

2018 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS!

1. August 4, Saturday, summer picnic/business meeting/seminar with Jody Ware, Brian Caldwell's place Farm, 8.a.m (Eastern) - See page 2 for details
2. October 13, 2018: Fall club trial, 8:00 a.m., Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwaterr, TN Come practice on our Test grounds a week early! Mark your calendars now, more details to come.
3. October 20-21, 2018: Fall Hunt Test, Lucky 7 Ranch. Judges Pending. Double Junior, Double Senior, Single Master (limit 60 dogs).



Photo of the Month



Puppy's First Duck

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Pro Training Seminar / Picnic / Summer Business Meeting

On Saturday, August 4, 2018, ETRC will host our 4th annual Summer Extravaganza at Brian Caldwell's Training Grounds, 1810 Hwy 58 S, Georgetown, TN. Pro members Jody Ware and Brian Caldwell are joining together this year to put on this event, and there will be professional birdboys so we can all listen to what is being said rather than be out in the blinds.

This event is for ETRC members /families only, and the only cost is food that you bring to share. If you not currently a member, you can still come if you bring your application and dues to Karen Edwards first thing on Saturday morning. **RSVP NOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME** – see below. Application forms will also be available at the grounds.

Brian's place now has a technical pond and some nice fields to work in. The picnic itself and the business meeting to follow will be in some shade, near Brian's office with toilet facilities.

The seminar will start at **7 a.m. Central time (8:00 Eastern)** so we can get in as much work as possible before the heat of the day. Work will begin with more advanced training and handling, then move on to beginning handling, then to beginner / young dog basics and yard work. We will use as many dogs as time allows. There will be Dokkens and bumpers, and possibly a few freshly thawed ducks for puppy orientation.

Plan to stay afterwards for our summer picnic and business meeting. The picnic will begin at noon Central time (1:00 p.m. Eastern) and the business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. (2:00 eastern). We have some important decisions to make on topics such as purchasing some new equipment for the Club, news about our fall hunt test, and final voting in of new members who have joined during the first half of the year.

Lunch will be a potluck picnic -- **bring something to share** -- cold food only, including chips, dips, desserts, cookies, salads, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, sandwich condiments etc. Please ask for suggestions or coordinate what you are planning to bring with Lois Luthenauer at mountainlo717@gmail.com. Brian is smoking a couple of hams, and the club will provide bread, deli meats and cheeses for sandwich making, paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils.

Attendees should also bring chairs, hats, and sunscreen; tie outs for your dogs, water dishes, and drinks for yourself. Shade is limited so plan accordingly.

RSVP to Lois Luthenauer at mountainlo717@gmail.com or Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com) no later than August 1, 2018 so we can put your name in the pot and know how many dogs to expect. RSVPs are not needed if you are planning only to attend the business meeting. We can accommodate a FEW late RSVP-ers, but please make it easier on us and respond promptly. We will need to know:

1. The number of people attending, and the ages of any children;
2. The number of dogs you are bringing, their name, age, and general description of training level;
3. The dish you would like to bring.

Directions: There are lots of ways to get there. Here are a few:

From Knoxville, take I75S. Take exit 49 towards Athens/Decatur ; turn right onto TN30 at the bottom of the exit ramp and continue 9.3 miles to the red light in Decatur. Turn left onto Hwy 58, go 15 miles, destination is on the left. We will have a sign out at the entrance.

If you are coming from the west, take I40E, Exit 322 at Crossville, take Hwy 392 and 127 to Hwy 68, follow 68S to Spring City, take Hwy 27 to Evansville, pick up Hwy 30S to Decatur, turn right at the red light onto Hwy 58 and then as above.

Or, if you are closer to I24 coming south of Nashville, you can take I24 to 75N at the Tennessee/Georgia border, take 75N to Exit 49 and then as above from Knoxville — TN30 into Decatur, left on Hwy 58.

ETRC Board Meeting, 7/18/18 Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Carol McCorkle, Jim Pearce, Tom Gibson, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate)

Absent, excused: Donna Smith (on vacation), John Broucek (in South Dakota), Cory Smith (anniversary), J. Michael Evans (ill)

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

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

1. **Minutes:** Last meeting was 6/5/18; minutes approved and sent to the club website 6/12/18. Michele moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Lois Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Correspondence:**
 - Email from Jennifer Workman, granddaughter of Jim and Hazel Holcomb. Hazel has died and she was preparing her obit; wanted info about Hazel's participation in ETRC. Contacted Atchley, Broucek, Dodson; some of them contacted others. Determined that she had been secretary for some period but no further info. Relayed info back to Workman.
3. **Membership:** Current 2018 membership is 55 as of 7/1/18. 16 from 2017 have not renewed. End of year 2017 membership was 61.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 7/18/18 is \$23,296.72 with no bills outstanding.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: The rumor that AKC was considering eliminating all live ducks from hunt tests was just a rumor. AKC is not considering any such plans.

Old Business

1. **Training dates:** waiting till fall
2. **Kevin's Fund:**
 - ◇ Youth Handler's seminar: Lois reported that she and Sherie Catledge are planning to do something, but this is on hold pending Sherie finding a new place to live. She is moving to our area.
 - ◇ Have two 2018 membership applications approved (Chambers' kids). Refunded them \$527 for 3 tests, 2 senior dogs; they are upholding their obligation for volunteer work handsomely. Balance in account: \$3,148 (part of total \$23k in treasury)
 - ◇ Award trophy: found a suitable one at Hodges Badge Co. for ~\$150. Did not get ordered – purchase pending further work by Lois on retroactive awards recipients.
3. **Spring Hunt Test:**
 - ◇ All bills paid. One scratch check returned: Alex McDaniel, \$160. Address in catalog / EE incorrect, no forwarding address. No email from him/her to Carol; vet statement had an email address and I sent them a note saying that we had no address to send McDaniel's check to, could they please contact their client and have him/her get in touch with us. No response to date.
 - ◇ Final net (assuming McDaniel's check is eventually cashed): \$4847.05 including food sales (tee shirt / hat sales accounted for separately). This does not include ribbon costs, since we buy ribbons at different times and they go over several years. Ribbons and duck bands have cost \$4234 since Karen's records start October 2015 (after the fall hunt test that year) – so for 6 tests (we have enough for the fall 2018 test) that averages roughly \$706 per test, more for spring than for fall but this is close. So the true net is closer to \$4,100.
4. **Equipment:**
 - ◇ Wingers: Jim purchased 4 more, they have been received, \$1,761.86.
 - ◇ Report on launchers: Cory researched, Mike did too: either Garmin or Dogtra launchers with 10 bumpers

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and electronics are around \$1800 each (plus shipping). Pros of getting them: won't have to have members standing around being bird boys as much, saves money on paid birdboys for club trials, possibly makes club trials go faster. Cons: they are delicate and can't bounce around in the trailers, nor can they be stored outside in the heat; need to make sure we have members who can fix them; replacement bumpers for them are expensive, around \$25 each (and they can be fired into the mud at the bottom of the pond and won't float up); dogs who aren't used to them may have troubles with picking them up. Karen volunteered that they can be stored in the Pegasus Technologies building as long as we have the building; Jim and Brian Caldwell can fix them; the bumpers are about the same cost as dokkens, and we can spend some time working with dogs that aren't familiar with them to get them to pick them up. There was a slight preference among the club members for the Garmin ones but the general feeling was that either would be acceptable. Lois moved that we buy two initially to see if we like them, with possibly more in the future; that we ask Cory Smith to find them at the best price and see if he can get a military discount somewhere. Carol seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- ◇ Popups: Luke: The cheap popups that we bought from Walmart and similar places are tearing up rapidly; we have already broken two of them. Michael and Luke have seen some heavy duty Avery pop-ups at some tests they have judged that were excellent. Luke called Avery and was told that they were not for retail sale; he asked about getting a donation and they hung up on him. Lois knows someone who knows an Avery rep and will contact them to see if she can get a different answer, and J. Michael is planning to contact the Purina rep. As far as buying them, we would want to see them personally and not just buy over the internet. A quick google search turned up pop-ups advertised as heavy duty (300 pounds hanging from the center pole) for \$250. Tabled for further research.

5. **Awards rules:** Committee (Karen, Michael, Mike Evans, John B) needs to look at rules for title awards to get eligibility codified, and also will look to see what we should do about awards re AKC field trials. Aim is to have this ready in time for 2019 awards year. Not started yet.

6. **Transition of stuff from Roberta:**

- ◇ **Second Signatory on Checking Account:** Michele and Karen are meeting at an ORNLFCU office to get Michele signed up on 7/23/18. Michele was previously approved by board vote on January 14, 2018 to be the second signatory.
- ◇ **History / corporate stuff:** History stuff still at Roberta's, along with incorporation papers, corporate seal, etc. Lois and Carol confirmed that none of this stuff was in the material they got from Roberta. We decided to ask Michael to contact Roberta or her daughter, and possibly set up a time for one or several of us to go over to pick up any remaining history / corporate stuff.

New Business:

1. **First Reading, New members:** None

2. **Summer seminar :**

- ◇ August 4, Saturday, Brian's place, announced in July newsletter. Jody and Brian are coordinating what they are doing. Brian asked permission to use his 3 birdboys that we pay at \$50 each; Luke okayed. The board all agreed that was a great idea. Jody is probably staying with Brian but hasn't asked yet. We discussed equipment to bring, and decided to take along a couple of the thunder sticks, and a bag of Dokkens. We will need some pop-ups; they can be gotten from the big trailer over at Hiwassee that morning if Brian doesn't remember to get them earlier.
- ◇ RSVPs: So far, only two families have responded plus Karen and Jim. Assume others are planning to come and haven't gotten around to RSVP-ing yet. Karen will issue the August newsletter before going on vacation 7/25, urging people to respond. Of the board members present, only Luke, Lois, Alan, and Karen and Jim are definitely coming. Tom is trying to get off, Michele and Carol will be out of town.
- ◇ Food? Brian is planning to get a couple of hams. Lois volunteered to be in charge of getting some club-provided food and coordinating the stuff that other people will bring as potluck items.
- ◇ Membership for Brian since he is helping? We did this for Jody. Lois moved that we waive Brian's membership fee for 2018 and consider him as a full member for the year, considering the support he has provided to the club via training grounds earlier in the year and this seminar. Karen seconded, and the

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vote was unanimous.

3. **Fall Hunt Test**

- ◇ Need to determine format. Although we could probably fill two master flights, given that the Master National is out in Oregon this year, the ponds at Lucky 7 do not have enough cover to do two adequate Master series. After some discussion, the consensus was to stay with our previous fall format – double Junior, double Senior, single Master with a limit of 60 dogs.
- ◇ Karen needs to get dates entered into AKC's website now that the format has been determined.
- ◇ Judges: Luke will get started locating judges.
- ◇ Everything OK on Lucky 7, plus arrangements on fees/donations? Michael has talked with Ken Campbell but no one is certain about whether the fee arrangements have yet been made. Will discuss with Michael later.
- ◇ Carol Stone will not be able to attend the fall test. This is apparently the world's most popular wedding weekend, and her stepkid is getting married then (Karen and Jim will also miss the test because of the wedding of their son). Michele Fletcher has agreed to serve as Hunt Test Secretary for this test.

4. **Master National Dues:** anyone get an invoice? Need to contact MNRC and find out who they sent it to, get it sent to the right spot and paid. Karen will do this.

5. **Master Amateur call for Judges:** We have a letter from MARC asking clubs and members to nominate judges who meet a stiff list of criteria. ETRC has a judge who is interested in being considered and who meets the qualifications, Alan Bruhin. Jim moved we nominate him as a judge, Michele seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Karen will submit his nomination.

6. **Death of past members:** Karen plans to announce the deaths of Hazel Holcomb and past President Ronald Wright in the next newsletter. In Hazel's obituary, it calls for donations in lieu of flowers to ETRC – thanks, Jennifer Shotwell, granddaughter.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Carol seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



**Training
Corner**

Cause and Effect Trouble Shooting Training Problems

By Evan Graham

Editor's note: This is a segment of a longer training article available online at Gun Dog Supply's Smartwork Articles. Thanks to Gun Dog Supply for this series of free articles!

"My dog is always looking for a way out of the water on water blinds, especially at a distance." There are a number of ways to look at this problem, especially when it is occurring during the running of a water blind. Of course you will want to work toward a solution at that time, as well you should. But, this problem keeps coming up, even though you feel you are dealing with it consistently. Let's see if your approach is actually dealing with a cure for the problem, or if your treatment of it is only addressing it superficially.

As your dog progresses toward the end of a water blind, the line to it takes him closer to a distant shoreline, and, as expected, he begins to gravitate toward the shore. You can really feel the influence growing because the closer he gets to the shoreline the less course correction he yields with each cast. He may even begin to be more sluggish about stopping to the whistle, even though you're certain he still hears it.

Your response to what is happening might typically be to give bigger casts away from shore; casts that are more straight "over" instead of casting the dog literally toward the fall. You may also wait a little longer to cast the dog after stopping him in order to heighten his focus. You may even stop the dog and call him toward you before re-stopping and casting him onward again. All of those things are good handling techniques that can improve the dog's relationship to the fall. They are all things a good handler does to help his or her dog to succeed at a blind.

Succeeding at blinds does not constitute a solution to shoreline suction, although upholding standards has beneficial effects. The problem you continue to see in your dog has a source. It is that source you need to address or the problem will keep continue to be a large and nagging one.

This dog that wants out of the water at a distance will continue to want out sooner and sooner until the real problem is addressed. This dog has preconceived notions that tell him it's faster and easier to run on land, and that he still lacks any responsibility to follow a standard of performance that requires him to take direction as given, whether on land or in the water. A solution for this will be a program that replaces his current mindset with one that dictates a different standard, and promotes a changed inner desire in the dog toward compliance.

Simplify

Break the work down into a simple focused form, and repeatedly expose the dog to the standard of behavior responsible for a more consistent desirable result. If you have ever wondered why the term "drill" comes up so much in dog training these days, you have just discovered an answer. Drills offer repeated exposure to focused concepts in training. As dogs repeat any specific concept in their work they develop and deepen habits of behavior. That also makes drill work a great way to cure bad habits by literally replacing them with good habits.

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Start your drills with a simple, easy standard. Short distances help to keep control of the dog low key, and allow the dog to succeed easily at the focus of the drill. Gradually extend distance to deepen the new habit by extending and deepening skill levels, like holding a straight line in water in the presence of a tempting shoreline. This can be done by running many cheating single marks with diagonal shoreline exits, and/or Tune up drills that have numerous water blinds with varying degrees of diagonal exit, at slightly increasing distances. These exercises promote a solid standard of not falling for shoreline suction. By strengthening the core skills involved, your dog can soon return to full-scale fieldwork with his new sound habits intact, requiring far fewer corrections. Further, he will have experienced so much success that his attitudes toward the standards he once resisted will have softened considerably.

This same philosophical approach can be applied to myriad other training problems. Drill work is the very essence of attrition, and tends to produce outstanding results.

Member News, Announcements, and Brags

We have some sad news to report this month about some of our old members.

Hazel Holcomb, one of ETRC's original charter members along with her husband Jim (our gun Dog of the Year trophy is named after him) died on July 10. Hazel served as club Secretary and was very actively involved in the club for many years. She was 92. Condolences to her family, and thanks to the family for suggesting donations to ETRC in lieu of flowers.

On July 8, **Dr. Ronald Stevens Wright Sr.**, age 72, died Sunday, July 8, 2018. Dr. Wright was a dentist in Oak Ridge for 42 years and was active in ETRC for many years, including several stints as President in the early 2000s. He had retired and moved to Spring Hill, TN. Condolences to the family.

Youth Program

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is in its third year. Kids who are interested in working with dogs in field work are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at 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 ETRC Club Trials are free for enrollees.

A perpetual trophy is being designed and ordered along with a plaque to keep, and participation award for everyone in the program. The awards will be retroactive to 2016.



Around the Region

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

N. Alabama RC	Section, AL	7/28/18
MTARC Master Only	LaVergne, TN	8/18/18
Tidewater RC	Emporia, VA	9/12/18
Atlanta RC	Buckhead, GA	9/15/18
Yadkin River WRC	Cedar Grove, NC	9/21/18
Back Bay Knotts Isl. RC (60)	Goldvein, VA	9/22/18
Mid South RC	Olive Branch, MS	9/22/18
Fall Line RC of GA (120)	Lincolnton, GA	9/22/18
Sandhills RC	Ellerbe, NC	9/29/18
ETRC Fall Test (60)	Sweetwater, TN	10/20/18

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Atlanta RC	Buckhead, GA	9/21/18
Mobile ARC	Greensboro, AL	9/21/18
Tidewater RC	Cumberland, VA	9/28/18
Mid Atlantic HRC (Owner Qual)	Emporia, VA	9/29/18
Chattanooga RC	Birchwood, TN	10/12/18
Down East HRC of NC	Rocky Point, NC	10/19/18
American ARC	Lincolnton, GA	10/19/18

Membership

Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Renewal and new member 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 just \$25 which includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events including those classified as members-only, and consideration for end of the year awards. Best of all, membership provides the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain!

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, 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).