

Alberta Donkey & Mule Club Spring 2008 Update

Announcement of Annual General Meeting

March 2, 2008 @ 1:30 pm
Reynolds-Alberta Museum
Wetaskiwin, AB

12:30 pm \$5 Lunch (you MUST RSVP if you expect to eat!)
1:30 pm Meeting

For more information or to RSVP, please contact:
Ethel Hollihan at 403-783-3083 or mehollihan@shaw.ca

Join the Club!

Renew your membership or join the club for the first time!
Membership \$20.00
Horses All \$15.75

Breeders List

Members who wish to be on the 2008 Breeders List should email their farm information to Jadene at jadene.mah@gmail.com or call her at 780-722-2363. To get on the list before the Mane Event, please get your information in before April 1.

www.albertadonkeyandmule.com

Our new website is now up and has brought us several inquiries and some new members! We are now working on ways to make the website most useful to members and the public. Please send your suggestions through the contact form on the website.

Tees Longears Days!

Mark your calendars for August 16-17, 2008!

Tired of watching or competing in overly-serious horse shows where nobody seems to be having fun? Make a point of attending the annual Tees Longears Days on the third weekend each August at Tees, Alberta! You'll soon notice that mule and donkey owners know all about having fun. Even the best-trained mule or donkey that performs faultlessly at home seems to delight in doing something unscheduled in front of an audience. Longears owners quickly learn to expect the unexpected!

You'll find a full schedule of riding, driving, gymkhana, and fun classes for all age groups. There is also a drill team performance and grand entry on both Saturday and Sunday and a B-B-Q beef supper on Saturday night, followed by entertainment and socializing. A Cowboy Church service is usually held on Sunday morning.

Free non-serviced camping is available. The official Prize List will be available soon!

Mane Event Expo

April 25 – 27, 2007

Once again, the Alberta Donkey & Mule Club will be participating at The Mane Event Equine Education & Trade Fair at the Westerner Park - Red Deer, AB. The Mane Event offers multi-discipline rider clinics, demonstrations and education as well as an equine trade show! The Mane Event has expanded from its very successful location in Chilliwack, BC to Alberta and will be offering 2 ½ days of equine clinics, demo and presentations.

You can:

- *Volunteer at the ADMC Booth*
- *Apply to ride in a Clinic*

Visit www.maneeventexpo.com for detailed information on tickets and hours.

*At our request, **Jerry Tindell** (www.jerrytindell.com) has been booked as the Donkey & Mule Clinician at this year's expo. The Club will be hosting Jerry again in August for a three-day clinic. Presentations about both the Mane Event, and the Jerry Tindell Clinic, will be made at the AGM – don't miss out!*

***If you would like to attend or ride with clinicians, a scholarship from the club may be available for tickets or clinic fees. See "Volunteer Development Opportunities" below.**

Volunteer Development Opportunities

If there is an educational session that you wish to attend (Olds College sessions, the Mane Event etc), there may be an opportunity to receive a Volunteer Development Scholarship. The club may be able to help with your registration fees or tickets, if the information is relevant and you are willing to share what you have learned with the club. More details will be discussed at the AGM. Contact Katherine at cook_kat@hotmail.com or 780-608-4539 for more information.

Jerry Tindell Clinic

The Alberta Donkey & Mule club is pleased to host a clinic with Jerry Tindell this August. *Jerry Tindell grew up in Missouri in a logging family that used horses and mules for power. "Getting the job done" was the first objective. Experiencing the behavior of horses and mules throughout his growing years has given Jerry Tindell a unique insight into the equine psyche. Jerry Tindell's ability to transform these early lessons in life with equines has been a major part of his development today. As an experienced packer and a lover of the backcountry, Jerry has been an advocate of the "gentle use of the backcountry" for many years. Through a lifetime of handling horses and mules, Jerry has developed a comprehensive knowledge of equine behavior and the human skills necessary for top performance. While practicing non-resistant behavior training, Jerry's emphasis targets effective communication and safety. His considerable experience has broadened his ability to instruct horsemen of all skill levels and riding preferences.*

The Jerry Tindell Clinic will be held August 8-10, 2008 at Equine Wise Services – Tofield, AB. Contact Marlene Quiring for more information or to register. Phone 403-783-5210 or email malcher@telusplanet.net.

2008 Donkey & Mule Calendar

Annual General Meeting

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– Wetaskiwin, AB

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Spring Driving Clinic with Rise Massey

May TBA

Gordeyko Stables – Camrose, AB

contact Colleen Campbell

ph. 780-672-6105

email myfiness@telus.net

Mane Event Expo

April 25-27, 2008

Westerner Park – Red Deer, AB

contact Jadene Mah / Katherine Cook

ph. 780-722-2363 / 780-608-4539

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Fort Assiniboine Trail Ride

May 17-19, 2008

contact: Fred & Janice Godberson

ph. 780-674-5775

email fredjan@telusplanet.net

Bishop Mule Days

May 20-25, 2008

Bishop, CA

www.muledays.org

Ponoka Stampede Parade

June 27, 2008

Ponoka, AB

contact Marlene Quiring

ph. 403-783-5210

email malcher@telusplanet.net

Spruce Meadows Preparation Bootcamp

June 28, 2008

Location TBA

contact Jadene Mah / Katherine Cook

ph. 780-722-2363 / 780-608-4539

email jadene.mah@gmail.com /

cook_kat@hotmail.com

Hummingbird Trail Ride

July 25-27, 2008

contact: Keith Kendrew

ph. 403-843-3293

Big Valley Jamboree Parade

July 31, 2008

Camrose, AB

contact Jadene Mah / Katherine Cook

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August 16-17, 2008

Tees, AB

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Spruce Meadows Masters

September 3-7, 2008

Calgary, AB

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Rust Campout

September 27-28, 2008

Ponoka, AB

contact Reg & Hazel Rust

ph. 403-783-5197

Farm Fair International

October 31 – November 9, 2008

Edmonton, AB

www.farmfairinternational.com

***First Aid Course – 2 Days**

TBA

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