me, Marlene at 403 783-5210

April 29 - May 1, The Mane Event, Red Deer, AB. We will have a booth at the trade Fair and mule and donkey demonstrations during the weekend. Once again we need volunteers to work the booth so please contact Paul or Vicki Barrow at 780-987-3746. If you are willing to bring and show a mule or a donkey in the breed demos, please contact me, Marlene at 403 783-5210.

\*May 3 -5, Driving Clinic with Jerry Tindell. This clinic will be for those already driving or ready to hook up. Limited to 8 participants. Beginners are encouraged to audit. Contact Marlene at 403 783-5210.

\*May 6 -8, Riding Clinic with Jerry Tindell. This is a progressive clinic for those that have taken Jerry's clinics or can safely ride their equine at a walk, trot and lope. Contact Marlene at 403 783-5210

\*\* Please note that there is a discount for all Jerry Tindell Clinics if registration is paid in full by MARCH 1ST. Full registration form is available on line at [www.albertadonkeyandmule.com](http://www.albertadonkeyandmule.com) All of our clinics are open to ALL EQUINES!

May 29, Strathcona Breed Showcase. As far as we know this is the date and we are looking for members that would be interested in participating. Please contact Russ Shandro at 780 632-7519 for more information.

July, Dates TBA, Calgary Stampede and Exhibition. Last year several club members and their animals manned an information booth and provided breed demos for a couple of days during the Stampede. We have been invited back and our very capable member Alice Todd is willing to organize this again. You can contact her at 403 646-2624.

July 22 -24, Hummingbird Trail Ride. Contact Keith Kendrew at 403 843-3293. I hope some of you got to watch the interview that Global TV Edmonton did last fall on Keith and his donkeys. It was a really well presented and informative segment of the news. Good job Keith!

July 30 -31, Bruce Stampede. Russ Shandro states that if you are considering meeting new acquaintances and you want to live on the edge for a couple of days then you want to come to the Bruce Stampede! Russ is looking for mules and donkeys to perform in various venues at the event. You can contact him at 780 632-7519.

August 20 - 21, Tees Longears Days, Our biggest and best [and only!] ALL Mule and Donkey show. Contact Colleen Campbell at 780 672-6105.

Check our website for updates and changes on these and other events in 2011. [www.albertadonkeyandmule.com](http://www.albertadonkeyandmule.com)

Don't forget to watch for club members at the various Sleigh and Cutter Rallies around the province in the next few months. May you winter well and keep warm!  
Marlene Quiring

