

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News, March 2009

Is your 2009 Alberta Donkey and Mule Club Membership overdue? If so, you can find our membership form online at www.albertadonkeyandmule.com or call Twyla at 780-696-3892 to join or renew.

The following is a list of events that the club is working on. There may be more dates and information to add later, but mark these on your calendars now so you don't miss out!

April 24-26, The Mane Event, in Red Deer, AB. Visit us at our club Booth, where we will be happy to "show off" our favorite equines with photos, information and a good "story" or two! We will still be basking in the glow of our TEAM MULE winning the Battle of the Breeds competition at Spruce Meadows, last September.

May 15 -18, Memorial Day Weekend, Ride/drive at Ft. Assiniboine Park, north of Barrhead, AB. Picturesque sandy trails, wildlife sightings, plus historical sights make for a very enjoyable opportunity to "hit the trails." Fred Godberson is the congenial host for the weekend and always has a great campsite ready often with wonderful local entertainment for us to enjoy around the evening campfires. Call him at 780 674-5775.

July 10 -12, Jerry Tindell Clinic, Focusing on groundwork with some riding. Recommended for those that have not taken a Jerry Tindell clinic yet. Max. 12 participants

July 13 -15, Jerry Tindell Clinic, Colt starting or re-starting problem equines. Emphasis will be on safety and taking the steps to set up a foundation for a safe ride. Max. 6 participants.

July 17 -19 Jerry Tindell Clinic, Riding Advanced. Max. 12. This clinic will be mostly ridden. If you took Jerry's clinic last year, this would be a good one to take as it will progress from last years lessons.

All the Jerry Tindell clinics will be in central Alberta, exact location TBA, Open to mules, horses and donkeys. Auditors will be welcome. Contact Marlene at 403 783 5210 evenings or email her from Jerry's site: www.jerrytindell.com. Jerry is an exceptional trainer and teacher who made his first Canadian appearance at last year's Mane Event in Red Deer and attracted many fans that were very impressed by his demos. We are very honored to have him back for 3 clinics this year. Don't delay in signing up!

July 24 -26, Hummingbird Trail Ride. Gorgeous Mountain scenery and challenging trails for all riding levels. All equines welcome to join us as at every ride! Contact Keith Kendrew at 403 843-3293.

August 15 -16, Tees Longears Days. This is the 20th Anniversary of the Show! A fun filled weekend you don't want to miss. Contact Colleen Campbell at 780 672-6105.

September 9 –13, Spruce Meadows Battle of the Breeds and Equi Fair.

September, Date TBA. Annual Campout, ride and drive at Reg and Hazel Rusts, Ponoka AB.

Fall date, TBA, Pack Burro Race. This promises to be a very unusual and interesting project for us Canadians. Contact Paul Barrow at. 780 987-3746.

Keep in mind that parades and more clinics may be added to the calendar. Keep checking your Horses All and visit our club website at www.albertadonkeyandmule.com for updates.

If you have a picture or story or a suggestion for this newsletter, please contact me at marlenequiring@hotmail.com or call me at 403 783-5210

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Keep Smiling,
Marlene Quiring

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Donna Mendelsohn of Barrhead, AB
Driving her "team" of Flash the mule and Bailey the oxen.
Donna broke their "real" team mates to drive too!



Mammoth Donkey, "Girlie" belonging to Keith Kendrew of Rimbey, AB.
Girlie and friends are taking a leisurely drive on the outskirts of town.