

Feb. 2017 Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News Letter

Club members, friends and family gathered at the Innisfail Library, the third weekend of November to celebrate Gentleman Bob Leggette's 80th birthday. If you have ever witnessed a Club Demonstration, then you have seen Bob and his 25 year old molly mule, Jessie. Whether driving or riding, the pair are "regulars" representing the Alberta Donkey and Mule Club.



Bob joined the club shortly after it's inaugural year and has had 3 mules. In 2007 when I first met Bob, at the Annual Long Ears Days, It was a 2 Day Show with 80+ classes. He and Jessie entered every class that they qualified for: The various disciplines in Driving, Riding, Trail, Log Snigging, Coon Jumping, Gymkhana Events, Pancake Race.....even the Dolly Pardon Race ! It totaled about 38 classes. Nobody else has achieved that. I would think that would put Bob into the **All Round Mule Skinner** category! Over the years he has taken on roles within the club, serving as a Director, President and is currently the Vice President.

His knees are a little creaky, but Bob is still active as a Farrier. It was back in the 70's, he was 'shoein' horses for a young fellow, that was taking a crack, at calf roping. Well..... the two of them must have known what they were doing ! Forty one years later, the 1975 CPRA Calf Roping Champion Gerald Reber attended with two generations of his offspring. The family provided a beautiful portrait, as an acknowledgement of respect, friendship and providing farrier service for three generations of the Reber family.



Casey Reber and Bob Leggette, portrait in the background.

I asked Bob, if he was going to take things a little easier, considering his age and creaky knees? His reply, “ **Heck No! A fella still has to do some things, while he’s young !”**

Congratulations Bob !

With other Club Business: Our Biggest Fundraiser is on March 2 & 3 at The Edmonton Casino. Only 5 evening shifts remain open. All you good volunteers send me an email with questions and I will provide the details.

The Executive members are preparing the Operational Budgets for 2017 and 2018. Please submit your suggestions and requests, with supplemental information, by February 25. At this year’s AGM, 2 Director Positions, the Presidency and the Secretary Position will be up for election.

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AGM: Sunday, March 26, 1:30 PM, Ponoka