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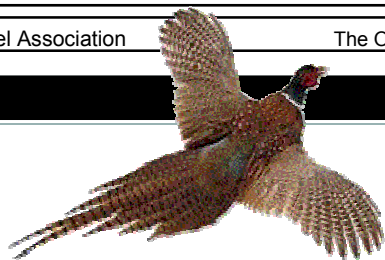
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Last month I discussed the trials and tribulations of traveling with dogs. This month its time to talk about a few of the tricks that make traveling with dogs easier, cheaper and more enjoyable.

First, for the dogs benefit, I'm a believer in making things more comfortable for the dog. That means a good crate, which contains the dog in case of a car accident, a pad for the crate and if the crate is in the back of a pickup it must have a cover appropriate to protect the dog if it is cold and must be firmly attached to the bed.

Here are the reasons for these precautions: at thirty degrees, a 65 mile per hour wind created by the rate of highway travel creates seriously cold wind-chill. A dog crate bounced out of a pickup in an accident creates a significantly increased risk of injury to the dog and I know of at least one case where the crate bounced open and the dog, in that case a pointer, was lost. Have you sat, without padding, in the back of a pickup as it bounced down a wash-boarded gravel road? That is what your dog experiences in an unpadded crate. The result is not a rested dog ready to hunt, but rather a tired, rattled dog.

Enough of dog care and on to the care of your wallet. Traveling companions cut gas costs; shared motel rooms cut overnight costs; stays with friends who live in areas you hunt, trial and hunt-test cut overnight costs even more. I'm fortunate to have friends in places I hunt, hunt test and trial. In addition to the cost savings there is the advantage of training ground availability prior to trials and hunt tests, camaraderie, and finally commiseration for those days when dogs don't behave and birds jink just as every shot is fired. One hunting companion has parents-in-law in Bismarck, one boy-hood friend now lives in prime Grouse and Woodcock territory and trialing friends live in Pheasant and Sharp-tail country. That amounts to a lot of avoided motel bills. Reciprocity is the name of the game of course!

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Presidents' letter continued...

I confess that now, when friends' houses aren't available, I opt for a motel; however, for many decades I chose a tent to save money and travel trailers and campers offer additional alternatives.

On the subject of trailers, I know some choose them as dog conveyances. They get the wet dog smell out of the vehicle and enable convenient transport of a large number of dogs. Despite these advantages I am firmly against them. I know of many horror stories resulting from their use: a trailer rear-ended in a snow storm, a trailer which detached at high speed after one of its tires flattened, and another detached and rolled in an accident. In the last case, a number of the doors sprung and two dogs were lost.

Finally food. Bring a cooler full of food and drink. Empty it as you go, filling the openings with birds if hunting. You leave home supplied and return with the makings of many good meals in front of the hearth.

Good traveling this fall from your footloose President!

MHSA 2009 Fall Hunt Test Qualifiers (Saturday)

Junior – Judges: Bill Dunaski & Jim Lynch

1. “Eddy” – Ben Dreesman (ECS) TITLE!
2. “Singe” – George Mercie (ECS)
3. “Dora” – Michael Davis (ESS) TITLE!
4. “Dewey” – Mark Edwards (Boykin)
5. “Bob” – Scott Lichty (Airedale)
6. “Everett” – Jerry Mercie (ECS)

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7. “Sizzle” – Kathy Patrignani (ESS)

Senior – Judges: Greg Livingston & Bill Boeckman

- “Jonsey” – Linda Simon (ESS)
“River” – Charles Casey (ESS)
“Bridger” – Kim Wiley (ECS)
“Zoey” – Randy Breske (ESS)
“Fern” – Brett Edstrom (ECS)
“Chance” – Nadine Kohn (ESS) TITLE!
“Zorro” – Paul Gergen
“Rowan” – Heidi Reinhardt (ESS)
“Cody” – Joe Stallman (ESS)
“Skeet” – Gregg Eide (ECS)

Master– Judges: Deb Livingston & Bethann Wiley

1. “Sweet Pea” – Bill Boeckman (ESS)
 2. “Raigen” – Bill Boeckman (ESS)
 3. “Otto” – Lisa Schmeling (ESS)
 4. “Splash” – Kathy Patrignani (ESS)
 5. “Fred” – Charles Casey (ESS)
 6. “Tigger” – Robert Diehl (ECS)
- “Ana” – Charles Casey (ESS)

MHSA 2009 Fall Hunt Test Qualifiers (Sunday)

Junior – Judges: Bill Dunaski & Bill Boeckman

1. “Sizzle” – Kathy Patrignani (ESS)
2. “Dewey” – Mark Edwards (Boykin)
3. “Bob” – Scott Lichty (Airedale) TITLE!
4. “Singe” – George Mercie (ECS)
“Everett” – Jerry Mercie (ECS)

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Senior – Judges: Deb Livingston & Jim Lynch

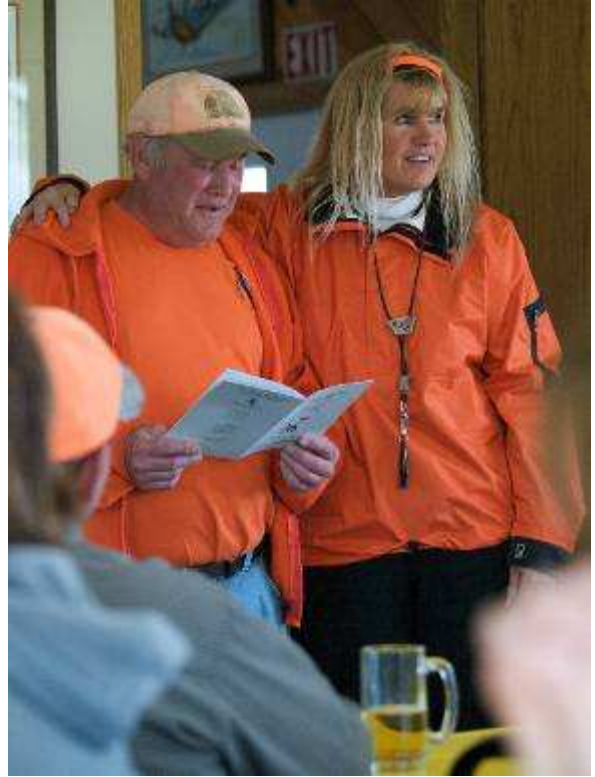
1. “Cody” – Joe Stallman (ESS)
 2. “Zoey” – Randy Breske (ESS)
 3. “Fern” – Brett Edstrom (ECS) TITLE!
 4. “Bridger” – Kim Wiley (ECS)
 5. “Jonsey” – Linda Simon (ESS)
 6. “Zorro” – Krystina Gergen (ESS)
 7. “Eddy” Ben Dreesman (ECS)
- “Dora” Michael Davis (ESS)

Master – Judges: Bethann Wiley & Greg Livingston

- “Sweet Pea” – Bill Boeckman (ESS)
“Charlie” – Larry Hinchman (Boykin) TITLE!
“Raigan” – Bill Boeckman (ESS)
“Splash” – Kathy Patrignani (ESS)
“Taylor” – Robert Diehl (ECS) TITLE!
“Otto” – Lisa Schmeling (ESS)
“Lizzie” – Dawn Schuster (ECS)
“Cooper” – Carol Ellingson (ECS)
“Hannah” – Linda Simon (ESS)
“Libby” – Lisa Schmeling (ESS)
“Bacon” – Dean Koehler (ESS)
“Ana” – Charles Casey (ESS)
“Tigger” – Robert Diehl (ECS)

Photos from the 2009 Spring and Fall hunt tests--Senior hunt dead land work and both Senior and Master water retrieve work. Photos by Hudson Nichols.





Fall Hunt Test

Pictures by Hudson Nichols











MHSA meeting minutes

August 4, 2009

Houlihan's 7pm

1. Call to order
2. Roll call: present: Brett Edstrom, Art Fowler, Rachel Samsel, Jim Lynch, Kim Wiley, Charlie Casey, Richard Bend
3. Approval of minutes: change word agenda to minutes (done)
4. Approval of August agenda
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2011 cocker national: nothing new to report
 - b. New Business:

Consideration of starting a Yahoo or Google forum for club member communications and discussions.

Overall discussion was positive for starting a forum; some issues to look into were who would monitor the site for content and if should be closed to members only. Will further discuss guidelines for monitoring next month and will discuss with Nate and Nadine about setting up the forum and monitoring.

7. Sponsored Events

- a. August 15 Good Going Kennel club training changed to August 29th.
- b. September 5 & 6 Hunt test: All is going well

October 16, 17 & 18 Cocker spaniel field trial: Good going kennel; plans going well. Summary report from Kim:

Committee: Kim Wiley (chairperson), Bethann Wiley (Secretary), John Dartt (gun captain), Nadine Kohn, Linda Simon, and Hudson Nichols

Premiums will be posted mid August on the website and on www.fieldcockers.com. Entry fees same as last year: Open \$95, Amateur \$95, Puppy \$30.

Saturday Banquet: Prime Rib barbeque catered by "Tom" at the Hammond Golf Course, cash bar available.

Lunches - a cater has been contacted

Veterinarian on Call: New Richmond Countryside Veterinary Clinic

Meeting Minutes continued...

Event schedule: Friday, Oct 16-open stake and puppy

Saturday - Open and Puppy stake

Saturday evening banquet @
Hammond Golf Course

Sunday - Amateur Stake

Judges: Friday open: Alex Smith and Roger Houk

Friday Puppy: Chris and John Dartt

Saturday Open: Alex Smith and Roger Houk

Saturday Puppy: Chris and John Dartt

Sunday Amateur: Alex Smith and Linda Simon

Hotel Headquarters: AmericInn, Baldwin Wi; 18 rooms blocked under
MHSA cocker field trial \$79.90

Birds ordered from Blaha Pheasant Farm

Pigeons provided by Kim Wiley as needed

Bird Planter Mike Schroeder

Bird Steward Linda Simon

Head Marshall Nadine Kohn

Land use, ATV and Porta Potty from Good Going

Ribbons and Trophies from Hodges Badge Co

d. November Duck shoot: Richard will look into plans

Treasurer's report: \$6089.48

Meeting adourned

MHSA Merchandise Order Form

MHSA is pleased to offer the following club merchandise for sale. T-shirts, sweatshirts & hats are stocked by the Association & orders will be accepted throughout the year. Orders can be picked up at any MHSA event. If you would prefer to have your order mailed, **add \$10** to your order for shipping and handling.

Delivery will be at the event following receipt of the order. A check, made payable to **MHSA**, must accompany your order, which can be mailed to Shirley Harford - 7816 66th Ave N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. If you have any questions regarding merchandise, please contact Shirley at Lougeelake@comcast.net.

Description of merchandise and order number

#5930 Fruit of the Loom Adult Short Sleeve T-shirt

Colors -Blaze Orange, Jade Green, Ash Grey, Khaki, Burgundy
 Sizes - Small to XL Cost - \$15.00

#1630 Sweatshirt

Colors - Blaze Orange, Ash Grey, Forest Green, Khaki, Burgundy
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$25.00

#0504 Polo w/pocket

Colors - Ash Grey, Forest Green, Steel Grey, Orange
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$30.00

#16130 Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt

Colors - Ash Grey, Heather Grey, Royal Blue
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$30.00

#2110 Polyester Fleece Lined Bomber Jacket

Colors - Pine/ Charcoal, Black/Black, Black/Heather Grey
 Sizes - Small to XL

Cost - With crest logo on the front \$60.00
 - With both crest and back logo \$75.00

#6288 WXT Upland Blaze Orange Safety Cap

Sizes - One size fits all Cost - \$15.00

#3261 Blaze Orange Cap w/2 tone Pheasant on side

Size - One size fits all Cost - \$20.00

Two-sided MHSA Logo Mug (11oz.)

Colors - Ivory w/Burgundy Cost \$7.00 ea. or 2 for \$12.00

MHSA Patch

Cost -\$7.50

MHSA Lapel Pin

Cost - \$5.00

Note: for all clothing items: 2XL sizes are available - add \$1.50 / 3XL sizes are available - add \$3.00)

Item #:	Description	Sizes	Color	Qt y.	Price each	Total Price
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
SHADED AREA FOR BOMBER JACKET ONLY:						
#2110	Bomber Jacket				Crest Logo	\$
					Both Lo-gos	\$
					Size Up Chrg	\$
Shipping (if applicable):						\$
Order Total:						\$

Shipping/Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Happy Hunting!!

English Springer Spaniel Information
and Field Trial Page

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