

# The Barking Times

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## President's Message & Open Meeting

I would like to welcome all of the new club members to our club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the board members that are listed on the front page of the Barking Times. Please review the "important dates" below so that you are familiar with the class schedule and any upcoming events.

Please mark your calendars regarding the Obedience Trial on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in our building and the 4H building next door. The trial will begin at 8:00am and finish around 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. We will need volunteers to help clean the mats, equipment, and the building on Thursday and Friday (May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) prior to the trial. A total of (5) paw points will be awarded per hour of work completed. There will be sign up sheets posted prior to that week as reminders. We will also need ring stewards. We will appoint a Chief Ring Steward who will take the names of volunteers and work out a schedule. Trophy donations will need to be paid prior to the obedience trial as well and I will be contacting those individuals. Teamwork will help make this a successful obedience trial. Thank you in advance!

Please note that membership dues were due by February 1, 2008. If you have not paid your dues, please forward them as soon as possible. A form has been provided in the Barking Times. Dues not paid by March 1, 2008, will be considered late and a reinstate vote will be necessary. If you earned any open titles and above before the obedience trial last May, then you may use them to redeem free membership dues. If you are not sure, then contact Diane Townsend at 260-485-2965 or [townsend\\_diane@msn.com](mailto:townsend_diane@msn.com).

Please note that the next open meeting will be held on March 5, 2008, starting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in our training building and will last about an hour and a half. All those in attendance will receive 10 paws points. If you have a business matter that you feel needs to be heard by the club membership, please contact the President, Diane Townsend, at 260-485-2965 prior to March 1, 2008. The executive board meeting will be held on March 2, 2008 (location to be determined).

*Diane Townsend, President*

## Open Meeting Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

### 2008 Session #2

March 11 Public Classes  
March 12 Member Classes  
March 13 Agility

March 5, May 7 Open Meeting  
April 12-13 Tracking Seminar  
May 3 & 4 AKC Obedience Trial

**Barking Times Deadline is Apr. 9, 2008**

## Important Dates



## FWOTC Webmaster Needed

Our current webmaster needs a break! Anyone out there enjoy maintaining and growing existing websites? If so, please contact Diane Townsend at [townsend\\_diane@msn.com](mailto:townsend_diane@msn.com) or 485-2965.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sandy Carver - Boxer  
Elizabeth & Mary Pusti - Golden Retriever  
Laura Martin - Golden Retriever  
Melissa Moore - Portuguese Water Dog  
Nancy Contreras - Golden Retriever  
Debbie Gwaltney - Newfoundland & Sheltie  
Kelly Knepper - Boxer  
Misty McAnally - Lab  
Dean & Fran Miller - Giant Schnoodle  
Kathy Petersen - Golden Retriever  
Rick Reiff - Golden Retrievers  
Jim Shearer - Lab

## Public Class DOTs

Steve and Jaimie would like to thank their instructors for these last 8 weeks.

## Braggs!

### OAJ

Don & DeAnn Gaskill's GSD, Ginger Snap, earned her OAJ on September 22, 2007 with a 2nd place in Grand Rapids, MI! Good girl!

### TD

Marlene Hill's Rottweiler, Lexi, successfully earned her TD on November 4th in Mason, MI. The test was put on by the Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing. She is now Alexis F Von Woody CD-H, TD, CGC.

### CH

CH Fireside Movin Down the Hwy, "Traveler" finished his championship in Crete, Illinois with a 5 point major on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> at a supported entry. Kate Barton showed him exclusively in the "Bred By" class. His owner Cathy Martin and co-owner Kate Barton are very proud of this handsome boy!!!



### Rainbow Bridge

Legacys Mischievous aka Missy 14 years 11 months and 20 days, decided she had enough of the fight. She was diagnosed 2 weeks and 1 day ago with severe renal failure. The vet gave her 1 week maybe 2. Missy being Miss made it more than the 2. She did not have any titles. She was rescued and loved. She was most likely the best of guard dogs. She could get the shepherds barking in a heart beat. She for the last 2 weeks she ate steak, chicken, roast beef, and french toast and anything else she wanted. But with all I offered her she stopped eating completely, having difficulties walking and confusion. The Pack will not be the same without her. I won't be the same without her. ~- Lisa ~-



# Sunshine

- Our deepest sympathy to Linda Wagner for the loss of her Shetland Sheepdog, "Cassie." Cassie was the first FWOTC dog to earn a MACH title in Agility.
- Our sympathy also to Rhonda Woody and her husband Loren for the loss of their Border Terrier, "Sam." Samuel B. McGirr earned his CDX, FDCH, and CGC Titles.
- Our thoughts are with Lisa Fair who lost two dogs in recent weeks... Missy, a rescue Shetland Sheepdog, and Kayla, a German Shepherd. Kayla was the proud dam of three litters and was a "Paws to Read" dog at the Garrett Public Library.
- Our thoughts are with Nancy Wright on the loss of her Samoyed, "Stormy." Stormy was 13 years old and had earned his Novice A, CD, AG-1, and Working Samoyed Certificate. He was also active in the Ft. Wayne Obedience Training Club Visiting Dog Program.
- Our sympathy to Sherrie Monnier for the loss of her long-haired Dachshund, "Thunder." Thunder was also active in the Visiting Dog program as one of its first participants.
- Our sympathies also to the Donnelly family, on their loss of "Capri", CH Katelynn's Capri of Josannah, OA, NAJ, CGC. Capri was a mother to 3 wonderful litters and is greatly missed. 02.21.1996-02.09.2008
- Gayle Chobot is recovering at home following recent knee replacement surgery.

**Class signup for the  
March session begins  
Monday, March 3rd.  
Don't miss out!**



**Rainbow  
Bridge Samuel B. McGirr CDX, OA, OAJ,  
JE, FDCh, CGC, visiting dog, Border Terrier**  
Sam (Woody) recently lost his battle with liver disease. He will always be remembered for his intelligence and willingness to participate in any aspect of our lives. Sam competed in obedience through utility, though not achieving that title, agility through excellent, retiring needing only one more leg, and earthdog earning his junior title. Sam was also the "short dog" on flyball teams in both Illinois and Indiana, easily completing his flyball championship. Sam was featured in the film, "Finding the Rhythm", on stage in "Annie", and in local television commercials. Sam touched even more lives as a Fort Wayne visiting dog and representative for the Northern Indiana Veterinary Association's responsible dog ownership demonstrations. He is truly missed by his family, and his "daddy", Loren.



I would like to thank the club for the lovely flowers that was sent to me after losing Stormy. They really brighten up my table at Christmas. I would also like to thank all the club members for their e-mails and cards. Thirteen years was not nearly long enough to look at that smile of his. Rudyard Kipling wrote:

There is sorrow enough in the natural way,  
for men and women to spend their days.  
And when we are sure of sorrow instored, why  
do we always ask for more.  
Brothers and sisters I bid you beware of giving  
your heart to a dog to tear.

Stormy did leave a big tear in my heart.

Nancy Wright



**Ruby Jewel of Croy UD, NAJ, NA, AJP, AXP, RN  
July 3, 1997 - November 27, 2007**

I'm sorry to write that Ruby has crossed over to Rainbow Bridge. She was a great companion, and competitor, she will be missed.

It is very hard to have to put your dog down, but it was so necessary for her.  
Barbara Croy

# Member Obedience Classes

Schedule beginning March 12, 2008 (Wednesday nights)



## Obedience and Rally Run-thru's

Obedience and rally run-thru's will be offered on Wednesdays leading up to our trial. You are encouraged to sign-up with Nancy or Dean as soon as possible. There will be sign-up sheets at the open meeting as well. We will determine the schedule once we have reviewed who has signed up for each discipline. You will be contacted with the schedule prior to the first night of the session. Walk-ins are welcome. However, those that have signed up will go first and the walk-ins will go last if time allows.

Sign up for one or more of the following: Rally (any level), Obedience: novice, open, and utility  
Cost: 5 paw points per person per night

Contact: Nancy Wright @ 485-7874 or [njwright731@hotmail.com](mailto:njwright731@hotmail.com)  
Dean Lund @ 490-5268 or [bencedar@aol.com](mailto:bencedar@aol.com)

## Sub-Novice Class

8:00 Class      Limit of 12 students  
40 Paw Points or \$40.00

Instructor: Vickie Galloway

This is an introduction into Obedience training. A "sit" will now become a "sit-STAY". Students and dogs will learn that Obedience can and will be fun!

Please bring a sense of humor, patience, soft treats, and a hungry dog!

For all this fun--call or e-mail: Dean 260-490-5268 [BenCedar@aol.com](mailto:BenCedar@aol.com)



## AGILITY SCHEDULE

Agility Classes Beginning Thursday, March 13, 2008

Agility: Moves to Thursday this session.

Thanks to everyone teaching last session: Sharon, Jamie, Mike and Steve.

### Obedience for Agility will be on Public Night: Tuesday evening at 8- 8:45 pm.

All dogs will have to test into the class proving ability to heel, sit, down, stay, recall and work around other dogs on leash and also be in control off leash. Only buckle collars are allowed, no prong or choke collars. We will be learning to shape behavior with a clicker so bring treats, a small plastic 'target' (margarine container lid works well) and a clicker if you have one. We will introduce you to the rules of agility, handling/obedience techniques required to be successful in agility including some warm up and focus tips. We will also work on dog performance and focus as well as introduction to obstacles.

Thursday morning agility: for those teams where the dogs are confident on the equipment. Set up starts at 9:30 am so you need to be in the building setting up at 9:30 am. to run your dogs.

### Thursday evening classes:

6:15 to 7pm. Problem solving classes, to proof performance:

This class is not to learn the contacts and other obstacles, but to proof them. We will address specific obstacle and handling situations. Anyone interested in these classes need to provide me with 4 areas of agility you want to see addressed. For obstacles, I need to know the details of the issues you are having so we can set up sequences to address those issues. We will break into teams to assist each other with obstacles/sequences.

**7 to 7:45 Repeat of 6:15 Problem solving class**

**7:45 to 8:30 Novice Handling class:** Instructors Jane and Mike

Continuation of the current handling class, emphasis will be on handling, learning the techniques for front/rear crosses, lead off stays, sequence analysis etc.

**8:30 to 9:15 Advanced sequencing/handling** Instructor: Jamie

**Beginner Tracking Class - Monday 6pm-8pm, March 31, April 7, April 21, and April 28.**  
Instructors: Pam Johnson and Barb Croy. \$40 or 40 PAWS points

This class is for anyone wanting to get started in tracking and for those already tracking but not yet ready for the advanced class. We will be tracking at the fields in Auburn and working on starts, turns, motivation, reading your dog, line handling, article indication, and track laying. You will need a tracking harness, 6 foot leash, tracking line if you are already tracking, scented articles, soft yummy treats, and small notebook and pencil. This is a working class and all members will be laying tracks, following along and observing on others tracks, as well as tracking their own dogs. Bitches in season are welcome in this class, but will be running the last track of the evening. All dogs will be crated in vehicles while we lay tracks and while others run their tracks. Questions and sign up with Pam Johnson [blackyellowlabs@comcast.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@comcast.net).

**Tracking: Problem Solving- Instructors: Rhonda Woody and Marlene Hill - Sunday afternoons 4:00-6:00pm, March 30, April 6, April 20, April 27.**

This class will work through common obstacles found in advanced tracks concentrating on cross tracks, contaminated fields, and audience distractions. Time allowing, we will also work aged tracks, road and path crossings, and cover changes. This class is designed for those teams who can follow tracks up to one hour old, and demonstrate accuracy on turns. Auditors welcomed, encouraged, and may be put to work! Class will be held at various locations in fields in Auburn. For questions and/or class sign up contact Rhonda Woody at [gr8rotts@aol.com](mailto:gr8rotts@aol.com).

**TRACKING SEMINAR - SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - APRIL 12-13, 2008.**

FWOTC welcomes John and Darlene Barnard for two days of tracking for all levels from novice to advanced. Focus on all aspects of tracking, including TD (Tracking Dog), TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) and VST (Variable Surface Tracking), with an emphasis on VST. Topics include scent, plotting tracks, handling techniques, handler errors, training techniques, starting a new dog, reading a dog, understanding and adapting to scent problems, and more. \$100 for FWOTC members, \$125 for non members. Flyers are available on our web site and at the club.

Contact Pam Johnson at [blackyellowlabs@comcast.net](mailto:blackyellowlabs@comcast.net) for more information.



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**FINAL DUES NOTICE** Dues are \$40 per year and are due February 1st. Make check out to FWOTC. Mail to: Diane Townsend, 6610 Forest Creek Ct., Ft. Wayne, IN 46835.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Renewal  New

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy Pledge or Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You do not owe for 2008 dues if you qualify under one the following:

- 1) You joined the club or were reinstated as a club member between 08/01-12/31/07.
  - 2) You served as a board member from June 2006 to June 2007
  - 3) You have earned advanced titles on your dog or dogs from May 2006 to May 2007
- If you are not sure if you qualify under one of the items listed above, please contact Diane at 260-485-2965.

### FWOTC Schedule – 2008

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**Next OPEN MEETING is March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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Mtg: Aug. 6  
Session 4: Aug. 11 to Oct. 7  
Tracking Test September 28, 2008  
Mtg: Oct. 8  
No class: Week of Sept. 22 (RV show)  
Session 5: Oct. 13 to Dec. 3  
Agility Trial: Oct. 17-19  
Christmas Partv/Mtg: Dec. 10