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President's Message

Hello All,

I can't believe we are over half way through 2021. This issue of your AMA newsletter is going to showcase your board of directors. You always hear from me, so it will be great to hear from the rest. I just recently turned 40 and I was a member of the AMA before I turned 20, so half my life has been spent in our mule family, and all of my sons life. Pretty amazing if I step back and think of all the great people and mules that have crossed my AMA lifetime. The first was the old white mule Hot Lips, he started it for me. He was a handy guy who hated most, but I loved him. One great thing about mules and donkeys anywhere in the world, they bring people together. There is always a story of how great uncle so and so had this amazing mule and how much everyone loved it. One of the best parts of our world is the outreach of these special creatures we are so enamored with. My bottom line has been and always will be, I love our longears and the people that show them. We are a great bunch and I hope we always embrace that!! I decided to be on the board because we spent so much time showing it only made sense to help in any way I could, it kind of stuck. This association gets in your blood, we are a great bunch that need to be seen loving our longears!!

Thank you,

Casie Fairbanks



Bishop Mule Days 2021!

After having to cancel the Bishop Mule Days in 2020, Mule Days in 2021 was a great success! There was a good turn out this year, despite not having all of the previous activities open from prior years. Congratulations to all of the contestants who participated this year. There was some fierce competition! It was great to see everyone who made it out to Bishop this year!

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For any AMA member interested in receiving a copy of the Treasurer Report, please contact Kelly Moore at ama_mules@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

July 24	AMA Board Meeting, Templeton, CA Contact Maggie Moore equines06@gmail.com
July 30-Aug 1	Bear Valley Springs Mule and Horse Show, Tehachapi, CA Contact Debbie Humphreys dhumphreys16@gmail.com
Aug 27-Sept 6	The Oregon State Fair
Sept 17-Sept 19	Gold Country Mule and Donkey Show II , Lincoln, CA Contact Jess (916) 390-1861
Nov	Jode Collin's Clinic rescheduled due to weather-Date TBD
Jan 8-Jan 9	Online Course/Care and Management of Donkey's and Mules with Amy McLean-UC Davis

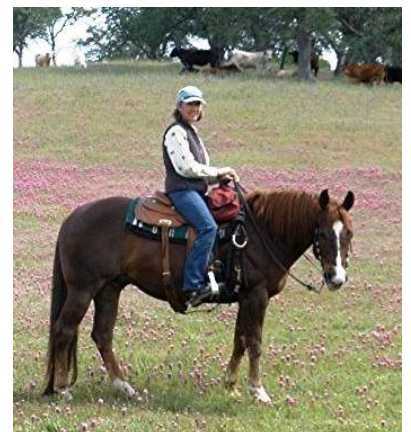
Meet your Board Members

Maggie Moore (Vice President/Points): I have shown horses since I was a preteen, but my sister Lou showed me the error of my ways and convinced me to come to Bishop in 1992 to help her show some of her client's mules. The first year was a little overwhelming, but since then I have loved every opportunity I was given to ride quality mules. I finally bought my first mule at Bishop in 2003; Miss Vivien. What a wonderful ride! In 2007, I purchased Olivia as a yearling and in 2015 I had the opportunity to add Heart B A Living Doll to my collection. Then in 2018, Cash arrived on my doorstep. I am biased but I believe I have a great little herd of mules.

As a little kid I showed wherever I could ride to the show. I think I was really bad at it but loved it anyway. Later I took some lessons and showed at lower-level hunter jumper shows then eventually got hooked on eventing; cross country jumping is an adrenaline high, dressage not so much!

Showing mules expanded my disciplines, other than a trail ride I never rode western. The first time I entered a trail class was at Bishop and I was so nervous I talked Rod Lara into riding for me. Now I know that a western saddle is heavier but way more comfy than riding English, especially when you've had too many birthdays.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the journey. I love the mules but most of all I think mule owners are probably the most fun, supportive people I have ever met.



Kelly Moore (Treasurer): I became Treasurer for AMA in 2020 & I am a Director for the AMA. I have been involved with mules for the past 30 years, which led me to AMA. I never had a desire to own a mule until I married into a packer family, that changed my whole world!! Love the change!!

Loni Langdon (Awards co-chair/Points Co-chair): A dear friend introduced me to mules & the American Mule Association in 2007. Since then, I've really come to cherish the friendships I've made in this community of folks who love their longears. I've worked professionally as a packer in the Sierra & showing my mules is something I enjoy. I have served on the Board of Directors of the AMA for a while, mainly as the Membership Chair. I own a small equine related business called ALL EQUINES BODYWORK where I help equines relax & release tension by working gently with their nervous system. I also love to teach! A large part of my business now focuses on helping owners connect, communicate, build trust & relax with their horses, mules or donkeys using bodywork techniques.



Sacramento Horse Expo



While attending the Sacramento Horse Expo, most people would not normally expect to see a mule or donkey. When our longears are there, they get so much attention! While attending the Sacramento Horse Expo, Dawn Marie Henderson and Claudia Stevens brought two of their donkeys. The attention that they received by the horse community was impressive. I remember hearing a little girl saying “Mom, is that a donkey?!” and she ran up to the fence to get a closer look. Dawn Marie and Mr Ear E Sistible did so well in their class, and showed that donkeys can do everything that horses can do. It’s so great getting our longears into the community and educating people on why we love them as much as we do! Congratulations to Dawn Marie and Mr Ear E Sistible!!!!



New Members!!!!

Each Newsletter we would like to spotlight new members so when you see them at events you can welcome them.

In May 2021 Corey Austin became a new member to the AMA with her purchase of Tricks Impressive John. Growing up in Watsonville, CA under the instruction, love, and care of her father (which was a veterinarian) and mom (a competing Pony Trekking in the Scotland rider) Corey's love for the equine family started. She enjoyed the natural horsemanship. She showed in many events from Drill Teams to Team Penning & Trail riding to gymkhana. In 2008 she received the Reserve Champion in her rookie year for A/A reining. She even helped the Monte Vista equestrian high school program. It was not until her friends and Double C's barn that she got in touch with the world of Mules. She was hooked! She has gotten her two boys ages 2 & 4 also involved with the Mule world of showing, Thanks to Jessica and her lead line class her two boys are hooked. "My oldest (age4) even made the judge laugh when he asked, if he could jump the walkover because his grandma does."

Corey and the boys look forward to showing her young mule and riding those that are borrowed.

Next time you see them, please give them a warm welcome.

Happy trails,

Michele Chico



If you are a new member, I would love to spotlight you as well. Please email me your info at erinkight@gmail.com to share with the AMA!!!



AMA Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2021, and start at 10am. It will be held in Templeton, CA. This meeting is open to all AMA members, and will be available in person and via Zoom. Rule change proposals for 2022 will be discussed during this meeting, so if you have any suggestions, please send them to Casie Fairbanks at 52mules@gmail.com. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Maggie Moore for more information at equines06@gmail.com.

See you there!!!!