

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News, Feb. 2011

Approaching fast is our General Meeting, Sunday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ponoka Drop In Center, 5015-46 Ave. Ponoka. AB. Please bring something for the Potluck lunch afterward and stay for some great socializing. We need your ideas and your talents! Bring your friends and family. Visitors welcome - you do not have to own a mule or a donkey to attend.



Tom Barker and Mavis Ulansky's donkeys in Falkland B.C. appear to be waiting their turn at the Outhouse! Or, they could be waiting for Tom to load them up and bring them to a Jerry Tindell Clinic which Tom attends every year.

This month, our Jerry Tindell Clinics are at the top of the list as its time to fill out your registration if you want to take advantage of the "Early Bird Discount." You will save big bucks if your full payment is received by March 1st, so that is less than a month away!

The clinics scheduled are:

April 25 -27, Open Clinic, geared for young, green or troubled stock or all of the above. Jerry is very skilled in sorting out problems and getting to the source of them. Trailer loading is just one of the common problems that often come up and will be addressed. This clinic is also highly recommended if you have not taken a Jerry Tindell Clinic before as it will cover a lot of ground work, the foundation to your ride. Too many of us want to skip this part and hurry up and ride and then find ourselves "eating dirt." If you're tired of that "menu," you might want to check this clinic out to find yourself out a solution.

May 2 – 4, Driving Clinic, geared for those already driving their animals or ready to hook up. We've had requests from those that have their stock broke to drive but want to learn more, so this is the clinic for you if you want to progress. If you are a beginner, it is highly recommended that you attend this clinic to audit.



Dave and Winnie Badgerow of Debolt, AB. enjoy their first sleigh ride in early winter. Their team of mules, Max and Jake were happy to escape the pasture and do some ''dashing through the snow.'' Dave and Winnie are ''old hands'' at breaking mules to drive.

May 6 –8, Riding Clinic, this clinic is especially designed for those that have taken several Clinics with Jerry over the past 3 years or for those who can safely control their animals at all gaits, including the lope. The object will be to progress beyond the basics and move into more advanced riding skills.

All clinics will be held at the Lakedell Arena, Westeros, AB. and are open to **all equines**. You do **not** have to be a member to attend. Auditors are welcome and do not have to pre-register. Coffee and morning snacks will be provided by the ADMC.

Jerry has a lifetime of handling horses, mules and donkeys. His program targets effective communication and safety. Comprehensive knowledge enables him to instruct horsemen

of all skill levels and riding styles. Many club members and non-club members and their respective equines have experienced huge benefits and ‘ah haw’ moments under Jerry’s effective style of teaching. Don’t miss the opportunity to witness this teacher/trainer in action. For more information on Jerry’s background, check out his website at www.jerrytindell.com

To register for any of the clinics, you can go to our club website www.albertadonkeyandmule.com and click on the link on the front page or you can email marlenequiring@hotmail.com or phone 403 783-5210 evenings.

Our website will also have our current events for this year. It’s time to start thinking about improving you and your animal’s skills. Its more fun when you see results, so consider taking a Jerry Tindell Clinic with us!

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