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From Da Prez.....

Hey all,

What a great turn out for both campouts, thank you for all the effort put forth on everyone's part. It is so good for the dogs to be the focus of your thoughts for a weekend. We had so much fun running dogs and eating dust. Shirley and I counted over 80 dogs at the second campout. Again, thank you for making these events fun!

Get the miles on those pups for the two races coming up. Also, the **Winter Games** will be coming up with that killer hill! Our Flagstaff race will be coming up soon after the Winter Games as well as, practices for weight pull.

The winter is off to a great start so stay tuned and keep on mushing! —Cheri

WEIGHT PULL PRACTICE.....

At last weekends dog camp it was suggested that we conduct two weight pull practices before the White Mountain Games, which I understand will be the last weekend in January, 1/30 - 2/1? The practices will help set dog memory in preparation for the event.

The suggestion is that we conduct the practice sessions at **Ft. Tuthill**, and suggested dates for you to consider are **Jan 10, Jan 17 and Jan 24th**.

Please **let Shirley or Dave Hendricks know** if you will attend a practice, which two practice dates would work best for you, and if you plan to compete at White Mountain.

Volunteers are essential for conducting the weight pull events (set-up, judges, timers, announcer, weighing, registration, results tabulation, cart handlers, etc.). Many of these jobs will not get in the way of your dogs' weight pulling participation. So if you can answer the call, step right up and let us know.

Thanks,

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Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Supports the Return of the Sled Dog Races!

Hi AMM members,

As some of you know, the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce recently contacted our club, about bringing back the sled dog races as part of the Flagstaff Winterfest Activities. Upon following up on this inquiry, I am pleased to announce that the Flagstaff Chamber is supporting the return of the sled dog races to the Flagstaff area. A small group of us (Gery, Jim and Beth Rinaldi) were able to meet with Flag Chamber President, Julie Pastrick, to discuss the details of putting on this event and the Chamber has agreed to sponsor the races through advertising on their website (www.flagstaffchamber.com). They are also assisting with suggestions for financial sponsorship from local businesses. Jim, in the meantime, has done some tremendous legwork in helping identify a race site, and it looks like the races will be held at the Mormon Lake Lodge near Lake Mary. Everyone is excited about this event as it signals hope for this year and future years' participation in the Winterfest activities. For more information on the Winterfest activities and updates on the sled dog races you can go to: <http://www.flagstaffwebcam.com/Flagstaff-Winterfest>

Let's hope is snows – LOTS!

Cheers,

Gery Allan

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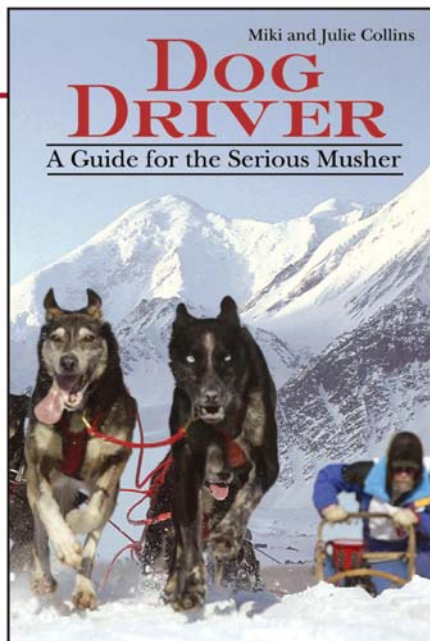
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