

# Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News: April 2007

The ADMC annual meeting was held March 4. Changes in executive are: Roy Quiring, President Phone 403 783 5210, email [uncleg@telus.net](mailto:uncleg@telus.net) and replacing outgoing directors Marlene and Merv are Katherine Cook 780 672-1820, email [kat@hotmail.com](mailto:kat@hotmail.com) and Ron Rust, 403 783-8751, email [ronrust@telus.net](mailto:ronrust@telus.net). We had a good turnout and things are right on track with many happenings to keep members and prospective members with things to participate in. Following is a list of some of the planned events.

THE MANE EVENT, April 27-29. The ADMC is participating in this with a booth. It's great to have the opportunity to meet the people and horse lovers of central Alberta and hopefully we can help some of them to also appreciate the fine attributes of the "Longears". Mule man Steve Edwards from Queen Valley, Arizona will be presenting several clinics on mule handling during the weekend.

JOSH NICHOL MULE CLINIC, June 5 - 8, at Meanook, AB, 70 minutes north of Edmonton. This clinic is full but auditors are encouraged to view the clinic which will be held at Josh's home place, Eagles Wing Ranch. Call Ethel for more information at 403 783-3083 or check out Josh's website at [www.joshnichol.com](http://www.joshnichol.com). Josh has great insight into how the equine mind works and he is very open to and sensitive of the mules' uniqueness. His people interaction skills are equally impressive! A must for anyone to attend!

ADMC TRAIL RIDE, June 9 & 10 at Fort Assiniboine Wildland Park, approximately 10 km east of Fort Assiniboine. Fred Godberson and fellow longear lovers of the area look forward to hosting this first ever ride for the club in this neck of the woods. The trails are sandy with no rocks but there are a few hills. It sounds like a ride that everyone can enjoy. Camping is available, but no power or hookups. There is water for the animals but bring your own drinking water. Call Fred at 780 674-5775 for more information.

PONOKA STAMPEDE PARADE, June 29. Please consider joining in with your mule or donkey and making this the biggest turnout ever of longears. Last year we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mounted division! Call Marlene at 403 783-5210 for more informatio

ADMC TRAIL RIDE, July 27-29. Hummingbird/Ram Falls area. Contact member Keith Kendrew at 403 843-3293 for more information. As with all our rides everyone is welcome be it on your horse, mule or donkey!

TEES LONGEARS DAYS, August 18 & 19, 25 km east of Lacombe, AB. This is one of the hi-lights of our Club year and great fun for participants and spectators alike. Keep that weekend clear and plan to join us for the fun show, Saturday supper, Auction, and Camp fire plus our Sunday morning Church service. Call Ethel for more information at 403 783-3083.

SPRUCE MEADOWS BATTLE OF THE BREEDS, Sept 2-9. Team Mule is once again planning to participate and its looking like we will also have a booth again this year. Jadene Mah and Katherine Cook will be looking after most of the details so please contact them if you can help or have questions.

The DRIVING CLINIC and the BOMB PROOFING CLINIC dates are not confirmed at the date of this writing. We need to have interested members contact the executive in order to go ahead with further plans. So let us know if either one of these clinics interests you! All planned events will be posted on our website [www.westernrancher.com/admc](http://www.westernrancher.com/admc).

CAMP OUT, September 14 -16, ride and drive at Reg and Hazel Rusts, Ponoka.

SEMI-ANNUAL meeting, October 14, Wetaskiwin. More info TBA.

Last but not least, next month you will have a 'new' 'Horses All correspondent. Mrs Quiring will be taking over the job April 28... Roy and I are officially 'tying the knot'!  
Marlene Malcher

Photo: Josh Nichol and molly mule, Destiny at the ADMC hosted 'Josh Nichol Clinic' in September, 2006

