



ADMA Fall Membership Meeting November 4th

Pot Luck starts at 6.30pm, meeting starts at 7pm

Guest Speaker - Arleigh Reynolds!!

The ADMA Fall Membership Meeting is taking on a new look. Rather than wade through hours of terminology and rule changes, we will quickly run through our necessary items, and then enjoy a fun evening of photos, food and a great pre-season presentation and invaluable information by our guest speaker Arleigh Reynolds.

Items to be discussed at the meeting will include:

The budget - with sponsorship monies are down this year, we need to get creative! This is your chance to help brainstorm ways of making our championship race prizes more than just a slap on the back and a hearty congratulations.

Trail re-routes - Three trail re-routes have been completed, eliminating a wash-out area near the 5.9 mile turn; eliminating the subdivision road crossing about 1.5 miles from the hall on the inbound; and moving a short section of the 28 mile extension at Reindeer Lakes onto the lake to avoid an area of bad overflow ice.

The "Jayne re-route" eliminating the road crossing will be the most noticeable. Although the overall distance is the same it greatly changes the character of about one half mile of the inbound, adding a long straight-away and several places where teams may see other teams through the trees on the adjacent trail.

Updated maps and links to pictures are at www.sleddog.org/maps/

Thanks to Stutzmann Engineering, TJ's Land Clearing, Curtis Erhart, Alaska LandWorks, Creamers Refuge, FNSB, Mike Jayne who donated the easement on his property, the State of Alaska Recreational Trails Grant Program and grant writer and coordinator Tom McGrane for making these projects possible.

Holding area - Thanks to volunteers and Curtis Erhart for re-positioning the posts in the holding area. This will make it easier for larger trucks and those with trailers to access the area.

Rule changes - The Rookie Rule - should ONAC rookies be obliged to start behind the veterans? This rule was proposed by Buddy Streeper. If you have thoughts about this, you will need to be at this meeting. This will be the second reading of the proposed rule change. ***NOTE* Rule symantics will be finalized by a rule change committee after the meeting.**

Race Entry Fees - should the \$75 trail grooming fee be rolled into the race entry fee? How can we start getting the frequent users of Musher's Hall, and ADMA trails to help pay for their groomed trails?

Thanks to our Sponsors

We extend a big thank you to our 2009 race sponsors. **GCI, City of Fairbanks, New Northwest Broadcasting, Great Northwest inc., Annamaet Petfoods, and F&E Taxidermy.** And, special thanks to our supporter **Emerald Isle Pull Tabs.**

Without our sponsors and supporters we do not have a race. Thank you everyone!

Family Fun Day a Roaring Success

The first annual Mini-Adventure Classic Run-Bike-Splash was a great success. 40 kids aged 4 - 13 raced on bicycle, foot, and on their backsides through the courses at Musher's Hall this past July. The triathlon events included bicycling ranging from 200 yards to 2 miles, running 200 yards to 1 miles and the slip & slide.

Many volunteers made the event happen, and we raised \$400 for the club!



All photos by Dave Partee, SledDogStudio.com.

Above: Race Marshal Mike McCowan; 2009 ONAC top three - Egil Ellis, Buddy Streeper, Arleigh Reynolds; Karen Schaad in the LNAC; Jason Dunlap in the ONAC; Below: Mini-Adventure Classic competitors at Musher's Hall race through a field of fireweed.

2009 ADMA Sled Dog Symposium was a great success!

The 2009 Alaska Dog Musher's Sled Dog Symposium was kicked off this year with a special free showing of the new digitally enhanced *Spirit of the Wind*. The story of George Attla growing up in the village of Huslia who went on to win the Anchorage Fur Rondy, drew a sell-out crowd to the Pioneer Park Civic Center. While the show was free, the opportunity to see the stars of the movie together was the main draw.

The symposium continued with informative and educational dog care topics such as foot care on the trail, by Yukon Quest champion and multi-Iditarod veteran Aliy Zirkle, Dr Mike Davis of Oklahoma State University presented his findings on canine ulcers, and the sled dog's ability to adapt, and even recover their glycogen and energy stores while on the trail during 300 mile to 1000 mile races. Top Iditarod and Yukon Quest mushers Lance Mackey, Sebastian Schneulle, Ken Anderson and Jeff King formed a panel to ask Dr Davis questions relating to their own experiences.

Dr Davis was thrilled with the enthusiasm of the Fairbanks crowd during both of his talks, "I was very much encouraged by the fact that in both instances, someone had to force us off the stage due to unending discussion. There was certainly interest!"

The topics continued to draw crowds, including a look at the strategies of mid-distance mushers Cim Smyth and Alan Moore, and how they train and race differently in the shorter faster races, compared to the long longer events. This session was interesting to the crowd, but perhaps more-so to Smyth and Moore who grilled each other on their techniques, and discovered that very different methods can yield a very similar result – a win!

Harris and Ginger Dunlap presented the keynote address on their studies of selective breeding to create the perfect sled dog. Their knowledge of genetics and their access to some of the best kennels in North America and Europe gave the audience a behind the scenes look at how the Alaska husky and Eurohounds were formed and developed.

On Saturday night it was auction time with the best auction line-up the symposium has seen, and with guest auctioneer Merv Hilpipre. Jennifer Probert, with the help of Nancy DeWitt, Kathy Fitzgerald, Bridget Schwafel and many others put on an outstanding auction. Jennifer nearly singlehandedly procured all of the auction items. With around 500 items up for sale, everyone found a bargain, or that special something they needed and traditionally wait till the symposium to purchase such as iron-rope lines, a sled ride with Lance Mackey, 2 tickets wherever Frontier Airlines flies, Valdez cruises, Steger Mukluks, a Laughing Husky sled, home accessories such as computer screens, extension cords and much more.

The famous Kaynor cookies were given a run for their money with a whole table of desserts which were hotly contended; cookies, pies and cakes went for around \$20 - \$30 each.

Sunday provided a venue for some of the biggest names in sprint racing to get together and talk about old times. The stage was packed with names like George Attla, Roxy Wright, Harris Dunlap, Merv Hilpipre, and Joee Redington. On hand to make sure the mushers behaved was ONAC race marshal – Mike McCowan.

The Symposium was a great success, and even with numbers slightly down from previous years, the Alaska Dog Musher's Association still raised \$9000 in their auction which will go towards their 2009/10 racing season costs and hall maintenance. The Symposium is a volunteer event led by ADMA board member Ami Gjestson. Without volunteers the event would not have happened, and Ami would like to thank everyone who attended the event, and those who took the time to volunteer.



Photos by Amanda Byrd: The Civic Center at Pioneer Park fills up for the special showing of "Spirit of the Wind"; Merv Hilpipre, George Attla, and Pius Savage who played Attla in the movie reunite; Savage and Hilpipre have remained good friends.

Photos by Dave Partee: Harris and Ginger Dunlap give their keynote address; auction items invite fierce bidding..

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