

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News, April, 2008

Let's hope that "April Showers will bring May flowers" as there is a lot for equine enthusiasts to get excited about this spring! Get out your calendars and mark these following events plus the contact information so as not to miss out on these great learning opportunities and fun times. This will be the ONLY comprehensive list in Horses All for this year. Please refer to our website: [www.albertadonkeyandmule.com](http://www.albertadonkeyandmule.com) for more information and current updates on events!

First of all, congratulations to the incoming executive and those who are still serving terms. This is your executive for the year: President, Roy Quiring, Vice-President, Keith Kendrew, Secretary, Katherine Cook, Treasurer, Jadene Mah, Directors, James Potter, Ron Rust, Paul Barrow, Dwayne Murray, Colleen Campbell and Katie Skeels. Retiring sec/tres, Ethel Hollihan received a standing ovation from the members for her many, relentless years of volunteer work and service in many capacities to the club. Ethel and her husband Merv, have been the back bone of this club and because of their perseverance, mules and donkeys now receive much more positive press in Alberta than they did even 10 years ago. Their dedication and work ethic has brought this club to the active level that it is today. We hope that they continue to ride and enjoy their mules for many years to come. Out Hats are off to you, Ethel and Merv!

#### COMING EVENTS

April 25 -27, THE MANE EVENT Red Deer, AB. Besides all the many wonderful trainers, clinics, and informative sessions, we are very excited to welcome Jerry Tindell from Oak Hills, California to represent the mule and donkey enthusiasts. Club members will be taking part in the sessions that Jerry is offering and club volunteers will be manning the club booth so that the public will have access to all the donkey and mule information that they want. You can find out more about Jerry by visiting his website: [www.jerrytindell.com](http://www.jerrytindell.com).

May 10 -11, Driving Clinic with Rise Massey at Gordeyko Stables, Camrose. Open to all levels but limited to 10 participants so don't delay in registering. Call Colleen Campbell at 780 672-6105

May 17 -19, Fort Assiniboine Trail Ride, Camping available outside the park, Sandy terrain so no shoes required. Everyone and all Equines welcome. Suitable for wagons also. Fred Godberson is our host, call him at 780 674-5775 for more information.

June 27, Ponoka Stampede Parade, Come "parade your ass." Call Marlene at 403 783 5210.

July 25-27, Hummingbird Trail Ride. Everyone Welcome, Call Keith Kendrew for information at 403 843-3293.

July 31, Big Valley Jamboree Parade, Camrose, AB. Come show your "you know what!" Call Katherine Cook at 780 608-4539.

August 8 -10, Jerry Tindell Clinic, Equine Wise Services, Tofield, AB. Open to all equines. This clinic is bound to fill up fast, so don't delay, call Marlene at 403 783-5210 to register. Auditors welcome.

August 16 -17, Tees Longears Days, mule and donkey Show, Tees Rodeo Grounds, Tees, AB. Absolutely the high light of our year! Call Colleen Campbell for a Prize List and further

information at 780 672-6105.

September 3 -7, Spruce Meadows Masters, Calgary, AB. Come cheer Team mule and volunteer in the ADMC booth. Call Jadene at 780 722-2363.

September 13 –14, Rust Family Campout, Ponoka, AB. Ride or drive. Good music, food and fun. Call Rusts at 403 783-5197.

October 19, Semi-Annual Meeting, Reynolds-Alberta Museum, Wetaskiwin, 12:30 lunch, 1:30 meeting.

October 31 - November 9, Farm Fair International, Edmonton. Anyone that is interested in manning a club booth for this please let Jadene, Katherine or someone on the executive know.

That's it. Once again, keep tabs on our website at [www.albertadonkeyandmule.com](http://www.albertadonkeyandmule.com) for lots of informative articles and for new or further information on coming events.

See you at the Mane Event!  
Marlene Quiring

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