

The Barking Times

Dec 2010

Editor: Yvonne Wakeman, BTEditor@fwotc.com, 260-415-7397

Club Phone: 260-637-2121 **WebSite:** <http://www.fwotc.com>

E-mail: townsend_diane@frontier.com

Officers

- **President:**
Diane Townsend 260-485-2965
townsend_diane@frontier.com
- **1st Vice President:**
Karen Smallwood 260-627-2639
ksmallwood3@comcast.net
- **2nd Vice President:**
Bonnie Kellams 260-489-1572
BKKellams@aol.com
- **Treasurer:**
Barb Croy 260-493-9649
glddogs2@yahoo.com
- **Recording Secretary:**
Chris Myers 260-312-0528
cam3719@embarqmail.com
- **Corresponding Secretary:**
Sharon Kersjes 260-493-7738
kerschna3@yahoo.com
- **Club Member D.O.T.**
Dean Lund 260-627-1067
BenCedar@aol.com
- **Public Class D.O.T.**
Lynn Swager 260-456-3168
summer812@verizon.net
- **Agility D.O.T.**
Lisa Fair 260-226-0294
mach_gsd@yahoo.com
- **Tracking D.O.T.**
Pam Johnson 260-437-1546
blackyellowlabs@frontier.com
- **Internet/WebSite:**
Steve Chobot
Steve@Inter-NetVisions.com
- **BT Editor:**
Yvonne Wakeman 260-415-7397
SemperFiMother@live.com
- **PAWS Points Administrator:**
Vicki Galloway 260-327-3748
fairviewrabbity@embarqmail.com

Board Members:

- Jane Bowman 260-414-7091
havahav@msn.com
- Debbie McCoy-Warstler 260-927-7203
debbie@acmc.biz
- Larry Libbee 260-485-9940
libbees@verizon.net
- Nancy Wright 260-485-7874
NJight731@hotmail.com

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 remember to clean up after your dogs both inside and outside. Also remember to NOT let your dog go to the end of your leash when entering and exiting the building. It is important to keep control of your dog at all times.

Please note that the next open meeting / Christmas Party will be held on December 8, 2010, at 7pm. Please plan to arrive around 6:30. This event will be held in our training building. The club will provide the main course (chicken) and the drinks. We ask that you bring a dish and/or dessert to pass. We will also have a raffle which will be held throughout the evening. If you would like to donate something to the raffle, please see Bonnie Kellams or myself. There will also be a "doggie" gift exchange worth \$10 per gift. This is **not** mandatory. If you would like to participate, please bring a gift and you may take a gift. This will be done at the end of the evening.

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 December 5, 2010. The executive board meeting will be held prior to the open meeting (place and time TBD).

Diane Townsend, President



Open Meeting Dec 8 2010
@ 7:00PM

Important Date

Dec 2 nd	Classes End
Dec 8 th	Christmas Party
Jan 11 th	Non-Member Classes
Jan 12 th	Member Classes
Jan 13 th	Agility Classes
Feb 1 st	Dues Due
Mar 9 th	Meeting
Mar 13 th	Daylight Savings Time
May 7 th & 8 th	Obedience Trial
Jun 10 th	Election/Banquet



MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING – October 6, 2010

Diane Townsend, President, called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. Pam Johnson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes B. Elias seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Barb Croy, Treasurer, reported that FWOTC has \$ 10,303.70 in various accounts. The club has lost \$3,008.02 since June, 2010.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Karen Smallwood, 1st Vice President, reported that plans are well underway for the 2011 Obedience Trial. AKC has approved our request. A formal trial chairperson is still needed. This person would work the weekend of the trial and in the weeks before the trial, however, the trial chairperson cannot show at the trial. If a club member is interested in serving in this capacity contact Karen. The trial dates are May 7th and 8th.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie Kellams reported that she would be ordering equipment from J and J soon. Bonnie asked that members communicate orders to her in writing. Catalog is in the front of the room. Members should write down what they want on the sheet. Bonnie announced that the mats need to be rolled tonight. Bonnie encouraged members to donate items for the Christmas raffle. This is a money raising event for the club. Dog related items and gas cards or almost anything is appreciated. She also expressed the clubs appreciation to Bill Johnston and Steve Hibler for putting down the mats on Mondays.

CLUB MEMBER DOT

Dean Lund was not present. Classes were full except for the Novice class. Both Rally and Sub novice classes are full.

AGILITY – DOT

Lisa Fair reported that she does have some classes open for new people, but the fundamentals class is a prerequisite. Lisa may run a fundamentals class at 9:00 PM. Signup sheets are available. She expressed thanks to the class helpers and encouraged attendees to continue with the good attendance at classes.

PUBLIC CLASS – DOT

Lynn Swager thanked everyone for teaching. We may have another class at 8:15 since the public classes are filling. We may also add another class at 7:45 PM once the puppy class leaves the building.

TRACKING DOT

Pam Johnson reported that we had three entries and two passed at the latest TD test. She expressed her appreciation for all that worked for the test. August class had three participants. We are working on dates for the chiropractor to come back to the Fort Wayne.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Kersjes reported that 7 dogs have enrolled in the 8:15 P.M public class. 20 dogs have enrolled in the 7:00 P.M. class. 7 puppies have enrolled in Puppy Class. Sharon will be at the building on the first night.

PRESIDENT

President Diane Townsend reminded members to clean up after their dogs. Instructors should stay on top of this issue. As the weather gets worse in the winter, weather related closings may be listed on the radio. Diane explained the chain of command to club members. If you see something going on in class that you are concerned about go to your instructor first. If you do not like how something is being handled, then go to the DOT. Diane is last in the chain of command.

SUNSHINE:

Congratulations to Stephanie Fries for getting married one month ago.

BARKING TIMES

Yvonne Wakeman was not present. She will be sending out a notice when the BT deadline is coming up. Due to some technical difficulties, it went out later than normal.

FAIR BOARD

Nothing to report.

AGILITY COMMITTEE

Lisa reported that the trial which is October 22nd, 23rd and 24th is moving along. Equipment will be cleaned and painted next Tuesday, October 12th starting at 9:00 AM. There may be a need for some touch up on the 13th. Barb Croy offered to bring air movers to assist with drying the tunnels that need to be power washed. The Agility committee met at the dome and reviewed the facility and layout. There will be a push to get in on Friday morning (October 22nd) to get the three rings set up. We will be allowed in the building at 1:00 PM on Thursday before the trial and will load equipment on Wednesday night of the Trial week. Nancy Wright is spearheading the worker forms. There will be no Agility classes the week of the

trial. Lisa explained that workers postings would go up on Monday the 18th at 6:15 PM and encouraged volunteers to stop by club to see what positions they have been assigned to. Worker training will be on Monday the 18th at 6:15 PM. Lisa also created some flyers to post at vets offices and dog shops and encouraged members to take some. Coupons for \$10 off of public classes will be available at the trial as well as some coupons for Jefferson Blvd restaurants. Current trial entries are 1508 as of the end of today. FWOTC members were encouraged to park away from the building at the Plex South as parking might be a problem. There will be special parking available for the RV's. If members help to set up on Thursday they can set up their crates. There will be designated areas for loading and unloading. Thursday set up will start at 4:00 PM and we must be out of the building by 7:00PM. Workers should be at the Plex on Friday at 6:00 AM. Food is available on site. Meal discount tickets will be given to workers. Customer service is very important. We need to make this the best trial ever.

PAW POINTS:

Vickie has not received the last three weeks of sign-in shts. She will be here next Wednesday. She is here tonight and will also be at the building the first two or three Wednesday nights of the next session.

OLD BUSINESS

FWOTC received a thank you from Kennel club for our participation in RDO day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjourn: Tracy White made the motion to adjourn. Lauren Franke seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

-Chris Myers, Recording Secretary

2011 Fort Wayne Obedience Training Club Dues Notice

Dues are \$40 per year and are due February 1st. Make check payable 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 2011 dues if you qualify under one of the following:

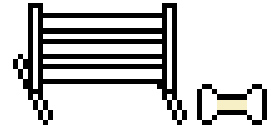
- 1) You joined the club or were reinstated as a club member between 08/01/10 to 12/31/10.
- 2) You served as a board member from June 2009 to June 2010.

If you are not sure if you qualify under one of the items listed above, please contact Diane Townsend at 260-485-2965 or townsend_diane@frontier.com

Member Obedience Classes



Schedule beginning Jan 12, 2011
Running through Mar 2, 2011
(Wednesday nights)



When requesting a class have the following information ready:

Handlers full name, e-mail address & phone number

Dogs name, breed, & age

Method of payment

7:00-8:00 PM SUB-NOVICE

Instructor: Bonnie Kellams Assistant: Chris Myers

This class will start teaching that "stay" means STAY and "down" is actually laying on the ground. You and your dog will become a "team" that can really work together. You and your dog will develop the foundation skills that will help you through all levels of obedience and rally. Novice exercises will be covered each week, footwork and handling skills will also be worked on. Laughter is good here! Please bring lots of soft treats, a very hungry dog, patience, and a great sense of humor.

Free to new members

7:00-8:00 PM NOVICE and BEYOND

Instructor: Nancy Wright Assistant: TBD

The spring shows (FWOTC OBEDIENCE TRIAL MAY 7-8, 2011) are right around the corner and it is time to start thinking about showing! This class will help in getting you ready to show. Beginner novice and Novice exercises will be covered. Dogs will be introduced to jumping and a few other new exercises. There will be some Rally in this class to keep the Rally people working on their exercises. There will be some off-leash work.

8:00-9:00 PM LOOK MA, NO HANDS!

Instructor: Kate Barton Assistant: Cathy Martin

A class geared toward the novice handlers new to the sport or new to the Club, who want to be able to trust their dog off-lead. This class will include instruction on dog-handler relationship building skills, confidence your dog will respond, and quiet direction to your dog.

Kate has been training dogs for 35 years, and finds off-lead training much more effective and satisfying in the long run.

If you are interested in pursuing competing in Rally or Obedience, this class is for you. It is also for you if you enjoy your dog's company, and don't want to be tied to him/her via a leash all the time. There's a time and a place for a leash, and there's a time to relax, trust, and enjoy our best friend.

Must bring LOTS of soft, cut-up treats, toys your dog enjoys, and a picture in your head of how you want your dog to behave in public! Clickers will be helpful. Dogs AND HANDLERS will be taught to pay attention to each other, resulting in a reciprocal relationship, and a well-behaved dog others will envy!

8:00-9:00 PM SUB-NOVICE

Instructor: Kathy Dullaghan Assistant: TBD

Repeat of the 7:00 class. Free to new members.

E-MAIL OR CALL DEAN: BenCedar@aol.com / 260-627-1067 FOR ALL WED. OBEDIENCE CLASSES
ALL CLASSES REQUIRE A \$10 Fee AND \$30 OR 30 Paw Points (Except New Students)

Thursday Agility Classes

10:00 am Thursday morning sessions is not a class. Your dog must be able to perform all the obstacles safely. It gives people who have come and set up for the evening classes a chance to work their dog(s) as a perk. Set up starts at 10:00 am. Please come early enough to have your crates and dogs in **before** the 10:00 start time. You need to help set up to run your dog(s). New people to the morning group must be OK'd by agility DOT.

5:00 to 6:15 Instructor's time

6:15 to 7pm Novice This class is for dogs getting ready to show or that has started showing in Novice. It would be a good class for those coming out of the Contacts and weaves class. Limit 10

7pm to 7:45 pm Open This class is for dogs who are nearly finished with their Novice title(s) or in the Open classes. The dog must be able to do all contacts and weaves.
Limit 10

7:45 to 8:30 Excellent and Masters This class will be for dogs who are currently competing in Ex A and Ex B

8:30 until done Intro to Agility This class is for the people coming out of the Beginning Agility Class and/or dogs not comfortable on the weaves or contacts. Everyone in this class must stay to clean up. {Occasional exceptions for not staying} Limit 12

Tuesday Agility Foundation Class

Tuesdays 8:15 to 9:15 Foundation This class is required for those coming into FWOTC agility program with a dog without an agility title. It will teach you and your dog the information needed to start in agility at FWOTC. On the first night of class there →→ **will NOT be any dogs** ←←. **An application can be picked up at the club for this class. Please fill the handler section and sign and then give to an instructor for their recommendation. Instructor recommendation is required.** Entry into class will be based upon the dog's readiness for the class and if limits are reached. After the applications have been received, those who will be accepted into the class will be notified. Limit 10



SUNSHINE

Bonnie Tindall's husband is recovering from a minor heart attack.
Stephanie Fries got married.

Tracking



TD Test

October 3 2010

Another successful TD test was run on Sunday October 3 2010. We want to thank the following folks for making our 3rd annual TD test a success: Barb Croy our Event Chair; Robin Katen our Event Secretary; Pam Johnson our head tracklayer; Bill Johnston, Kelly Urick and Ann Stochel our tracklayers; Rick Reiff who volunteered to assist our tracklayers; Kathy Dullaghan who engraves the frames we give the passing teams; and Steve Ripley and Orrin Eldred our judges who provide us not only with great tracks, but a wealth of knowledge and senses of humor.

Plotting day, Saturday, dawned with some light rain that fortunately stopped before we started plotting. We met at 10am to plot the tracks with overcast skies and a light breeze. Sunday we were back in the fields in the early morning darkness setting up food tables, and trying to stay warm with temperatures in the mid thirties. Tracks started going in at 7:30, we had the draw at 8am and the first dog was on the track at 8:15. We had 3 entries and 2 dogs passed; a Westie and a Golden Retriever. We had entrants from Nebraska, Missouri and southern Indiana. Thanks to all the committee members and other who volunteers pulled together to make our 3rd annual TD test a success.



FUTURE EVENTS



The Tracking Committee is in the process of planning our tests for 2011. We have decided to offer a TD test and a VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test on the weekend of October 8 and 9 2011. The TD test will be on Saturday and the VST test will be on Sunday. We hope more of you will come out and help us as we will need volunteers to help with these tests. We will be in need of tracklayers, drivers, and folks who can give us a few hours of their time to help out. So look at your calendars and mark that weekend to join us.

Contact Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@frontier.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Cindy Beard who is now an AKC provisional Tracking Judge. She is able to do certifications. She is able to judge TD tests with an AKC approved judge. Cindy has agreed to judge FWOTC TD test in October 2011.

Contact Cindy at morgan46808@yahoo.com to schedule a certification.

NEW MEMBERS

Betty Lou Neace – Sheltie & Havanese
Angela Mills – Black Mouth Cur
Brian & Cyndee Becker – G. Shepherd & Min. Aussie
Pam Easterday – Min. Dachshund
Chris Jinks – Papillon
Amanda & Tim Fancher – Siberian Husky
Karen Wynkoop – Bearded Collie
Bonnie Tindall – Silver Lab
Amanda White – Am. Staffordshire Terrier
Wes & Amy Perry – G. Shepherd
Mary-Jo Hyldahl – Gordon Setter
Linda Parker – Lab Mix



SUNSHINE

Judy Bireley lost her Labrador, Winston Thomas
Karen Smallwood lost her Smooth-Coated Collie, C.J. Our sympathies go out to the family.

Non-Member DOT

Thank you to my trainers:

Puppy trainers Yvonne Wakeman and Sherry Stratton.

My seven o'clock class Tracy White Bill Johnston, Bonnie Kellams and Lynnette Swinheart.

And my eight o'clock class Nancy Wright.

Thanks for all doing a great job.
Lynn

"Questions & Concerns - Use Proper Channels"

I would like to remind all club members that the best way to resolve any concerns or issues would be to direct them to the appropriate club officer. From now on, I would like to stress that all questions, issues, concerns and suggestions for public night, club night, and agility night be directed to the DOT for the respective day. The DOT will then work with class instructors or president/board members as needed to resolve issues. This method of communication will help keep all issues clearly identified, address those issues, and maintain the appropriate line of communication to all club officers.

Furthermore, if you have questions with regard to the following items, I have indicated the current contacts.

Paw Points - Vickie Galloway

Dues - Diane Townsend

Agility Trial / Trial chair - Lisa Fair

Obedience Trial / Trial chair - Karen Smallwood

Tracking DOT - Pam Johnson

Barking Times - Yvonne Wakeman

Public night - Lynn Swager

Club night - Dean Lund



Class Sign-up

There have been many questions about when people can sign up for the upcoming classes each session. Class sign up has always been scheduled to start on the Monday following week 8 which is the week of our open meeting. However, this information has not been printed in the Barking Times in the recent past. Therefore, this notification will be posted in all of the Barking Times from this day forward. If you have any questions about the classes, please contact the appropriate Director's of Training. Please read below:

1. Class sign up will begin as soon as you have received your Barking Times either by mail, email, or the website.
2. The Director's of Training may provide you with information regarding what classes will be offered the next session during the last 2 weeks of your current class. This will give you sometime to decide what classes you might be interested in and if it will work with your schedule.
3. Please keep in mind that the Sub-Novice class is offered each session and the people coming out of the public classes will be given priority over club members.
4. Anyone instructing and/or assisting a class will also be given priority when signing up for classes. This is a perk for volunteering to teach a class.
5. If you try to sign up for a class and it is full, you will be put on a waiting list in case someone drops out of that class.
6. If nobody drops the class, then those people on the waiting list will be given priority over other club members for the next session.

Please keep in mind this is an attempt to make signing up for classes as fair as possible for everyone. However, you are the one that is responsible for signing up for classes and you must be diligent about it. It's a great thing to have so many new people wanting to train their dogs and joining our club. We want your experience to be a good one. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. If you have any questions, please contact the Director's of Training or myself.

Diane Townsend - President FWOTC

This and That

Tuesday Night Practice: If you want ring time to practice obedience on Tuesdays nights after 6pm contact Pam Johnson at blackyellowlabs@verizon.net. Email me on Friday of the week prior to the Tuesday you want ring time. We are only reserving times on a week by week basis. The building is open on Tuesdays and can be used until 6pm without contacting me.

Daytime Practice: The bldg. is open 10:0am to 6pm. If you want to go out there to practice you can. You don't need to contact anyone. Just go out, turn the lights on, and turn the heat up to 68 if it isn't already. Make sure you sign the book so we know you were there. Pick a ring to work in then if anyone else comes, they can use a different ring. When you leave, put the stuff away that you may have gotten out, turn the heat back to 55, and turn the lights off. This applies to the obedience stuff.

Walk'n the dog....

A little girl asked her Mom, "Mom, may I take the dog for a walk around the block?"

Mom replies, "No, because she is in heat." "What's that mean?" asked the child. "Go ask your father. I think he's in the garage."

The little girl goes to the garage and says, "Dad, may I take Belle for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was in heat, and to come to you."

Dad said, "Bring Belle over here." He took a rag, soaked it with gasoline, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it to disguise the scent, and said "OK, you can go now, but keep Belle on the leash and only go one time round the block."

The little girl left and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash. Surprised, Dad asked, "Where's Belle?"

(YOU'RE GONNA LOVE THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!)

The little girl said, "She ran out of gas about halfway down the block, so another dog is pushing her home."

If you ain't laffin'... You ain't livin'



Fast Facts

- As a nonprofit charitable organization, the AKC Canine Health Foundation helps dogs live longer, healthier lives by raising funds to support research that benefits all dogs and people.
- The AKC Canine Health Foundation has allocated more than \$22 million in health research funds to more than 500 studies in nearly all of the top diseases in dogs, including cancer, epilepsy, thyroid disease, hip dysplasia, allergies, heart disease, progressive retinal atrophy, and cataracts, among others.
- In 2004, the AKC Canine Health Foundation became the largest foundation in the world to fund exclusively canine health studies.
- Because people inherit many of the same diseases as dogs, humans can also benefit from health research funded for dogs.
- The AKC Canine Health Foundation pioneered the first research done to map the canine genome (DNA sequence). More than \$2 million in AKC CHF grants were allocated to continue the work to map the canine genome (completed in 2005), and the National Institutes of Health continued what we started by contributing more than \$30 million in 2004 to the work being done at MIT's Broad Institute.
- Over 430 AKC member clubs, as well as more than 35 foundations established by AKC member clubs, have contributed over \$5.5 million to support canine health research, often to a specific breed or disease of interest to the club.
- The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation have established the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) to encourage health testing by breeders and provide breeders and researchers with information to improve breeding programs.
- Research funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation has developed cancer therapies that have shown a marked reduction in tumor growth in patients participating in clinical trials.
- Through AKC CHF funded research, genetic tests have been made available, helping breeders make more informed breeding decisions and clinical trials are helping improve diagnosis and treatment for ALL dogs.

Bragg!

CGC

Judy Bireley's new yellow Lab, Sandy, passed her Canine Good Citizen test on Saturday November 6 at the Coliseum. Judy adopted her just 10 weeks ago. She is now "Sandy Beaches CGC".

WC

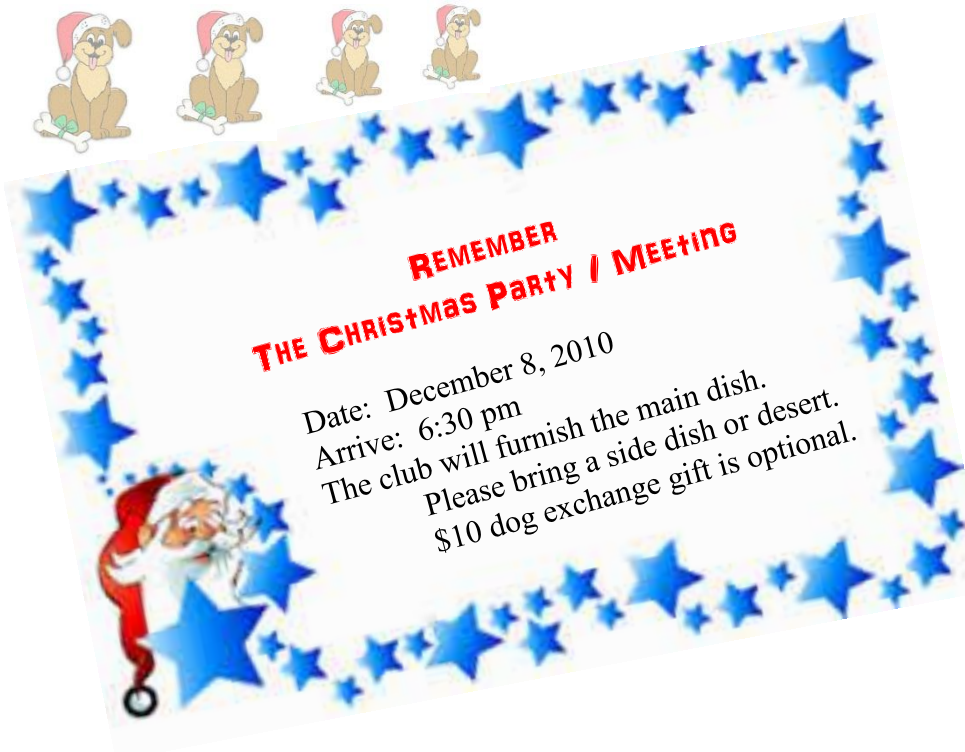
Nancy Wright's All American, Kiera, finished her NAP title at the Greater Toledo Obedience club Agility trial on Sept 3, 2010. She finished with 2 1st places and 1 2nd place.

CH

Nancy Wright's All American, Kiera, finished her NJP title at FWOTC agility on October 23, 2010. She finished with all 1st places.

CD, RA, RE

Richard Byall Jr and Yvonne Wakeman's Golden Retriever, Thomas, earned his CD Title in Beech Grove, IN October 3, 2010. Thomas qualified with a 1st place; earned his RA Title Sylvania, OH October 16, 2010. Thomas qualified with a 2nd place; and his RE Title in Evansville, IN November 12, 2010. Thomas qualified with a 3rd place. Thomas is now known as: Thomas Steele Byall CGC RE CD.





FWOTC
PO Box 5076
Fort Wayne IN 46895-5076

FWOTC Schedule – 2009 / 2010

Barking Times Deadline is Feb 18th
Open Meeting – Mar 9th
Obedience Trial – May 7th and 8th

In this Issue:

- ✓ Dues Notice
- ✓ Christmas Party information
- ✓ Member Class Schedule for Session 1
- ✓ Brags

Next Issue:

- ✓ Member Class Schedule for Session 2
- ✓ Brags



Session 1: Jan 11 – Mar 3
Public Classes: Jan 11 – Mar 1
Member Classes: Jan 12 – Mar 2
Agility Classes: Jan 13 – Mar 3
Open Meeting: Mar 9, 2011

Session 2: Mar 15 – May 5
Public Classes: Mar 15 – May 3
Member Classes: Mar 16 – May 4
Agility Classes: Mar 17 – May 5
Obedience Trial: May 7 & 8
Open Meeting: May 11, 2011

Session 3: May 17 – Jul 7
Public Classes: May 17 – Jul 5
Member Classes: May 18 – Jul 6
Agility Classes: May 19 – Jul 7
Election / Banquet: Jun 10, 2011

