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***** A BARK-A-QUE *****

WHEN: Sept. 25-26 over night

TIME: 5PM on—

WHERE: Fort Tuthill (I-17 to "Pullium Airport and Fair Grounds" turn off, just a little south of Flagstaff. The airport is East, Fort Tuthill is West. AMM signs will be posted).

Come on up for the season kickoff camp out! We have reserved 2 great camp sites at Fort Tuthill in the cool pines. Camp sites have BB-Q grills, port-a-pots and plenty of parking. Bring tents, tail-gates and sleeping bags whatever makes you cozy- oh dirt will be supplied!

AMM will supply charcoal, lighter fluid, water, catsup, mustard, relish, some different salads, desert, hot cocoa, coffee. Bring whatever you would like to share: food, stories, crazy pet tricks and of course all your dogs! This is great box training! Or new snuggle work outs. (For you or them??)

We will learn new thoughts on old harnesses. Talk about dog nutrition and have discussions on old problems with new dogs. So bring all your questions with you.

Our temperatures have been cool enough in the early morning to get a short run in. Great safe trails out there. Bikes, ATVs and beginner tires are always welcome. So come on pack it in, haul it up and have a great weekend. See ya There! —CHERI

DA PREZ

SEPT 04

We are looking forward to an exciting season coming up for AMM.

The business meeting was a huge achievement as we set up tentative dates for events through February! We're very excited with the new AMM executive board to provide great leadership, knowledge and a breath of fresh air for our club.

With the expertise of Dave Koerner as the AMM Website Guru, we are going forward with a new AMM website under our domain name. This will provide updated info and photos on events, new membership information and membership pages to help communication and information for our state-wide members.

The Sept Bark a Que will be a great kickoff for fall training with a campout on Sept 25th and both an early morning short training run and weight pull practice at Fort Tuthill Sunday the 26th. Additional business items will be discussed at this event.

Check your calendars for the rest of events each month through this season! Watch for more details in this newsletter and the new AMM website to come!!

Now all we need is Snow!

Happy Trails!

Lynn

DUES ARE NOW DUE! Please send checks made out to Arizona Mountain Musers to:

Charlie Odegaard
19 W. Aspen Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ. 86001

The cost is \$15.00 for an individual membership or \$20.00 for a family.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sept. 25-26	Bark-a-cue	Fort Tuthill, Flagstaff
Oct. 16th	Weight Pull	Flagstaff—TBA
Nov. 13th	Fun Run	White Mountains—TBA
Dec. 11th	Weight Pull	Phoenix— TBA
Jan. 8th	Sled Race	Alpine (date approximate)
Jan. 29th	Sled Race/Weight Pull	Sunrise Winter Games

FROM THE NEW VEEP—

We had a great AMM meeting on August 28th and everyone participated in helping plan some exciting events for the club as we move through Fall and into the season we all wait so long and hard for: Winter.....

Now is the time to start dusting off all that winter gear to make sure that it is still in working order and will be there when you need it the most. Get your calendars out and plan to make as many of the events as you can. This is a great time for mushers and their trustworthy, hard-working canine friends.

Check through this issue for information about **September's Bark-a-cue, October's Weight Pull, November's event in the White Mountains, December's Desert Pull, and January's two (did we say 2 !?!) Arizona sled dog races.**

With all that going on, what's better than being a member of the Arizona Mountain Mushers? Probably, the only thing better, is getting some more of your friends to join us and enjoy the coolest sport in Arizona. --- **Ron Miller**

While you surf:

[http:// www.SHCA.org/](http://www.SHCA.org/) Siberian Husky Club of America
<http://www.alaskanmalamute.org/> Alaskan Mal. Of America
<http://isdra.org/> I.S.D.R.A.
<http://www.risdonrags.com/> Equipment
<http://www.adanacsleds.com/> Equipment
<http://www.nordkyn.com/> Equipment
<http://www.wolf-net.com/ashra/> Arizona SiberianRescue

Catholic Dog

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked,

"Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?"



Jann and Marty doing their 7am desert mushing thing...the easy way...by Honda!



WEIGHT PULL NEWS:

Weight pull season is about to get underway, and we've got some exciting competitions planned.

Our first pull will be **October 16th** in the afternoon (place to be determined). We hope that this afternoon time will bring us more weight pullers, and definitely more folks to watch!

For those interested in practice sessions, we will be holding practices on **Sunday Sept. 19th, Sunday, Sept. 26th, and Saturday Oct. 2nd**. All practices will be held in Flagstaff at Fort Tuthill Fairgrounds. Anyone needing directions or other information, please contact Dena (928-525-3406) or Grace (928-556-9547).

Also, if there is anyone interested in helping with the October pull, we are always in need of extra bodies, so please let us know!

We are also planning for a **Nov. 13th** pull in the White Mountains, a **Dec. 11th** pull in Phoenix, as well as the **Jan. 29th White Mountain Winter Games** pull.

We will send out more details as plans come together, and will be announcing more practice dates as we go along and interest is indicated.

If you are planning to attend any or all of the competitions, please send us an email so we can get an idea of how many to expect. Anyone interested in helping with any of the pulls will be more than welcome, so please let us know. Hope you have all had a great summer, and get ready to PULL!

Dena Anderson (djanderson@wlgore.com)

Grace White (gwhite@wlgore.com)

HELPERS NEEDED:

October 16th WEIGHT PULL

- 2 timers/judges
- 1 dog handler
- 1 cart handler/salt block loader
- 1 announcer
- 1-2 registration folks/T-shirt & beanie baby sales
- 1 dog weigh-in person

Don't be shy! If you haven't done any of these tasks before, they are easy to learn!

—Grace gwhite@wlgore.com or 928-525-3406



Reignie now has her very own 3-dog team... hooray!

FALL TRAINING CLASSES—



It has come to my attention that most of the folks interested in class are not beginners. The dogs may be, but the people are not. I would like to have some feed back on an "Advanced Sled Dog Class". This would be more hands-on lead work which you can do on a bike. It is very hard to make a great leader with out individual time for them alone.

Teaching control, turns, on by, line out and confidence are best taught after you have run so far that your leaders are tired. This, of course, is more work on your part.

I don't want to offer Beginning Sled Dog Classes for people that know how to teach a team entry level running. This would be more advanced, and more challenging. Send me an email or give me a call if you are interested. New folks could participate too, they just have different goals. This would be every Sat. in October.

Thanks for your time.

Cheri bpowerpaws@webtv.net (928) 527-9442

MUSH ADO ABOUT—

BORN TO PULL

by Bob Cary and Gail de Marcken; Scholastic, 1999. 94p.

For all ages!



This was given to us as a gift from my cousin and we were ecstatic! It is filled with gorgeous water color illustrations on every page done by Gail de Marcken. This has all of the mushing information that you need to inform novice and anyone interested in mushing. It also gives northern breed information, vignettes of special dogs, dog communication, racing information, training information and so much more. The Alaskan Malamute information could be better but I did not find anything else to argue about. This book just hums! If you need a gift for a newbie musher, children in love with "snow dogs" or just for yourself, this little book covers all you need to get started.

Jann —your editor (and retired librarian)

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion" -- Unknown

Arizona Mountain Mushers Meeting Minutes

Time/place: Aug. 28th 2004, 1:00 pm/Campus Coffee Bean.

Members Present:

Lynn W., Ron M., Cheri E., Frank E., Frank B., Jann S., Howard S., Dena A., Dave K., Gery A., Reignie F.

Meeting called to order: 1PM by Pres. Lynn Whipple

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Whipple (for Charlie O)

Balance as of July 30 '04: \$3321.71

AMM insurance due Sept. 15th: \$525 (up \$200 from last year)

Dave: suggested we shop around

Lynn: indicated that insurance is hard to find

Cheri: Discussion about maintaining the balance on the account. Charlie O

to look up past history of account spending

Training: Cheri E.

Training schedule for October, no definite date set yet.

"Bark-e-cue Camp out" at Fort Tuthill set for Sept. 25/26 - BBQ/Potluck

Cost of camp sites: \$28

Discussion about recruitment: Cheri suggested a training discount if new people sign up for memberships. Any future events should include recruitment of new members

Jann: asked about sponsoring a spay/neuter clinic event; good PR for the club

Lynn: indicated that additional discussion needed for fund raising; topic for BBQ event

Jann: asked about getting AMM business cards for members

Dave: indicated that business cards could show info directing people to the website

Website: Dave K.

Former website is no longer online

New website planned that requires a monthly fee: approx. \$20-30/mo.

Dave suggested getting our own domain site for a one-time fee: \$100

Website could include: members database, newsletter info, general info on the club

Motion to vote on whether to research/obtain a website
Vote approved by majority

White Mountain Winter Games (WMWG): Ron Miller – Vice-President

White Mountain Winter Games 2005 set for Jan 29th-30th

Website for WMWG will be up and we can link to it when our website comes online

Ron: indicated that the Chairman's brother may be available to do announcing

Grand nephew of Robert Service will be there for recitations of Service poetry (<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/8336/robertservice/shooting.html>);

Dave K: begins a Robert Service poem: "a bunch of the boys were whooping it up at the Malamute Saloon..."

Ron: indicated that weight pulls may rotate to different nearby towns each year (e.g., Show Low then Springerville)

Jann: indicated a potential tie-in to the newsletter. Called for additional info for the newsletter and more advanced notice of events

Dave: offered to make an online calendar

Ron: called for more participation by AMM members at the WMWGs

Weight Pull: Dena

Desperate need for weight pull cart repair!

Lynn: suggested organizing a cart committee

Potential contacts for cart repair: Steve Huggard, Bill Cohn.

Frank Brown to contact Bill Cohn about building a new cart

Dena to get cart measurements to Frank B.

Newsletter: Jann S.

Next deadline for getting articles in: Sept. 4th

Lynn: will email AMM members about BBQ

Ron: called for additional info on members who attend races

Winter Race Schedule:

Alpine: Jan 8th (preferred) or Jan 15th

Colorado races planned for every weekend in the month of Feb

Some discussion about the conditions at the WMWGs race (2004): final downhill was a doozie.

Last call:

Dave: suggested book signing for Wolf Song by Katherine Feher-Elston

Suggested sites: Barnes and Noble or Aradia.

Membership dues are due: Sept 30th

Meeting Adjourned 3PM. **Gery Allan**—Secretary



Attention AOL users:

You need to set your preferences to receive our AMM Listserv messages. Many of you are not getting our emails and they bounce back to the writer.

"Individual AOL users must set up their own email accounts to accept mail from certain places.

The default AOL spam filter may mark mail that is addressed to/from lists as possible spam ... so in our case, mail to AOL users where the "TO" is amm@physics.nau.edu is flagged as suspicious and by default bounces.

The AOL user must modify their spam filtering to accept this. —**Ed Anderson** Listserv Manager

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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