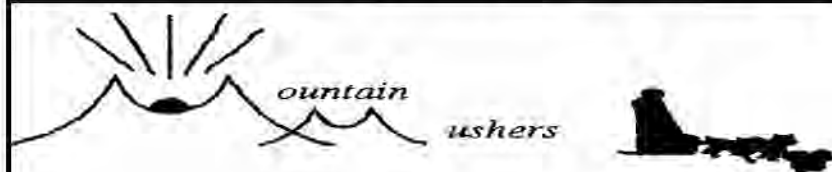


# Arizona Mountain Musers News



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## FROM THE PREZ FALL 03

The change of seasons is an amazing thing, one day it is still hot, and then the next, you realize the daylight hours are getting shorter, the colors are changing and the air has a fall chill...Musher's begin to come out of the woodwork & the dogs are ready to go. And, all of us are hoping for **LOTS OF SNOW!!**

We are looking forward to another great season ahead. This year, we would like to coordinate better communication with members in outlying areas and target various levels of mushers. This is critical for the growth and continued success of our club. We created new officer positions to help fill in these missing links. Our White Mountain Liaison is Ron Miller, and Frank Brown is our Southern Arizona Liaison. They will aide in coordinating events and communications in these areas. Please contact them with any ideas you have.

Also, we nominated Reignie Farley at the September business meeting as Membership Chairperson. She will be our liaison to contact members, update email addresses and missing info on current members (MIA). She can contact our new members to help in communication of events and find out their interests. We hope this will help to involve everyone at some level.

Cheri is scheduling October training classes in Flagstaff and is planning training classes "statewide". She has exciting plans for monthly events so be sure to stay tuned for those details to come. Please contact her directly for more information.

We are planning our Fall Extravaganza at Fort Tuthill, Saturday AM, Oct. 25 with a fun run, weight pull and the Oct Meeting & "ByoFood". Count on an early start, around 8 - 9 am for fun run, weight pull practice and meeting with potluck brunch. 7 am run for bigger teams training run... We will try to be wrapped up around noon. We need to get as many members together as possible to plan ideas for the upcoming season.

We're looking forward to the Sunrise Race and Weight Pull Events, fun runs and lots of training. Ron Miller has suggested a fun race in his neck of the woods as soon as snow falls. Be sure to send us your email if you're not on the list. Due to rapidly changing weather conditions, this is the best way to stay updated on events!

The ISDRA race schedule is set for a **THRILLING** season ahead. This year, WinterTrax of Colorado are planning The Rocky Mountain Racing Series with 6 races scheduled throughout January and February, many in SW Colorado. The Grand Finale of the season will be the First ISDRA National Championships to be held at the Hideout Ranch near Ridgeway, Colorado on February 27, 28 and 29th. National TV coverage, sponsors and a huge purse are being pulled together for unprecedented event which will be a great promotion for Sprint Racing!! Word has it they are expecting to raise a \$60,000 Purse! We should have a few of our own locals racing in the championship!

So, get ready, it is time to get your gear together, load up the dogs and head for the trails!! We're hoping to see you out there!

Lynn

Have you visited our website?

<http://hometown.aol.com/azmtmusers/AMMhomepage.htm>

### **MUSHADO ABOUT:**

Salisbury, Gay and Laney Salisbury.

**THE CRUELEST MILES: the heroic story of dogs and men in a race against an epidemic.** Norton, 2003.

This is a MUST READ for all mushers and anyone interested in a fascinating slice of medical history and the Iditarod Trail.

### **GREAT ESCAPES – TEKLA, VOL. I**

By Frank Brown (Phoenix)

I TRADED UP for a new and better owner when I was 6 months old. My new “family” consisted of 2 very big (sometimes scary) males, Nimbus and Zacko, and my new owner, better known as “That Guy,” as in “That Guy Who Feeds Me.” About one month later, I staged my first escape. We went hiking in the “Tonto”, and I heard That Guy say we had 10,000 acres of National Forest to play in.

Soon after hitting the trail, we picked up the scent! Was it deer? . . . elk? . . . Cows? Yup, we were tracking cows, and look at the size of those cow patties! I tell ya’ That Guy is really cool to have us track down cows fur dinner. After That Guy made a small adjustment to how the leash hooked into my collar, I heard the bolt-snap click and I was free! Where to go in 10,000 acres? . . . hey, look at that, are those cows just up yonder?

Well, let’s see . . . if I cut to the left, I can separate some . . . yes, that worked, I’ve chased about 10 cows up the side of the hill! Now I’ve got one cutoff by herself and I’m thinkin’ I like my steak rare! Whoa, look at the size of that cow; it is bigger than I am. I better bark so’s That Guy and my two big brothers can help with the kill. Okay, here comes That Guy now . . . , hey what is the deal, That Guy does not look too happy? He’s picking up some rocks; I guess that’s fur the kill.

Yowzers, that hurt!! Did that cow kick me or did That Guy just hit me with a rock? I’m confused! I want my Daddy! So, I totted right over to That Guy and he put the leash back on. Hey, why are we leaving the cows back there? Do we need the other dogs fur the kill? We trotted down the hill and found Zacko an’ Nimbus tied to a tree. Whoa, That Guy, whoa! Why are we leaving fresh steak-on-the-hoof on the side of that hill? Some people are so hard to understand, I am really confused now! Anyway, we had a very nice walk and I never did find any more cows that day, but I sure kept looking!

Tiny Tekla (as told to “That Guy”, Frank Brown)

This story is about Tekla’s first escape. I think I had some help from above to be able to hit her on the thigh with the first rock, and I am glad I got her back without too much trouble. After the rock hit her, she looked at the cow, then at me, then back at the cow. She looked confused, and when I called her, she trotted right over. Tekla was a good dog, running co-leader on my small team. Due to a variety of complicated health and behavior conditions, she was euthanized in the summer of 2003. She had a good life for all of her seven years - Frank Brown.

### **DUES ARE DUE!!!**

**\$15.00 Individual \$20.00 Family**

**Send your check Payable to AMM to:**

**Charlie Odegaard  
19 West Aspen Ave  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001**

### **PUPPY RULES OF SEVENS**

By the time a puppy is 7 weeks old, it should have:

- 1) **BEEN ON 7** different surfaces:  
Carpet, Concrete, Wood, Vinyl, Grass, Dirt, Gravel, Wood Chips, Newspaper Etc.
- 2) **PLAYED WITH 7** different types of objects:  
Big Balls, Small Balls, Soft Fabric Toys, Fuzzy Balls, Squeaky Toys, Metal Items, Wooden Items, Paper/ Cardboard Items, Milk/Soda Jugs Etc.
- 3) **BEEN IN 7** different locations:  
Front Yard, Back Yard, Basement, Kitchen, Car, Garage, Laundry Room, Bathroom, Crate, Kennel Etc.
- 4) **BEEN EXPOSED to 7** challenges:  
Climbed a box, Climbed off a box, Go thru a tunnel, Climbed up steps, Climbed down steps, Climbed over obstacles, Played hide & seek,, Go in & out doorway with a step Etc.
- 5) **EATEN FROM 7** different containers:  
Metal, Plastic, Cardboard, Paper, China Pie Plate, Frying pan Etc.
- 6) **EATEN IN 7** different locations:  
Crate, Yard, Kitchen, Basement, Laundry room, Bathroom, X-pen Etc.
- 7) **MET AND PLAYED WITH 7** new people: including children & the elderly.

**Winnie  
The  
Pup**



Training and news from **Cheri Englehardt:**

Sled dog training Class in Flagstaff starts Oct.11- Nov.1. Class will be held in Show Low or Pinetop- Lakeside shortly there after. Ron Miller has agreed to assist me over there so we are excited about that. Date, time and place to be announced closer to time of class. Flagstaff class graduation will be a campout on Nov. 1st. We would like the whole club to come cheer us on! Maps an details will be available closer to the date.

**SLEDS AND GEAR!!** If anyone is in the market for gear...some of our former Musers have treated their stuff kindly! They still have to feed their old dogs! There is everything for sale right now from a nice snowmobile to cheap harnesses and carts!! Well, you know, everything you need to sled!

**MUSHING MAGIC!!**

Taken of Lynn at Hideout Ranch near Ridgeway, CO.  
Photo by R.D. Prideaux



**Treasurer's Report:**  
This is a work in progress but we are solvent. Charlie will have it soon.



Williams Weight Pull  
May 24, 2003

The runway carpet must have been a magic carpet because personal records were plentiful at the 2003 Williams weight pull. The crowd watched with anticipation as each dog displayed its own technique in getting those salt blocks across the line. We should all be proud of our dogs and what they accomplished – congratulations to all participants!! GREAT JOB!

Thanks to AMM for donating \$300 for this year's purse. Also a special thank you to:

Liz and Gary Tallman –timers/judges

Ed Anderson – dog handler

Scott and Seth Nichols and Howard Schmohl - cart handlers

Pam Foti – announcer

Jean White and Zoe Payne – registration/merchandise sales

Mike Kentera – hauling all the equipment

Arizona Feeds – wonderful prizes and support



Handler	Dog	Wt.	Amt. Pulled	xBody Wt.
<u>Novice</u>				
Howard Schmohl	Gracie	44	280	6.36
Bill Coan	Tasha	67	380	5.67
Valerie Dockter	Sterling	75	380	5.06
Jann Schmohl	Cammie	51	180	3.52
<u>Lightweight</u>				
Kris Boyes	Goofy*	52	380	16.92
Dena Anderson	Mattie	50	480	9.60
<u>Middleweight</u>				
Grace White	Oakley*	71	1980	27.88

**The purpose** of the Arizona Mountain Musers is to promote dog sled sports by sponsoring cart races, sled races, weight-pulling contest, backpacking trips, behavior classes, obedience classes, and nutritional development classes. And to engage in any other activity relevant to those listed above intended to promote the welfare of dogs and persons associated with dogs.

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## Spay/Neuter Certificates

Spay/Neuter certificates are available in the Flagstaff area from:

- Coconino county Animal Control, \$30.00 certificate, dogs only, must have county dog license, 774-4518.
- Flag PALS, 25% of cost of s/n, 526-3415.

In the Phoenix area:

- Az. Animal Welfare League, \$50.00 for spaying, \$40.00 for neutering. They will mail you a discount card and give you a list of participating vets, 273-6850.

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