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Sweepstakes (11-18) Judge: Sue Baines

Best in Sweeps..Regency's I Believe in Miracles, Verna

BOS in Sweeps..Sercateps Somebody Said, Herrell

BV in Sweeps...Ch. Destineez Lucky Number/ Houck, Pendelton

Regular Classes (30-47-27-2) Judge: Carole Weinberger

WD..Joker Land's Sky Master, Minagawa (Japan) RWD...Savannah's Roaring Barkley, Steffy WB ...Kharasahl's Hannah Montana, McBrfide RWB...Ward's Creek's Luck Be a Lady Tonight, Schnetzer

BOB... Ch. Ward's Creek's Nightly Bisness, Schnetzer

BOW...Joker Land's Sky Master, Minagawa (Japan)

BOS...Ch. Annfield Turn Key, Nickerson, Doxtater, Fmslie

AOM's

Ch. Carmel Race to Kelvercrest, Potiker Ch. Regency's Good to Go Haney, Weirick, Verna

Ch. Annfield Turn Turn, Emslie, Doxtater

PLEASE...send in your wins in a timely fashion so that we are not advertising old news....

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ADS

SOMEONE NEW ... SOMEONE OLD(ER) ... SOMETHING BLUE (PURPLE)

contributed by AMSC Member, Jeri Muntis

in recent months, the subject of getting and retaining new people in the breed has been posted on the AMSC-L list and has been the topic of discussions. I think it's pretty easy to figure out why new people don't stay very long; they get frustrated because it turns out to be a lot harder to achieve success than they thought it would be!

When I started in my first breed many years ago, it took me 2 years of showing before I ever won a point! I don't remember being terribly frustrated back then because in my original breed almost all of the dogs were owner handled. The exhibitors were very friendly and they were more than willing to coach me along. Also, the grooming required on the breed was pretty basic, pretty much a bath and a blow dry was all that was needed. I enjoyed going to the dog shows because I truly loved being in the ring and I also enjoyed the companionship of my fellow exhibitors. Everybody got along for the most part and everybody had fun at the shows. We all looked forward getting together and having a good time. That more than made up for the time it took to become competitive.

For various reasons, I eventually decided to get into another breed. I chose the Miniature Schnauzer because it was the first breed of dog I owned when I was a child. I honestly did not expect there to be much of a difference in the mechanics of going to the dog shows. Since I had so many years of experience showing dogs, I rather expected the transition to go pretty well. I knew the Minis needed to be hand stripped because I had stripped mine when I was a kid, even though he wasn't a show dog. I knew they needed a lot of grooming on top of that. I was willing to accept the grooming challenge and get started!

It did not take very long at all for me to discover that even with my past experience, being successful in Minis was going to be a long, hard road. I tried to do everything "right" from the beginning. I subscribed to Schnauzer Shorts. That turned out to be the only step that was relatively easy. I went to the local dog shows

to watch the Mini judging. I waited until the judging was over and approached the people that I thought were the breeders/owners, who would not give me the time of day. I made some phone calls to breeders and left messages. I never got a return phone call. Things were not off to a very good start. When I finally found a breeder that would even speak to me on the phone, I was overjoyed! About a year later, I finally purchased a puppy.

I am sure that all of you know exactly what I went through...learning how to groom, learning how to handle, going to show after show after show after show and not doing very well. I was VERY intimidated by the breeders and handlers. I am painfully shy by nature and so it was difficult for me to approach anyone. I didn't have anybody to help me at the shows. I became more and more frustrated. The sport that I had loved for so many years was slowly becoming NO fun.

Though I did not do things the way I truly should have, somehow the dog show gods eventually began to smile on me. Because I had the fortitude to stick it out and keep coming back, I eventually got to know some of the other exhibitors and they were kind enough to give me advice. Some even took the initiative to approach me and offer me help. And then the day came when my dog won points! And then another, and then another! I still had many, many moments of feeling discouraged and frustrated. I still wanted to guit 100 times, but now I also had friends that were there to encourage me not to. Finally, on that one spectacular day, I finished my dog!! I had tears in my eyes and ribbons in my hand as I left the ring with my FIRST CHAMPION.

Along the way I was given the unbelievable opportunity to show for a breeder. I gratefully accepted the offer and by doing so I have been able to stay active in showing and to gain more experience in grooming and handling. I have been extremely fortunate that I have been moderately successful over the years, but I will never forget the Herculean effort it took to do it.

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SOMEONE NEW....continued from p. 1, col. 3

In looking back and comparing my experiences between both breeds that I have shown, there are very notable differences. I had to work very, very hard to make myself competitive in the ring compared to my original breed, and the atmosphere around the Mini ring is noticeably different. There is a feeling of separation between the Newbies and the Veterans that wasn't there in my original breed. It is also much more common to witness displays of very poor behavior and sportsmanship amongst the competitors. I am not implying that this is unique to Mini people, I know this happens in every breed, but compared to how things were the first time I was a Newbie, things are really different now. Is it any wonder that it is getting harder and harder for new people to stay enthusiastic about learning and showing?

As a person who is still relatively new in this breed, I can completely understand why Newbies want to give up. And as a person who has also been fortunate to have some very good experiences in the Mini ring, I can understand why the Veterans are frustrated with the Newbies. Every person who has had success in the Mini ring has gone through every one of my experiences and even MORE to get there. They know exactly what it takes to "make it" and they have done it. They stuck it out, they kept coming back, and they made the commitment to keep learning and doing until they got the results they wanted.

I think it's possible that both the Newbies and the Veterans may occasionally forget what it's like on the other side of the fence. When the Newbie gets frustrated and wants to quit, the Veteran may not have much sympathy. Their perspective is one of "put in the work and reap the rewards, there is no other way", and rightly so. The Newbies have a hard time seeing the light at the end of the tunnel because the "work" is so overwhelming at times. I had monumental challenges and frustrations and I had a considerable leg up when it came to dog shows. It's almost inconceivable to me what it must be like having a Miniature Schnauzer as a FIRST show dog in this day and age.

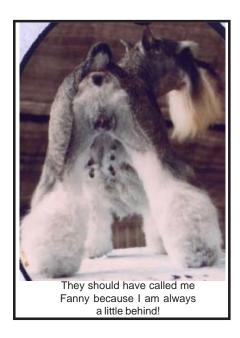
To address the question of how to keep new people interested and excited about breeding and showing Miniature Schnauzers, I would like to share some thoughts on how I think that might be accomplished:

* Be objective about your dog. It's quite possible that your first show dog isn't the most outstanding specimen of the breed. Mine wasn't. Successful breeders are reluctant to sell an outstanding dog to a beginner. They want to know that you are committed to the time and effort and money it is going to take to finish the dog. Your first dog is probably going to be your

best opportunity to learn. Ask a breeder to evaluate your dog. We want them to be tactful and kind, but we also want them to be honest. You may not like what you hear, but in the end, if you know your dog's faults and virtues, you will better understand why your dog wins or loses. The breeder of my first dog told me my dog would finish on one coat. It took me 3 years. He wasn't all he was cracked up to be!! If I had had an honest evaluation I would have better understood why he wasn't winning. But remember this, different breeders, just like judges, have different opinions. It's best if you get several.

- * We need to ask for help. I know that is difficult sometimes, and for many different reasons. Sometimes it's just too intimidating to approach a big name breeder or handler and sometimes they act like they don't want to be bothered. Be respectful of their time and their experience. It's always best to ask the first time after judging is over. Most of us know this already. LISTEN to what they have to say. They have been in our shoes, they know more than we do. If they are very sincere about helping us, they will tell us the truth. Hopefully they will be courteous and respectful to us as well.
- * Do what you can to educate yourself too. Many long time breeders have websites with lots and lots of information on them. I love going to as many websites as I can and looking at the pictures and pedigrees and soaking up whatever information they give. In the beginning, I think it's really important to pay close attention to what dogs are winning in the ring and try to determine what they may or may not have in common. I used to sit outside the ring and mentally place the dogs myself, then compare me with the judge's choices once he made them. I also would ask for a verbal critique from other spectators, what they liked or didn't like about each dog. That way I could specifically observe those characteristics.
- * Lets face it...grooming is everything in this breed. We need to be as good, if not better, than the pros if we want to catch the judge's eye. Hopefully, as in my case, the breeder you bought your dog from will help you out with grooming lessons. Kurt Garmaker just produced a show grooming video. I can't wait to get mine!! I also love watching how other handlers groom their dogs at the shows. Sometimes I will stop and study a dog on a table if I see something that I really like. (Without getting in the way, of course!) I have about a dozen "pet" grooming clients that I groom in my home in the evenings. I try new things on those dogs. I practice on my retired show dogs too. Practice, practice, practice...you never get enough. We need to ask for help with our grooming from the pros. I know that

SOMEONE NEW....continued from p. 2, col. 3 isn't easy to do. Be respectful to them and ask if there is a time they would be willing to set aside to help you. If you get rebuffed by one of them, go on to another. Everybody has something to offer. I find this: everyone has a different way of doing things. Soak up as much as you can and then do what you like the best.



Luckily for me, I LOVE grooming these dogs so it's not just a necessary evil. I look at it as artwork. If you take your time and think about what you want to accomplish, you will get there.

- * We need to keep our handling skills competitive. There's no way to do this other than to observe and apply. If you see a handler that you think is doing a good job, watch what they do. If you find your attention drifting back to the dog, the handler is doing his or her job the right way! Take handling classes if you can. If you can't find handling classes, get together with other dog fanciers at a park or somebody's home. Have somebody video tape you showing your dog and look at yourself. I don't have a video camera so I was not able to do that. Sometimes somebody else would have one and they would tape me. Ask somebody that whose opinion you respect to critique your handling, either while you are in the ring, or from the video. It doesn't necessarily need to be a Schnauzer person either.
- * Don't give up! Don't give up!! Don't give up!!! You will not get there if you don't keep moving forward! Ask for input from other people about how you can do better. Keep asking for help. Be honest with yourself about your dog and your skills. Practice, practice, practice!! You can do this!!! Everybody was a beginner at one time or another. I think that MOST breeders enjoy sharing their experiences with new people and truly want to help. It's going to be

on their terms so be respectful of that. If they don't have time today, then maybe tomorrow they will. STAY FOCUSED AND DETERMINED. We all have moments of frustration. Vent them out and keep going. See yourself in the winner's circle! You can be there!!!

* Have fun at the shows. Enjoy being with your dog and with your friends. Put the day's results behind you and look forward to tomorrow. Win or lose, if you're not having any fun, it isn't worth the effort.

And to all the Veterans out there, think back to your own humble beginnings. That may have been 10, 20, 30 or even 40+ years ago for some of you. Now that you have had all those years of experience, much of the grooming and handling is second nature to you. You have established yourself in the Miniature Schnauzer community and you are comfortable there. And honestly, sometimes your competitive spirit gets the better of you too.

Be mindful about your behavior in the presence of Newbies. You set an example for them. If they want to become successful in the breed, they need your help. Common courtesy, a smile and a little encouragement will go a long, long way in helping to secure the future of the Miniature Schnauzer for generations to come.

ED.'s NOTE

As I read the AMSC list this past week, I realized that the majority of the membership is not on the List. We need new blood...new people who want to be actively involved in performance and conformation...people who are interested in our wonderful breed. So, I decided to compile many thoughts conbtributed by both newbies and oldies.

Marilyn Cooper writes: When I was a "newbie", about 30 something years ago, a handler once told me this:" I will win 75% of the time and you will win 25% with a dog of equal quality" It took me many years to understand what she was saying and I think it is a combination of things. She was a better handler, a better groomer, and had a dog that was trained to show better. She knew which judges would like which of her dogs, she showed almost every weekend and knew the "ropes". This was her business and she took it seriously, where as I, as a newbie had a family and a job, had a few dogs, went to a few local shows, groomed Schnauzer pets at home, bred a litter once in awhile, and bred to the dogs that were conveniently located near me.lt was not until I started going to national specialties that I got to see lots of good dogs and compare what I had to them. I started to see what a good dog looked like and was finally realistic about my breeding program (such as it was). I asked a lot of questions and asked for a lot of help and advice from people. When knowledgable people know you are serious about improving your stock, and you are willing to take constructive criticism then you can finally start to "see the light". Sure, some will not be nice, will not be willing to help you but there are more that will. Don't give up because your feelings got hurt or you lost in the ring when you should have won but keep trying to improve and learn and you will begin to "see the light"too. Then you can start to help other people.

Last of all, Kate McMillan writes: Many good suggestions on this thread, to which I'll add another - get away from the Miniature Schnauzer ring.

While you have to study grooming to learn how to groom, you need to study dogs to learn how to breed and select your next show puppy. Good structure and movement that will carry you through more reliably than will hairspray.

So, for every minute you practice on your dog, spend 10 sitting at ringside watching Dobermans. For every hour you're watching someone else groom, spend ten watching the sporting breeds, the toys, the Sheltie specialty. Tap those people on the shoulder, too. Get your hands on their dogs.

For every moment you've chatted with a more experienced exhibitor, spend a day immersed in back issues of *Schnauzer shorts*, study the founding lines of the breed and those old kennel histories in Anne Eskrigge's books. "We cannot know where we are going if we don't know where we've been" - no single rule applies to dog breeding more than that one.

Stay at the dog show, for God's sake! Don't waste your time socializing in the benching area any more than you must - while it may advance your interests politically (the saying "paying your dues" means you've been in dogs long enough that your friends become judges), it's costing you in lost learning opportunities. Drag them along if you can to compare notes.

And find a mentor in another breed if at all possible. Be sure they've achieved some level of consistent success. (Who needs to emulate mediocrity?) Their advice and guidance won't be tainted by breed grudges and bias. Most of all, they won't try to turn you into a groupie and your friendship is more likely to survive when you finally meet each other in group or BIS competition!

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Have I told you lately that I love you?

Well darlings I'm telling you now...

It is not very often that a person takes the time to tell his friends exactly how much impact they have made in their life, and there is no time like the present to do just that.

For close to 30 years, you have shown your support to the International Kennel Club of Chicago as well as to Seme, Dori, the Show Committee and myself. At our dog show as I roam around the show site I see many of the same faces year after year.

I wanted to do something significant to show my appreciation for the loyalty that has been displayed by all in the fancy. I finally decided that inasmuch as AKC has initiated an Amateur-Owner-Handler Class starting January 1, 2009, IKC will not charge an entry fee for the Amateur-Owner-Handler class on Saturday & Sunday, February 21 & 22, 2009. The only charge will be the AKC \$3.50 recording/event fees.

We would like to believe that the IKC Owner-Handler BIS initiated in 2005 had some bearing on the AKC's decision to honor this segment of this sport.

In addition, IKC will offer Amateur-Owner-Handler Groups and BIS. The judging procedure will be the same as for a Best Puppy or a Best Bred-by Group and BIS. Dogs must be entered in the A-O-H class to be eligible for Best of Breed A-O-H. The Amateur-Owner-Handler Best In Show will be awarded the Seme Auslander Nambé Crystal Vase on Saturday and the Dori Auslander Nambé Crystal Vase on Sunday. Puppy Groups and BIS will be held on Saturday, February 21st only. Entry fee for puppy classes will be \$20. Full priced entries will be \$35.00 for the first entry and \$25 for the second entry of the same dog. If you have any questions, contact Susan Olsen at the IKC office by phone 773-237-5100 or email ikcdogshow@ameritech.net. I hope that many of you take advantage of entering into this class and look forward to seeing you in February.

Very truly yours,

Louis Auslander President

CELEBRATING PERFORMANCE

11 years ago this week I drove 800 miles from Salt Lake City, Ut to Salem, Or. I went to pick up, sight unseen, a 4 month old bundle of fur and ears. My hopes for a future performance dog. According to her breeder, she might not be the best working dog, but she really tries to please. Today, under cloudy wet skies in the snowy mountains of northern Montana, that bundle of fur and ears followed 440 yards of human scent to my ultimate reward. Never has a leather glove looked so good and I broke down in tears as I proudly waved it above my head. This was not just the end of a track, but the cumulation of a long and exciting journey.

When I first brought Breezy home, it was with a dream to have a future obedience star. I was a novice and Breezy was my "A" dog. I didn't even know where to start. But with help from friends and trainers, we set a goal and created a plan. It began with a CGC, then at 2 years old she earned her CD. I got the bug and we pushed on to her CDX. Then one night at training class, we saw a teeter, the A-frame, and a couple of jumps. Breezy took one look at them and the excitement in her eyes said, "I can do that!" And so she did. First her NA and NAJ, then OA and OAJ, followed quickly by A X and AXJ. We were off and running.

One day as I was searching the internet for some training tips, I found a website where dogs got down and dirty - they got to play with rats. Wow, would my little dirt dog like that. As luck would have it, there was a local club having a practice session so I loaded her in the truck and headed out. As I pulled her from the crate to introduce her to the prey, she transformed. One look at that cage and my quiet, obedient, sweet little dog became a screaming, crazy, maniac. Dr Jekyll vs. Mr. Hyde. In no time at all she was running the tunnels and screaming at the rats. Words can't describe the look in her eyes or the sound of her joy. "Oh wow, I can really do that!"

So off we went - to Oregon and Washington, Arizona and Colorado. Sometimes on a plane and sometimes in the truck but always where dirt and rats and terriers came together. She earned her JE, then SE, and still she wanted more. Masters was a game she loved, but only if we played by her rules. When we weren't out chasing rats, we were jumping bars and weaving poles or practicing heels and downs. In agility she earned her MX and MXJ and that long awaited MACH. We tried Rally and she quickly acquired her RE. Every step along the way she challenged me to work harder, train smarter, and try new things. She continued to raise the bar. How high could we go?

Winter saw us polishing up obedience as well as teaching her to track. Not such a problem if



a rat laid the scent, but keeping to the human trail was more a challenge. But in true Breezy fashion she focused on the task, put her nose to the ground and proved, "I can do that." Early this year she earned her first UD leg and began the downhill slide toward MACH2. The second UD leg came in May, but we could no longer ignore the advancing years and had to concede some things to age. I retired her from agility with the hope she could continue working the other venues. She didn't let me down. Sept 11 brought her final UD leg followed two days later with her last ME leg./ o:p>

Now, 30 days later we celebrate another title. I have a Tracking Dog. On its own, it stands pretty tall. As part of the total, it stands as tribute to an intelligent, hardworking dog. But we don't just add the TD. The combination of agility, obedience and tracking earns AKC's versatility title, VCD2. Agility, obedience, tracking and earthdog earns AMSC's Versatility Excellent title, VAX. But it takes more than just intelligence. Conformation is the basis of a sound dog and while we don't work in that ring, she comes from a long line of those that did. Rep and Emily (CH. Rampage's Representative X CH. Abiqua The Divine Miss M) would be proud of their daughter.

But now - at the end of the track - my joy is bittersweet. You work hard to achieve your goals and suddenly, you've done it. The excitement, frustration, sleepless nights and involvement are over. What do you do next? Arthritis and aging eyes have put an end to agility and the jumping required for a UDX. But her nose still works and she loves to run. So she can chase the rats, climb the hills, and follow a human track. After all, there's still a TDX to challenge us. Is there a VCD3 in our future? Who knows? But as I look across the room and her eyes meet mine, I don't really need to ask. Our bond is tried and true.... "You know Mom, I can do that too!"

Jalynn Davis and Breezy

MACH Abiqua Rhythm of The Wind UD RE ME TD VCD2 AMSC_VAX

Kimberton Obedience and Agility Trial

Submitted by Marcia Dawson



Botton Row: Left to Right: Madelyn Carlin, Rosie & Dylan, Debbie Hoy & Rosy, Anna Ericsson & Harry, Loretta Gould & Sugar, Mike Gould and Ace (Std. Sch. in training), Pat Heinzelman, Ritzy & Raia

Top Row: Left to Right: Beth Santure, Spring & Justin, Sherry Wanderlick & Blitz, Jeff Hoy & Max, Lynn Baitinger, Connor & Kelsi, Barbara Donahue & Slammer, Marcia Dawson & Bernie

were greatly admired by all the other breed clubs as well. Thank you AMSC!

AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP **DAY IN NYC**

All the competitors expressed great apprecia-

tion for the support from the AMSC club to these

performance/companion events. The trophies



Once again AMSC was well represented in NYC at AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day by Madelyn Carlin and her beautiful schnauzer Rosie. Our booth was well manned our booth and got a lot of attention.

It was a terrific week in Kimberton, PA. We were thrilled that there was NO RAIN! I heard it was a little warm Tuesday and Wednesday in the agility rings, but our schnauzers ran fast and collected quite a few blue ribbons.

On Thursday, the AMSC supported the trials with AMSC engraved pewter trophies. In the obedience ring, we had a tremendous amount of success. Utility B had 3 of 4 miniature schnauzers qualify, and the 3 picked up placement ribbons including a first place for Sylvia Mielach with Blythewood Schon Lieb UDX. Open B really was impressive with all 4 mini's qualifying. Pat Heinzelman and Raja (Ch/ MACH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage UDX) earned a 198 tieing a JRT and then winning the heel-off for first place. Marcia Dawson and Bernie (Ch. Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein UD NAP NJP OA OAJ RA CGC AMSC VA) had a 4th place with a 197. Our highest qualifier in Novice B was Sylvia Mielach & Blythewood Mein Schatzi. And finally, Barbara Blake and her wonderful 13 year old dog, OTCh Abralyns

Pat Heinzelmann with Raja and Frank Washabaugh

Ivan the Terrific UDX NA NJP, won the Veteran's class. It was a real treat to see this team back in the ring.

In the end, the AMSC High in Trial went to Pat Heinzelman & Raja. For High Combined, the highest possible score is a 400. 2 Miniature Schnauzer teams had combined scores of 388.5: Pat Heinzelman with Raja and Sylvia Mielach with Blythewood Schon Lieb UDX. Judge Ed Whitney helped us choose the winner by calling a very difficult heel-off pattern bringing Pat Heinzelman the beautiful HC plat-

In the agility rings there were multiple winners. We had 2 QQ qualifiers who brought home 2



trophies apiece: Anna Ericsson and Harry (Ch/ MACH Sterling Out of Control OF) earned an AKC first and second place in Ex B at the 12" height and Madelyn Carlin & Rosie (Blythewood Rosie Ladouce of Chelsea AX AXJ) QQ'd in Novice Preferred 8". Lynn Baitinger & Connor (Loneacre's Firecracker CD RA MX MXJ XF) were the top qualifiers in Ex B at the 16" height and Marcia Dawson & Bernie (Ch. Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein UD NAP NJP OA OAJ RA CGC AMSC VA) won the Ex A 12" class.

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. We are working with AKC to try and get approval to have a "members Only" pedigree web page.
- 2. We are working on having National Agility and OB trials at Great Western in 2009.
- 3. The Awards committee is putting together a proposal for the "Landis "Lanny" Hirstein Memorial Award", based on input from the Board. The committee and Board will work on this in advance of the Chicago meeting and approve it at Chicago.
- 4. The Board voted to approved 15 applicants into membership.
- 5. Board meetings will be on 2/20/09, 6/20/09, and 10/2/09.
- 6. The Board appointed Sonny Lelle to fill the Board vacancy from the Class of 2010. Sonny will help to give the Board a needed better perspective on performance events, as well as having much experience in breeding and Conformation.

John Contantine

The Local Club Bulletin and Website Committee

is pleased to announce the 2008 winners:

The Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club was awarded the 2008 Regional Club Award for the best newsletter.

The Miniature Schnauzer Club
Of Northern California
was awarded the 2008
Regional Club Award for
the best website.

Committee members were Vicki Kubic, Chris Kemper and Miguel Orozco

MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

SHOW	DATE	DOG	OWNER	WIN	
Warrenton KC	26-Jul	Augustas Who's Your Daddy	Arendt/Davis Rae	WD	
Warrenton KC	27-Jul	Augustas Who's Your Daddy	Arendt/Davis Rae	WD	
Cheyenne KC	31-Aug	Ch. Alpine Loft Gluhwein	Child	BOB, Gr.3	
Group IV Terrier Club	12-Sep	Ch. Alpine Loft Gluhwein	Child	BOB	
Grand Valley KC	20-Sep	Ch. Alpine Loft Gluhwein	Child	BOB, Gr.3	
Erie KC	21-Sep	Sercatep's Somebody Said	Herrell	WD,BOW,BOB	
Erie KC	21-Sep	Jacqueminot Journey's End	Coffman	WB,BOS	
Grand Valley KC	21-Sep	Ch. Alpine Loft Gluhwein	Child	BOB, Gr.1	
Butler Cty KC	22-Sep	Sercatep's Somebody Said	Herrell	WD,BOS	
Butler Cty KC	22-Sep	Jacqueminot Journey's End	Coffman	WB,BOW,BOB	
Monroe KC	27-Sep	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard/White	BOB	
Monroe KC	28-Sep	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard/White	BOB	
Wright Cty KC	4-Oct	CH. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB	
Wright Cty KC	5-Oct	CH. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB	

Bouquets & Biscuits

- *Daree's Rainy Days and Mondays, CD (CH Daree's Notice Me x CH Daree's Pretty Girl) bred by Theresa Kaminski, owned and trained by Dianne Armstrong completed the requirements for her Companion Dog (CD) on 9/20. She finished in three shows with two second placements. Way to go, Rainy!
- *Ch Brookehaven's Turning Point completed the requirements for his AKC title at the Greeley Kennel Club, Colorado show under judge Sandra Goose Allen on August 17th, 2008. Turner was bred by and exclusively handled by owner Brooke Walker. His sire is Ch Regency's Turncoat and his dam is Ch Brookehaven's Dede Super Star.
- *Can Ch. Euphoria's Pay The Piper completed the requirements for her Cdn. Championship at the Wine Country Kennel Club Show on Friday, Oct. 10/08 in Welland, Ontario. The following day, Piper was awarded Best Bred-By in Group. Piper is the FIRST Ch. for my own Kennel: Euphoria Reg'd, and the First Ch. for both her Sire: Ch. Opalmis I Am I Say [Simon] and Dam: Ch. Opalmis Boogie Woogie Babee

DONATION OF NOTE

AMSC Rescue received donations totalling \$280 in memory of Sally Beam. She was not an AMSC member. The following is from her online obituary.

"All during Sally's life she was devoted to animals. Owning dogs, rescuing many dogs and cats, making sure the birds, squirrels, and other woodland creatures had food and water. She also supported many organizations committed to animal welfare."

[BeeBee] (both owned/shown by me). This should be an encouragement to anyone just starting out. Stick with a plan, never give up and all will work out no matter how many times a seemingly simple goal goes south. It has taken me a very long time (12 years) to reach this place and I am so proud of my little S&P girl. This accomplishment was worth the wait! Bred, Owned & Shown by Janet Wallington.

*Ragtime's She Goes On and On, RN, CGC, TDI earned her Rally Novice title in Hot Springs, AR. "Tigger" was bred by Bobbie Sumerlin, and is loved, owned and trained by Natalia Zotov.

At the Cape Cod agility trial in Massachusetts, * CH MACH Sterling Out of Control aka Harry earned his MACH 2 title!! Harry is owned and loved by Anna Ericsson and placed 5th at this years AKC Agility Nationals in March.

* Ch Jacqueminot Jee-Wiz (Ch, Jacqueminot Just One Wish x Ch. Jacqueminot Jeez-LaWeez) finished her AKC title at the Tonawanda Valley KC show. "T" is a s/p bitch with natural ears. She was breeder/owner handled by Cheryl Coffman.

Ed's note: The following Champion was listed under Black Ribbons in the last issue. My apologies to Kate....but then, it may be her fault for naming Rally!

*Am/Can Ch Minuteman Dead Cat Bounce"Rally" finished his AKC Ch. in 11 shows, with three majors (all breed wins), and his Canadian title in 3 shows, with a group first and Best Puppy In Show to finish - at 9 1/2 months of age! He's the first American champion for Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Stray Cat Strut and second for his dam, Am.Can.Ch.Kaydees The Quick And The Dead, and the most fun I've had in naming a puppy in quite some time. Breeder/owner/ handed to all his wins. Kate McMillan.

1st ANNUAL AMSC PHOTO CONTEST

The winners will be used to create a 2009 Calendar to go on sale in November.

Best in Show (judged by all Annual Dinner attendees)

Beth Santure

Categories (judged by Sue baines, Jackie Hicks, and Carole Weinberger)

General

1st - Lynn Baitinger 2nd - Sharon Edwards

3rd - Sharon Edwards

Portrait -

1st - Adriano Rocha

2nd - Adriano Rocha

3rd - Adriano Rocha

Comedy -

1st - Deborah Duff

2nd - Lorraine Cote

3rd - Linda Salas

Puppy -

1st - Lauri Sicurella 2nd - Beth Santure (also BIS) 3rd - Luana Nedich

* MOVING? Be sure to send your change of address and new phone number to us so that AMSCOPE can follow you...you wouldn't want to miss one issue!

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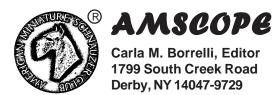
AMSC Judges' Seminar - February 20 For questions contact Wyoma Clouss @ Wyoma.Clouss @ education@amsc.us

AMSC Breeders' Seminar – February 21 For questions contact Chris Levy @ chris@abiquadogs.com

AMSC Board Meeting – February 21

Hope to see you there!!! Sweeps Judge – Shawne Imler Regular Class Judge – Barry Day

For more information, contact Cathi Rohrer @ cathi.rohrer@bcbsnc.com
or call 919-656-8834



UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

MSC of Southern California January 2, 2009

Regular Classes: Cindy Vogels Sweepstakes: Carla Nickerson

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Regular Classes: Michael Dougherty Sweepstakes: Richard Miller

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AMSC SPECIALTIES

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> Regular Classes: James Reynolds Sweepstakes Jean Heath

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