

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News for Feb. 2016

So winter is here and for those of you that need to plan your vacation time ahead I am including our schedule of clinics with Jerry Tindell of TINDELL'S Horse and Mule School from California. You can secure your spot in the clinics by calling Susan at 1 877 820-2033 or by using PayPal at www.jerrytindell.com. Your main contact for his Canadian clinics is Marlene at 403 783-1723 or marlenequiring@hotmail.com. The detailed clinic information will be available on our website www.albertadonkeyandmule.com. REMEMBER. All clinics are open to non-members together with horses, mules, and donkeys. Here's the schedule so far:

JUNE 4 - 5 [2 Day] INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED RIDING CLINIC and **JUNE 6 - 9, [4 Day] COLT STARTING CLINIC**, Both clinics held at Eagle Hill Equine Arena, Olds, AB.

JUNE 10 -13, [4 Day] BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE CLINIC, Cochrane Ag. Society Arena, Cochrane, AB.

JUNE 17 -18, [2] day CLINIC, Banff, AB. at the Banff Light Horse Association Corrals.

JUNE 20 - 23, [4 Day] COLT STARTING CLINIC and **JUNE 24 - 26, [3 Day] INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED RIDING CLINIC** Both clinics held at Lakedell Ag Society Arena [Pigeon Lake AB.]

JUNE 30 - JULY 2, [3 Day] BEGINNERS CLINIC, JULY 4 -6, [3 Day] INTERMEDIATE RIDING CLINIC, JULY 8 -9 AND 11-12 [4 Day] ADVANCED RIDING CLINIC, JULY 14 -16, [3 Day] DRIVING CLINIC All of these clinics held at the Beaverlodge Ag. Society Arena, Beaverlodge, AB.

JULY 19 - 22, [4 Day] MIXED CLINIC, Claresholm Agriplex, Claresholm, AB.

JULY 23 - 24 [2 Day] Riding Outside with Challenges, Old Oxley Ranch, Stavely, AB.

And a reminder of our NEW place, date[and name] for **Alberta Longears Days**. August 13 -14 at Eagle Hill Equine, Olds. AB.



Ed Burles at the lines of Bill Thorpe's team of mules, Thirsty and Darlin' taking a fun drive around the grounds at Lakedell Ag. Center, after a day at a Jerry Tindell

Unless you take the time to learn about the mule or the donkey, when training them you can get into problems. There is an old but wise saying "A mule **has** to be trained the way a horse **should** be trained." In other words, a really good horse trainer will also be able to get good results with a mule. Jerry says mules are no different to train than horses only that they ARE MORE! [Chew on that for a while!]



Craig Wohlgemuth, of Bluffton, AB. a young up and coming horse and mule trainer, following in Jerry Tindell's footsteps.

So here is just a sample of what Jerry teaches that rings true for horses, mules or donkeys:

*Training cannot happen if there is fear involved! Where fear is allowed to stay, flight will follow and after that fight can kick in. Sourness can turn into fear. Train through movement, not restraint! Build on the positive, don't dwell on the negative. If they kick out or turn their butt to you it does not mean that they are being disrespectful; it signifies that they are **fearful**. You can't really fix the 'evident' problem or bad habit, but by working on good movement you can build new habits! Be soft, effective and consistent. Use your body at all times, inhale to move them up, exhale to release/soften. Wait for the change and recognize it. Once they are moving more freely, they have more courage. You need movement for change.*

To learn more about your equines and to develop a safe and rewarding relationship with them, we invite you to join us at one of these clinics this summer. Marlene Quiring