



2020 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's EVENTS!

1. August 15 , Retriever Retreat, Clarkrange, TN, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. CDT. Summer Seminar, picnic and General Business Meeting — details inside on page 2!
2. September TBD: Club Trial
3. October 17-18: ETRC Fall Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN. 1 flight MH (66), double JH & SH. Keep your fingers crossed..... See story inside on page 3.

Photo of the Month

Remember Lois Luthenauer's nephew Gavin, who has helped us at a number of recent ETRC Hunt Tests? He's grown a LOT! Lois sent the picture below of her and Gavin at his first outing as an AKC Junior Handler — where he handled her dog Max to his Junior title! Congratulations, all!



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2020 Summer Seminar, Picnic, and General Business Meeting

DATE: Saturday, August 15, 2020, 8:00 a.m. CENTRAL (9:00 a.m. Eastern) (NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM ANNOUNCEMENT IN JULY NEWSLETTER)

PLACE: **The Retriever Retreat**, 3058 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN . The entire program will be held in the Goose's Galley, a lovely open-air pavilion / kitchen set in a grove of trees at the back of the property, with plenty of seating, overhead fans, and a nearby bath house. See pictures below.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:00—12:00 Hunt Test Training / Competition Seminar

- ◆ Force Fetch: Luke McCoy, our past president and a popular Jr/Sr Judge who is now working with pro Brian Caldwell, will demonstrate Force Fetch on his 6-month old puppy who has just completed this stage of his training. Force Fetch and basic obedience are the building blocks on which all field training builds, and a demonstration is the best way to see how to do this step properly.
- ◆ How Do I Enter A Dog In A Hunt Test: Michele Fletcher, our hunt test secretary and liaison with Entry Express, will go over what it takes to get your dog entered in a test.
- ◆ Junior AKC Hunt Test Rules: Luke McCoy will go over the rules and all the little fiddly things that will get your dog dropped – when to talk to the dog, when you can touch, leash rules, etc.
- ◆ Senior Hunt Test Rules: Board member J. Michael Evans, who is a successful Master National competitor and popular Jr/Sr. judge, will go over the rules for Senior Hunter, emphasizing the difference between the Junior and Senior level.
- ◆ Master Hunt Test Rules: ETRC President Alan Bruhin, who is a several-time Master National Judge and successful Master National competitor, will go over the rules for Master Tests.

12:00—1:00 Picnic. Because of the Covid pandemic, we are asking that everyone bring their own sack lunch / cooler with your own food and drinks. Hopefully next year we can go back to providing lunch!

1:00—2:00 Business Meeting. **This is an important meeting, and we need to have a quorum** so that we can finalize membership of the people who have joined this year. We will be discussing many important things, like upcoming events, possible equipment purchases, and more. We need your input!

RSVP to Karen or Lois — edwardskc@gmail.com or mountainLO717@gmail.com .

COVID 19 PROVISIONS:

The seminar will be lecture –style with demonstrations. Seats will be placed 6' apart for your safety. You are encouraged to bring and wear masks. Hand sanitizer and soap and water will be available in the Galley, and a bath house is located nearby. Bring your own food & drink.

PLEASE leave your dogs at home for this event.



2020 Fall Hunt Test Update

Plans have to be pretty flexible during these unsettled times! Our Fall Hunt Test this year has been moved to Hiwassee Wildlife Management Area in Birchwood. The dates will be Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, 2020. Because of the shortage of water during the fall at the WMA, we will only be having a single flight of Master, plus our usual double Junior and double Senior stakes.

There will be other changes to help make things safer for everyone. Among them, the club will not be selling sandwiches and other foodstuffs in the clubhouse, and will be providing workers and judges with Subway sandwiches from the local Dayton Subway store. Ribbons will be handed out at the stakes at the end of the final series. Masks & social distancing are strongly encouraged.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has assured us that they will give us 10 days notice of cancellation, if the pandemic grows to the point where they will not be able to host our event.

We are looking for volunteers as gunners, runners, setters-up, and more. If you can help, please

text J. Michael Evans at 865-824-8638. If you are interested in being a Marshal at one of the stakes, email Lois Luthenauer at mountainLO717@gmail.com. We will have a few 'worker codes' for people to enter the master stakes early. To get one, you have to work, so contact us right away! The test opens for entries on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM CT (for workers, Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM CT) and closes on Monday, October 05, 2020 at midnight Central time.

Pavilion and Headquarters Buildings, Hiwassee WMA



New AKC Program for Pandemic Fun At Home

AKC's Public Education Department has come up with yet another exciting way to involve young people in activities with their dogs. **AKC Canine and Me** (<https://www.akc.org/public-education/akc-canine-and-me/>) is a program that introduces teenagers (13 years and older) to the world of AKC Sports and Events.

Participants will be provided with an introduction to certain sports and events and will be encouraged to try the beginning elements of each activity. To achieve program milestones and receive prizes, participants will need to record themselves and their dog completing the various skills and submit their videos through the link referenced above.

AKC Canine and Me is a great way for teenagers and young adults who are dog owners to stay busy and active, while strengthening the bond with their canine. This program promotes health, responsibility and fun while introducing the wonderful world of AKC Sports & Events.

Board Meeting Minutes — July 30, 2020

Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lawn, Lenoir City, TN

ETRC Board Meeting, Monday, 7/30/2020
Pegasus Technologies Yard, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Lois Luthenauer, Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce, Michele Fletcher, Tom Gibson, Jeff McNutt

Absent, excused: Mike Smith, Peter Torok (attended via phone call)

Absent, unexcused: Cory Smith

Members attending: Chery McNutt

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

President's Report: To be addressed as the meeting progresses.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Minutes: Last meeting was 6/10/20; minutes approved and sent to the club website 6/13/20, plus included in the July Newsletter. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. J. Michael Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Website: New password (retriever); sent out email to members.

Membership: Purged email rolls of 2019 members who haven't renewed. Current membership is 2020 renewals still coming in, we have 48 to date, with 11 who still haven't renewed.

Treasurer's Report: Lois Luthenauer. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 7/29 is \$14,352.95, with one check for \$42 (website) not yet cleared, and two membership deposits for \$50 not yet deposited. The membership fee for the Master National is due, \$100; Lois will get that out Friday.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: Nothing new to report, other than she has received two AKC Sportsman of the Year medallions which she will keep for our awards ceremonies in 2021 and 2022.

Old Business

Equipment:

- ◆ Equipment sales: Still need to get gun stand to Donna Smith, who has paid for it. We have some other excess equipment, mainly shotguns, but have decided to hang onto these since there is some question whether or not AKC will continue to allow us to use the thunder sticks because of liability issues.

Fall 2020 Hunt Test

- ◆ Dates: October 17/18 confirmed with AKC, but Ken Campbell is not willing to host us under the current circumstances. Lucky 7 is now closed for skeet shooting, training, hunt tests, and field trials for the foreseeable future. However, Hiwassee is available on that date, and TWRA has given us approval. They have said they will give us 10 days notice if they decide to cancel because of the state of the pandemic, so we won't know for sure if the test is on until October 7.
- ◆ Old location entered into AKC website and EE, needs changed. Michele has contacted Ledell Pendarvis to ask for her to make the location change, and will work with Entry Express to get the changes made as well.
- ◆ Our current format approved by AKC and Entry Express is two flights of Master, double Senior and double Junior. We discussed whether this format was feasible, given the low water situation at Hiwassee in the fall, and decided we needed to cut it down to 1 flight of Master (66 dogs) for the fall test. Michele will

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also contact AKC and Entry Express to make this change.

- ◆ Status of judges: will need 2 MH, 4 SH/JH. Difficulties with some states requiring quarantine for people returning from Tennessee. Alan thinks he has pinned down two Master judges, but the people we had lined up in the spring for junior and Senior have respectfully declined for the fall. J. Michael and Luke are possibilities if we can't find anyone else, but this takes them away from doing all the other work they do for our tests so is not ideal. Tim Nichols has tentatively agreed to judge Jr/Sr, and Lisa Styles has volunteered to also judge, so Alan may put her with Tim. Other possibilities include member Barb Reed and some others that Lois is working with, possibly paired with either J. Michael or Luke. Lois will provide Alan with some contact info for these people.
- ◆ Birdboys: Alan has been working with Cleveland College about getting some kids from their Wildlife Management program. The program sponsor thinks he can round up enough. Alan figures we need 16; before we have asked for 20 because there are so many dropouts. Karen will re-send Alan the contract that we have used in the past which specifies costs and other conditions, and Alan will determine which changes he wants to make for this fall in terms of numbers.
- ◆ Lunches for workers: will go with purchased subway-style sandwiches this year. There is a Subway in Dayton, 4.8 miles from the Hiwassee WMA. This will be more expensive than making our own, but more acceptable in pandemic circumstances.
- ◆ Rooms, Gunners: J. Michael will contact the hotel we usually use for our headquarters, and will reserve 20 rooms again. He will scrounge up some gunners; if you know anyone who is interested, please give him their contact info.
- ◆ Liability issues: Karen asked our insurance carrier about possible coverage if someone got Covid and sued us for being liable. Turns out our insurance does cover this situation; they would defend us against the suit, would not pay if it was deemed that we were not negligent, and would pay up to the limits of the policy if it was determined we were negligent. In order to keep the insurance in force, we do need to make sure that we can show that we have taken reasonable steps to comply with all Covid-related requirements and guidance. Lois talked with member and personal injury attorney Bruce Fox, who told her that it would be a hard case to make that our test was where the person actually got Covid, considering they would probably be spending time in hotels, restaurants, traveling, etc. He did prepare a liability release for the club that is generic to any even that we might put on – Thanks, Bruce, we appreciate it! To use this release, we would need signatures from each participant. After some discussion we decided on the following:
 - ◆ Michele will work with Entry Express to get the AKC guidance on field events in the age of Covid put into the front of the premium. This states general guidelines like encouraging participants to observe social distancing, wear masks, wash hands frequently, etc.
 - ◆ Karen will draft up verbiage for signs that will be hung at each stake – on the holding blind? – and prominently displayed at the clubhouse, saying similar things. We may insist on mask usage inside the club house.
 - ◆ We will not use the liability waiver for the hunt test but it's great to have for other events like the summer picnic, possibly the future awards banquet if this is still going on by then, etc.
- ◆ Equipment: We have some bent feet on the blinds, including the new ones, from driving them into the hard ground at Lucky 7. Before the fall test, we need to do something about getting these straightened out. Jeff McNutt said he has a way to straighten them out and will work with Cory Smith, who has the big trailer at the time, to get them fixed. We also have a number of them in the small trailer which is parked at the Pegasus Technologies Building. We decided not to purchase any more equipment at this time, as the treasury is lower than it has been for several years since we had to cancel our spring test. If the fall test happens, we can revisit this again before the spring test. Also, there was some discussion about buying or borrowing a hammer drill with a foot-long ½-1" drill bit to pre-drill holes in hard ground. Jim Pearce and Jeff McNutt both had some ideas about that.
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer: Lois and Michele will both look into buying some for our upcoming events. We will need hand sanitizers at each marshal station, some sanitizer spray for bird boys to spray down the handler's gun before each new handler, sanitizer for the clubhouse, etc.
- ◆ No junior flyers will be used because of safety issues with the locations that we have to work with at Hiwassee.
- ◆ Ducks: We have a \$1000 deposit with Kiley Buettner, so our duck purchase is already partly paid for.

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- ◆ Ribbon Ceremonies: decided to send the ribbons back down to the stake after the judges tell us how many we need, and will have the ribbons passed out down there. This avoids having to have a bunch of people hanging around inside the Clubhouse. This will need to be prominently announced, maybe the judges will need to announce in the scenario, and maybe have a sign stating that at each stake.

Summer Seminar: August 15 is now available again for using the Retriever Retreat, so we decided to move it back there from the 22nd since more people from the board would be able to attend then. Based on discussions with Jody Ware and from several members, we have decided to do the following this year. Instead of a 'bring your dog and we'll work with you individually' type seminar, it will be a lecture/demonstration format. It will start at 8 a.m. Central time, and go until noon. People are encouraged not to bring their dogs. The seminar will take place in the covered pavilion, which has fans and plenty of chairs, and enough space to have up to 40 people sitting 6' apart. There is a bath house a few feet away.

- ◆ Topics and presenters will be as follows:
 - ◆ Force Fetch: Luke McCoy, Jr/Sr Judge who is now working with pro Brian Caldwell, will demonstrate Force Fetch on his 6-month old puppy who has just finished. Lois will provide tables that can be used for force fetch, and J. Michael will bring along items to be used.
 - ◆ How Do I Enter A Dog In A Hunt Test: Michele Fletcher, our hunt test secretary and liaison with Entry Express, will go over what it takes to get your dog entered in a test.
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- ◆ Lunch will be at noon. Attendees will be asked to bring their own cooler with a sack lunch and drinks.
- ◆ Business meeting will be at 1:00. We will need a quorum in order to conduct business, including final voting in of new members.
- ◆ Karen will post this info in the newsletter, mention it in the cover email, and will send out a separate email about a week before the event to remind people. Lois volunteered to call members and encourage them to come.

New Business:

New Member: One new member for first reading:

- ◆ Angelique / Timothy Burns, Lakesite/Soddy Daisy, TN. No occupation listed, ancient form sent to Chuck Atchley and forwarded on to me. Phone 407-718-6868, email angeliqueburns@me.com. Has a year old GR, interested in Hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials. No other info on old application form.
- ◆ Volunteers for sponsors: Lois Luthenauer and Michele Fletcher.
- ◆ J. Michael moved we accept Angelique Burns as a provisional member. Luke McCoy seconded, and the vote was unanimous

AKC Request for input on revamping Bylaws approval /modification process: Karen and Michele have discussed and don't feel we have anything to contribute to this discussion, so we will not respond to AKC.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim Pearce moved that we adjourn. J. Michael seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Member News and Brags

Belated News on Master National Qualifier

Terri and Lane Arthur are proud to announce that their dog HRCH Loaded Down and Flynn' High MH ("Jato"), was a Master National Qualifier in 2019, handled by Mike Pierce. He also earned his HRCH title in September 2019 . Big fall for the Arthurs and Jato! Congratulations!

ETRC President Chosen as Master Amateur Judge

ETRC President Alan Bruhin will be one of the judges at the Master Amateur Invitational for 2020, which is rescheduled for Corning, CA on April 18-25, 2021. Long trip, Alan — Best wishes and congratulations!

Obituary Notice of Former Member

Some of you may remember Jim Ault (Willis Lee Ault, Jr., 7/31/47-7/17/20), who was an active member of the ETRC for many years. Patti Gibson passed along the news that Jim died recently. Some of his ashes will be sprinkled under his favorite tree stand at the very back of his family farm. The family asks that donations in lieu of flowers be made to McBurg United Methodist Church in Frankewing, TN; the Multi-county Cancer Network in Lincoln County; Bugles Across America; or the National Wild Turkey Federation. Condolences to his widow Marilyn and his daughters.

Youth Program



2018 Award Recipients, Cade and 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 .

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.

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

Around the Region – Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Back Bay Knotts Island RC, 4 JH, 2 SH	Remington, VA	08/01/20
Red Hills RC of MS	Covington, TN	08/01/20
Jax RC, Master only (200)	Sylvania, GA	08/28/20
Middle TN ARC	LaVergne, TN	10/09/20
ETRC (66)	Birchwood, TN	10/17/20
N. Mississippi ARC	Bruce, MS	10/24/20
Fall Line RC	Lincolnton, GA	10/31/20

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Del Bay RC D/Q	Elkton, MD	08/07/20
Bluegrass RC	Grahamville, KY	08/14/20
Labrador RC , Sat—Mon	Elkton, MD	08/29/20
Mobile ARC Fall Event	Greensboro, AL	09/18/20
Middle TN ARC	Lavergne, TN	09/25/20
Bluegrass RC Fall Trial	Grahamville, KY	10/02/20
Black Warriort	Greensboro, AL	10/16/20
National Amateur Invitational	Giddings, TX	November 2020

ETRC Membership

Membership 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 plus 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 in November or later 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).

You may notice we have a new 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 will be the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is now Volume XX (for 2020).