



Airedale Alley News

President's Report

Dear Friends:

Our summer is starting to wind down and hopefully that oppressive heat too. My girls here sure don't like being outside and I would imagine yours do not either.

Judging by our newsletter many of our members are doing wonderful things with their Airedales. It's great to see our Breed in the spotlight again.

The fall picnic was once again held during a beautiful day with the temps not too high. This allowed us our normal walk followed of course by some wonderful food and then our rally program. Everyone got to try the course that was set up for us and Barb Krynski answered many questions about how scoring takes place in this event. Hopefully this demonstration will get a few more people involved in competing. The best thing about the day is that everyone can bring their four-legged friends. Jeff Cameron, Lin Hartnett and Nancy Foster brought their girls. Barb Brown and Bill and Gloria Urquhart brought puppies and Beth and Darren Lubotsky brought Walter. Walter was a true gentleman in every sense of the word, as he allowed all these puppies to climb all over him.

The world terrier show (Montgomery County) is coming up the first weekend in October. Many club members will be making the trek this year to watch and show their Airedales. The best of luck to each and everyone of you.

Don't forget another one of Lin's fantastic Airedale Alley's will be coming out in the future, so don't forget to pass along all your information. Until the next time.

Sincerely,
Lanny Duttlinger
President/

Title Report

Linda Sorak's Eclipse Light My Fire "Laser" finished his Grad Novice title in Champaign, IL. on June 9. He was only needing one more leg. His score was 198 which was 8 points higher than second place & also was the highest score for that ring under that judge. That included Open A & Open B.



Laser DTCCU GN win

We turned right around & made the trip up to Kalamazoo, MI. on Wednesday. He had been invited to compete in UKC All-Stars Invitational in the Novice division. We qualified by finishing #9 in the country. UKC Premier is held every year there, but on one day you can only compete if invited. I had never been there before and even though I

was leaving in a couple days for Sweden, I decided to go. I had been told what great ribbons they give out for All-Stars. In UKC Novice there can be dogs from all levels since Novice C you can show forever in that even if you had a UDX. I think we were the only dog entered that was strictly just Novice. Very intimidating. There was a Corgi from Minn. that had gotten a 200 in Utility A. I had my work cut out for me. Out of 15 dogs entered, we were the last dog in the ring. We had a chance to see all the other dogs go first. Some nice runs were put in. When we finished up in the ring, I thought we had done a pretty good job, but you never know what the judge sees. I know that Laser can do a really good job most of the time. We had to wait out a 4 way tie for which placement I didn't know. When she started giving out placements starting with 5th (yes, they give out 5 placements for All-Stars) and all the way up through 2nd, I started to get a little worried. I'd seen some very nice dogs and didn't know who was 1st. When she called out our number I couldn't believe we actually won especially when I knew second place was a 198 1/2. Well, Laser got a very nice score of 199. He is a very special dog and I'm so proud to be his training partner. I guess what I heard about the ribbons was right. The rosette is about 10" across and it's about 3 1/2' long. On top of that he got a silver plate and a very healthy gift certificate to J & J Supplies. Hopefully we'll qualify again next year.



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ATCI Picnic and Dog Walk



Airedale Field Fun in Wisconsin: The Cooley Memorial Hunt Test May 18 – 20, 2012

by Scott Lichty

It's amazing how different the weather in Wisconsin can be from one May to the next. Last year's ATCA Randall Cooley Memorial Hunt Test was held in cool, rainy weather. This year's event, the 10th annual, by contrast, was held in sunny, hot and windy conditions. The dogs didn't seem to mind the heat though as evidenced by some very nice field work.

May 18th, 19th and 20th were the dates for this year's Cooley. As is tradition, Friday was a day set aside for Airedale only events and handler camaraderie. Saturday and Sunday, on the other hand, were both scheduled as AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests. Owners of Airedales and owners of other Spaniel Hunt Test qualifying breeds ran their dogs in these tests with the goal of earning qualifying scores leading to AKC hunting titles. This year, ten Airedales participated in the AKC tests, a record number for an AKC hunt test!

Friday's events began with ATCA fur tracking and trailing tests held in the woods adjacent to the training fields of the Rock River Kennels property. The Master level test was the first scheduled test to be followed by the Senior and Junior level tests.

In the briefing held at the conclusion of the tests, Judges Sandra Cooley and Jim Middaugh were very complimentary about what they observed from the seven dogs they judged in this year's tests. ATCA fur titles were attained at each level. The master level MHFur title was earned by Sadie (Seneca Sadie's Lucky Day, SH, JHV, SHF, SHFur) owned by Tom and Kim McPeek and handled by Tom McPeek. The senior level SHFur title was earned by Jet (Connemara's Lustrus Gem, Vermillion Streaming Jet, SH, RN, CGC) owned by Constance White and Deanna Corby Lulik and handled by Constance White. The Junior Level JHFur title was earned by Bruce (Coldstream Born in the USA, JHF, JHR) owned and handled by Chris Halvorson. Congratulations to all new fur title holders!

At the conclusion of the fur test, it was time to eat. A terrific Wisconsin style beer brat and fixin' lunch was provided by Pam Straus and enjoyed by all. After lunch the Airedale fun continued with an upland workshop put on by professional spaniel trainer and the host for

the weekend, Jeff Schwartz. In the workshop, older and younger dogs alike got a chance to work with an expert for advice and help in solving some training issues.



Regent Wasabi (Bob) , UD, GO, RA, JH retrieving the bird to Scott Lichty during the Senior hunt dead blind retrieve exercise

Saturday's AKC Spaniel Hunting Test began bright and early with the morning briefing beginning at 7:45 AM followed by the first junior dogs running in the field by shortly after 8:00 AM. Of the ten junior dogs running Saturday, five were Airedales. Of these same ten dogs, six were qualifiers, three of which were Airedales. These Airedale qualifiers were Bruce (Coldstream Born in the USA) owned and handled by Chris Halvorson, Pete (Tartan Scottish Wolf Creek Pistol Pete, CD, RN) owned by Craig and Joyce Contofalsky and handled by Joyce Contofalsky, and Izzy (Aircraft Izzadora) owned and handled by Brian Bolier.



Joyce Contofalsky signals she is ready to run Pete - Tartan Scottish Wolf Creek Pistol Pete CD RN - at the water in Junior.

After the junior level dogs completed their work on Saturday nine Senior dogs began their work followed by the six Master dogs. Of the six qualifying senior dogs, two were Airedales. These qualifiers were Tulla (CH Strongbow Tullamore Dew, JH, CGC) owned and handled by Sandra Cooley and Hannah (Hollytrov Han Rules Wingate, UH (UKC), SHF, JHR) owned and handled by Mark Werner. Saturday turned out to be a challenging for master level dogs as only two of the six dogs entered qualified. Unfortunately, there was no Airedale in this group.

In summing up Saturday's events, I can say there were quality performances by many of the Airedales and spaniels entered. Unfortunately, a dumb handler error at the water kept my dog Bob from qualifying in Senior on Saturday. The piece of cake I enjoyed during the celebration at the awards ceremony with all of the day's qualifiers made me feel a little better. I was hoping I would get a chance to redeem my mistake on Sunday.

Sunday was another early day with morning briefing and first dogs in the field at the same times as the day before. Sunday's schedule was the same as Saturday starting with junior dogs followed by senior and master. Nine junior dogs ran on Sunday with six qualifying, three of which were Airedales. The same three Airedales who qualified on Saturday proved their skill once again on Sunday, i.e. Bruce, Pete and Izzy. All three would go home with two ATCA orange hunting test ribbons for their weekend's work.

Ten senior dogs did their best to qualify for hunt test ribbons on Sunday. Six were successful, including two Airedales. The two Airedale qualifiers were Hannah once again and this time my Bob earned a ribbon (Regent Wasabi, UD, GO, RA, JH, JHF) owned by Scott Lichty (me) and Anita Smits. I guess I proved I was trainable, too by learning from Saturday's mistakes.

The Sunday master level hunt test had five dogs entered with four qualifying, none of which were Airedales, unfortunately. At the end of the day on Sunday, we again gathered to celebrate the qualifiers for the

day. Two bright spots to celebrate were the AKC Senior Hunter titles earned by two Airedales. Mark and Karen Werner's Hannah and Anita's and my own Bob earned two more titles for the Airedale nation. Two more titles were added to the growing list of AKC hunt test titles by our breed, a pretty good weekend!

I would like to thank all the people that helped make this year's Cooley Hunt Test a success once again. These people are Ken Cook, Hunt Test Chair, the hunt test committee of Sandra Cooley, Constance White, Anita Smits, Mark Werner and Matt Nordahl, (I was the event secretary), the fur test folks of Dale Burrier and Jim Middaugh

(Jim also helped with Friday's breakfast), the Friday food expert and fur dog trainer Pam Straus, and finally Jeff Schwartz and his family. Thank you all who helped with the event and thank you all who attended!

Scott Lichty
Chair ATCA Hunting and Field Committee

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Regent Wasabi, UD, GO, RA and now SH after this retrieve from water.

The *Dawg* House

You don't have to be **BAD** to be in This House

Zeppelin "Timberwyck's Peak Performance" just turned 2 years old. He is a wonderful, sweet boy, who loves to sleep on his back, and on the grooming table. His favorite toy is a little felt ball that he kicks around and plays with like a cat. When it is under something, he howls and cries until you get it out for him. He loves to be my model for grooming contests, and I am also starting to show him in AKC conformation as well. We thank Susan Kuhn for allowing him to be an addition to our family!

- Heather Roozee



Zeppelin

Please send **YOUR Dawg's Bio** and **Photos** to bhartn48@ameritech.net for the next issue of **Airedale Alley**

VETERANS IN THE SHOW RING

Permission to post this lovely piece was given by Terry Russo

"I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class.

Not one person applauded. Not one person came up and said anything. Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat. Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions: "It was nice to see him out there". Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy". Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him. Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all

your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring. My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you."

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man). I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said "Terry.....I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you.

And to him." As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up to me in tears, with hugs and apologies. I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done. Was it worth it?

When *Mr. Smith* took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained - and applauded and "whooped and hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners. If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day... Was it worth it? You tell me... Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared. Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people. It's often said "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". But I know one old dog who taught something of great value."

What Is A Title?

by Sandy Mowery

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor that dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard, and though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count. A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified. A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in the world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name. A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

New Members

Please give a big welcome to our new members **Janis Linn and Chris and Mark Vitosh**

This journey began when I became an empty nester and owning a dog first entered my thoughts. After puppy sitting several times for my son's rescue puppy Lila, I called Janet Framke of Stone Ridge Airedales.

Pippa was one of six puppies born November 14, 2007. I purchased Pippa as a family pet and agreed to a breeder's agreement providing one litter back to Stone Ridge. I had not realized then that in bringing home this 8-week-old puppy, my life was never to be the same.

In September 2008, Pippa and I were very fortunate the day we drove to Huntwood Kennel for an evaluation and met Scott and Susan Kipp. Susan determined that Pippa was a perfect candidate for the conformation ring, agreed to take on that responsibility

and in late December 2008, Pippa's conformation career began. What I had not realized until that meeting was that Pippa was also bringing the Huntwood Airedale line back home via a grandmother and great grandmother.

In February 2009, at the International Kennel Club show held in Chicago, Pippa received her champion status and by May 2009, she was ranked the number one Airedale bitch in America. February 2010 brought Pippa an invitation to Westminster where she was awarded BOS. After that acknowledgement, Pippa came home to be just my pal again and prepared to become a Mom.

Pippa has produced three wonderful litters. On June 15, 2010, November 14, 2011 and May 22, 2012 at Huntwood Kennel, Pippa presented us with 10, 9 and 6 healthy, happy and beautiful puppies.

Between Pippa's first and second litter, she

briefly went back in the ring in 2010, earned her GCH, AOM at Montgomery and finished the year ranked sixth for Airedale All Breed.

Currently being presented in the conformation ring is our special Caelan (co-owned with Susan Kipp) from Pippa's first litter. Just beginning their conformation journey, from Pippa's second litter is Jayden (owned by Chris Vitosh, co-owned with Susan Kipp and myself), Caleb and Cully (both co-owned with Susan Kipp). Finally yet importantly from Pippa's second litter is Gabi (co-owned with Susan and Dylan Kipp), who is currently at home visiting with her Mom.

As far as Pippa's final litter born May 22 of this year, we will need to wait and see what the future holds for this group.

As for me, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, walks with the dogs, gardening, mystery movies/books and fishing.



Paxton

After years of begging for a dog, I was blessed on my 12th birthday with an Airedale I named Mandy. We were constant companions. Over the next ten years, two more became part of my family, Beauregard and Rocco Bleu. Rocco was my husband's first dog and my daughter was raised with him. He embodied all the typical characteristics of Airedales and children: Never fear, for Rocco was always near.

After Rocco passed, many changes occurred. The next 14 years were spent without an Airedale in our home, although two Boxers, a Collie and a Cocker Spaniel had joined the team. We moved from Naperville to the country, a move necessitated by our daughter's deep interest in horses.

Fast forward to 2009 when my Mother and I had one of our last "life" talks before she passed. She had asked what I wanted to do now that my daughter was raised, a good person, and well on her path. I had not contemplated that for quite some time, but instinctively replied, "It would be something to do with my dogs." Mom was the main caretaker for the Airedales and always enjoyed their personality; it was for this reason I happened to search on Youtube for Airedale outtakes and realized how much I had missed their clownish attitude, the tuck-butt-run move, the talking back, their eye contact and expression.

Since Rocco's lineage came from the Stone Ridge line, I went to their website, happened upon Pippa's story and was intrigued. I gave Janet a call. "Another dog???" my husband would say. Was I finally ready for another Airedale? We all know they demand attention more than most, if not all, other breeds. The long-since-forgotten dream of experiencing the show dog scene came back to mind as I spoke with Janet and she explained how Pippa's owner is a businesswoman in Chicago and how she has been able to balance a career and show dog. I decided there was no time like the present, and was once again

proudly owned by a female pup I named Paxton, which was my Mother's maiden name.

The next year was spent learning how to hand strip, rake, glue ears, and stack. Through Susan Kipp's expert handling and the Huntwood team's help, we traveled to shows in several states and Paxton was awarded her championship in short order. Paxton and I went to classes at a local training facility and she received her Canine Good Citizen. I have met many wonderful dog people and now seen in person all the breeds I had read about and watched from afar on television since I was young.

Just when I thought my dog family was complete, I was offered a puppy from Pippa's second litter. What an honor it was, for, if not for Pippa, I would never have embarked on the show dog adventure. Jayden was born on my brother's birthday and, when I visited Huntwood, he was always the one to come running to me. There is nothing quite so heartwarming as an Airedale puppy curled up on your shoulder; the one time they are quiet and still. It seems apparent now there is always room for one more, and each one brings something unique to our home.

Jayden's first show was the Club's specialty at Grayslake this year where, having just turned seven months old, he showed alongside his sisters and older brothers.

I look forward to another year of dog shows, more training classes and accomplishments, and raising puppies who are well-socialized, well-behaved and great ambassadors of the breed when they go out into the world and join a new family.

I am a freelance court reporter, my husband is a network solutions architect for Cisco Systems, and our daughter is training and showing dressage horses on the East Coast and Florida. We share our home currently with four dogs, four horses, numerous barn cats, and a parrot.



I have found there is a common theme when strangers meet my Airedales: They grin and say, "Oh, I used to have an Airedale!!!", and I chuckle to myself because "There but for the grace of God, go I."

- Chris and Mark Vitosh

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Rita is a 6 mo. old female pup from our Am., Mex. Champion Stone Ridge Sudden Impact "Callahan", from his very first litter. She is owned, conditioned and shown by our co-owner Alfredo Del Rey Cruz and his lovely daughter Annia, who finished Callahan for us in Mexico.



"Rita La Perrita"

Whelping Box

Barbara Denofrio's CH. Royalcrest Total Knockout TDX (Dempsey) and Royalcrest Celtic Rain (Bree) had a litter born on July 26th. All is well, Bree doing a great job with her 2 girls and 5 boys. Dempsey can't wait to see the pups up close.



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3. Winner's breeder(s) and owner(s)
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1. AKC name and call name
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3. Breeder(s) and owner(s) of litter
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Anecdotal information concerning shows, titles and whelping is also welcome.