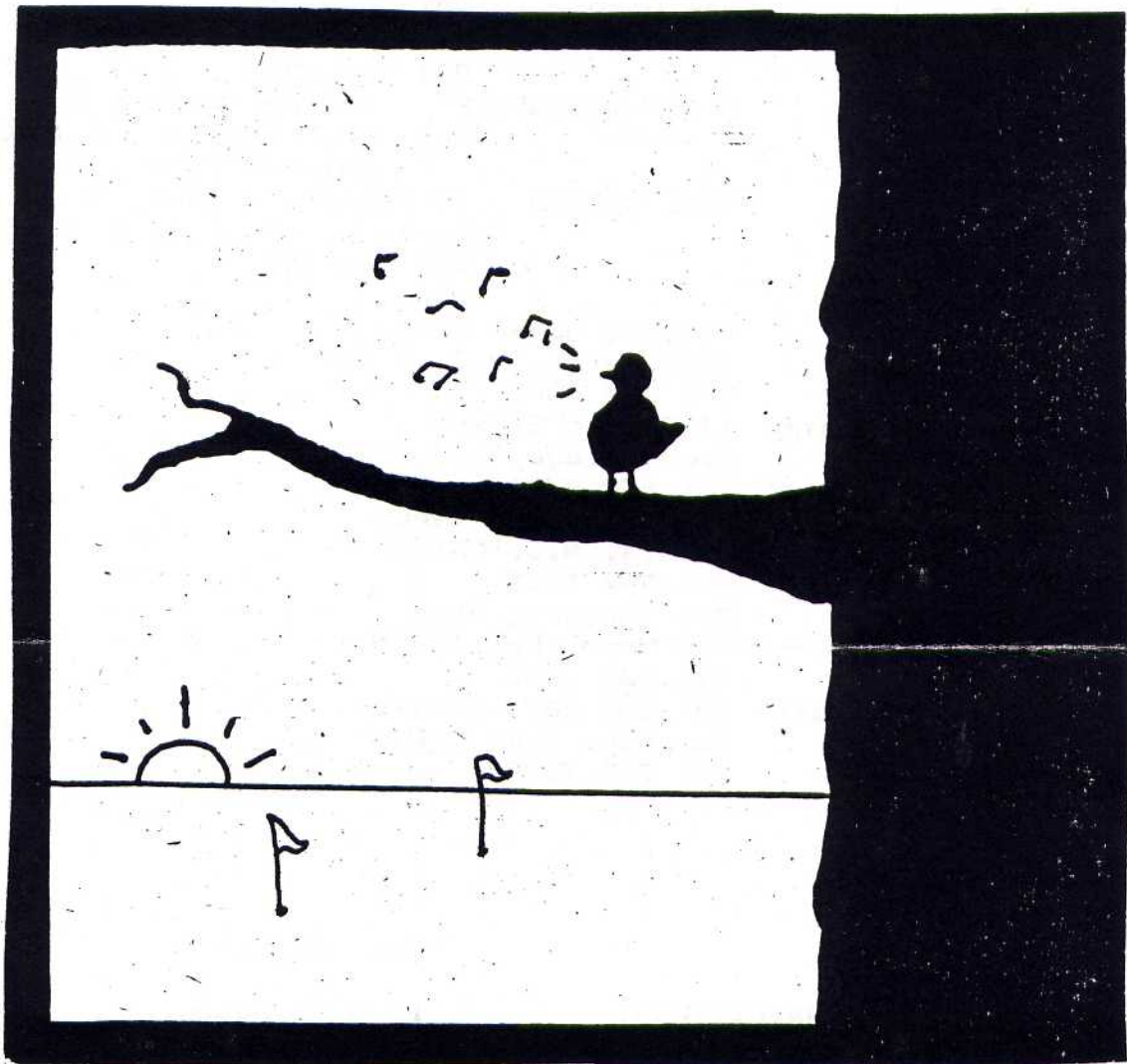


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FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

On June 27th we scheduled a general meeting with a program to follow. We felt kind of like the bride left at the altar. The speaker came from Reading Pa. (a two hour trip each way) with our member Nancy Withers to find 3 other people present. We were embarrassed by the turnout, but we enjoyed meeting and talking with Shawn. A few loyal regulars had called to say they weren't going to be able to attend but what happened to the rest of our members? What are we doing wrong? Was Friday night a bad night? No interest in the topic of the program?

We are attempting to put together another program in the fall. All program flyers will include a tear off return form. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE OR ARE NOT COMING. If we had known the turnout was going to be so poor on June 27th we could have cancelled or rescheduled. (Shawn has graciously agreed to come again another time).

This newaletter is being thrown together in the midst of packing for a long awaited trip to England for my son Greg and I. Last year we hosted an English exchange Boy Scout, now we get to visit him. I am preparing the newaletter and Janet Quodomine is going to get it to the printer and mail it out. (The printer is presently on vacation).

It has been beastly hot and humid which isn't the greatest weather to train a dog to track inbut it is possible. Follow the hint on the cover and get up with the birds and track early. Or lay your track about 7:30 - 8:00 PM, it is generally bearable by then. Even if you only get out once a week that's progress. Here's hoping for a break in the weather.

Peg Forte

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG. 9TH 9AM FOLLOW-UP, JANE HENDERSON'S
SEPT. 20TH TENTATIVE DATE COVERED DISH & PROGRAM
NOV. 1 & 2 FALL CERTIFICATION MATCH
JUDGE: CAROL CROTHERS
NOV. 9TH ALTERNATE DATE FOR COVERED DISH & PROGRAM
NOV. ??? PORT CHESTER SCENT DAY
MARCH 28, 1986 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

TID BITS to Joanne Mac Kinnon by Sept. 10th

Paul Harris reports that his terrific working English Springer Spaniel "Jessica of Northfield" has earned her Canadian Field Championship. Congratulations !!!

Joanne Mac Kinnon "Jezebel" took 1st place in the Senior Puppy Stake at the South Jersey Retriever Club's Sanctioned Trial. It was held in the middle of a cranberry bog. Joanne says its a good thing Ralph went along or she would have never found her way out of the bog.

We are a few Tid Bits short this issue ...we have to hear from you to have news to put in.

FALL CERTIFICATION MATCH

On the last page is the flyer for the fall match. Still time to get a dog ready folks.

IMPORTANT - Janet Quodomine needs an assistant for the fall match. She can not be there all day and needs an assistant to help with the lunch for the judge and to hand out the awards. It is also high time someone else learned how to do the job of running the match, Janet has done it for several years. Now is your chance to learnit isn't a hard job, call Janet (see Who's Who for the #) and volunteer.

GARFIELD



FRED BASSET



PEOPLE TRACKS

SUSAN CONE, MEMBER

Sue grew up "horsey", and then found she couldn't afford horses, and there wasn't any space to ride (in her area) -- One day at the library she picked up a copy of the Milo Pearsall and Charles Leedham book on dog obedience training, and after reading it, decided to get herself a dog and train it through Utility! She and her husband went off to an obedience trial, and were amazed to see dogs heeling on a leash -- let alone off leash -- so they bought a pup from an ad in the classifieds, and off she went!

They started with Labradors, having seen a lot they liked while on a trip to England -- and then added her first Chesapeake, and now Chesapeakes are all they have. She finds them fascinating dogs, of intense personality and devotion. They are not more difficult to train than Labs (or Golden Retrievers) but are different to train, liking to figure things out for themselves. Breed preference is really an emotional decision, as hard for Sue to explain as why one falls in love.

Sue has trained the following dogs:

Cone's Blackberry Muffin C.D. (Labrador)
Lockerbie Saba U.D. 8Labrador)
Ch. Eastern Waters Betsy Ross U.D. (Chesapeake)
Montauk Waters Genie U.D. 8Chesapeake)
Ch. Eastern Waters Robin Hood C.D.X. (Chesapeake)
Ch. Baptist Corner Yankee Spice C.D. (owned by Janet Horn, Sue trained & showed her to C.D.)
Montauk Waters Tempe Wick C.D.X. (Chesapeake - High in Trial winner)
Katmai's Abigail Adams ????? (Chesapeake - they are just matching in Novice)

As you can see, Sue hasn't gotten all the way to a tracking title yet as she has been concentrating on obedience, but they're working towards it! She really enjoys tracking, mainly because it is such fun watching the dog do something only he can do. In this highly technological world, no one has been able to invent a machine that comes near to the miraculous abilities of a dog's nose --- and Sue thinks this is great! The dogs enjoy the work so much, it's a nice break from formal obedience.

Training and showing in Obedience is Sue's first love. She also shows occasionally in breed, which she finds to be a lot less fun. Tempe is a natural in field work and her instincts and birdiness amaze Sue. She also does demonstrations with the dogs at nursing homes, schools, etc. Sue and her dogs have done some commercial work -- still photographs for ads and books, and she would like to do more of this. It's exhausting for Sue and the dogs, but the results have been wonderful.

Until Ramapo Kennel Club lost its training site, Sue was a volunteer obedience instructor for more years than she'd like to count -- really misses teaching class, especially working with the beginners. Sue does a fair amount of private training and behavior problem work on referrals from local veterinarians -- it's really people-counseling, with a bit of technique thrown in, and like all counseling, is very demanding because of the responsibility involved and the complexities of dealing with problems in a family setting. In the past few years Sue has begun to work

People Tracks...continued

privately in competition obedience coaching, and finds she especially enjoys this.

Sue says she is your average suburban matron -- with doggy interests. Her husband of almost 25 years, Kit, is the owner and publisher of the Livingston weekly newspaper, the West Essex Tribune. He is also a lay missionary, with the Episcopal Holy Mission in Liberia, West Africa. Kit and Sue served tours at the mission early in their marriage, and it is now possible for Kit to return each summer for several weeks of volunteer work, building roads, rewiring buildings, setting up new generators and generally being the mission handyman.

Their son, David, is in his third year at Drew University, heading for medical school, with a primary interest in trauma surgery. Their daughter, Jennifer, is in her second year in a nursing program at Seton Hall University. David, Jenny and Sue are Emergency Medical Technicians and ride for the Livingston First Aid Squad.

Sue's husband is NOT doggy (and has been known to say, plaintively, "You weren't doggy when I married you!") Jenny does a lot of breed handling for Sue (when she can catch her) and when she was ten, Jenny trained and showed their dog Genie to a C.D. David is the resident dog-vet -- giving shots, bandaging paws and such. He can always be relied on to go out and throw a tennis ball for a restless dog, and even scoop the yard if Sue is away.

With four dogs, who needs hobbies? Aside from her free-lance work as dog trainer and behavior consultant, Sue does needlepoint, reads voraciously writes occasionally, is a science fiction nut and a very amateur naturalist.

Sue says she doesn't have any amusing dog stories, so much as amusing dogs. Take "Tempe", who, when she sees us painting, grabs a paintbrush to help (and got very blue around the muzzle); when she sees them chopping wood, she gathers up every stick in the yard; when she sees them gardening, she digs up the zucchini instead of the quackgrass --- so far, "Tempe", is not interested in needlepoint.

Then there was "Betsy", who had the distressing habit of kicking her dumbbell out of the ring, thus lengthening the joy of the retrieve. One day at the Morris Hills trial she kicked it way across the crowded center aisle, almost into the opposing ring. In her usual fashion she jumped the gating and finally found it under the belly of a Newf. Instead of coming back to her ring and jumping back in she wove her way down the side aisle to the ring gate by the back wall, into the ring behind me and around into a perfect front! Sue was hysterical with laughter (tho she had no idea how "Betsy" found her way), the judge was amazed ("Fantastic retrieve, but I have to deduct 7 points!") and to this day people still ask Sue about the time they saw "Betsy", dumbbell in mouth, purposefully trotting thru the Morris Hills trial.

They also have "Genie", the Queen (age 11) who likes to wear things like clip earrings and hats, and lays in the boiling sun for hours in the summer, working on her tan. Robin, now retired, is thier resident roder catcher, who specializes in the enormous groundhogs, obese from despoiling the garden. "Abilail", the pup, is extremely serious; life is very hard and one must be very dignified and earnest. However, she has learned to throw Creesite balls down the stairs to retrieve for herself -- maybe she is not as humorless as she appears.

TRACKING TESTS

Sunday, Sept 28th.

N.Y. Great Bend
Northcountry Kennel Club, Inc.
Knightime Kennel, Champion Rd.

Closes: Sept 17 Fee: \$75.00

Ms. Jane Eckelman, Trial Sec.
Rd 2, Box 145
Carthage, N.Y. 13019

Total Entry Limit: 12

Judges
Mrs. K.E. Kleisær
Miss J.A. Wells

Sunday, October 12

PA Reading
Berks County Dog Training Club
Tulpehecker Farms & surrounding area

Closes: Oct 1 Fee \$25.00

Mrs. Sandra K. Campbell, Trial Sec.
Rd 3, Box 830
Mohnton, PA 19540

Total Entry Limit: 10

Judges
M.A. Clemens

Saturday, October 18

N.J. Holmdel
Town & Country Dog Training Club, Inc.
Laura Harding Bayonett Farms,
Middletown Rd.

Closes: Oct. 8 Fee \$45.00

Mrs. Stanley Bronson. Trial Sec.
295 Bridle Path
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Total Entry Limit: 5

Judges
H.C. Brodersen
Mrs. B.P. Connelly

Saturday, October 25

NY New Paltz
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.
Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm

Closes: Oct 8 Fee: \$25.00

Ms. Lila Wolfman, Trial Sec.
484 Harrison Ave.
Harrison, N.Y. 10528

Total Entry Limit: 0

Judges
Mrs. C.A. Parkinson
H.C. Brodersen

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Saturday, October 18

NJ Holmdel
Town & Country Dog Training Club, Inc.
Laura Harding Bayonett Farms,
Middletown Rd.

Closes: Sept. 26 Fee \$45.00

Mrs. Stanley Bronson, Trial Sec.
295 Bridle Path
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Total Entry Limit: 3

Judges
H.C. Brodersen
Mrs. B. P. Connelly

Saturday, October 25

NY New Paltz
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.
Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm

Closes: Oct. 8 Fee \$40.00

Ms. Lila Wolfman, Trial Sec.
484 Harrison Ave.
Harrison, N.Y. 10528

Total Entry Limit: 3

Judges
Mrs. C. A. Parkinson
H.C. Brodersen

Sunday, October 20

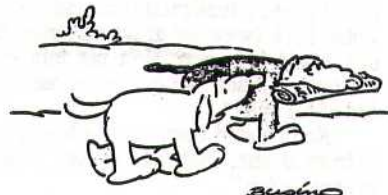
NY Clinton
Central New York Kennel Club
Corner of Skyline Drive & Roberts Rd.

Closes: Sept 27 Fee \$0.00

Afton A. Sweigert, Trial Sec.
RD 3, Box 479
Clinton, N.Y. 13323

Total Entry Limit: 5

Judges
L.W. Brown
Mrs. S.W. Brown



*"I gave up doing that when
I found out the newsprint was making
my teeth black."*

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We discussed at length the poor attendance at the June 27th meeting and ways to do better in the future. Plans include a return tear off on all meeting flyers and possibly a phone chain starting with Board members.

We voted to continue engraving plates for the award plaques, but only the dog's call name and AKC titles will be engraved in the future. Canadian T and TDX plaques will still be awarded with Canadian titles on plates.

Fall match, TED follow ups, future programs were other topics of discussion. Next Board Meeting - Sept. 4th 7:30PM

THE STAR-LEDGER, Wednesday, July 2, 1986

QUITE THE SIGHT

Blind driver cited as tipsy, blames dog

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—William David Bowen insisted he couldn't be charged with driving under the influence of alcohol because he wasn't the real driver of the car—his dog was.

The 34-year-old Louisville man is legally blind.

Bowen was arrested April 26 when officers spotted his car weaving in the road. They didn't believe that he was blind and charged him with driving under the influence, reckless driving and having no operator's license.

"When he was down taking a breathalyzer test, he refused it and said, 'The only reason I'm refusing is because I wasn't driving. He was,' and he pointed to his dog, an Alaskan malamute named Sir Anheuser Busch II, which he called Bud," said David Kaplan, Bowen's attorney.

Arresting officers said Bowen had gone about a mile after leaving a tavern where he had an argument with his girlfriend, who left leaving behind Bowen, the dog and her car.

"When the place closed, I had to get the car home somehow," Bowen said in court May 28.

He said in court that Bud was in the passenger seat and barked to tell him the colors of each traffic light he approached. When reminded that dogs are color blind, Bowen said Bud had been trained to distinguish changing lights.

"What he told me was that he had taught the dog to tell green (stoplights) from red," said Kaplan. "He would bark twice for green and once for red and the dog would help him. He's not totally blind but has peripheral vision and can make out a form on either end of his eyes."

Kaplan said Bowen could barely make out a car in front of him, "but with the dog helping him, he did get pretty far."

Using street lights as a guide and keeping pace with the speeds of cars next to him, Bowen said he and Bud motored along pretty well. But since he couldn't see the white lines dividing the highway, and Bud had no training in that area, he couldn't keep from weaving.

"The dog was doing his job," said Jefferson District Court Judge James Nicholson, "Mr. Bowen just couldn't keep it in the lanes."



Bowen pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and to having a suspended operator's license. The reckless driving charge was dismissed.

Nicholson credited him with the 30 days he spent in jail while he was waiting for his trial, releasing him to be reunited with Bud, who had spent the time in the animal shelter.

Bowen said he has given up driving for good.