

Arizona Mountain Musers News



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Meeting Minutes Sept 23rd, 2006

AMM Meeting: Campus Coffee Bean,

Present: Cheri E., Frank E., Denise, E., Reignie F., Gery A.

New Business Info

1. Verification of new officers

President: Denise Edwards
Vice president: Ron Miller
Secretary: Gery Allan
Treasurer: Val Docktor (Gery A. co-treasurer)
Weight-pull chair: Dave Koerner
Dog backpack chair: Reignie Farley
Newsletter Editor: Jann Schmohl

2. Membership DUES are DUE!

If you haven't already paid your dues, please do so!

Please send your dues to:

Val Docktor
P. O. Box 50752
Parks, AZ 86018

2. New events: possible gear sale among members at the Flagstaff campout (see below)

3. Campouts/Mushing clinics

- a. Next Campout: November 11th – 12th, 2006
 - i. Flagstaff
 - ii. More info to come on this. Please check

the AMM website:

WWW.AZMM.ORG

b. Training classes have started!

c. Dates for training classes: Oct 21, 29th (remaining

classes)

- d. Contact Cheri Englehardt for more details!

4. AMM Website

a. A discussion forum has been set up on the web and is in the process of becoming active. Please log on and sign up to promote discussion among club members!

- i. Will require registration
- ii. Intended to facilitate communication

among club members

- b. Forum for members only!

- i. sled dog forum
- ii. Weight pull forum

5. Short discussion about the possibility of organizing another Nordic Center sled dog race:

- a. Sponsorship will be required
- b. Gery has looked into business cards for officers and has a template
- c. Business cards to come soon!

7. Next Meeting: Flagstaff Campout, Nov 11th & 12th.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Gery Allan

The Next FLAGSTAFF CAMPOUT AND SLEDDOG TRAINING



The Flagstaff campout is scheduled for November 11th and 12th, so please mark your calendars!

This year's campout will be in a beautiful setting just north of Flagstaff along Forest Service Scenic Road, 151. The campsites are situated among ponderosa pine and aspen and there is ample room for club members, their dogs and trucks. In addition to two nice campsites, there will be two loops for training your dogs. The training loops vary in length from 1.5 mi to 2.0 mi round trip. Musers looking for a longer run can run a figure 8 to lengthen their run. The training trails use a portion of Hwy 151 with two winding loops in amongst dense aspen and pine – very nice! The trails are in very good shape and amenable to both carts and ATVs. Please watch the AMM website for a map of the location and more details regarding camping. This is a primitive site, so be prepared to bring water and general essentials.

Gery Allan

From da Prez.....

Hi all!



I just wanted to take a rainy morning and send out a report on our campout at Davey's in the White Mountains.

First of all, a BIG thank-you to Davey for hosting us this year. If we had been at Los Burros this year we would have been totally rained out. We were out of the line of storms that came through. We had one small downpour in the middle of the night and that was pretty much it.

Second, the other piece that we all appreciated was the trail system Davey has set up there. We all should have a set up like this to run on. We had several choices of turns where it was a perfect opportunity to teach your dogs "on by", "gee" and "haw". You could go 1 mile, 3, or any mileage in between.

There were no loose dogs from other campers which I found refreshing! We had a nice campfire and meal after the dogs were taken care of and lots of stories were shared around the fire Saturday night. Stories were shared the next day also after a nice breakfast cooked, I believe, by Ron.

My personal thanks to Shirley and Dave for driving behind me most of the way to and from Showlow. I did find my coffee shop in Winslow and was able to park my rig right smack dab in front of their door on the street! The mocha was delicious and made for an alert drive home!

Also thanks to everyone who helped me with my crew of 14 dogs. I brought 8 puppies, future sled team, 5 mature dogs that I'm running now and my 14 1/2 year old house/truck dog, Shadow. My team was not the easiest to handle but people hung in there. Thank you!

Now, hopefully all this rain we are getting will be an indication of our snowfall this winter.

HAPPY TRAILS!
Denise

Dave's Forum:

<http://www.astrobio.nau.edu/azmushers/>

From da VEEP.....

62 Dogs Meet on 40 Acres Near Concho, AZ.....

Malemutes, Siberians, Alaskans and greyhounds joined forces during the annual AMM White Mountains Fall Campout. Davey Meridith invited club members to camp on land he caretakes for a greyhound outfit. The 28 greyhounds were joined by their northern cousins for a weekend of camping and cart practice. Davey showed us his greyhound operation and then the northern breeds went to work!

Mushers had a series of looped roads to choose from and could take their teams out for appropriate distances. Gery Allen and Shirley Hendrick ran malemutes with assistance from Dave Koerner and David Hendrick. Ron Miller and Davey Meridith practiced passing with their Alaskan and Siberian teams while Denise Edwards ran her adult Alaskans and taught camping skills to her litter of good-looking pups. Autumn Miller and teenage friend Jacy got to take out the dogs for a short run, but had even more fun driving Dad's truck around the 40 acres. It appeared that they preferred horse-power to dog-power!

A Saturday evening campfire with mushers swapping stories added to the event. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, check out Dave's photos of the event on the clubs website:

www.azmm.org.

--- Ron Miller

**THINK SNOW!!!
ARIZONA WINTER GAMES
2007**

Want to join a "Race Committee?"

Ron is in charge of the White Mountains and Gery will chair the Flagstaff.....but they need help with all the details. Call Ron or Gery.

Dues are now due...They are \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family!
Please make payable to:

Arizona Mountain Mushers

Mail check to: Valerie Docktor
P. O. Box 50752
Parks, AZ 86018

Cheri's Classes:

October blew in quick! Next weekend starts sled dog classes. We will be out there Sat. and Sun. that weekend to catch every one with busy schedules!

The schedule will be Oct. 7-8, Oct. 21-22, Oct. 28-29,

Nov. 4-5 for graduation run. We will not be meeting on Oct. 14-15 due to Amm camp out.

The group will decide if Sat. or Sun is better and we will go from there. Our location is 5-6 miles north of the mall at highway marker #424 turn left, there will be a sign. If you get to the gas station you have gone to far. We meet at 8:00 am.

Bring your harness or get one there, a small tire, water, a treat, good running shoes and your athlete. Hope to see you there!

Any questions call **Cheri** @ 527-9442

Fun at the White Mountains Campout October 14-15, 2006



A New Breed of Sleddog!



The Barbara Hupe Award...

The Barbara Hupe award is for the club member that has gone above and beyond during the year. They must be good to their animals and have represented the club with sportsmanship and a great attitude for the year. The recipient will be announced in the next newsletter!

Many of us did not have the pleasure of knowing Barbara Hupe. Here is a little about her from her good friend, and our President, Denise Edwards:

Barbara was a dear friend of Cheri's and mine and a Mountain Musher member until she died from multiple melanoma. Her spirit was exceptional. She believed she could beat this cancer and fought harder than anyone I know. She loved her dogs like most of us do and raced with all of us even when she unknowingly had this cancer at stage 3.

She was a tough woman who had bone pain all the time and thought it was her back just being out of whack. She lost her team many times but kept going. At one of the Flagstaff Winterfest races she lost her team and refused a snowmobile or sled ride in and insisted on walking the rest of the trail to the finish line. She managed to pass a slower team on foot to boot! The Hupe's hosted a Mountain Musher campout at their property here in Flagstaff every Fall which was well attended and a tremendous amount of fun. I think we need to strive to capture the atmosphere of these campouts that we do now. We had good food and a big fire and lots of stories of good runs and bad runs, good dogs and better dogs.

I`m sure I have left something out but this is a sample of Barbara Hupe.

Denise



Treasurer's Report

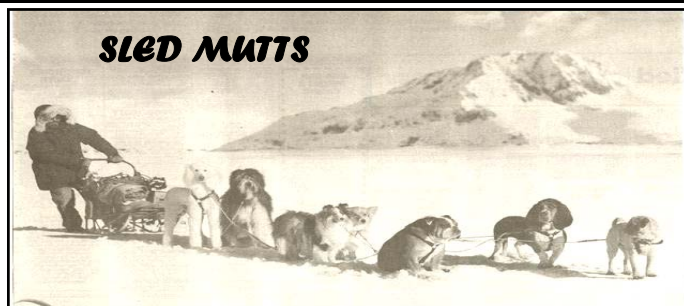
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Checking Account Balance 7/17/06		1,623.40
Expense:		
1) July & Aug return check fees	10.00	
2) Jann Schmohl—newslettter	55.46	
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	65.46	1,557.94
Income:		
1) Dues	130.00	
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	130.00	1.687.94

Balance as of October 26, 2006 is \$1,687.94.

All information was taken from checking account registry.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Dockter



The mission of the Arizona Mountain Mushers 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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Jessie's (Ch. Alcinta's Hurricane Brimstone) baby girl

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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