



2017 Upcoming Events

1. August 5, 2017, Saturday: Jody Ware training seminar, picnic and summer business meeting, Fyfe/Fletcher farm, Pikeville, TN, 8.a.m (Eastern) - See page 2 for details
2. October 7, 2017, Saturday:, 8 a.m.. EST Fall Club Trial, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater.
3. October 21-22, 2017, Saturday & Sunday: ETRC Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater. Pending judges.
4. May 26-27, 2018, Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge. Pending.

President's Message

Well, already it's July! Hope you are having a great start to your summer! The weather has certainly been good, at least this past few days as I am writing this. Not too hot, cool mornings, cool evenings – perfect training weather and I hope you have been able to take advantage of it.

Looking forward, we have some important activities coming up! Our Annual Membership Meeting, Picnic and JODY WARE'S TRAINING SEMINAR are just a few weeks away. Make plans to attend this event on AUGUST 5 th - you will get some great training tips, visit with the Board and Officers and let us know what else we can be doing to promote our club and our sport (or even tell us what we are doing right), and of course, have some great food! The meeting and seminar will be held at the adjoining Fyfe/Fletcher grounds in Pikeville. It's a beautiful setting, and we always have a great time. In addition to the food and training tips, we have some important topics to discuss at the annual meeting, including changes to the Gun Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year rules, and the status and rules of the Kevin Luthenauer Young Handler Program rules. These are important programs of ETRC, and we hope you will attend so you can vote on the proposed changes to the programs.

We are already planning for the fall Hunt Test, which will again be held at Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm. He has beautiful grounds and we are looking forward to hosting our fall test at this site. Be watching for the Club Trial event leading up the fall AKC test, it's also at Lucky 7 and is a great opportunity to "tune up" for main event!

Have a Great 4th of July and we'll see you in August! Happy Training!

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Judges Mary Greeg and Janine Hayes award ribbons



Jody Ware Training Seminar / Picnic / Summer Business Meeting

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, ETRC will host our 3rd annual Summer Extravaganza at the Fyfe and Fletcher Farms, 101 Retriever Lane, Pikeville, TN. **Mark your calendars now.** 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.

The Fyfe and Fletchers' adjoining farms have a technical pond, a swim-by pond and a general purpose oval pond that we can use for water work. There are broad rolling patches of grassland for marks, and some shady, flat areas for drills. The picnic itself and the business meeting to follow will be in a large, shady, open-sided pole barn.

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. We have some important decisions to make on topics such as purchasing some new equipment for the Club, news about our fall hunt test, revisions to the Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year awards, and final voting in of new members who have joined during the first half of the year.

Lunch will be a potluck picnic in the covered pole barn -- 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 Karen Edwards at edwardskc@gmail.com. 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 for parking is limited.

RSVP to Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com) no later than August 1, 2017 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 & CONTACTS:

Rick Fyfe: 423-331-7560

Michele Fletcher: 850-582-9111

Karen Edwards: 865-300-7607

From Knoxville or points south of Athens: (1 hour 45 minutes from Knoxville)

Take I75 S (or North if you are coming from up from south of Athens) to Exit 49 in Athens.

Follow TN 30W through Decatur and Dayton to Pikeville, about 42.6 miles.

Turn L onto US-127S / Main Street, go 2.0 miles
turn R into Retriever Drive (driveway.)

.From Knoxville area: about 1 hour 40 minutes

Take I40 west to Exit 329.

Turn R onto Market St, go .1 mile

Turn L onto US70W, go 1.0 mile

Turn L onto Cox Valley Road, go 3.4 miles

Turn R onto TN68N, go 4.3 miles

Turn L onto US-127 S and go 23.8 miles

Stay straight onto US-127 Bypass, go 1.5 miles

Continue onto US-127S Main Street, go 2.0 miles

turn R into Retriever Drive (driveway.)

If your GPS doesn't recognize Retriever Drive, try entering the neighbor's address, 115 Main Street, Pikeville Tennessee.

More Pics from the Spring Hunt Test



2 senior passes with Zeus top left, 2 junior passes with gunner top right, 2 junior passes with Ruger bottom left, 2 junior passes each for Ryder and Willow bottom right.

Haley O'Neal sent these pictures along with the following information: "It was hands down the best hunt test I have been to! The Judges and bird Boys/girls were amazing! The tests were set up perfectly for each difficulty level. I can't thank Mary Gregg and Mrs. Neaner enough for their encouraging words when I ran Zeus on Saturday and I was ready to give up. Judges like that are what keep me going in this sport, judges that want to see their handlers succeed. Their words meant so much to me that I broke down crying (I never cry) when Mary hugged me after I finished that test. I haven't run Senior a lot and I am still learning so when they saw me struggling when I had to handle on a mark they told me to take my time and stick with it. When I had to handle I honestly thought I was done, so to have them encourage me was more helpful then they will ever know.

The Winner! ETRC's grand prize in our raffle was a \$400 G4 Zinger Winger . The lucky winner was Kyle Bayer, shown here outside the pavilion with his son and with ETRC Board member Jim Pearce. Congratulations, Kyle! Other winners took home bags of dog food, \$50 gift certificates, hats, umbrellas, chairs, hand towels, drying towels and even a Lab-opoly game! Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, worked hard as a volunteer to earn tickets, or donated some of the loot. Check back this fall to see what will be on offer at our next Hunt Test Raffle.



More Pics from the Spring Hunt Test



Minutes, ETRC Board Meeting 6/13/17

Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Lois Luthenauer, Alan Bruhin, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Tom Gibson, Rick Fyfe, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce, John Broucek, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate)

Absent, excused: Donna Smith

Members present: Mike Smith

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: Lois discussed the overall spring hunt test, and the need to clear up a few last minute items including a non-formal complaint from a pro trainer concerning whether the Junior marks were too hard for a short Boykin to see.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. Last meeting was 5/13/17; minutes were approved within a week via email and sent to the club website. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Jim Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Website changes made & pending: Routine. New membership list up on the member portion of the website as of 6/1/17. Need to change password; will do that in connection with the email transmitting the July newsletter.

Membership: End of year 2016 membership was 59. Current membership is 52 including 5 new members pending final vote in August. 17 members from 2016 have not renewed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 6/13/17 is \$26,359.05 with bills outstanding for Patti Gibson for dinner, lunches, and judges gifts (\$1,000+); payback to Karen for AKC fees for our two fall tests (\$30); and a partial scratch refund if approved by the Board (\$30).

Old Business

Club Trial: September 23 or October 7? Michael reported that he called Ken Campbell to confirm a date, and that Ken liked the October date better. He had not confirmed that the 7th was available, though. John B said he sees Ken nearly every day and will work to get the date confirmed with him. He asked Lois and/or Michael to text him with the desired date.

Kevin's Fund:

- ◆ Rules: review and make any changes necessary. Karen and Lois have been tagged to do this but have not done it yet. Balance remaining as of today: \$2,175.
- ◆ Program participants Cade and Ivan Chambers: Ivan & Dead Rivers Southern Belle (Chessie F), JH: failed Saturday, passed Sunday. Cade & Dead Rivers Rascally Reed (Chessie M), JH: passed both Saturday and Sunday. \$280 refund of entry fees and brief letter sent to family on 6/12/17.
- ◆ Youth Handler's seminar: Brian Caldwell had some good ideas about this at our Board meeting on May 13 and suggested that July might be a good time. We need to firm up a date and plans, and assign people to help with getting this underway. Brian had suggested inviting the FFA kids; earlier discussions had also mentioned asking Ken Campbell's shooter club kids if any wanted to participate. We decided that aiming for 15 kids for the first one would be a good idea – 3 groups of 5 kids each, Alan and Michael Evans helping out, with some loaner dogs from other club members so each kid has a trained dog to work with. There will need to be a small fee; we will need to decide how much to charge for kids not in the Luthenauer program, who would be fully paid for by the club. Lois promised to get with Caldwell to discuss.
- ◆ Status of application from Brian Caldwell's Assistant: still pending, Brian agreed to follow up. Lois will talk with Brian about this when she talks to him about the seminar.

Spring Hunt Test wrap up:

- ◆ Financial information: as shown on the Treasurer's report, most of the bills for the test are in except for the \$30 partial refund if approved (see below) and the \$1000+ we owe Patti Gibson for food and judges' gifts. Without these bills, currently we are showing a profit of \$10,999.50.

6/13/17 Board Minutes, Cont.

- ◆ Complaint: short Boykin: Lois read the email from the trainer, who was complaining that the cover was so high for a small dog, and the bird kid did not throw the duck high enough for the dog to be able to see the second bird on both the Saturday and the Sunday tests. His email did not ask for any remedies, other than for us to discuss it and get back with him. It was not a formal complaint filed with the AKC. This semi-complaint was discussed with Mike Evans and other members of the hunt test committee, and with the judges at the time of the test, and the consensus at the time was that there was not a fairness problem, and that the dog could have seen the bird if she had been looking in the right direction. Michael Evans had just finished running his dog a few before on Sunday, and Luke also spent time up at the test after the complaint was brought up. Mary Gregg (one of the junior judges on Sunday) has a photo of the line showing the cover; the line was not “immediately in back of” 3-4’ cover as stated by the handler, and what cover was there was pretty sparse. Particularly since by the time the dog ran (midway through a field of 79 dogs on Saturday and in the same field on Sunday midway through a group of some 30 dogs), the cover was fairly well beaten down with all the traffic. Alan suggested that Lois respond with a general statement that we had discussed the concerns at some length and that we would continue to strive to ensure that our tests were fairly run and leave it at that. Karen will draft a brief statement to that effect for Lois’s use in responding.
- ◆ Request for scratch reimbursement: Roberta received a request from Anne Wills for a refund for her dog, who was scratched from the Junior test 7 days after the test closed (her dog titled already at another test). According to our premium list, the board can decide whether or not to refund the entry fee, less a \$40 handling fee. Alan moved that we refund \$30, John seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. Karen will send her a check.

Equipment purchases: Some purchases need to be made before our fall test; others can wait a while longer.

- ◆ 2 more pairs of radios: with this big a test and another stake, we didn’t have enough radios. Michael moved with ask Jim Pearce to purchase two more pairs; Rick seconded, the vote was unanimous.
- ◆ More duck driers: We need compact ones that can hold a lot of ducks. The ones we have now don’t hold enough. They are aluminum, lightweight, take up very little space in the trailer but are expensive (and one of them got run over by a 4-wheeler during the hunt test and is destroyed). For \$10 more, there is a larger model that will hold twice the number of ducks. Alternatively, we could make some out of 2x4s that can be disassembled for storage. Alan and Luke will research options and will provide alternatives at the next meeting.
- ◆ More holding blinds: the club is in desperate need of 10-12 new blinds; ours are in sorry shape and we don’t have enough anyway. Alan B will research various ones available from Lion Country, Gun Dog Supply, etc. – and will look for ones where the material attaches to the top pole with grommets so it isn’t destroyed when people use hammers on the top of the poles. We also talked about getting bigger blinds, the 4-pole type instead of the 3-poles, to get more coverage of the bird kids. Alan will report back at the next meeting. We will also look to get some spikes for driving holes into the ground, rather than pounding on the blinds themselves. These spikes will be added to the tool kits so that each stake has one on hand.
- ◆ More buckets to sit on: it turns out we actually did have more buckets than we thought; there were a number of them in the small trailer that never got used at the hunt test. However, we do need to look at better options for seats for our bird kids. Earlier, we had thought about buying chairs with canopies but nothing ever happened with that; we could use the very compact folding canvas stools also. Buckets are very inexpensive, but tend to melt together in the heat of the trailer and become very difficult to separate. Mike Evans will research various ideas and costs for bird kid chairs and will get back with alternatives at the next meeting.
- ◆ Poppers: we had only 4 poppers and bought 3 more during the hunt test. This is enough for a small test but it is extremely hot or raining, more are needed. Now is the time of year when these are easily available for cheap prices; Michael Evans moved we ask Tom Gibson to buy 3 more (non-white) ones; Luke seconded the motion which then passed with no dissenting votes.
- ◆ We need more ponchos before the next hunt test. These are inexpensive and we can get them later on. Location of big trailer at Hiwassee has become a problem now that we can’t get into Hiwassee without calling ahead and only on limited days of the week. We discussed moving the trailer elsewhere for ease in getting material in and out. This is particularly important right now because all our new winger rubber (\$200) got stuffed into the front of the trailer at the end of the hunt test, and everyone was too tired to unload the whole thing to get it out. If it stays there till fall, it will be ruined. We decided to ask Brian Caldwell if he will store it at his place, which is still close to Hiwassee but more accessible. Mike Smith mentioned that the brakes don’t work on the trailer which makes it a scary proposition to drive. We need to look into getting the brakes fixed! It may be a simple wiring issue. Lois will talk to Brian and if that won’t work, we will revisit at the next meeting.

6/13/17 Board Minutes, Cont.

Raffle: is it worth it or not? We spent \$411.46 on raffle (winger and tickets) and only brought in \$353 on ticket sales. General consensus was that it is worthwhile to do, but we need to do a better job of people going out to the individual stakes with the tickets and a sign, and getting more tickets sold. Michael mentioned that the photographer who was here at the test wants to come back in the fall with a more thorough set-up and more photographers, and has offered a couple of his wildlife/hunting pictures to be used as raffle items.

Lessons learned?

- ◆ The dumpster is great.
- ◆ We need to look into having two people assigned to each stake, plus the marshal(s). These people would need transport and would be responsible for calling HQ whenever they need something (lunches, ammo, more ducks etc.) and then coming up to HQ to pick things up, and for tearing down/moving and setting up for the next series. This should work better than having a small central crew that gets dispatched out everywhere; but it will take more people. We would have needed 10 people on the equipment/errand crew instead of the 4-5 that we had.

Fall Hunt Test: October 21-22, 2017, Lucky Seven Ranch, Sweetwater: Karen has gone online & filled out the AKC applications for the two tests: 1 junior, 1 senior, 1 60-dog master on Saturday, and a Junior & Senior on Saturday. The fees are paid and we are now listed as 'pending' until they give us formal approval. Time to start working on judges ASAP. Alan suggested a woman named Kim Bridgewater who travels with a group from Michigan. He will contact her to see if several of them would be available to share a ride down our way to reduce expenses.

Summer Seminar/Picnic: August 5, Fyfe/Fletcher farm. Need to firm up plans for seminar & food. Patti G, who usually does such a great job of supplying food for the picnic part, will be moving that week to a new house and won't be available to help. Need a volunteer to take over this job for August 5!

Committee to look at Dog/Puppy of the Year rules: Karen, Michael Evans, Mike Smith – Have agreed on editorial changes and some other minor changes. Will be meeting after the Board meeting concludes and should have a report to the Board for next meeting, in time for this to be presented to the membership in August.

New Business:

First Reading, New members: None

Freezer at Patti Gibson's: Needs a new home by September, when she moves. Michael suggested that Tom or Patti put this on Craig's List and just try to sell it. Since we are no longer using ducks for our club trials, we don't need it any more. Price? Maybe \$100 and take \$75. There are still two bags of frozen ducks in it; if sold to a retriever person, will throw them in for free. Karen will also mention the freezer's availability in the next newsletter, and John will ask Ken Campbell and Brady Collins if they might be interested.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Mike moved that we adjourn. John seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gun Dog / Puppy of the Year Awards

The committee reviewing the rules for ETRCs year-end puppy and gun dog awards has completed its work and recommended changes to the Board of Directors. The proposed changes will be considered by the Board at a meeting in July and will hopefully be determined ready to submit to the membership at the August meeting. The changes will take effect for the 2018 award year. A full copy of the proposed revisions, if the Board agrees they are ready for review by the membership, will be printed in the August newsletter. Stay tuned!

The 2017 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

Calling all kids! It is now time to sign up for the 2017 Young Handler's Program. Any young person at the undergraduate college level and below is eligible to join. Participants will be reimbursed for entry fees into AKC Hunt Tests and will participate free of charge in ETRC Club Trials and other ETRC events. You will be expected to volunteer for at least 4 hours at one of our club events.

All it takes to participate: you must be a member of ETRC, and you must submit a one-page essay to the program coordinator stating why you want to join the program and what retriever sports mean to you. Submit your essay to Program Coordinator, Lois Luthenauer, MountainLo717@gmail.com. Full details of this program are on the club website under "Youth Program."



2017 ETRC Memberships

Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). 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. It's a bargain!

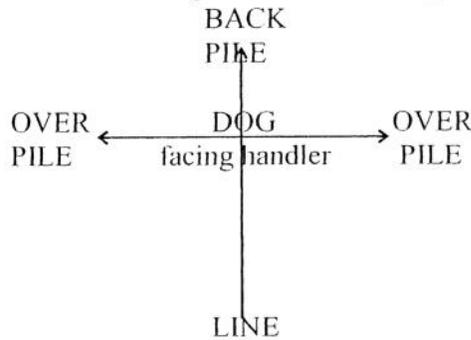
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Other Drill Layouts

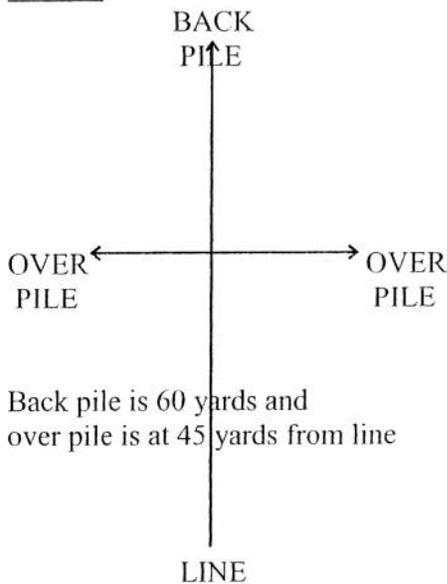
These drills have been covered in many articles and books. They are included in this manual and are highly recommended. For a detailed write-up on these drills see Tri-Tronics Retriever Training by Dobbs or Retriever Training Drills for Blind Retrieves by Spencer for step-by-step directions.

Baseball

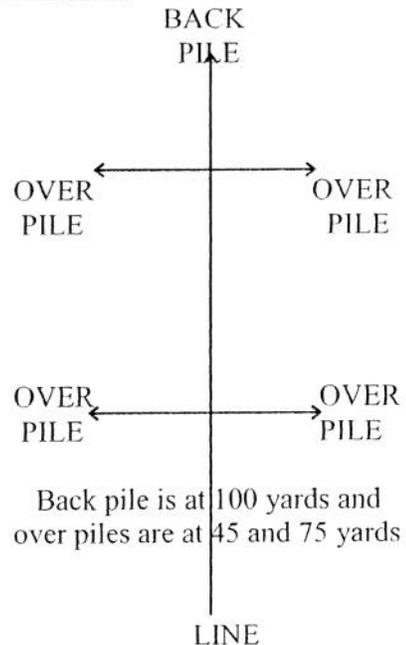
This drill is done at a short distance 10-15 yards. Dog starts at crossroad of back line and over line. Handler casts to various piles and returns dog to crossroad for casting.



T Drill



Double T Drill



Caution: The back cast from heel position is the most important cast. Therefore, run the dog straight through to back pile 4-6 times for each time you stop dog to cast over or back. If dog loses momentum while running to back pile then you should either throw to back pile or don't stop on the way to pile as much.

Be sure to do the T drill on water as well as on land.

Around the Region

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Curly Coated RC	7/8/17	Hambden, OH
Tidewater RC	7/20/17	Remington, VA
North Alabama RC	7/29/17	Section, AL
Presque Isle RC	8/12/17	Springboro, PA
Keystone RC	8/12/17	Franklinton, PA
Labrador Club Potomac	9/9/17	Brandywine, MD
Tidewater RC	9/15/17	Emporia, VA
Golden Retriever Club	9/16/17	St. Louis/St. Chas, MO
Yadkin River RC	9/23/17	Cedar Grove, NC
Mid-South RC	9/23/17	Bruce, MS
Mid-Atlantic RC	9/29/17	Providence, VA
Dardenne RC	9/29/17	Weldon Spring, TN
Buckeye RC	9/30/17	Chardon, OH
Master National RC	10/12 to 10/22	Tennessee Colony, TX
East TN RC (Saturday)	10/21/17	Sweetwater, TN
Rappahannock RC	10/21/17	Remington, VA
East TN RC (Sunday)	10/22/17	Sweetwater, TN
Neuse 'River RC	10/28/17	Kinston, NC
Fall Line RC	11/4/17	Lincolnton, GA
Carolina Retriever Assn.	11/11/17	Patrick, SC
Tallahassee RC	11/11/17	Thomasville, GA
N. Alabama RC	11/18/17	Greensboro, AL
Mid-Florida Golden Retr.	12/8/17	Monteverde, FL

Advanced Judges Seminar in Ohio in August

The Buckeye Retriever Club is sponsoring a Judges seminar August 5-6, 2017. Cost is \$55.

Saturday, August 5: 7:30-8:30 a.m., registration with coffee and pastries. Morning: Classroom training by AKC representatives. Afternoon: Field exercises run by AKC representatives. Location: Euclid Rifle & Hunting Club, 17100 Whitney Road, Montville, OH 44064.

Sunday, August 6: 7:30-8:30 a.m., registration with coffee and pastries. More field exercises run by kAKC representatives. Location: Hambden Nursery, 14849 Rock Creek Rd. (SR 166), Chardon, Ohio 44024.

Box lunch and afternoon snack will be provided both days. Contact for more info: Robert Samios, (724) 932-5956, robertsamios@zoominternet.net .

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 any of the following: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com); Lois Luthenauer (mountainLo717@gmail.com) or Roberta Williams (sharphlw@usit.net).