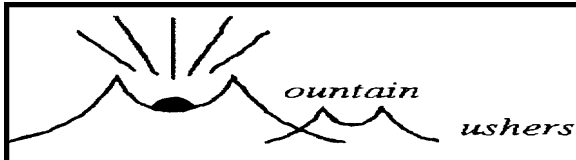


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AMM DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 20th (firm)

Meeting at Campus Coffee Bean 1 pm.

Suggested campouts below (feedback welcome)

Oct. 18th

First Campout and Auction

Nov 8-9

Nov 25-26 (Thanksgiving weekend)

Dec 13-14 (Tusayan area)

January (Open) mushing at the North Rim

Flagstaff Race (to be determined)

Jan 31—Feb 1 -WHITE MOUNTAIN WINTER GAMES

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2008...

\$25.00 per household

Please send check or M.O. to:
 Val Dockter
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TREASURER'S REPORT:

April 7 - Sept 4, 2008

Checking Account Balance 1445.70

Expenses:

Insurance 605.00
 Newsletter 8.12
 Auction Items
 & Postage 218.95

- 832.07

613.63

Income:

Dues: +200.00

Ending Balance

813.63

Respectfully submitted
 Val Dockter



FROM DA PREZ....

Fall is in the air! Dogs are done shedding and a new sled dog season is upon us! There are some great ideas floating around this season, so get your gear cleaned up and air up your cart tires! There should be more campouts this year, and back by popular demand, the 2nd annual AMM Auction. We are hoping to see all your faces and your athletes paw prints hit the dusty trail for the 2008-2009 dog season.

Happy Trails
 Cheri



A MEMBER PASSES...

Betty Larsen, and her husband Richard, were members of AMM for many years. This is written by her daughter Linda:

She loved her Siberians. It all started about 22 years ago, when I brought home a cute puppy name **Tierre 'the terrible'** and told my mom they were going to take her to the pound so that my mom would let me keep her. They said **Tierre** was a cross between Siberian and German Shepherd, but in pictures she resembles the Norwegian Elkhound. Anyway she loved to pull stuff. My dad tied a little tire (no rim) around her and she pulled it all over the back yard. Whatever my mom did, she did it perfectly and to the extreme. The next thing I know she has about 6 purebred Siberians, she paid alot of money for them and had them flown to Las Vegas from Vermont (Blackwater/Northome breeding) and was training them to race.

She loved going to Flagstaff. I know they didn't get to go as much as she wanted, especially when there wasn't snow for so long. I have a picture of her in her red jacket w/her # and racing 3 dogs (I believe, maybe 6). She would take the cart out by the Kingman airport where there is lots of open land, mostly desert, and let them run. I have pictures when my son was about 4 standing on the cart in front of her. What a blast he had. My dad would do the ski-jjoring with one dog and also trained with a mountain bike with **Kiova**, who got cateracts early and could not race anymore.

My mom spent thousands of dollars on **Kiova's** eye surgery, but it didn't work too well. They also lost a pure white Siberian named '**Crystal**' at one year old. She died of cancer. Very sad, she was my Dad's baby and he really was never an animal person, but **Crystal** won his heart. She tried breeding several times via artificial insemination but it never took. It was her biggest dream to breed Siberians.

After my dad died, 3 years ago, I tried to take her to some AZ. Mtn Musher events, but she was afraid it would be too emotional without my dad. They were each other's lives since she was 17. She never worked outside of the home and still buttered his homemade bread at dinner. They were each other's soul mates.

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(Howard and I took in Betty's 14 year old, and last Siberian, Amigo. He was a joy to us but only lived for 8 days when his kidneys shut down. Here is his photo along with Betty's daughter, grandchildren and son-in-law.)



AMM Meeting Minutes Aug 30th, 2008

Location: Campus Coffee Bean

Present: Cheri E., Frank E., Val D., Dave K., Jann S., Howard S., Liz and Gary Tallman, Jim and Beth, Gery A.

Officers

The following members have agreed to serve in the following positions:

1. President: Cheri Englehardt
2. Vice Pres: Ron Miller
3. Weight pull: COMMITTEE: Jim, Beth, Dave, Gery, Val
4. Secretary: Gery Allan
5. Newsletter: Jann Schmohl; Dave Koerner
6. Treasurer: Val Docktor
7. Website: Dave Koerner



Weight Pull Equipment & Events Discussion:

Suggestion: Have an advertised weight pull:

Public can come and try out their dogs

Try to have a couple of events

Jim and Beth will look at trailer and “think about” storing it at their place.

New Business Info

1. Events

a. Suggested Campouts:

1. October 18th: Possible locations include: Bill Williams Mtn; Rogers Lake; Mormon Lake or Stoneman Lake. More details to come.

Note: Our first club auction will be held at the first campout

2. November, 8th, 9th : Veterans Day Weekend: Flagstaff
3. November 25th, 26th : Thanksgiving Weekend
4. December 13th, 14th : Tusayan area
5. January (open date): Mushing at the North Rim

b. Mushing Boot Camp in Colorado: Veteran’s Day Weekend. For more details on this

event see: <http://www.mushingbootcamp.com/>. Please note: this boot camp is not an AMM sponsored event.

c. AMM sponsored Sled Dog Race:

- i. Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce is interested in bringing sled dog races back to WINTERFEST. Initial contact has been made, but we need to decide on a location.
- ii. Flagstaff Nordic Center is willing to be a race site, but it’s not clear if this is the best location.
- iii. Other locations?
Mormon Lake? Jim and Beth to investigate
Wing Mountain? Gery to investigate
- iv. Do we want to consider doing a club demo instead of a race?
Mormon Lake area?
Buffalo Park?

d. Weight Pulls: 2 weight pull events are the goal. Dates to be discussed at next meeting.

e. One time beginning sled dog seminar for newbies: Oct 4th. Location TBD.

f. Campout Auction: gently used dog items (no junk please)

5. Does the club want to do T-shirts? Yes. Beth to take charge of getting new shirts printed.

6. Should we keep up our membership with MUSH WITH PRIDE? Unanimous “Yes.” \$35/yr

7. Club Insurance has increased a bit; we are insured up to \$2000

8. Should we raise Club dues? Unanimous “Yes.” Household membership fee will be \$25

9. Advertising for Cheri’s Beginning Sled Dog Clinic? Unanimous “Yes.”

9. Next Meeting: Sept 20th, 2008, 1:00pm, Campus Coffee Bean.

Meeting Adjourned

Gery Allan

The mission of the Arizona Mountain Mushers is to promote dog sled sports by sponsoring cart races, sled races, weight-pulling contest, back-packing 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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Lance Mackey.....King of the Mushers!



This newsletter is free with membership. Please pay your 2008 dues today to retain your membership. See page 1.

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