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AIREWAYS

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WERE YOU LEFT OUT IN THE COLD?

You must have attended the "breezy" 2002 ATCA National Hunt Tests!

The experts say the nation is experiencing a drought. The experts haven't seen our back yard, here at Squirrel View... Each day, as we progress towards supposedly warmer weather, I wonder how much taller my boots will have to get, just to venture out into the swamp to do "doggy-duty". I will be wearing the chest waders before long. Neglecting to do "the duty" just because of the weather merely leaves the back yard, "full of it". Now that I mention it, many will claim that I am full of it....

Being owned by six Airedales seems to be a daunting endeavor by some. Others, who have more dogs than that, shrug off the volume of animals merely as, "economy of scale". Yes, we mass-produce meals in the ADT commissary at Squirrel View, but with 6 Airedale per 8 acres, that's *only* a coefficient of 0.75 Airedales per acre, or a little over 1.33 acres per 'dale.

The next issue of AIREWAYS will elaborate on ORVATC families who suffer from "MAS", otherwise known as "Multiple Airedale Syndrome". mail to AIREWAYS@aol.com, or by

snail mail to: Kimbee & Dale Burrier, Squirrel View, 10594 Newton Falls-Ravenna Road, Newton Falls, OH 44444. If you don't send us a story, an anecdote, or vicious rumor, we'll make something up, and people will talk....

FERTILIZER.

No... we don't mean the content of this newsletter. Spring is trying to spring... I had wanted to say, "has sprung", however, it hasn't yet... but it will soon. We promise.

It's time to fertilize your yard. The 64 thousand dollar question is, "How safe are fertilizers, the herbicides, the insecticides for us and our pets?" Not very, claim many experts... Today's product labels warn us of potentially hazardous lawn products. Many are thought to cause cancers and other life-threatening illnesses. Don't worry any more:

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Gardens Alive has the answer for you, with a host of natural, environmentally-friendly products that are available for you to use in your yard with no risk to you or your pets. We use a product called "WOW", which is a non-toxic fertilizer/pre-emergent herbicide (keeps the weed seeds from sprouting) at Squirrel View. While it may not have the punch of a name-brand lawn product, it has done a fine job without the hazardous ingredients.

2003 ATCA NAT'L HUNT TESTS.

Mark your calendars for the 2003 ATCA Hunting Tests! Seven days from the last part of March, to the first part of April! HUH? Seven days? That's right... well, not seven days for hunting tests, but, seven days celebrating the "Week of the Airedale" to be held at Purina Farms, 40 miles west of St. Louis, Missouri!

We will have the hunting tests at the front-end of the week, which will include all things done by Airedales: agility, obedience, hunting, breed ring, etc. So plan for an extended stay, if your dog does it all! More info will be forthcoming, on this Airedale Extravaganza!

COMPUTAIRE CORNER

For those Airedalers who are web surfers, here's a list of Airedale-friendly web sites to visit. Just remember that Airedales like to stick their heads out of Windows 95, or better... and I wouldn't let the males *mark* their favorite web sites....

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| Airedale-L | A discussion list for Airedale Terrier fanciers | www.airedales.org |
| ATCA web page | Airedale Terrier Club of America (note difference from above address) | www.airedale.org |
| WORKINGADT-L | A discussion list for hunting/working Airedales | www.worldgate.com/~dognyard/working.html |
| Working Airedales | Message boards for hunting/working Airedales | http://members3.boardhost.com/workingairedale |
| Airedale Terrier Information and Referral Resource | | www.airedaleterriers.org |
| ORVATC | Ohio River Valley Airedale Terrier Club | www.airedales.net |
| Airedale Shopping | Anything Airedale | www.anythingairedale.nu |
| ATRA | Airedale Terrier Rescue (non-ATCA) | www.aire-rescue.com |

For those who search for Airedale collectibles on-line, be sure to check out "eBay"... you can type in "ebay" on any search window and you will get a link to the auction pages. If you are looking for Airedale items to bid on, you can type in the Word "Airedale" on their search window. If you want to find even more stuff, type in the word misspelled without the "e" in the middle. Often the uneducated spell it "Airdale", which will kick it out of your search.

Be aware that you are bidding against the world for your Airedale trinket... so you may get into a bidding war, right down to the last minute, with a rabid collector in some remote corner of the universe... or maybe even Ohio! There are some folks, called 'snipers', who sit on an item... then bid furiously at the last few seconds, stealing your "sure bet" out from under your nose.

Lastly... "Cave Canem"... no wait... that's Latin for "beware of the dog". "Caveat Emptor"... "let the buyer beware". Even though eBay is very reputable, some sellers are not so... so, be sure what you are bidding on is what you want!

MEETING MINUTES Kimbee Burrier

The February 9th, 2002 ORVATC meeting was held at the 94th Aero Squadron in Columbus, Ohio. Members in attendance were: Joyce and Craig Contofalsky, Pam and David Nevin, Andy Merkle, Jerry Sibert, Janice Lipscomb, Steve Gilbert, Dorothy Miner, Burge Evans, Kim Zaborniak and guest Mary Evans.

The meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Kimbee Burrier at 4:15 pm. The minutes of the December, 2001 meeting as published in the winter issue of AIREWAYS, were amended to include Jason Taylor and his guest Debbie as attendees to the meeting. The minutes were accepted as amended.

The report of the Treasurer was the only officer's report given. To date, one-half of the members have paid 2002 dues.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

The fun match was reported by Kimbee Burrier, for Dale Burrier, who was not present. She stated that the fun match was slated for June 29th, 2002, at the community park in LaRue, Ohio. She indicated that a 'cook' was needed to volunteer to cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Andy Merkle indicated that he may be available, but would check his schedule. Jerry Sibert said his brother James might also be available to help. Judges suggestions were made which included re-inviting last year's obedience judge, Nora Osborne, or possibly getting someone from Columbus All-Breed. It was suggested that we ask Trevor Evans to judge conformation.

See page 3, for continuation of minutes.

MEETING MINUTES **Kimbee Burrier**

Minutes, continued from page 2:

Hunting/Working was discussed and that Dorothy Miner was the new ATCA Hunting/Working Chair! ORVATC kitchen coordinator for the ATCA National Hunting Tests is now Sheila Mors. Dorothy passed a kitchen help sign-up sheet around for members to enlist their services. Burge Evans asked for the ORVATC Hunting/Working committee to donate \$200.00 to the ATCA H/W committee. Andy Merkle suggested that the amount be increased to \$250.00. The motion was approved unanimously, and the funds were disbursed at the meeting.

New member applications were discussed by Pam Nevin. New members unanimously approved were Cindy and John Thompson.

The newsletter was discussed, along with the possibility of it going "on-line". It will either be a viewable/printable document on the ORVATC website, or be transmitted to members by email in either MS Word format or as an Acrobat PDF file. Members without computer capabilities will still receive hard-copy issues. The next issue will spotlight Therapy Airedales.

Obedience was discussed by Kimbee Burrier, outlining some of the upcoming trials in the Ohio region: Youngstown All-Breed and Columbus All-Breed will have trials in April.

Upcoming ORVATC meetings were discussed, with Bonnie and Steve Gilbert hosting the next meeting at the Buckeye Game Club. Steve will verify the date. The June meeting will be held at the Fun Match in June at LaRue, Ohio. The August meeting will be held on the 10th, at Kimbee and Dale Burrier's home in Newton Falls, the program will be given by a local veterinarian who practices chiropractic procedures. Joyce and Craig Contofalsky will host the October meeting on the 12th at their home in Sharon Twp., West of Akron. Their program will include a talk on veterinary first aid. The holiday party will be held in December, date/time to be announced.

The website was previously mentioned as being the host for the newsletter.

The Mentoring program was re-introduced by Kimbee Burrier to the members who were not in attendance at the December meeting.

Agility was discussed by Kim Zaborniak. Due to her recent foot surgery, and the fact that it takes an all-weekend commitment to set up and monitor the agility equipment, the Hunter's Agility Course will not be set up for the ATCA National Hunting Tests, this year. The agility equipment owned by ORVATC also needs some repair work done, and ORVATC should buy/make some new pieces so we don't have to borrow it anymore. Kim Zaborniak suggested an "Agility Day" to repair damaged/worn items, and to construct new items. She will report back on a suitable date and an approximate cost for repair, construction and purchase of agility equipment.

Rescue was discussed by Kim Zaborniak. She indicated that she was fostering some ATRA Airedales, not ORVATC's Little Orphan Airedales, as the Michigan ATRA is so fast at getting the dogs out of the Ohio shelters, that they are gone by the time we get there. There are plenty of Ohio Airedales needing foster/forever homes!

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers for 2002 were elected. The New President is Craig Contofalsky, Vice-President is Kimbee Burrier, Recording Secretary is Dale Burrier, Treasurer is Pam Nevin, Corresponding Secretary is Dorothy Miner. The Board of Directors for 2002 is Mick Younkens, Burge Evans, Steve Gilbert, Jan Hobart and Nick Rukavina.

The meeting was turned over to Craig Contofalsky.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 pm.

AIREDALE LICENSE PLATES

Personalized plates seen at the ATCA Hunting Tests this year:



BRAGS ORVATC members

Kim Zaborniak: CH Westchester Traymar Hotstuff MX, MXJ, CD, (Diablo) earned his 9th Double Q in agility at the Louisville cluster in March. He also had a qualifying run on Sunday in standard classes. Diablo got freaked by the ceiling lights buzzing and ran around the ring like an animal being shot at (and hit). I had to sing to him the next time we were in the ring to keep both our minds and ears off the darn lights. Always something.

Jan Hobart: CH Airehart Wright Flyer (Will) finished his Championship at the Detroit Kennel Club March 17, 2002!

Kimbee Burrier: Tailer, Tally Ho, Ranger, Wheezy and Allie attended the Outdoor Sports and Travel show at the IX Center in Cleveland, Ohio, as part of a "Meet the Breed" program, March 16th and 17th. The program was sponsored by the Purebred Dog Breeders and Fanciers Club of Northern Ohio. The dogs all demonstrated good family behavior, greeting show attendees ranging in age from 8 months to 80 years, and displaying perfect diplomacy for the Airedale breed! The most common comment was, "I thought Airedales were hyper, crazy dogs!" (These folks need to come home with us...) The second most common comment was, "I didn't know they could drive a golf cart!" (We had a 2'x3' poster displayed with Tally Ho behind the wheel of one of the hunt test golf carts, from several years ago...)

Bonnie & Steve Gilbert: Gordon - M.J.'s Stone Ridge Gordian Knot JHFur won his second major in late March at the Onondaga Kennel Assoc. Show in New York. Isaac - qualified in Senior Fur at the Airedale Field Nationals and is now titled, Ch. M.J.'s The Right Stuff, CD, JHV, SHFur. REBA, Ch. Wyndridge MJ's Traymar Comedy finished her championship in January. SIMON, Ch. MJ Traymar's Auspicious Occasion, Simon won Winners Dog at the Greater Denver Airedale Terrier Club Specialty February 16, 2002, and at the Airedale Terrier Club of America's Floating Specialty the following day to finish his AKC Conformation Championship.

Pam & Dave Nevin: Hannah (Nevinaire's Hurricane Hanna) finished her championship in November in Columbus (old news now). Domino kept a hawk at bay that was circling our puppy pen, by barking to get my attention and standing up on the pen till I could get the pups in. This was when she was only a year old! (Ed., I forgot the Nevin's brags last issue!)

ASK TAFFY! Taffy Burrier

Editor's note: Ask Taffy! Is an advice column for your 'dale to write in to... of course, with a little help from you!

Q: Dear Taffy,
I have an enjoyable life as a performance Airedale... I mean my "uprights" enter me in obedience trials, agility events, hunting tests... but I'd like to do something more fulfilling with my life. What is it like to be a therapy dog? Signed, "Depends On Your Answer in Columbus".

A: Dear Depends On,
Therapy dog work is not only rewarding for you, but it is a greatly appreciated visit by folks who may not be able to get around, or no longer be able to care for an animal. Plus, you get petted a whole lot and get lots of treats! You have the obedience training, so earn your CGC and TDI certificates (a combined test now), and get visiting! YUM! You'll love the ear scratches, treats, sweet-talk, stories of long-ago-dales and all the attention! Therapy dogs can't wait to get going when they see the red harnesses come out!

MEMBER'S BIO Pam & Dave Nevin

You see them at most every ORVATC event. They have the "Pet Limo" and huge motor home. Pam is also our treasurer. Here's everything you wanted to know about the Nevin's!

Pam is an electronics engineer and works for a Rep. Firm as a Territory Manager. She sells industrial control systems and equipment. Pam works out of their house, which is great for being with the dogs, getting ORVATC stuff done, and the occasional load of laundry during work hours.

David is a retired controls engineer who now is a realtor with Caldwell Banker/West Shell. This also gives him a flexible schedule for dog grooming, dog shows and the odd honey-do job, etc.

Besides doing Airedale stuff, she likes to garden, a hobby which gets a lot of 4 legged help. Like the time Hannah dug up the tree she just planted and was running around the yard with it like it was a prize! (okay, it wasn't a BIG tree) She also has a greenhouse where she grows about 20 varieties of orchids. Pam says nothing beats a dreary winter day like going into the greenhouse and finding all kinds of orchids in bloom.

David prefers woodworking. In fact, they had to build a barn to house all his tools. When they need a project done, David's favorite saying is that he will need to get another new tool to do it. Dave also is being inducted as President of the Lion's Club this year and spends a lot of time on club activities.

Pam grew up in Peru, IN and matriculated at the University of Louisville. David grew up in Phoenix, AZ and went to school there. He still likes to watch the rain and snow here in the mid-west. Pam could live on Italian food and pizza and usually checks the dessert menu first at a restaurant to see if she should just order an appetizer before dessert. David likes steak & Potatoes. They found a Scottish restaurant in town that they both really like, also. They like action movies and she'll watch anything with Tommy Lee Jones or Nicolas Cage in it. Dave's partial to Julia Roberts and he never misses an episode of Jag.



Pam & Dave at the November 1999 ATCA Centennial Floating Specialty in Columbus, Ohio.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

- 14 April, 2002** *ORVATC meetings, Buckeye Game Club. (SUNDAY MEETING!) Board meeting 1:00 pm, General membership meeting at 2:00 pm. Program: Dog walking, swimming and fur training.*
- 11 May, 2002 Wisconsin ATC Hunting Tests, ATCA (All 3 Tests) Highland Sportsman Club. Call Randy Cooley, 262-377-7852.
- 08 June, 2002 Oorang Bang, La Rue, Ohio.
- 15 June, 2002 Greyslake Specialty. Greyslake, Illinois.
- 29 June, 2002** *ORVATC Fun Match, La Rue Comm. Park, La Rue, Ohio. 9 am. Call Dale Burrier, 330-872-3277. ORVATC meeting, La Rue, Ohio, to be held upon completion of fun match events prior to eating.*
- 20-21 July, 2002 Fun in the Field, Delphos, Ohio. ATCA Upland Tests. Call Dorothy Miner, 419-647-4642.
- 02-04 Aug, 2002 Canfield Specialties, Canfield, Ohio.
- 17-18 Aug, 2002 Fun in the Field, Three Rivers, MI. Workshops & ATCA Upland Tests. Call Dorothy Miner, 419-647-4642.
- 10 Aug, 2002** *ORVATC meeting at Kimbee & Dale Burrier's home, Newton Falls, Ohio. 1:00 pm. Program: Veterinary chiropractic medicine.*
- 07 Sept, 2002 Mid-Michigan ATC Hunting Tests. ATCA Upland Tests. Call Susan Drubin, 517-871-2746.
- 02-06 Oct, 2002 Montgomery County, Philadelphia, PA..
- 12 Oct, 2002** *ORVATC meetings at Joyce & Craig Contofalsky's home, Sharon Twp., Ohio. Board meeting at 1:00 pm, followed by general meeting at 2:00 pm. Program: Veterinary first aid.*
- 09-10 Nov, 02** *Fun in the Field, Newcomerstown, Ohio. Training workshops. Call Nick Rukavina, 330-825-4065.*
- Dec, 2002** *ORVATC annual meeting and Holiday Party.*

THERAPY DOGS Dale Burnier

Therapy dogs. They are the window to the outside world for those who cannot go. They act as a companion, however temporary, for those who have no one. They bring back memories for those whose memories are fading. They enlighten those whose health is a burden. Kimbee and I visit retirement communities and nursing care providers. Tailer and Tally Ho are certified by Therapy Dogs, International, or "TDI" for short. Their web page can be found at: www.tdi-dog.org. Their phone number is: (973) 252-9800. They are located at 88 Bartley Road, Flanders, New Jersey 07836.



Tailer and Tally Ho visit Judson Manor, Cleveland, Ohio. TDI requires that all dogs wear red collars or harnesses while working and that both dogs and handlers be identified by TDI badges. They do tricks, obedience routines, eat snacks, get ear rubs and have fun! 110 miles round-trip is no problem!

Several years ago, Tailer made her first hospital visit when I got hit by bacterial pneumonia. Kimbee pulled some strings with the volunteer administrator and the next thing I knew, Tailer was laying in bed with me! (Usually a no-no in the TDI rules!) Suddenly, it came full-circle to me... just how wonderful it was to have her visit!

Charlotte Autry wrote, 'I received a call from the Director of Activities at Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home, Archbold, Ohio, where my Mother-in-law is a resident. She was excited to learn that I have Airedale Terriers! Well, yes I have Airedale Terriers, but she wanted some puppies to visit with their residents. Inside awaiting the pups in the large rec-room were about 50 wheel chair bound residents and 20 or more sitting about on chairs.

The looks on the faces of the elderly when they saw these two pups was priceless! You could see that a great deal of them had a story to tell about when they had an Airedale as a child and even stories of how they raised their children with an Airedale. The residents were so happy to see them that several had tears in their eyes with remembrances. We spent over 2 hours there that afternoon and the staff members along with the residents had a fabulous visit with these two little black and tan hooligans who unbelievably were on their best behavior. They stimulated many residents who, not really wanting to be a nursing home resident, to share their stories of family Airedales with us all. Airedale Terriers are magic! Airedale Terriers are intuitive and open to human need.

I would encourage anyone to consider visiting a nursing home with their pups. Airedale Terriers love life and it is contagious to the residents of a nursing home. It is a trip

down a cheerful memory lane for many of them and for you it will be a heart warming experience, and for the Airedale pups it will be a "job well done" and time for a long nap!



Good manners and grooming are prerequisites for therapy dogs. It is important that dogs not be startled by unusual sounds and that they be calm around strangers. Sounds like an insurmountable series of requirements for an Airedale?

"They're really beautiful animals, quite well-behaved," says Lucy Fesler, volunteer coordinator at Judson, "The residents talk about them for some time, after they visit!" Not all therapy dogs visit hospitals & nursing homes.

Joyce Contofalsky wrote, "My pups aren't certified, I am, and they are my best therapy! On a bad day all I want to do is get home and hug my pups." George Linn wrote, "My 'Ernie' practices his therapeutic wizardry on me 24/7."

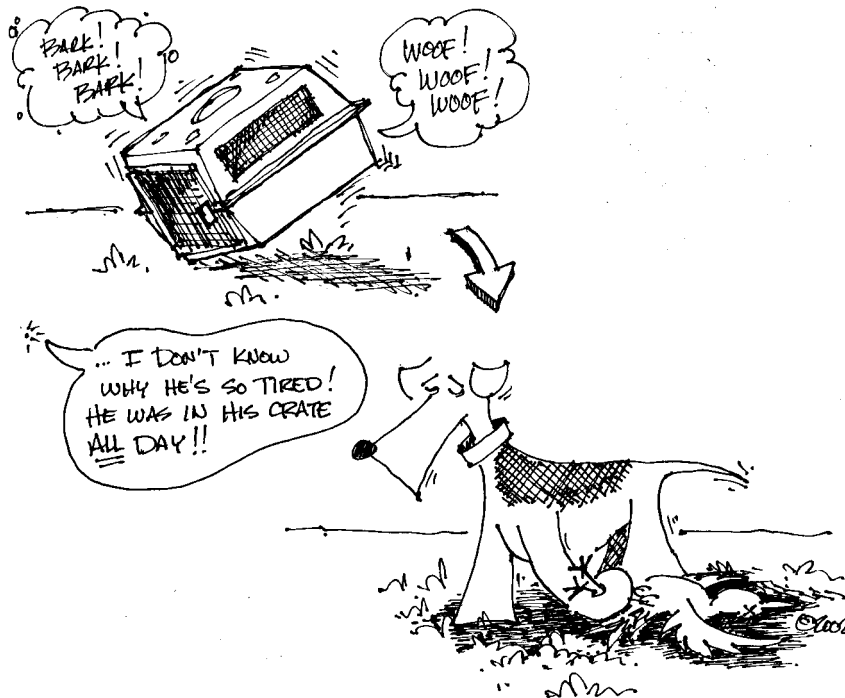
Terry Younkings wrote, 'Many of you probably visit a hospital or nursing home monthly with your dogs for therapy. That's how we started. Shiloh and I went monthly to a local nursing home and visited with about 60 patients each time. We went room to room because most were bed-ridden. Shiloh loved this mainly because of the treats she was slipped, candy (wrapped), cookies (chocolate, of course), and all the oohs and aahs she got. One elderly man even insisted she was his dog and attempted to take her away from me. Many times Shiloh was even in bed with the patients! Cody didn't take to the nursing home as well, but he would visit and try to make the best of it.

Now Shiloh, Cody, Riley and I do our therapy in a different and more rewarding way. We DANCE!!! Yes, we are members of a Freestyle dance team that visits nursing homes, senior citizen homes, hospitals, re-hab facilities - whatever. Shiloh was my original dancer and she is a ham! She loves the applause, preforming and greeting the patients. She glows whenever she's there! Cody is serious about everything and very cautiously approaches the entire scene. And then there's Riley. He loves to dance! He's been doing a solo number since he was 3 months old. He has it all! And boy can he bring down the house. We're constantly working on new numbers to perform, and the exercise and social benefits are great for both the dogs and me. After we entertain we visit with the patients and let them pat the dogs and answer questions about the breed and dogs in general.

Shiloh has been especially well-received as she had ACL surgery and the re-hab patients are very concerned about her limp. She goes for the pity element. But, she's still a trooper even though she cannot always dance. We have found therapy work with dogs to be very rewarding for us and always look forward to our next "Show"!

'Nuff said!

ALBERT the 'Err-DALE'



Well, well boys, look what I found.

Courtesy of Mick Younkins

2002 ATCA NATIONAL HUNTING TEST WEEKEND

To quote David Merryman, the 2002 ATCA National Hunting Tests were held in conjunction with the shooting contest at the Buckeye Sporting Clays facility, near Buckeye Lake and Millersport, Ohio... Actually, the hunt tests were held again at the Buckeye Game Club for at least the last 15 years, if not more, in seemingly beautiful, clear weather... except for the gale-force winds for a second straight year. Judges for the upland and retrieving tests this year were, Bethann Roettger (cute), Jeff Cotton (stunning) and Pete Kaufman (gorgeous) and chief judge for fur, Dorothy Miner (...I can't, she's my boss!). Surviving the onslaught of wind, quite a few dogs passed the fur tests on Friday, and the gunners managed to hit more than a few birds on Saturday for the upland tests. It was like hitting a beebee in a hurricane, when they flushed close!



Friday afternoon saw a few attendees queue up for the fun shoot across the road at the sporting clays facility. Friday evening saw the ATCA Hunting/Working committee move to the confines of the Lenox Inn, where they decided the fate of the 2003 National Hunt Tests. The near-unanimous decision was to hold them at the Purina Farms, 40 miles west of St. Louis, Missouri, during the "Week of the Airedale".



Friday also saw Tim Geib, and his Frisbee-catching, "Chula, the Flying Airedale" give a fantastic performance! They have performed at NFL halftime shows and Chula flies on airlines on her own seat, IN the cabin! Hey! Pretzels, please!

Saturday evening found everyone at the conference center at the Lenox for the banquet and auction. Better than Montgomery, I've heard many say... This year, we missed the presence of Park Peters, who casts a long shadow at our events. Not to short-change new attendees, we played a tape-recorded version of "Big, Bad Bill". After a great meal, everyone settled-in for the auction, which contained another collection of nearly one-of-a-kind Airedale collectables and ephemera.

Sunday found the handlers and dogs down at the water, where armor-plated ducks defied shot and shell, and workshop-goers working with Hal Standish on raccoon work. After Lunch, Chula gave an extended performance of her Frisbee show. Goodbyes were said and as people left the game club, all looked forward to next year in St. Louis!