

I feel bad and yet sorta have a grin on my face at the same time. For five years in the late 90's I was the Editor of the MR. Getting reports from my Board members sent to me on time was a trial that at times was an unbearable frustration. Now, I see, as your President I am doing the same thing to our present Editor. Sorry Justine. Really. My sincerest apologies ... better luck next issue ...

The summer show season is up and running full bore. I've been seeing and hearing of some interesting results. Judging by what I saw this past weekend at the Alberta Kennel Club show in Calgary, the threat of declining entries due to high gasoline costs seems not to have taken hold out here! I was amazed when I heard that entries were up from last year! Like global warming, it just doesn't make sense. THEN! On the drive home from the last day of the show, the Monday August 4th long weekend, the campers, trailers, SUV's, buses coming down the road was stunning! I thought those things would be I driveways with FOR SALE signs on them! Does anybody care about the environment? I have to rethink some of my ideas on the readiness of the people to begin to see the positives behind restraint. It seems more like a mad rush to burn the stuff up before its all gone and we're stuck to within 5 miles of home, just as people were in the 1200's in Europe.

My mind is already turning towards the 2008 National in Tillsonburg this October 17-19. Which Mal of mine should I take? Who will be ready with a decent coat? Time will tell. Please come and support our club at this year's National Specialty.

For those members for whom showing is not a primary purpose with your Mal, I trust you are out there safely having fun with your companion. I'd like to hear from you in the form of letters to the Editor as to what you have been doing and where you may have gone with your Mals. Send Pictures! I love to see Mals, with packs on, standing on mountain tops! C'mon folks! Brag a little!

And last but not least, those of you in Obedience and Rally-O, please tell us what you have been up to! What does it take in terms of wo/man and beast to do these things? We'd all like to know! Take some time and write to the MR and share your experience and knowledge to other members of the Club.

And finally, for those couch potatoe owners, who have couch potatoe Mals – fess up and show us how you do it! I think of all folks you may have it most right, as the majority of us have no time to catch our breaths let alone actually commune, potatoe chips and beer in hand, with our canine companions stretched out sharing a couch, or floor, watching your favourite sporting event on TV. Ah, it sure seems like the perfect life to me! Hmmm, maybe next week.

All the best everyone!