



Can Am News

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President's Letter

Fall weather is upon us, and it is now the time that we begin training and/or conditioning our sled dogs. I personally plan to begin running my dogs in the near future as early morning or evening temperatures stay below 50 degrees F. Other than temperature, my main area of attention will be checking for ticks after the run.

Although potential race venues have been pursued by Jenn at Sinnemahoning, Polly and Ari in Westmoreland County, and me and Bert at Titusville; it appears that the only race that has been determined is Cindy's race at Coopers Lake on November 14th and 15th, 2015.

Membership numbers and participation remain a concern based on aging mushers and aging sled dogs. We have been fortunate to acquire some new members, primarily from the Pittsburgh area, and I am hopeful that we can continue to grow our membership. Future growth and participation is paramount to the continuity of our club. I am hopeful that some of our honorary members will continue to participate in our upcoming venues providing assistance and guidance to our club. The success and continuity of our club depends on each and every member; success and/or failure shall be determined by every member's individual commitment.

I wish each and every one a safe and enjoyable upcoming sledding season.

See ya on the trails.

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Summary of Summer Meeting Minutes At Ron Filjones'

In old business, we discussed some potential art work for a fundraising/club t-shirt. We agreed that a club logo should be on the sleeve so it does not distract from a fun design. We also discussed the Fall Cart Run & options for venues if Camp 12 is not available. Ron will let us know.

In new business, over \$900 was donated to the Willow Dog Mushers Association for the fire victims from our club's first t-shirt fundraiser. The second fundraiser effort is a much more elaborate t-shirt design. Unfortunately, sales for that design are not going as well as we hoped due to no online ordering system with the printer. The club discussed giving the designer a gift to thank him for his time. There is a race official training session in the works in conjunction with Trailbreakers & the PA Club. We agreed to accepting new member applications and also to add some long-time club supporters to our honorary membership list.

In race news, Sinnemahoning is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 31 to Nov. 1. Cooper's Lake is not a definite as of now. Several other new races are being considered. In order to have Trapper's Special distance race, we need LOTS of help to cover the trail. More discussion is needed for feasibility of this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cooper's Lake Dryland Race
November 14 & 15, 2015
Registration Deadline November 12, 2015

For lodging details, see the Facebook page and posts from November 2nd.



Cooper's Lake
 Campground

205 Currie Road
 Slippery Rock, PA 16057
 724-368-8710
 info@cooperslake.com

**The 29th Annual Tow Hill Training Session
 & Mushers Reunion**
November 20 – 23

Once again Scott and Ginnie Pirmann are inviting all mushers to come and train on their beautiful trails or just visit around the campfire. The Saturday night dish to pass dinner is always great. Free lodging provided in the bunkhouse or you are welcome to camp. RSVP is required and additional requirements are also explained in complete flyer posted on canadianamerican.com

JIM LOBDELL MEMORIAL SLED DOG RACE

January 15 – 17, 2016

Chapman State Park
 Clarendon, PA

Have you mailed in your registration yet? This year's deadline is Friday, November 20, 2015 for the JIM LOBDELL in January.

If you have never participated you must. This is a great event with no entry fees that is held as part of the Warren County Winterfest. All contestants must fill out a waiver form and the appropriate registration form found at the following web address:

<http://www.warrencountywinterfest.com>

Registration Deadline is Friday, November 20, 2015.

Tentative Race
Trapper's Special
Alleghany State Park

January ??

We will need snow and lots of volunteers to make this happen.

Sinnemahoning Race Update

I have a mixed bag of news to present related to the Sinnemahoning State Park. The paperwork required to have an event approved at a state park is not super-lengthy, but thorough is an understatement. I completed the paperwork for this event at the end of July. That was later than the park staff wanted, but nonetheless I got it done. From there, a busy summer season & short-staff at the park brought us to a crisis situation in the past week when my park contact & I both realized that she failed to move that paperwork forward beyond her desk. After consulting with her boss, we decided that the final decision on their end would not likely happen in time for proper planning for a fall race event.

Where is the good news, you might be asking. After all, I promised a "mixed bag" of news. We are moving forward with this approval process NOW so that we will have an ongoing approval that is good for TEN YEARS. The dates on the forms are being changed to allow us to host a SPRING and FALL event at Sinnemahoning State Park. The park is excited about moving forward with two events in 2016 and so am I.

~Jenn Vallimont

Fall Cart Run 2014



Fall Meeting was cancelled due to higher rental expense of Camp 12 due to the new cabins and very few sign ups.

New Fall meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Cooper's Lake Race.



Coopers Lake Dryland Race

November 14th & 15th, 2015

205 Currie Road

Slippery Rock, Pa. 16057

RACE ENTRY DEADLINE November 12, 2015 Make checks payable to Canadian American Sledders Inc. and mail to: Roberta Alworth PO Box 131 Parker, PA 16049

Team Owner (please print) _____

Team Driver (please print) _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email Address _____

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE RACE CLASSES ARE ISDRA SANCTIONED!
1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH RACE CLASS**

Cart / Rig Classes:

6 Dog (2 miles)	\$30.00	_____	6 Dog Purebred (2 miles)	\$30.00	_____
4 Dog (2 miles)	\$25.00	_____	4 Dog Purebred (2 miles)	\$25.00	_____
2 Dog (2 miles)	\$20.00	_____			

Scooter Classes:

2 Dog Scooter (2 miles)	\$20.00	_____	1 Dog Scooter (1 mile)	\$15.00	_____
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Bike-Joring Classes:

2 Dog Bike-Jor (2 miles)	\$20.00	_____	1 Dog Bike-Jor (1 mile)	\$15.00	_____
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Canicross:

1 Dog Canicross (1 mile) \$15.00 _____

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED: 100% money back if the race is canceled.

- ✓ Mandatory driver's meeting at 7:00AM Saturday
- ✓ Races start at 8:00 AM Saturday and Sunday
- ✓ Helmets are mandatory for all team drivers.
- ✓ No water is available at race site.
- ✓ Camping available at \$10.00/individual/night; children free. Electric available at \$7.00/night
- ✓ Camping/ Electric fee is payable to Cooper Lake Farms, Inc. (submit separate check with registration).

Agreement: I agree to abide by all the race rules governing this race. I agree to be responsible for my conduct, the conduct of my dogs, and handlers. I shall not hold the sponsors, landowners, or Canadian-American Sledders, Inc. liable for injury to dogs, equipment or myself.

Drivers Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if child is under 18 _____

Photo Release: I grant to Canadian-American Sledders, Inc., its representatives and members the right to take photographs of me, my family and my property in connection with club events. I furthermore agree that Canadian-American Sledders, Inc. may use the aforementioned photographs with or without names for any lawful purpose, including Club newsletters, Facebook page, and/or Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Drivers Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if child is under 18 _____

Address

Cooper's Lake Dryland Race
Nov. 14 & 15

Canadian American Sledders
Membership Form



Membership year starts at the annual spring meeting at which elections are held.

Membership Type: _____ Individual - \$15.00 _____ Family - \$20.00
Membership Category: _____ New: _____ Renewal

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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I have read and understand the above:

Printed name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Signature, parent or guardian (if under age 18) _____