



ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. February 21, 2026, Saturday 6:00 p.m. — Annual Awards Banquet, Elections, and General Meeting, Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville
2. March 29, 2026, Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Club Trial #1, Atchley Farm, Sevierville
3. April 18-19, 2026, Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m. — Spring Hunt Test, 2JH, 2SH, MH, Lucky 7, Sweetwater
4. May 19-20, 2026, Tues-Wed 8:30 a.m. — Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's, Georgetown
5. July 18, 2026, Sat. all day — Basic Judge's Seminar, Comfort Inn, Athens
6. September 6, 2026, Sun 9:00 a.m. — Club Trial, Picnic, Annual Summer Meeting, Pet Resorts at The Farm, 6771 Jim Dyke Road, Loudon (NEW LOCATION FOR ETRC)
7. September 15-16, 2026, Tues—Wed 8:30 a.m. — Midweek MH Only, Caldwell's, Georgetown
8. October 17-18, 2026, Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m. — Fall Hunt Test, 2JH, 2SH, MH, Lucky 7, Sweetwater

Photo of the Month



Brent Naveiro and Gus had a successful Hunt in January!

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President's Message — By J. Michael Evans

Happy post-duck season! I know many of you are probably feeling both mentally and physically worn out from the end of duck season, and it doesn't help that the best duck weather we had locally came "after" the season had ended. But don't worry, there will be another one in a few months. In the meantime, the ETRC is making sure to give you and your dog plenty of chances to retrieve ducks. For many of us, it's more than we saw in East Tennessee all season!

In this newsletter, you'll find a complete list of our 2026 hunt test schedule, including the dates for our Club Trials, and for the first time in several years, we'll be hosting a Judges Seminar. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend any and all events that you can. Remember that AKC Hunt tests and ETRC Club trials are for the entire family to come out and enjoy. They can come for half of the day, all day, or all weekend! Even your four-legged family members that don't compete are welcome.

A quick word on the Judges Seminar. This isn't just for folks who are, or want to be, judges. If you've ever wondered why a dog was scored a particular way, how a dog is scored, or what judges look for in both set-up and testing, then you should definitely attend this one-day event! The knowledge you will receive is invaluable for a handler, a judge, or anyone considering becoming a judge now or in the future. Attending a seminar also fulfills your first step toward becoming a judge if you desire that. As a new handler learning the ropes, an old hand that needs to brush up on the rules, or a current judge that needs a refresher, please don't miss the opportunity to attend the judge's seminar hosted by the ETRC. You will find all of the particulars listed below.

February is also when we celebrate our annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet! This year, it's set for the 21st at Buddy's BBQ Banquet Hall in Bearden. The club will take care of the food and drinks, and we'll have a cash bar ready for you to grab some adult beverages starting 30 minutes before dinner. You can find the full menu and other particulars on page 3, but please RSVP if you're planning to come! This is super important because we need to know how many people are coming to the Banquet Hall at least a week before the event. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all there!

And just a heads-up, this is my last message as President. My term is wrapping up, and Alan Bruhin will be taking over. Alan has forgotten more about training and judging than most of us will ever know! He's always ready to lend a hand and I'm so grateful for all the support he's given me over the years. With Alan at the helm, this club is in great hands and I'm so lucky to be able to call him my friend. It's been a privilege to lead the East Tennessee Retriever Club for the past two years, and being part of this club is a big part of who I am. If there's ever anything I can do for you, just give me a call, and I'll see you all in the holding blind!

Respectfully,
J. Michael Evans , President ETRC

Basic Retriever Hunt Test Judge's Seminar

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Comfort Inn, 2811 Decatur Pike, Athens, TN 423-252-8030
Presenter: Jerry Mann, AKC

Cost: \$20 for current ETRC Members, \$40 for all others. Limite 40 participants
To register, send your name, address, phone number and a check for fees to :

Karen Edwards, ETRC Secy/Treas, 254 Babbs Rd. Lenoir City, TN 37771

End-of-year Awards Banquet: RSVP Now!

February 21, 2026, Saturday evening: ETRC Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections.

Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's), 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, 6:00 p.m for socializing, dinner buffet starts at 6:30 p.m. This is our annual big party, and free for all members and guests! The Bearden Banquet Hall can hold large events, and we will be seated at 8-person round tables with space between. We hope to see you all there!

The menu will include Chicken Tenders, Grilled Beef Tenderloin, Rosemary New Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, and Molten Chocolate Cake. Wine will be provided by the club, and beer will also be available for purchase. Sweetened and unsweetened Iced tea, Caffeinated and Uncaffeinated Coffee, lemonade, and water will also be available. You may BYOB, but will need to provide it to the bartender for service.

Guest Speaker will be Dr. Andrew Lewin , DVM, of Vision Vets for Pets. Dr. Lewin is a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist in private practice in Knoxville. He will give a 30 minute presentation with Q&A to follow on eye injuries and treatments and eye clearances for breeding. Very useful information for dealing with any injuries our dogs might sustain while out training or competing, and for getting those OFA breeding clearances.

Awards Presentations: After dinner, we will present awards to both people and dogs for titles earned, national invitationals qualified for and completed, Dog of the Year, Puppy Of The Year, and Field Trial Dog of the Year awards, ETRC's Lifetime Achievement Award, ETRC Member of the Year, and AKC Sportsmanship award. Come cheer everyone for their achievements during 2025!

Elections: This is also our election and general membership meeting, and a close-out of our Club's very busy fiscal year 2025. Come celebrate a successful year... and help us look ahead to our many activities for 2026. We do need a quorum to conduct business — new members are particularly urged to come - don't be shy, come and meet folks and find out how you can get more involved in 2026.

Door Prizes will include several free entries to ETRC hunt tests during 2026 (up to a \$110 value depending on the level you are entering); ETRC tees and hats; and other swag.

No cost to attendees. Please RSVP to Karen Edwards at edwardskc@gmail.com, or text / call 865-300-7607 and leave a message — your name and number, and the names of people coming with you.

We need RSVPs from anyone who is planning to eat **NO LATER THAN 11:59 p.m. on FEBRUARY 9** so that the staff will have enough time to prepare food and we will have enough tables and chairs. We can squeeze in a few extra, but please don't leave your RSVP until the last minute.



RSVP to edwardskc@gmail.com or text 865-300-7607

Final Slate for Election of Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee for 2026 elections, as appointed by President J. Michael Evans at the Summer Business Meeting, Picnic and Club Trial on September 21, 2025, consisted of Jim Pearce as Chairman, along with non-Board members Brent Naveiro and Zach Pry. The committee presented the following slate of officers and board members for fiscal year 2026 (beginning March 1):

- President: Alan Bruhin
- Vice President: Brent Naveiro
- Past President: J. Michael Evans
- Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Edwards
- Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher
- Board Members for 2025 -February 2028: Jim Pearce & Lois Luthenauer
- AKC Representative: Michele Fletcher
- Chief Marshal (non-Board position): Donna Smith

Continuing on the Board without being re-elected this year are: Bob Smith & Kyle Griffin (2024-2027), and Luke McCoy & Nathan Lamping (2025-2028).

Board terms expiring are Jeff Rader & Jim Pearce . Many thanks to both of them for their expertise, advice and hard work over the past several years, and thanks to Jim for agreeing to serve for another term.. We hope to see Jeff back in the future!

Since J. Michael Evans is standing down, he will automatically become Past President for FY 2026. Donna Smith has agreed to continue on as Chief Marshal. These last two positions are not on the ballot, and Chief Marshal is not in itself a Board position, but both positions are important to the smooth working of the club.

In accordance with the Bylaws, and as announced in December's newsletter, additional nominations could have been made by any member prior to December 31, 2025, in writing to the club Secretary, using the process outlined in the last newsletter. No one has made any additional nominations, so the nominations are now closed. Voting for officers/directors and the AKC Delegate will be done at the annual Awards Banquet and general membership meeting. see article on page 3 of this newsletter for more details and urgent request for RSVPs.

We have a very busy year lined up for 2026, with hunt tests, club trials, business meetings, and more. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve on the Board and as officers for this busy upcoming year!



Alan Bruhin



Brent Naveiro



Karen Edwards



J. Michael Evans



Michele Fletcher

Winter Pictures



Andy Buck with Master National Qualifier Moon Over the Coosawattee MH. Andy's other dog, Coosawattee Backwater Drake MH, is hiding behind Andy; he didn't make it through all series but had a fine showing.



Zach and Tyra Pry went hunting for geese with Waylon. Look at the size of that goose!

**ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 1/7/26
254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN**

Present from the Board: J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Luke McCoy, Nathan Lamping, Kyle Griffin

Absent, Excused: Mike Smith (Wildlife volunteer work), Jeff Rader (work)

Absent, Unexcused: Bob Smith

Others Members Present: Lois

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met with 8 people present. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- ◆ **Minutes:** Last meeting was 9/25/25, our summer picnic/club trial. Minutes were approved by a majority of Board members and included in the October Newsletter and posted on the web-site. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Luke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Membership:** Membership at the end of December 2025 was 67. Membership year ends 2/28/26; we already have a few renewals.
- ◆ **Correspondence:** bills for fall tests, insurance bill, tax filing bill (\$850), thank you letter from Frances Caldwell for our contribution towards their church music program in memory of Brian's dad. Also, request from Knoxville lawyer for help for a case of a guy who bought a lab puppy from a pet store, turns out it's not a purebred lab, paid \$5,000. What the attorney is looking for is someone who could testify about standard breeding practices, health clearances for parents, registration, and going rates for puppies. Karen has provided her with some links to AKC and Entry Express classified ads, the AKC and the Labrador Retriever breed club, etc. but she needs someone who is a Labrador breeder to provide a deposition or actually testify. She is looking to shut down the pet store and the puppy mill in Missouri that is the breeder, for fraud. After some discussion, there was not much interest in actually testifying and facing cross examination, although there was sympathy with the aims of shutting down the businesses that were committing fraud. There was also some general consensus that the client who bought the puppy without one minute of research was asking to be defrauded. Karen will respond to the attorney.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards

- ◆ **Calendar Year Finances:** current bank balance is \$40,266.71. We had a net loss last year of \$2,667.46, due to decreased profits from our hunt tests.
- ◆ **Insurance:** Our basic liability policy went up to \$1000 (was \$900 last year). \$50 increase is a new thing that if you gross more than \$10k a year in your events, it costs an extra \$50, and the other is a basic rate increase.
- ◆ **Taxes:** dealt with IRS AI-generated confused notices about whether or not we have filed taxes for last several years. Copied office copies of short form returns, mailed to them along with computer proof of filing).

AKC Delegate's report: Michele, with additional info from Alan: AKC staff is considering recommending a Retriever Hunt Test Intermediate level (like our 'advanced Junior' club trial level) – where the dog would be required to do double land marks, double water marks, but no blind, walk-up or diversion bird or shot. This would probably be an additional title. This is not a slam dunk as it would require substantial additional resources for clubs to add another level, and this may not make it into a final recommendation. There is an addition \$1 per dog fee increase from AKC that is going to be effective this year, which will impact our bottom line. About 79% of Hunt Test judges have NOT taken or completed the required online course about child abuse. Original plans were to strike all non-compliant judges off the register as of January 1. If we lose 79% of our judges, this will have a massive impact on our ability to put on hunt tests.

During 2025, Field Trial entries were down 2.4% and Hunt Test entries were down 2.7%. This tracks our own experience last year, where for the first time in several years, our Master tests did not fill and Junior and Senior entries were lower than expected.

There is a recommendation going through the process of approval that if a dog is disqualified in either a hunt test or a field trial for attacking a person or another dog, that dog will be automatically disqualified for participation in the other sport.

A Rule Change was approved that all Retriever hunt test judges must fill out each cell of the score sheet with a numeric score. Clarity was added for Retriever Hunt Tests regarding a controlled break on the honor: the honor dog cannot interfere with the working dog.

For Retriever Hunt Tests, there will now be an option to award ribbons following a dog's final run provided it is clear they qualified. This is at the option of the club and the judges; even if the club is willing, the judges can override and say they prefer to wait. We will need to discuss whether or not, and under what circumstances, we would do this.

Not yet finalized, but probably will be soon, is language that says Master Level retrievers SHALL have at least one clean triple marking series in a 3-series test, and SHALL make continuous progress towards a blind retrieve.

Not discussed in the meeting, as it was only mentioned tangentially in the minutes of the September AKC Delegates meeting, was the big 2025 kerfuffle within AKC – 30 year president and CEO Dennis Sprung was fired, 15 other executive staff were fired, and AKC is refusing to discuss any reasons for any of this with the club delegates, citing 'privacy laws'. There is apparently discussion going on about a complete reorganization of AKC, making membership individual instead of being a 'club of clubs.' How this would impact us is pretty huge, and it's unfortunate that all of this is being done in secret. Also under apparent consideration is consolidation of all AKC functions into NYC, which of course would be massively cheaper than having many of the functions such as registration done in Raleigh, NC (Sarcasm font). If you google "AKC Reorganization 2025" there are lots of interesting facts and rumors going around.

Old Business

1. **Memorial for Joleen Lamping.** We will look at dedicating one of our hunt tests this year to her memory like we did for Roberta Williams a number of years ago.
2. **Winter Awards Banquet:**
 - a. **Location:** Reservations made for Saturday, Feb 21, 2026 at Bearden Banquet Hall. Alan provided Karen with the contract earlier this week; Karen will pay deposit and send it out tomorrow.
 - b. **Speaker,** Dr. Andrew Lewin – need to confirm and pin down details. J. Michael agreed to

contact him and firm up the arrangements.

- c. **Menu:** We decided to go with the same menu as last year, but made a note on the contract that the chicken tenders should be served as part of the meal and not as an appetizer.
 - d. **Election:** No changes during December, slate fixed: Alan President, J. Michael Past President, Brent Naveiro Vice President, Karen Secretary/Treasurer; Michele Hunt Test Secretary and AKC Representative, Jim returning and Lois a new board member replacing Jeff Rader whose term has expired.
 - e. **Door prizes:** we will have only 10-12 this year instead of a door prize for everyone who comes. Alan says he has a few Judges' gifts that he is willing to donate; we agreed to have two ETRC hats, two vouchers for ETRC tee shirts in whatever size needed, to be picked up at one of our hunt tests, and two "Free Entry to hunt test" vouchers.
 - f. **Guest Policy:** In the past we have permitted out of town guests free, if they are specifically assigned to a particular member. For people who are local, they should bring their membership forms and check or cash for dues to the banquet.
3. **Awards:** J. Michael asked everyone who had not submitted nominations for Member of the Year or AKC Sportsman of the Year to get those nominations in to him either tonight or tomorrow. He has not had much response so far. There are some title awards that have been submitted, but no puppy award nomination yet. Karen will send out another reminder in a few days.

New Business:

1. **New Members:** one for first reading and assignment of sponsors: Bobby & Judy Stogner. He's a banker. 1520 Markham Road, Knoxville, TN 37922, email bob-byrstogner@gmail.com, phone 865-250-0330. Will do 'whatever is needed', have a black lab puppy b. 6/11/25, interested in dog training, requests Alan Bruhin as one sponsor. Alan agreed to be one sponsor, and Nate Lamping will be the other.
2. **Status of Equipment:** Mike Smith sent an email reporting on a November work day at Brian's. Alan, Michele and Mike cleaned out and inventoried the 2 trailers. Mike repaired 11 blinds and trashed 2 old rebar type-blinds that were in sorry shape. They decided that Mike should order 2 more blinds which he has done and will submit the receipt to Karen for payment. Mike also repaired 3 zingers with parts purchased 2 years ago and depleted most of those parts. All equipment is in good order as are the trailers so we shouldn't have to spend a lot for the next few years except for more spare parts and rubber as needed. Our Chief Marshal Donna Smith has all the marshal boxes at her house and has restocked them as needed so they are ready to go for our first test.
3. **Set Schedule for the year:**

Hunt Tests. Alan and J. Michael recommended that we consider cutting back on our events this year, from 6 hunt tests to 4, with two of them being our old-style Spring and Fall tests, tentatively at Lucky 7, with double JH, double SH, and only one flight of MH considering that entries have been down some in Master. The other two tests will be Master Only tests, tentatively at Brian Caldwell's, although Lucky 7 is a possible option for at least one and Hiwassee may be an option for a fall date. J. Michael will discuss with Jason at TWRA about possible use of Hiwassee in the fall, but their schedule won't be available until early February. There was some discussion about having one Master Only test on the weekend, because of the problem of having nearby tests on weekends before and after, but in the end we decided to go with midweek dates for both.

After going through Entry Express to see dates this year and last for other nearby clubs, we settled on the following dates for our 2026 hunt tests:

- ◆ April 18-19, 2026, Weekend Spring hunt test, MH, 2JH, 2SH, Lucky 7
- ◆ May 19-20, Midweek Master Only at Brian's.
- ◆ September 15-16, Midweek Master Only at Brian's
- ◆ October 17-18, 2026, Fall Hunt Test, MH, 2JH, 2SH, Lucky 7 or possibly Hiwassee if L7 sells before then.

Michele will work with AKC to get dates confirmed that are not already 'ours' from using them last year. Michele texted Brian Caldwell who said he was fine with both of the dates where we tentatively have his place scheduled. J. Michael will talk with Ken Campbell to confirm those dates at Lucky 7. Alan and J. Michael will start calling judges. We are supposed to have judges' names submitted along with the request for dates, 4 months in advance, or face AKC fines. We are already late for our April test so that is the one to pin down first.

Club Trials. We agreed on having two this year. The second one will again be combined with our Summer Meeting.

March 29, 2026, at Chuck Atchley's. J. Michael will contact Chuck to see if that's OK.

September 6, 2026: possible location at Heath Shuler's new Loudon property? J. Michael will call Mike Osteen to discuss if this is a possibility. Other options are Brian Caldwell's or Lucky 7.

4. **Discussion on Finances:** do we want to consider making any changes on how we spend our money? Still doing well financially but we did lose money last year, after several years of steady income and outgo, following a few years when we had Quad JH/SH tests where we made quite a bit of extra money which improved our financial situation markedly.

Karen passed out a report on calendar year 2025, showing how our money was spent. Increased costs leading to our deficit spending for the year were primarily for restaurant judges' meals with helpers, which cost a total of \$2482.64; increased insurance fees (up from \$1,650 in 2024 to \$1,840 in 2025); and a new expense for a tax accountant since we have averaged more than \$50k gross over the past 3 years, which amounted to \$850. We decided to just keep going as we are, but keep an eye on it as we don't want to get back to the financial straits we were in back in 2011 when the club ran out of money altogether. We do want to continue to provide good money and good treatment to our judges, in order to make it easier to get them. As a side note on financial matters, Karen reminded everyone that expenses other than very nominal ones should be approved in advance by a vote of the board. We can always handle that via email voting in order not to delay buying things we need.

Any other New Business?

1. Alan mentioned that several club members had asked him if we were going to be putting on a judge's seminar this year. We had discussed doing this last year, and had decided to put it off till 2026. We decided it would be good to do this, possibly in the summer so there wouldn't be as much conflict with hunt tests and other clubs' judges' seminars. Alan will contact AKC about a date in July or August, for a basic judge's seminar which is usually one day, and will look at possible locations. In the past, we have used a hotel with a meeting room up in Strawberry Plains, and in Athens. Both of them were adequate for what we needed but others might work out as well.
2. Master National Judges: Alan asked if anyone knew someone from our region who might be willing to judge the Master National in Oregon this year. No one offered any suggestions.

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

Reminders and Follow-ups

News from the Master National Meeting:

All three of the Bylaws amendments that were being voted on passed. So, as of now:

- ◆ Professionals can judge the Master National;
- ◆ There will be no limits allowed to the entries at the Master Nationals, and locations must be found that will permit a good and fair test no matter how many entrants there are.
- ◆ The number of regions has been cut from 4 to 3, making all of the USA west of Kansas to the Pacific and up to Alaska all one region. Tests will continue to be rotated between the three regions.

Master Amateur Retriever Club:

- ◆ Memberships are due , and no points can count towards completion of entry requirements until a member has renewed.
- ◆ ETRC is a lifetime member club, but your membership in ETRC does not count towards your personal membership in the MARC.

First Call for signups for the Judges' Seminar in July

ETRC is putting on a Basic Judges Seminar in conjunction with AKC on Saturday, July 18. Cost to members is \$20, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Non-members will be charged \$40. Jerry Mann will be the presenter and the seminar will be held in the meeting room of the Athens Comfort Inn. If you wish to stay at the Inn overnight, call 423-252-8030 or 423-745-0002 to make your own reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at a favorable rate, so please be sure to tell them you are there for the seminar

This seminar is designed not only for judges, and people wanting to be judges, but also for handlers interested in learning more about the judging requirements at all hunt test levels. Contact Karen Edwards with your reservation at edwardskc@gmail.com, and send your fee to her at 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

Membership is Due

Your 2025 ETRC membership expires at the end of February. To renew, please send your application form (available for download at <https://www.etrclub.org/>, and click on the link "Join ETRC" in the blue menu bar on the left side of the page) and your dues check for \$25, to Karen Edwards, ETRC Secretary/Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771

Youth Program



The Luthenauer Young Handler program was established as a memorial to ETRC member Kevin Luthenauer. The program is supported by generous contributions from family and friends to encourage youth participation in retriever sports. Kids who are interested in applying 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 any fees for other ETRC events such as club trials.

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

ETRC Membership Information

Membership for a year is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). New member and renewal forms are available online at <https://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — just cut & paste the link, print it off, & send it along with your check to:

Karen Edwards, ETRC Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

Membership includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events, and consideration for end of the year awards. There are extra awards for volunteer workers at one of our events! Don't miss out on the opportunity to make friends with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. We are one of the most active Retriever clubs in the country — and have another great year ongoing in 2025 with 6 AKC hunt tests, club trials, picnics, awards, and more.

The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29th; people who join after November 1 are also paid up for the following year. **MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH!**

Newsletter / Facebook / Group Me Info

NEWSLETTER: The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, usually on the 1st of the month. Send us your test results, new titles, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs, items 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 newsletter editor Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com). Newsletters are archived on the club Website, www.etrclub.org.

FACEBOOK: we have an active Facebook page! Either post on it yourself, or send pics and info to our moderator, Alan Bruhin, at wbruhin1@retiree.utk.edu.

GroupMe: GroupMe is a free texting app for smartphones and media devices such as the Apple iPad. The app works on both Apple and Android devices and is similar to SMS texting. GroupMe allows members to be aware of both club-sponsored events as well as those run "privately" by individual members who choose to post an announcement on GroupMe. For more info, contact Jim Pearce, at jwp1002@gmail.com.

