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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST
WATERWAYS FLAT-COATED
RETRIEVER CLUB

Winter Issue - 2015

FLAT COAT FOLLIES!

Your club officers and members have been busy planning some exciting events especially for you and your flat-coats. Make plans to join us for some fun, fellowship and flat-coats. You can catch up with some old friends and make some new ones while spending time with your best friend.

2015 FCRSA National Specialty

April 5 – 12, 2015

Purina Farms, St. Louis, MO

Deadlines are approaching quickly so get your entries in, fill out those hospitality forms and merchandise order forms. Get ready for a great time with your flat-coat friends.

2015 MWFCRC Supported Entry

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Traverse City, MI

In conjunction with the Traverse City Kennel Club

Sweepstakes judge: Helen Szostak

Live flyer training day and WC/WCX

October 11 – 12, 2015

Pardee Property, Concord, MI

Hard-Surface Tracking Workshop

November 14 – 15, 2015

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sponsored by MWFCRC

Other events in our region:

Spring Fun Match & Rent-A-Ring in Fort Wayne

FWOTC is holding their annual spring match on Saturday, March 14th. Pre-entries encouraged. Contact Kate Barton (FiresideFCR@gmail.com) for a flyer.

3 Obedience Trials, 2 Rally Trials, 1 C-Match in Fort Wayne

FWOTC is holding their annual Obedience & Rally trials and C-Match on May 1, 2, 3. Contact Kate Barton (FiresideFCR@gmail.com) or see www.fwotc.com for premium.

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Message from the President:

Happy 2015 Everyone! I hope your dogs are enjoying the snow as much as mine are – they always amaze me with their antics with each fresh snow... playing “submarine” and coming up with white faces, making “puppy angels” while wiggling in delight on their backs, etc. Silly dogs we should all take a lesson from!

The MWFCRC club has a busy schedule ahead of us, and I encourage each of you to participate and help as much as you can. One of the goals for this Club is to become more active and make our presence known. Below are a few items on the agenda for 2015:

- MWFCRC in charge of Grounds at the Host Hotel for the St. Louis National Specialty in April, 2015
- Supported Entry in Traverse City, MI on June 13th (come early, stay late – it may be a long drive but it is SOOOOO much fun up there!!)
- Live Flyer Day – let your dogs get some experience retrieving live flyers. Nothing much more exciting to the dog than a live flyer! (Oct. 10)
- WC/WCX in Concord, MI. Golden retrievers are welcome as well as Flat-Coats. (Oct. 11)
- Hard Surface Tracking Workshop in Fort Wayne, IN (Nov. 14-15) – Preference given to FCR’s.

I want to take a moment to thank the Officers and Board for all of their great ideas and enthusiasm and WORK these past couple of years – we are making a dent in our region, and it’s all due to the great members in this Club. THANK YOU!

I am also in need of a few volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. This group begins their work in March each year, and submits their slate of candidates eight weeks prior to the annual meeting (so this year that means April 18th). The new officers/board assume their positions in September. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, interested in running for a position, or interested in keeping your current position, please let me know by the end of February.

I hope to see you all in April in St. Louis!

Kate Barton, MWFCRC President

Calendar for upcoming MWFCRC Board Meetings: Thursdays at 9:00 P.M.

Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2015 and March 19, 2015.

Call in Information:

Conference Dial-in Number: (712) 432-1500

Participant Access Code: 334084#

BRAGS

From Adele Yunck:

Sonic (Coastalight Primetime UD RE SH WCX) earned her CD, CDX, GO, and UD in 2014, including earning her first 4 OTCh. points the day she finished her UD in December. She earned back-to-back majors at the Michigan Winter Classic shows in January 2015 and also a first place in Utility B on the final day, earning 10 OTCh points.

From Karen Dodd:

Wingmaster's National Treasure "Cage" is #3 in the 2014 World Cynosport Rally National Rankings for Rally Level 1 scores. He earned his WCRL L1 and UKC RL1 titles in 2014. Pretty good as his partner was sidelined for 1/2 the year.

From Debbie Ting:

Berry (Fairytail's Halle Berry) got her MACH on 1-11-15.

From Diane Constable:

We are very proud of the 15 month old Oakwood 'Photo' litters United Kennel Club weekend show held at the Ann Arbor Training Club Jan 31-Feb 2.

1st show, **UKC CH Oakwood's Double Exposure (Sabre-Rick Tishma/Fred Staugh)** was best of Champions for a 3rd Grand Champion point, while sire **Cosby (UGRCH, GCH Fireside Stand-up Sitcom RE JH AX AXJ)**(Cheryl Ertelt) went Best of Breed.

2nd show, **UKC CH Oakwood's Shoots from the Blind (Camo-Cheryl Ertelt)** was Best of Breed, defeating the other Champions and his sire for his 1st Grand Champion point.

3rd and 4th shows, **UKC CH UJJCH Oakwood's Depth of Field (Nikon- Diane Constable)** was Best of Breed, and went to a Group 4 amongst stiff completion in the 3rd show, along with some nice comments from the judge!!

From Janet Olson:

GCH PACH Alidar Effervescing PAX, "Arlington", owned by Janet Olson, finished her PACH and her PAX on 12/27/14 at Queen City in Cincinnati OH. On to PACH2.

From Kate Barton:

CH SHR UCDX Fireside LOL Always, BN, GN, CDX, TD, JH, CGC (Lola) passed her Tracking Dog test on Sunday, November 9th in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was a beautiful crisp, fall day.

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From Deanna German:

"Cal" (aka GCH Gamekeeper's Iron Man *CD* RA JH WCX) completed his Companion Dog title in three consecutive trials at the Toledo Kennel Club November 21, 22 and 23. Cal earned two second places and topped it all off with a first place and a score of 196. A few weeks later on December 13 and 14, Cal topped his titling performances while showing at the Cleveland Cluster shows at the very busy, noisy I-X Center. Cal earned a first place and score of 198 1/2 in a huge Novice B class on Saturday and came back the next day with a score of 198 and second place in another highly competitive class.

HARD-SURFACE TRACKING WORKSHOP

MWFCRC
Presenting a 2-day
Hard-Surface Tracking Workshop
With Steve Ripley
November 14-15, 2015 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

- 10 Working spots, with preference given to Flat-Coated Retrievers. **All Working dogs must have some tracking experience.**
- Unlimited Auditors
- Join us for two days of classroom and outdoor urban tracking at our beautiful site on the north side of Fort Wayne.
- Steve Ripley, AKC Tracking Judge (#4826) from Westfield, Indiana, will be teaching us the dynamics and skills needed to teach our dogs how to follow scent in an urban setting, which includes sidewalks, parking lots, gravel – as well as mowed lawns, landscape, mulch – just about anywhere a person can walk!
- Cost* is \$100 for Flat-Coat Working Teams, and \$125 for all other breeds. Preference will be given to Flat-Coated Retrievers. **DEADLINE for FCR Working teams is August 1, 2015. Auditors and non-Flat-Coat working spots deadline Oct. 1, 2015.** Non-Flat-Coat working spot applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received.
- Lunch included both days.
- *All participants (working or auditing) must have the book “Making Scents out of the Urban Jungle”, by Steve Ripley, available at the workshop, or go to www.mycountryfare.com. (This book will be provided to the FCR working spots.)

Flat-Coated Retriever – WORKING SPOT (\$100)

Flat-Coated Retriever – AUDITOR (\$60)

Other Breed -- WORKING SPOT (\$125)

Other Breed AUDITOR -- (\$60)

Handler's Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

E-Mail: _____ Breed: _____

Dog's Tracking Experience: TD TDX TDU/VST New-never tried tracking before Other

Mail completed form and check payable to MWFCRC to:

Kate Barton
5325 Ann Hackley Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46835-1413
Phone: 260.437.2087

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

Deadline for Flat-Coat Working spots is Aug. 1, 2015. Auditors and non-Flat-Coat working spots deadline is Oct. 1, 2015.

Field Training Alone?

Calling All Lone Field Trainers!

Are you struggling to field train all by yourself? Do you live too distant to attend a local FCR club's training sessions? Might you feel that field would be a lot more approachable if you could just get some darn support? Well, fret no longer!

The National Field Committee wants to support you and your dog in our breed's native sport.

The Field Committee has organized the Lone Trainers sub-committee to assist you. This sub-committee shall help you locate training groups or opportunities in your area and boon of boons, hook you up with an accomplished, interested, and supportive mentor from within our breed!

Talk of having "the force" with you.

If you are interested, please do make haste to your computer or telephone and contact us (Nevins at lenevins@comcast.net, [905.582.3990](tel:905.582.3990) or Jenn Tower at slipstreamfcr@gmail.com).

Nevins and Jenn look forward to using their awesome powers of "match making" to find you a training group and mentor.



MWFCRC Photo Gallery

Kathy Petroni
&
Bertschire Ultimate Guy got his MACH 2 in November 2014.



Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would ever have a dog that would qualify for the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America Hall of Fame. I would always watch those amazing dogs enter the Ring of Honor at the National Specialties and be totally mesmerized by both the dogs and their owners. What teamwork they exhibited. What dedication. What good fortune. What love for each other. Well I am so excited to announce that "**Hasbro**" has qualified for the 2014-2015 induction into the Hall of Fame. My goodness---what a thrill for us! Mary Ann Abbott and Keith L. Leak

CH Kistryl Shoots and Ladders CD MH WCX CGC ** HOF



Board Meeting Minutes

**Midwest Waterways Flat-Coated Retriever Club
Monthly Board Minutes
November 20, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 9:10 P.M.

Present: Sherry Augustine, Vice President;; Cheryl Ertelt, Board Member; Kate Barton, President; Mary Ann Abbott, Secretary; Kathy Petroni, Treasurer; Adele Yunck, WC/WCX and Website.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Petroni/Ertelt to approve minutes of last meeting (9/25/14) as presented.

Passed Unanimously

Secretary Report

None

Treasurer Report

MOTION: Abbott/Ertelt to accept the Treasurer Report to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Passed Unanimously

Committee Reports

WC/WCX (Kate Barton/Adele Yunck)

Looking for a Golden person to serve on the WC/X committee per Golden Retriever Parent Club requirements. Also looking for gunners

2015 Supported Entry (Mary Ann Abbott)

Helen Szostak is confirmed as Sweepstakes judge.

Unfinished Business

Reinstatement of the 501(c) 7 (Mary Ann Abbott)

The Reinstatement of the 501 (c) 7 has been approved

Ground Keeping

MWFCRC will be in charge of the Host Hotel at the 2015 St. Louis Specialty. Clean up materials will be supplied by the Hotel.

Coke Board Coasters

Kate is looking at other printing options and will report back.

New Business

FCRSA Grant Opportunity

Kate Barton is proposing applying for the FCRSA Grant of \$1000.00 in order to present an "Urban Tracking Seminar" to be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. (Approval to go ahead and apply for this grant request was given by the board on a separate vote held at the end of December)

Calendar for upcoming Meetings: Thursdays at 9:00 P.M. Dates are January 15, 2015 & February 19, 2015 and March 19, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

Board Meeting Minutes continued

Midwest Waterways Flat-Coated Retriever Club Monthly Board Minutes January 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:05 P.M.

Present: Sherry Augustine, Vice President; Darlene Knapp, Board Member; Cheryl Ertelt, Board Member; Kate Barton, President; Mary Ann Abbott, Secretary; Kathy Petroni, Treasurer, Diane Constable, Membership Secretary; Adele Yunck, WC/WCX and Website; Jill Griffet, Board Member.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Petroni/Constable to approve minutes of last meeting (9/25/14) as presented.

Passed Unanimously

Secretary Report

None

Treasurer Report

Ending balance of the Treasurer's report is \$5,859.00.

MOTION: Augustine/Abbott to accept the Treasurer Report to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Passed Unanimously

Committee Reports

Membership (Diane Constable)

Currently there are 30 members listed. 16 have paid their membership renewal. Reminders were emailed the first week of January 2015.

WC/WCX (Kate Barton/Adele Yunck)

Question on the number of birds that we will need for the test and training day. Griffet will check with Marshbanks on the number of live flyers they ordered in the past. Gwen Coon will be the Golden Retriever representative. Having difficulty connecting with the member to determine what is needed in terms of Rosettes. There are rosettes left over, but not sure is anything is lacking. Kate Barton to follow up on this.

2015 Supported Entry (Mary Ann Abbott)

The coasters to advertise the 2015 Supported Entry for the 2015 FCRSA Hospitality bags will cost \$363.00.

MOTION: Augustine/Barton to approve the purchase of the advertising coasters for the FCRSA Hospitality Bags.

Passed Unanimously

Discussion on trophy ideas for the 2015 Supported Entry. Kate Barton to get prices on insulated snack bags and notepads. Bags will be stuffed with local products for the top winners.

Mary Ann Abbot to contact show chair with the premium information.

Website (Adele Yunck): Will get site updated with minutes and future meetings

Hard Surface Tracking Workshop

Kate Barton on behalf of the MWFCFC has applied for the FCRSA Grant of \$1000.00 for assistance to FCR owners for the hard Surface Tracking Seminar. It has been approved. The workshop will be held on October 14 & 15, 2015 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ten working slots will be available with preference to FCR's and a \$100.00 charge. The charge for non -FCR will be \$125.00. Auditors are \$60.00. Ten FCR's will also receive the workbook "Making Scents of the Urban Jungle" for free. This book is required for the class. Some tracking experience will be helpful.

Unfinished Business None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 P.M.

Membership Renewal

MWFCRC Membership Renewal Form

Reminder: the membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

Name _____

Kennel Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of Flat-Coats in residence: _____

Areas of interest and/or experience:

AGILITY CONFORMATION FIELD FLYBALL OBEDIENCE RALLY THERAPY DOG TRACKING
 OTHER:

Would you be willing to serve on a MWFCRC committee? YES NO

Would you be willing to help organize events in your area? YES NO

Would you be interested in serving on the MWFCRC Board of Directors? YES NO

What is the maximum distance (in miles or time) you would be willing to travel to participate in a club event? _____

How often are you likely to participate in a club event? ONCE PER YEAR TWICE PER YEAR MORE THAN TWICE

What events would you like to see MWFCRC offer in the future? _____

Annual membership dues are \$15 per INDIVIDUAL (one voting member) and \$25 per HOUSEHOLD (two voting members).

The membership year runs January to December payable by January 1st.

I agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Midwest Waterways Flat-Coated Retriever Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club and am in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I am also including a donation of \$ _____ toward the trophy fund for our supported entry.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MWFCRC—MAIL DUES RENEWAL TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

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