

# 2021 Upcoming Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Semiannual Meeting / Picnic / Club Trial: Sunday, September 12, 2021: 9:00 a.m., Club Trial, 1:00 p.m. meeting. Cory Smith's Farm, Niota, TN. Article inside on page 2.
2. Equipment Sale: Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Cory Smith's Farm. Shotguns, blinds, bird dryers and more. Come stock up! Article inside on page **xx**
3. October 23-24, 2021, Fall Weekend Hunt Test, double JH / SH, 2 flights Master: Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. More info inside on p. 2.
4. November 2-3, Master Only Midweek November Hunt Test, Caldwell Farm, 1810 State Hwy 58S, Georgetown, TN 37336. More info inside on p. 2.



## Photo of the Month



Alan B tries out a Master setup with Shine's puppy Jack. What a guy — that duck is as big as he is!

Lois Luthenauer Photo

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## Summer Business Meeting / Picnic / Club Trial Sunday, September 12 , 2021

.In hopes of cooler weather, we have decided to move our usual August general meeting to September this year. We are scheduling it on a Sunday to avoid conflicts with UT Football, and are planning to combine the meeting with a club trial.

The event will be held at Cory Smith's farm, 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN which is just a mile or two off I75 south of Knoxville. Cory has great land, an adequate pond, and a lovely shady covered porch where we can eat lunch and have our meeting.

The Club Trial will start **at 9:00 a.m.** We will have Singles Classic, MH, SH, JH, and Advanced JH stakes, and puppy stakes for Senior and Junior puppies. Each stake is \$10 and ribbons will be awarded for completion; first through 5th place ribbons for puppy stakes and Singles Classic. Our club trial rules are up on the internet here: [http://www.etrclub.org/club\\_trial\\_rules.htm](http://www.etrclub.org/club_trial_rules.htm). You can just go to the home page (etrclub.org) and press the link in the blue menu bar on the left side of the page.

This is a bring-your-own lunch affair. Probably a good idea to bring your own chair too — plus whatever equipment and water you will need for you and your dogs for the club trial.

The business meeting will start **at 1:00**. We need to have a quorum for this event so we can vote in the new members for this year — come and find out what your club has been doing!

As an added event, we will be hosting an Equipment Sale at this event. Recently, the club purchased all the equipment from the now-defunct Volunteer Retriever Club, and we have gone through and inventoried all our equipment and have decided what to keep and what to sell. For a list of sale items with pictures and prices, see the article on page **xx** of this newsletter. Everything will all be at this event on display , and you can check it all out and purchase what you need at a good price.

More details in next month's newsletter! Hope to see you all there!

## ETRC Fall AKC Hunt Test October 23-24 , 2021, Ken Campbell's Farm

We are unable to use Hiwassee Preserve for our fall hunt test. However, Ken Campbell has offered us the use of his amazing farm again for this test — ponds galore, great land, wonderful facilities, no cows — so we are planning a full test with double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master. We have selected judges pending AKC approval, and the premium is up on Entry Express. J. Michael Evans will be handling the Worker Codes again for early non-amateur Master entries. More details to come in the September newsletter.

## ETRC November Midweek Master Only AKC Hunt Test November 2-3 , 2021, Brian Caldwell's Farm

**MORE!**

Our last hunt test of 2021's very busy season will be another mid-week Master test on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2 and 3. Thanks again to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his property all year! This will be a single flight of Master with 66 dogs. We are still working on identifying one of the judges — more details about this event next month.

## Report on ETRC's Master Only July 13-14 Hunt Test Georgetown, TN

Our FIFTH hunt test of the year was another Master-Only midweek test at Brian Caldwell's farm over near the Hiwassee Reserve. This was a single flight, with a maximum of 66 entries. We did not fill up all the 66 available spaces; 59 dogs were entered and after 7 scratches, 52 dogs came to the line.

Wow, did we have a lot of Golden Retrievers! 12 of the 59 entries were Goldens, 46 were Labradors of various colors, and one was a Boykin. Girls outnumbered the boys again, a trend that is new from several years ago — 35 females and 24 males entered the test. 33 dogs passed. The oldest dog was 11 years 4 months; the youngest was 1 year 8 months.

We have had the most amazing luck with weather this year (except for the monsoon during the Double Double JH / SH test in early May). Who would have thought that we could have a test in mid-July and not once during the time the dogs were active would the temperature go over 80? Some people were wearing jackets in the mornings! We did get a little bit of rain, but only light sprinkles a few times, and the heavy clouds and light breeze kept us all amazingly comfortable.

Judges Robert Johnson and J. Michael Evans kept things moving right along. We finished the first (land) series before lunch, and managed to finish the Land/Water series before quitting Tuesday night. That just left the water series for Wednesday morning, and with 38 callbacks to the final series we were done by 11:30 a.m. Thanks again to all the usual suspects — to Brian Caldwell for the use of his wonderful grounds and for arranging for two professional Bird Technicians; to the ETRC Board for the advance planning, and to hunt test workers Alan Bruhin, Hunt Test Secretary /duck hanger Michele Fletcher, Chief Marshal Lois Luthenauer, grounds people Mike Smith, Jim Pearce (who also made the lunches), and Karen Edwards who paid the bills. If I missed any others, I apologize — your work was much appreciated and we couldn't have put this test on without the help of many people! Thanks also to Lois Luthenauer's nephew Gavin Sigmund, who hung birds and helped out wherever needed both days. And of course, thanks to everyone who came and ran your dogs!

Cheers and hurrahs for the following ETRC members who owned and/or handled qualifying dogs:

### **Master Hunter (listed in running order)**

- ◆ Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH, a Labrador owned, trained and handled by Alan Bruhin. Shine is just back from Mommy duties.
- ◆ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH, a Labrador bred, owned, and handled by Alan Bruhin. Cin is a daughter of Alan's other dog Shine.
- ◆ McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name MH, Golden Retriever owned by Luke McCoy and handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ Troublesome Fowl Addiction, a Labrador owned by John Broucek and handled by Jody Ware.
- ◆ Fern Hill Py In The Sky SH, a Golden Retriever bred and owned by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce, and handled by Jody Ware to her fourth Master pass in as many tries.

Also, congratulations to Pro members Jody Ware and Brian Caldwell, who handled several other non-member client dogs to passes as well as the ones listed above.



### Report on June Master-Only Hunt Test, Con't.

This was a meaty little test — it's interesting to see how the judges have managed to set up so many different scenarios on Brian's land this spring/summer. The first (Land) series was a triple with a walkup and an honor. Because of the terrain and a brushy ditch, there were many dogs that had to be handled on the middle mark.

The second (Land/Water) series was a double mark followed by two blinds. The first mark was on land down the side of the pond into a depression; it was interesting to see how many dogs were being sucked toward the water! The land blind was behind the land mark, and the water blind was tight and under the arc of the second mark. This was a lengthy series with two long swims, and averaged 7 minutes a dog.

The third series was on water — a triple with a diversion shot. The first mark was across water, across a pond, across more water and up on the bank to the right of the blind. The second mark was splashed in the water between two small islands. The third mark was across the water and up on the land to the left of the blind. The marks were fairly tight. Although very few dogs had problems with the second mark, the first one was a bear and resulted in lots of handles, dogs running the bank, etc.

Next test will be in October, so we all get a bit of a breather. But hey, we're getting good at this!



Random Hunt Test Scenes — Test Dog, New Master Hunter at the Line; Jeff Rader with Charlie; Waiting to Rebird.



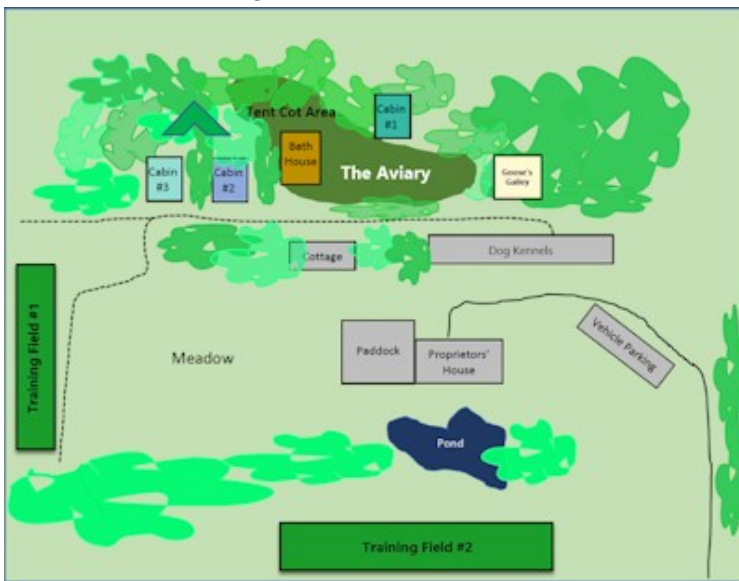
# Member News, Brags, & Announcements

## News from The Retriever Retreat —

July started out with a bang, both literally and figuratively! Professional Trainer Mitch White presented his two day Skills and Drills workshop. Dogs of all levels were welcome and we had a small turnout, which meant that each working team got a lot of individual attention! We covered everything from tee field work to marking and lining drills. Emphasis was given to the procedure for entering and leaving holding blinds on the way to the line to establish a clear communication with the dog as to who is actually in charge! Michelle Fletcher, who was the only other club member in attendance, even learned that she actually has a breaking dog! The training workshop was followed by a big fireworks show, and everyone who stayed around enjoyed the food and fireworks. We hope to see you next year, as we will try to make this an annual event.

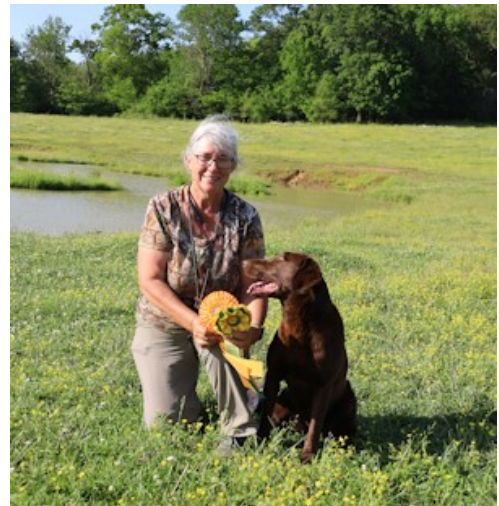
August brings heat, a small break in training, and a beach vacation! After that, The Retriever Coach Kevin Cheff will be here for a three day Fundamental Skill Building Workshop! This workshop is intended for individuals who want to learn how to bridge the gap between yard basics and advanced field training. Kevin will cover more drills, training setups, marking development and more. Working spots for the three day workshop, August 20 – 21 – 22 cost \$590 and auditor spots are \$300. If you have never seen Kevin in action, I highly recommend at least signing up for an auditor spot. Since he limits his working spots to seven people, there is plenty of individual attention over the three days and you can expect to progress as a team with your dog and come away with some excellent training tips and techniques.

We will have open dates available for training at all levels beginning Monday, August 23 all the way through Sunday September 12. Anyone is welcome to come with a day or two notice and train with me. There will be no formal training coach here (Sherie is gone those dates), but for a \$25 per day per person (not per dog) fee, we can run drills or setups or work on whatever you need. It's a pretty far piece for some of you to drive, but good access to water, terrain, cover, and most importantly, a different site than you normally train on. And, if you spend the night, the regular lodging fee applies and access to the grounds is included.



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| <b>The Retriever Retreat Legend</b> |                    | Cottage       | <b>The Canvasback</b> |
| Cabin #1                            | <b>The Mallard</b> | Cabin #3      | <b>The Merganser</b>  |
| Cabin #2                            | <b>The Teal</b>    | Tent Cot Area |                       |

**If you have any questions, or want to sign up for the workshop or training time, please contact Lois at email: [retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com](mailto:retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com), phone 865-803-1187.**



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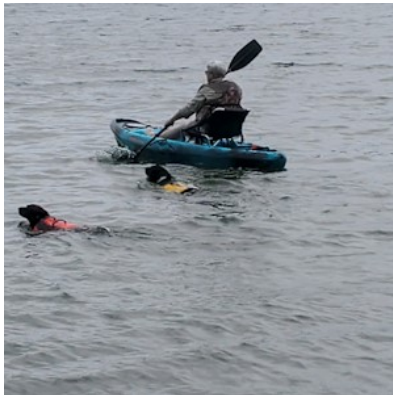


Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce are proud to announce that Fern Hill Py In The Sky earned her Master Hunter title on August 1 at the North Alabama Last Chance test, with Jody Ware handling. Py's first try at Master was at our club's spring test on Memorial Day weekend, just two months ago, and she passed then and passed the 4 other Master tests she has tried since then.

She started her competition career at ETRC's last fall test with Jim handling; she didn't pass her first Senior test, but passed on Sunday and this spring went four for four tries, earning her Senior title at the ETRC May 5-6 mid-week test.

Py is by AFC Topbrass Hawk's Red Wing MH CCA WCX our of Karen and Jim's Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX OD. What a gal! Thanks a million to Jody for doing such a great job training her since she was a puppy and handling her this spring & summer!

Looks like the Smiths are having way too much fun this summer!



**ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 7/28/21  
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN**

**Present from the Board:** Alan Bruhin, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce, Cory Smith, Peter Torok (phone), Mike Smith

**Absent, excused:** Michele Fletcher, Jeff McNutt, Denise Chambers

**Others Members Present:** Lois Luthenauer, Chief Marshal

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports**

**President's Report:** None.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards.

**Minutes:** Last meeting was 6/23/21; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website shortly after the meeting. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Mike Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None to report

**Membership:** Current 2021 membership is 56, including 1 waiting first reading later today. 12 haven't renewed so far this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$33,759.24. Owe Mike Smith ~\$1,000 for the blinds. See treasurer's report, copies handed out this evening.

**Old Business**

**July Master-Only Hunt Test:** Final bills still coming in, still a money-maker. We were unbelievably lucky with the weather! And, we have done a very good job of getting these small tests up and running smoothly.

**September Picnic / Business Meeting / Seminar?** Sunday, September 12. Last time we had decided on the date, but still needed to consider the location and the time, and confirm that we still want to combine this with a club trial. We have 2 possibilities, Lois's Retriever Retreat, and Cory's farm. They both have decent land, mediocre water, and nice shady places to sit and eat. Cory's is more centrally located, and after some discussion Mike Smith moved that we have it at Cory's, Luke seconded it, and the vote passed. This will be a Bring Your Own Lunch event. The Club Trial will start at 9 a.m., and the business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.

**Fall Test:** Oct 23-24, Lucky 7. Alan thanked Lois for helping him find the rest of the judges we need for this test. He will send the board an email with their names so that J. Michael can enter the judges into AKC for approval, Michele can enter them into EE, and Karen can write them letters confirming arrangements. We went through the assignment sheet and made sure we knew where we stood on everything and who is responsible for what. J. Michael will talk with Ken C. about financial arrangements and about whether he is OK with us using live ammunition or not, which will impact on whether we need to request no live flyers from AKC. Karen needs to request insurance certs for this site. Mike Smith will contact the Sweetwater

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motel for judges, the one we have used in the past. We decided to not have a judges dinner, considering that Covid is making a reappearance and we don't know what it will be like in October. Alan will contact the Cleveland Community College wildlife professor to see about getting bird techs from them again. J. Michael will order porta potties and a dumpster. He will bring his ATV and so will Mike Smith and Michele Fletcher.

**Master Only November 2-3 Test: Brian Caldwell's.** Up on EE and AKC sites. Still looking for one judge. Brian Caldwell will provide bird techs, hopefully at least 3.

**Equipment:** Cory Smith, Mike Smith, Michele Fletcher, Lois Luthenauer and Karen Edwards met at Cory's July 23, 2021 for an inventory of all our equipment. We went through the list and decided what to keep and what to sell, and asking prices. Karen will put up the list of 'for sale' items in the August and September newsletter, and we will be having a 'sale day' at Cory's farm on September 12 where people can come, browse, and walk away with the equipment. We decided to destroy and dump all unsold shotguns after this event, and to list the remaining items not sold on Facebook Marketplace or Craig's list or similar. J. Michael and Luke will contact the club they work with down south of us to see if they are interested in any of the items, and Lois will ask Middle Tennessee if they want any of the stuff.

**Judges Seminar, possible January / February:** We decided to keep this item on the table for now and consider again after the fall tests are over.

**Ribbons:** Karen ordered new duckbands (500) and 100 JH ribbons, 100 Title ribbons. Duckbands already received; ribbons due in mid-September.

### New Business:

**New Member:** One for first reading:

- ◆ Brandon & Jessica Parton, 223 Anchor Court, Dandridge, TN 37725, 865-210-0797, [brandonparton571@gmail.com](mailto:brandonparton571@gmail.com). He's in Operations Management. Has a 10 mo. Old black lab, interested in AKC hunt tests, is a DU member. Volunteers for whatever is needed, "I'm new to hunt tests/field trials, so I'm limited right now. However, I am willing to learn."

Peter Torok volunteered to be one of his sponsors, since he is closer to Dandridge than many of us. We volunteered Alan Bruhin to be the other sponsor, since he had to leave the meeting early to participate in a Master National judges conference call and J. Michael as VP had just taken over presiding in the middle of the equipment discussion. Luke moved we accept these people as provisional members. J. Michael seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Karen will tell them names and contact info of their sponsors; sponsors will have access to the new members' contact info through these minutes when completed.

**MNRC Proposed Bylaws Change:** Proposal to change the method for selecting judges for the Master National (MN). Currently, judges are selected from each individual region, and recommended to the Board by the four regional directors and the First VP. Proposed change would have the selection be made by the Board of Directors (BOD), with advice from the Judges Selection Committee (the same group of people). Reason for making the change is that the regions are different in size, have vastly different number of clubs and eligible judges, and it's been hard to get judges from the smaller regions.

We discussed the issues surrounding this request. Obviously one solution is to re-draw the regions so they are more equal in size. Apparently the MN BOD has discussed this and didn't get favorable response from the clubs in the different regions. Another possible solution is to actually pay the judges for their time – this is a two week commitment and very hard work. The entry fees for this event bring in more than \$285k, and workers (bird boys, guanners, concessions workers, etc.) are not paid help -- all entrants are required to work a job assigned to



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them by the event planners. Obviously there are big costs, but it seems like there should be money to pay for judges. Alan Bruhin, before he left, had stated his opposition to this bylaws change, believing that it gives too much power to the BOD in selecting judges, and J. Michael Evans who is one of the others with past MN experience, agreed. Luke moved that we vote against this proposal, Cory seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. J. Michael signed the ballot, and Karen will be responsible for filling out the rest of the form, scanning it, and returning it via email to the MNRC board secretary with our vote against.

**Any other new business?** None.

**Adjourn:** There being no other new business, Cory moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

## ETRC Equipment Sale Sunday, September 12 , 2021

With our recent equipment purchases and upgrades, we have gone through all our equipment, taken an inventory, and are offering the following items for sale to Club Members at very favorable prices. Everything will be available for inspection, purchase, and take-away at the Club Trial / picnic / general membership business meeting being held at Cory Smith's Farm on Sunday, September 12, beginning at 9 a.m.

Cory's address is 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN. This is just a few miles off Exit 56 on I75 south of Knoxville, between the Sweetwater and Athens exits.

### Items for sale:

**20' Aluminum White Car-Hauler Trailer**, partially fitted inside for storing equipment. Drop-down back ramp, side door. Almost new, probably has less than 300 miles on it. These sell for around \$6500 new. Has small dent on one side. **\$4,500**



**5 Onn Walkie Talkies** — Cost \$17 each on Amazon new. Battery operated, hardly used, fit neatly in pocket. Will sell pair for **\$20**, **\$35** if you buy 2 pairs and we will throw in the 5th one for free.



**3 Black metal handler gun stands** — keep your guns dry and out of the mud while you are training! **\$5 each.**



**4 Ghillie blankets, 5x9.** 3 unopened, the 4th only used once. These are used as blinds for hunting or field trials. Cost \$100 each new on Amazon, **\$50 each.**

## Items for Sale, con't.



**Folding metal / fabric chairs.** A grab bag of miscellaneous chairs, some still in original packaging and never used. We have 16 of the Academy lightweight aluminum field chairs with cup holders pictured left, one red Ozark Trail camp chair, one Redhead Camo folding chair, and 4 others of different types and colors, some with drop-down tables. **\$5 each.**



**9 12-gauge working shotguns,** made by the New England Firearms Co., reconditioned in 2013, painted green and tan. Good for handler guns in field training setups. **\$25 each, club members only.**



**Blinds.** We have 16 panel blinds for sale in a variety of green and brown camo, for sale for **\$40 each.** Some of these have bent legs and most need some fabric repairs as well, but are useable with a little easy fix-up work. Also have 3 extra blind covers (**\$10 each**) and 2 extra rebar blind legs (**\$5 for the pair**). New blinds cost around \$100—\$169 so if you are looking for some inexpensive training equipment, these are a great deal.



**Duck Drying Racks.** We have 6 3-piece circular racks for **\$10 each**—3 black and 1 silver colored; and a 2-piece silver rack for **\$5.** These come apart and store flat, and will hold about 12-16 ducks apiece.



**20 Heavy duty metal signs with handles.** We are keeping another 20 of these for club use, and will attach our foam ETRC signs to these using double-sided Velcro for maximum flexibility. Vinyl letters can be easily removed. Ideal for any type of club or event where directions are needed.



## Youth Program



*2018 Award Recipients, Cade & Ivan Chambers*

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is entering its fifth year. Kids who are interested in working in retriever sports are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at [http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub\\_youth\\_program.htm](http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm).

There is no application fee; if the applicant is not already part of a family membership, their membership fee will be paid for by the Luthenauer fund. The program will reimburse AKC Hunt test fees and any fees for other ETRC events such as club trials.

Yearly awards include a perpetual trophy along with a plaque to keep, and participation award for everyone in the program.

## ETRC Membership

Membership for 2021: The cost is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Both new member and renewal forms are available online at <http://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — just click the link, print it off, and send it to:

Karen Edwards, Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

Cost is still just \$25, which includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events, and consideration for end of the year awards. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain!

The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29th; people who join after November 1 are also paid up for the following year.

## Newsletter Info

The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, as close to the 1st of the month as we can get it together. Send us your test results, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs and services, death notices, interesting articles, and any brags you care to share, along with pictures! Deadline is the 26th of the month but we can sometimes sneak something in a little late.... Send items to: Karen Edwards ([edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)).

Numbering System: When I first took over the newsletter, I just continued on with the volume # from the last issue, then upped it by one every year. But, it makes no sense, and doesn't reflect how many years of newsletters we have anyway. So beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is now Volume XXI (for 2021).