

Alberta Donkey and Mule News, April 2012

Club memberships are due and need to be sent into our Secretary/Treasurer Alice Todd. Check our website at www.albertadonkeyandmule.com for a membership form. Membership is only \$20 a year for a family.

On March 4, at 2:00 pm, we held our Annual General Meeting in Ponoka AB. As usual there was a lot to discuss in regards to firming up our many plans for exciting events for this year. Make note of these events coming up in the next few months.

On April 27 – 29 we will again have a booth at the Mane Event in, Red Deer, AB. It's a great opportunity for us to get information out to the public and to meet other mule and donkey owners and lots of "wannabe" owners. We will have some longears there also for daily demos and for the public to meet if they like. It's always a great way to begin the year.

May 4 – 7, we will again be hosting a clinic [for **all** equines] with Jerry Tindell of Oak Hills, California. This clinic will concentrate on safety and groundwork- working with young, green or problem animals. Limited registration. Then, on May 10 –13, Jerry will move into a Riding Clinic, geared for those that can safely walk, trot and lope their stock. Please note that all Jerry Tindell Clinics will be held at the Lakedell Arena, Westrose AB. and run from 9 am to approximately 4 pm daily. A hot lunch will be available. Auditors are welcome at the door at \$30 a day. Contact Marlene Quiring at 403 783-5210 or find the form on our club site or at www.jerrytindell.com

May 26 –27, Strathcona Horse Showcase. Contact Russ Shandro for more information at 780 632-7510. We hope to have a booth and some members come out to demo with their mules or donkeys.

June 16 –17 [New Show!!] Nanton AB. Equine, Show. This promises to be a fun, exciting event, with classes for mules, horses and donkeys. Come and spend a weekend in Nanton and enjoy all breeds and all sizes in one show! Contact Show Chair Alice Todd at 403 646-2624 for more information and also our website.



While we have many events planned for the summer, some members also like to take to the mountains. Left to right is Steve Potter on Bud with a pack mule and then brother James Potter and Jose' with two pack mules heading from the Summit cabin to the Hardscrabble Pass in the Wilmore Wilderness last summer. Photo by Tania Millen

For a small club, we seem to be able to get a lot done and the reason for that is we have good members, willing to give a hand when they can and work together. Also we love and are proud of our longears and really hate it when people totally misunderstand them because they've heard too many negative [and untrue] tales about them. For this reason, there is always much work to do, but in doing so, we sure do know how to have a ton of fun while we are at it!

Come join us - you don't even have to own a mule or a donkey, just a willingness to be open to the world of the longears.

Marlene Quiring