



THE WOOFER

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From the Editor

This will be my last issue as editor of *The Woofers*. I'd like to say 'Thank you' to everyone who has contributed time, support and content during the last 6 years or so. I especially want to thank Pat Vogel for volunteering to help get *The Woofers* from the printer to the membership. It has been a tremendous help to me. Folding, addressing and stamping up to 180 copies is no small chore. Most members now receive their newsletter via the internet, so technology has relieved some of that burden. Mary Jo Steger keeps the membership records. That includes printing mailing labels for the newsletter each month. Thanks, Mary Jo.

Outgoing ORKC President, Mari deCuir, has been very supportive of my efforts. I appreciate that very much.

'Thanks' to Mari and all the past and present club officers and board members who have kept me informed of club happenings and such. There are too many to thank by name. I would surely forget someone if I tried. You all know who you are, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts.

Last but not least, 'Thank you' to all the members who have contributed their show news and photos as well as news of area events. This is your newsletter. Your news is what makes it interesting reading. Please support the efforts of the new editor.

I wish I could continue as your newsletter editor. I still have lots of ideas I'd like to implement, but with 2 jobs, a 12 year old grandson who now lives with me, and other family obligations, (not to mention 5 mischevious Basenjies and one little hairy dog) the demands on my time these days just don't allow it, so the time has come to turn the job over to someone else.

Karen

ORKC AUGUST MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 2nd

Time: 7:00 PM....Come early and enjoy the soup

Place: The Soup Kitchen, Oak Ridge

TRAINING NEWS

Hello, ORKC members!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know a lot of you have been wondering about the status of our fall classes, so here's a brief update.

As you have probably read by now, we have still not been officially given ownership of our new property. This means that we are still in limbo so far as fall classes go. We hope that everything will be settled within the next couple of weeks, but we simply won't know until it actually happens.

Because of this continuing uncertainty, the earliest we could reasonably start classes will be the middle of October. We hope to have one 8 week class session running from October to December, and then resume our regular training schedule for the winter and spring. And even better -- once we have our own buildings, we *may* be able to have classes on more than one night per week!

Please be patient while we get these legal issues straightened out. For further updates, please keep reading the Woofler, and check the club's web site!

On a happier note -- to further the ORKC's goal of educating the public about dogs and dog training, we have started participating in local events in Oak Ridge and the surrounding area. In May, the ORKC was represented at a fun match put on by the Humane Society in LaFollette. We had a tent and literature, and we even put on rally and obedience demonstrations. And in June, we put up a booth at the Secret City Festival in Oak Ridge. Both events got us lots of public interest and compliments. We hope that taking part in these sorts of events will help to make folks more aware of dog-related issues in general, AND make them more aware of our club and our training opportunities in particular.

The next event that we are committed to is the Pet Fest/Blessing of the Animals that will be held in Oak Ridge, on September 29. We will once again have a tent and literature, and if we get enough interest from the club members we may put on demonstrations as we did in LaFollette. I want to give a big thanks to all the club members who helped with our first two events -- thanks for helping! But now we need more help in order to participate in the Pet Fest and other upcoming events, so if you think you might be able to pitch in please let us know. Thanks!

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Fairlight, Australian Shepherd owned by Bonnie Herrell earned two Rally Novice legs at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club's Show in May. She earned her Rally Novice Title and two Rally Advance Legs at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club's Obedience Trial.

A Message from the New President

I AM HAPPY TO BE YOUR NEW PRESIDENT. I HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT FOR SEVERAL CLUBS IN MICHIGAN THROUGH OUT MY YEARS IN DOGS WHICH IS NOW ABOUT 35 YEARS. I HOPE I CAN BRING SOME NEW IDEAS TO ORKC. AT OUR FIRST BOARD MEETING OUR NEW BOARD AND OUR NEW 1ST PRESIDENT TERESA PLESS AND OUR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT FRANCES HART AND OUR BOARD MEMBER MARJO STEGER HAVE BEEN APPOINTED. WELCOME ABOARD EVERYONE NEW AND OLD MEMBERS.

AFTER WE APPOINTED THE NEW PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBER, WE HAVE SOME NEW COMMITTEE'S THAT OUR MEMBERS CAN HELP WITH. THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT IS THE WOOFER EDITOR KAREN PATE HAS RESIGNED AFTER THIS ISSUE. KAREN HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EDITOR, WE THANK HER FOR ALL HER WORK AS THE EDITOR FOR MANY YEARS, SHE FINDS THAT SHE IS NEED AT HOME AND CANNOT FIND THE TIME TO CONTINUE WITH THE WOOFER. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

WE WILL NEED A NEW EDITOR, PLEASE IF ANYONE IS INTERSTED IN THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF OR THE SECRETARY JOYCE CARDWELL. OTHER COMMITTEE'S HAVE CONTINUED WITH OUR MEMBERS IN THOSE COMMITTEE'S.

WEB SITE MANAGER: MARI DECUIR

SHOW CHAIRMAN: DONNA BURCHI

WILL NEED AN ASSISTANT

TRAINING DIRECTOR; IONE SMITH CHAIR MAN

JUDGES SELECTION; PAT VOGEL AND MARJO STEGER

AGILITY; FRANCES HART

RALLY; IONE SMITH

TRACKING; MARIJO STEIGER

WE WILL BE ADDING MORE COMMITT'S AS WE GO ALONG.

THE SHOW REVIEW WENT ALONG SMOOTHLY AND WE HAD A LOT OF INPUT ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE ON OUR SHOW AND HOW TO CUT SOME COST.

I HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR SHOW BIGGER AND BETTER.

PLEASE COME TO THE AUGUST 2ND, 2007 ORKC MEETING AND HELP YOUR CLUB.

BRING YOUR IDEAS!

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Donna Burchi

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