

# Waggin' Tales

"A well trained dog is a happy dog"

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## HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY, FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB !

Fox Valley Dog Training Club was founded in October 1947, by Aldythe Comstock.

### From The Editor:

This month, Fox Valley Dog Training Club celebrates 50 years of existence. I thought it would be nice to celebrate this accomplishment in some way. A few months ago I sent a note to some of our long time members asking them if they would like to send me a member profile for this issue. I thought it would be interesting to hear about the people behind these names we see in the Roster year after year. I asked them to include any memories of Fox Valley that they would like to share as well as any pictures that they might want to include.

I heard from Dorothy and Bernie Vettel and Lloyd and Mildred Spencer. If any other long time members have any memories to share, I'd be happy to print them next month.

### WHO'S NEWS? LEGS AND BRAGS

#### From Sunny Innis:

Jocko got his Canadian UD (OTCH) in Hamilton in Sept. Jock now has a Canadian UDT and an American UDT!

#### From Mary Russell:

Shadow (GSD)  
Detroit GSDOTC 9/1/97 -  
Open A, 184 1/2, 1st place, 3rd HIT

Lincolnwood Training Club -

Open A, 189, 4th place  
GSDC of St. Louis 10/5/97 -  
192, 2nd place, CDX

#### From the editor:

GoFer got her TD on 10/5/97 at Westside.

#### From Heather King:

Rosie got her TDX on 10/19/97. Rosie was the only dog (of 6) who passed that day. It was also her first try! Picture below.



Cheryl Lewis submitted the following results from the Hamilton Dog Show in Canada:

Carolyn Pearson & Brady (Golden) - OTCH, a 2nd place, 3rd place and Hi-Scoring Golden in Utility.

Cheryl Lewis & Jericho (GSD) - CDX.

Debbie Kovacevich & Cache (Golden) - CD and two 2nd places.

Debbie and Ruby (Rottweiler) - CDX

Lissa Hamer & Dawson - CDX and a 1st place, 3rd place.

Tom Hamer & Champ - OTCH  
Drew Graham & April (Samoyed) - 1 CDX leg

Drew & Checkers (Sheltie) had fun

Rick Cox & Amber (Labrador) - CD, High Scoring Lab both days

Ronnie Bizer & Ginger - CDX, Dog World, two 3rd places

Ronnie & Packer - High Combined, Best in Trial, a 1st place, six 2nd places, High Scoring Rottweiler both days

Terry Whelan & Rocky, Buster and Mac (Goldens) had fun.

**Bait Bag**

(bat bag) n. A collection of tidbits.

**Chiropractic Schedule**

Dr. Hansen will be at training on the following days: 10/30, 12/11. If you need an appointment you should call Dr. Hansen directly at (847) 551-1279.

**HOROSCOPE**

The Scorpio Dog  
October 24 - November 22

The Scorpio Dog is determined and focused. Scorpio dogs will always accomplish whatever it is they set their minds to. They are also passionate and forceful dogs, relishing every activity, even as they exhaust themselves having fun at it. Scorpio dogs can be intense; they have been known to stare at a rabbit in the yard for hours at a time, while trapped inside, never moving from their window perch. Except, of course when the dinner bell rings.

**DEMO DOGS STILL NEEDED!**

We would like to get together a group of people and dogs who are interested in performing demos for various organizations and promoting our Club. The demos may be more than just obedience - perhaps freestyle or tricks. If you and your dog are interested in joining the demo team please call Cindy Pakenas at 630-377-6250. We have an invitation in Elgin for December 5th.

**OLD BONES**

**September 1987**

- by Sally Compton

Ed Kneip & Casey (Golden):  
Triton College - 8/87, **200**  
Detroit World Series - Won the  
Super Dog w/ 197.37 average

Nancy Einwich & Jessie (Golden):  
Detroit World Series - Novice  
196.66 average, 10th place

Edith Blase & Misty (Poodle):  
Detroit World Series - Novice  
189.5 average, 40th place

Mary Russell & Thunder (GSD):  
G.S.D.D.T.C. - Open B, 193, 3rd  
place, 5th HIT

Brenda Rivera & Tamp (Sheltie):  
Liberty All Breed Club (UKC) -  
Novice B, 199, 3rd place  
Novice B, 199 1/2, 2nd place  
Novice B, 198, 1st place, HIT

Brenda Rivera & Pookaia  
(Sheltie): Liberty All Breed Club  
(UKC) -  
Novice B, 199, 2nd place (beat her  
brother)  
Novice B, 198  
Novice B, 196 1/2

Alice Larson & Hoagy (St.  
Poodle):  
Sun Parlour Shows, Canada -  
Novice B, 187  
Novice B, 187, **CD**  
Novice B, 188 1/2

Alice Larson & Dazzler (GSD):  
Sun Parlour Shows, Canada -  
Novice B, 193 1/2  
Novice B, 188 1/2  
Novice B, 193, **CD**

Edith Blase & Suzie (Poodle):  
Sun Parlour Shows, Canada -  
Novice B, 182 1/2  
Novice B, 194

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Diane Probst & Easy (St. Poodle):  
Poodle Club of America -  
Open B, 196 1/2  
Utility, 193  
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club -  
Open B, 194 1/2  
Utility, NQ  
Burlington County K.C. -  
Open B, 193  
Utility, NQ  
Sun Parlour Shows, Canada -  
Open B, 196 1/2, 3rd place  
Utility, 197 1/2, 1st place  
Open B, 198, 1st place  
Utility, NQ  
Open B, 197  
Utility, NQ  
Illinois Valley KC -  
Open B, 196 1/2  
Utility, 195 1/2, 2nd place  
Open B, 196 1/2  
Utility, 196, 3rd place  
Corn Belt KC -  
Open B, 196 1/2  
Utility, 198, 2nd place  
Will and Shirley Short with  
Goldens, became members. Donna  
and Darrell Weilert with  
Rottweilers became members.

Canine Carnival was held at  
LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve on  
Sept. 10th. Games included:

1. Switch dogs - handlers trade dogs and do novice exercises
2. Egg and Spoon Race - with dogs
3. 3-Legged Race - with dogs

45 members attended and was a huge success. The obstacle race provided for the most laughs.

Leon Comstock died. Leon was a very active member and past president of FVDTC. One month later Aldythe Comstock died. Aldythe was the founder of FVDTC and an AKC judge in obedience, including tracking. Aldythe was editor of Waggin' Tales for more than 6 years and gave the newsletter it's name.

**Member Profile: Bernie**

Dorothy is the active member. Bernie is supportive of her activities. This profile is mostly about Dorothy.

I grew up in Central Illinois and moved to Aurora when I married Bernie in 1946. I was a medical secretary first in Peoria and ended up as an assistant to the Vice President of Sales in a company that sold our accounting system throughout the country.

I had dogs for as long as I can remember and they were my main hobby. After we were married we bought a blond Cocker Spaniel puppy from Aldythe Comstock, one of the founder of FVDTC. She told us, "You must obedience train this puppy". What a career she started me on! I joined FVDTC in October 1952 and have been a member ever since. I started out with Cocker Spaniels and then went to Miniture Poodles, training and showing both breeds as well as one Standard Poodle.

I think I held every office at Fox Valley, except Treasurer. I was Director of Training for 8 years and Waggin' Tales Editor for several years as well. I saw the club grow from a small to very large organization, giving the largest Obedience Trial in the country for several years - a club known throughout the country.

We retired and moved to Harrison, Arkansas in 1990. We lost our last poodle late that year and due to health problems decided not to own another dog. We spoil all our friends dogs instead! I had the big "C", twice, which has slowed me down.

I judged obedience matches for many years and finally in 1969 became an AKC judge. I judged all classes in most areas of the country. I was going to retire in 1990 but instead AKC gave me the title Judge Emertus.

In 1991 the North Arkansas Kennel Club was formed in Harrison and because of my years of service I was asked to join and

**and Dorothy Vettel**

am Vice President. We do both conformation and obedience but unfortunately do not have a place to train regularly. We hope to have our first "A" Match next Spring.

In Illinois I was very active in 4-H dog obedience training and was a member of the State panel.

Of all the dogs I had, two black miniature poodles were the most outstanding and each known at Fox Valley -Mam'selles Andre' of Roubuix, U.D. and CH. Zodia's Black Toronado, C.D.X.

I was one of the Founders of the Illini Obedience Association from which sprung the National Show (Gaines-Pupperoni).

I miss Fox Valley very much and would love to get up to watch training. It was and I'm sure still is a great club.

Anyone coming to Arkansas is always welcome to stop. We live in a very small subdivision three miles south off State Route 7 on Alta Vista Drive.

Thanks for this opportunity. I often think of writing, but am a "chronic putter-offer". I miss the friends I made through Fox Valley. I met so many wonderful people.

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No - it's not the holidays (yet!), but it is time to think about whether you would like to be a Board Member or any of the Committee Chairpeople that we need to successfully run our club.

This club only thrives because we have individuals who care and are willing to put forth extra effort to help do the things necessary to keep us going.

The Nominating Committee consists of the following volunteers:

Helen Castellano	(630) 761-0411
Joan Payne	(630) 859-1421
Carolyn Pearson	(630) 231-5658

If you are interested in any of the positions and would like more information, please contact one of the committee members.

Current Board Members and Committee Chairpeople: Please let one of the Nominating committee members know that you would still like to retain your current position.

## Member Profile: Lloyd and Mildred Spencer

We thought that we would write what we remember in our long years of being interested in dogs and FVDTC. We reached the age of 81 on August 23 and August 27, 1997, born 4 days and 10 miles apart. Today, the 14th of September, we have been married 60 years. I (Lloyd) was born on a farm near Fonda, IA and Mildred was born on a farm at Knoke, IA. I attended school in Cedar Twp. Pocahontas County and she in Butler Twp., Calhoun County. We both loved dogs and our first purebred dog was a collie. At that time (50 years ago) we knew nothing about obedience training or showing in conformation and we had not heard of a kennel club near us. I did know a druggist in our town who would take his English Setters on the train to dog shows. That was 65 years ago. My wife and I were married in 1937 and farmed a few years and then opened a plumbing, heating, electrical and appliance store at Fonda, IA.

In 1956 we moved to Illinois and our first dog was a purebred Brittany. We started training at the old Armory in Aurora before the fire destroyed it and the Fox Valley equipment. We continued to train with the club at the present location. We remember training Princess DeArt at the club and had her entered in three shows, receiving a leg at each of the first two shows but then found we were not able to go to the third show. Francis Murray agreed to take her and she got her third leg with someone who was a stranger to her. We were also members of the Brittany Club and showed at some of the National Specialties.

When Mildred and I were children, about 70 years ago, a neighbor of both her grandmother and my grandmother owned Irish Water Spaniels. We both liked the breed and were always looking for one to buy. In 1972 we found a

breeder of Irish Water Spaniels. He was Irwin Hutzman, the author of the only book ever published about the Irish Water Spaniel. We purchased a female from him and at the same time Ann Snelling purchased one from him also. Our dog placed over her dog at every show we showed with her. She raised a litter of pups and one of that litter was Iristocrat. He won over every Irish Water Spaniel that he ever showed against and won the National Specialty and went on to win Best in Show at Westminster Kennel Club show. But not to be outdone by Ann, our female produced more champions than any bitch in the history of the breed and still holds that title.

We are also charter members of the Yorkville Illinois Kennel Club. I was president of that Club and also held the office of secretary and a term as treasurer. We were also members of Goldcoast Kennel Club.

In 1972 we built and operated Dearts kennel and boarded many dogs. Mildred's work made it into a very busy kennel. A member of FVDTC now owns the kennel. We are members of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America and I served as president of the club and Delegate to the AKC for the club. Mildred had shown dogs in 45 states and in England and Canada. We attended Westminster Kennel Club for 15 years in a row. Mildred won Best of Winners there with a male and Best of Opposite Sex with a female. We have also won a Dog World.

We have so many memories of the Clubs we were members of. We wish the best for Fox Valley Dog Training Club now and in the future.

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This is the Spencer's dog Maggie, mentioned in their profile. This is her CD picture.



This is Princess, the Spencer's Brittany, also mentioned in the profile.

**Membership Meeting  
Highlights  
October 1, 1997**

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

The September Meeting minutes were approved as published, without any corrections. Several items of correspondence read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) sent the following report through Carolyn:

- Asked for people to sign-up for the demonstration to be held at the Taylor YMCA in Elgin on December 5th.

Penny Legner (Treasurer) send the following report through Carolyn:

- She asked that members sending anything to her to please not send it by certified mail. It took her two weeks to get to the post office to recover the last item, due to her work schedule conflicting with postal hours.
- Penny reported that the bills are paid, with the exception of bills received in the last week. Those will get done over the weekend.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) said that thanks to all of the hard work that Jean Airey has done in publicity, in addition to the normal schedule of one Beginner's class at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., another class will be held at 7:00 p.m.. The Puppy classes have also been expanded to include a second class, there is a class at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m.. This session begins on October 23rd. At this time all of the classes have instructors. However, there is still a need for assistant instructors for this session.

Cheryl reminded the members that on Saturday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. a club member's night out would be held at Rick Cox's house. This would be strictly a social event, no organized discussion was planned. Jim Benson had videotaped various individuals at the August correction clinic. Cheryl encouraged the club members to "come see if you're on the tape".

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reacted to the news that the Novice A class at our trial only had four entries as of October 1st by suggesting that the Beginners' instructors encourage those students with the potential (and desire) to start striving for a Novice title. When asked by Peggy Sue Seehafer how to accomplish this, Will suggested that those students should be directed to the Ring Ready class. It was also suggested the instructors could use the correction clinics as a training tool for the beginners class. Cheryl reminded the instructors that there are brochures explaining obedience trials in the gray box that can be handed out at the beginners classes.

Mike Kovacevich, Ring Stewards Committee Chairperson, stated that he is still in need of stewards for the trial. Taffy reported for Susan Yee, Kitchen Committee Chairperson, that there are currently enough volunteers for the Kitchen.

Bill Clarke, Booth Committee Chairperson, reported that there is still one booth is available, with the possibility of one more available. He is uncertain if the Eagle Food Products booth will remain for our trial. Peggy Sue stated that she would like to rent one booth for our show.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) passed around a sign-up sheet for bringing baked goods to be sold in

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the kitchen at the trial. Those will be the only desserts available from the kitchen. Georgia Fiorito is organizing a silent auction to be held at the trial. This miscellaneous income will be put towards the general club funds - not just the trial. Any donated items can be given to Georgia. Taffy also announced that the deadline for placing a catalog ad was today, October 1st. She currently has obtained approximately \$500.00 in ads for the catalog.

The entries as of October 1st are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Entry Limit</u>	<u>Entries Received</u>
Novice A		4
B	64	22
Open A	56	31
B	56	56
Utility A	48	30
B	48	44

Carolyn Pearson, Hospitality Chairperson, verified that the club has traditionally paid for the dinners of the Trial Chairperson, Trial Secretary, Hospitality Chairperson and the Judges at the Judges dinner on Saturday night. Any club members, who aren't not showing, are invited and encouraged to attend. This year we will be dining at Salerno's on the Fox in St. Charles. Anyone wishing to attend, should contact Carolyn at (630) 231-5658.

The Grounds Chairperson position is still open. Taffy stated that any club member who could spare 15 to 30 minutes at the trial, should take a quick walk around the grounds and pickup any messes that had been left.

Volunteers are still needed to assist in the breakdown after the trial. Anyone who is capable of bending over (i.e. just about all of us) are encouraged to give the trial committee a hand in rolling up mats. This part of the work goes

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very quickly with a lot of people helping!!!

Kay Weber (Waggin' Tales Editor) announced that the next deadline is for the Waggin' Tales is Friday, October 24th.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) reported that the next Beginner's class Graduation is Tuesday, October 14th. The Graduation Judges are:

7:00 p.m. class - Mike Kovacevich  
8:00 p.m. class - Drew Graham  
9:00 p.m. class - Rick Cox

Peggy Sue also requested that the Board approve a \$300.00 purchase for 2,000 ribbons for the Graduations.

Board sidebar - Will Short made a motion that the Board approve the request for a \$300.00 expenditure for the Graduation ribbons. Judy Anderson seconded the motion. All of the Board members present approved the motion.

Judy Anderson as Membership Chairperson read a list of two new membership applications. A motion to accept the individuals as new members was made by Bill Clarke, seconded by Penny Brcich and approved by all.

Judy announced that the rosters were distributed at training on September 25th. She'll have them available after the meeting for those members who were not at training on the 25th. Any additions will be in the next Waggin' Tales. There are some known errors, such as the state not printing. Any other corrections should be brought to Judy's attention.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that all of the

AKC materials that she had at her house have been ruined in a recent basement flood. She will be placing an order in the near future to replace those materials. She stated that any club member wishing to order any items should contact her.

She is attempting to assemble a calendar to announce different events that are related to dogs, i.e. National Dog Week, etc.. She is also working on organizing a poster or essay contest and is seeking ideas for "prizes" for the participants.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson ) announced that she is in need of stewards for the Novice B and Open A rings at the October 23rd correction clinic. Linda Benson will be seeking those stewards for the next correction clinic.

Kay Weber/Heather King (Awards Dinner Chairperson) announced that there was nothing to report. There have been no reservations made at this time for the dinner.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

... and the winner of \$5.00 is Tracey Mohr

### Old Business

Will Short expressed disappointment regarding the outcome of the September Membership meeting following the discussion of the definition of a training member as it pertains to the awards. He felt that by calling for a vote, the members present did not follow the predefined process of seeking a consensus. The outcome of the meeting was reached by a majority vote not a consensus.

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Drew Graham mentioned that he had received a petition signed by 18 people, 11 of those were at the meeting. The total number of members at the September meeting was 32 club members. The petition was initiated and signed by individuals who felt that the process had NOT been followed and the decision should be reconsidered to allow the process to be completed as it had been described. Cheryl Lewis reminded the members that according to Robert's Rule of Order, that when a motion is put on the floor - it must be addressed in some manner. Several members present at the September meeting were not clear on the procedures that are to be followed when a motion is made. They had assumed that they had to vote and did not realize that the motion could have been tabled.

Will Short made a motion that we continue the discussion that at a future meeting concerning what constitutes a "training member as it applied to club members who are applying for awards". The motion was seconded by Penny Brcich and approved by all. There were no disapproval or abstentions. This motion will be addressed as the first item under old business in November meeting, with a time limit set and followed. If a consensus is not reached after the allotted time limit (not determined at this time), the discussion will continue at the next membership meeting, January 1998.

### New Business

No new business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m..

To the Board of Directors of FVDTC:

We, the members of Fox Valley Dog Training Club, whose signatures appear below wish to send a message to the Board of Directors. We wish to remind the Board that this is our club and our wishes must be respected.

We also wish to remind the Board that in a survey that 65 members returned, 75% of those members want the "must train at the Club" requirement reinstated. This requirement was changed without our knowledge or consent. This was clearly a move that violates the policy of this club. We have the right to demand that this requirement be re-instated.

We, the members, agreed to further discussion of the definition of a training member. Following much discussion and many notices, the September Membership meeting dealt with this issue. After proceeding with the 'consensus' method, we, the members, decided after going over the allotted amount of time for discussion, that we wished to vote on the two proposals. We, as members, have the right to make motions and to vote on those motions. Of the members present, 72% voted for the proposal to reinstate the training requirement as stated in the Sept. issue of Waggin' Tales.

We, the members, strongly suggest that the Board respect our wishes that this requirement be reinstated as the members have decided.

NO	<u>NO'Brien</u>	<u>Jany Russell</u>	
NO	<u>Jusan Ing</u>	NO <u>Shelley Dix</u>	
NO	<u>Kelene Bryant</u>	NO <u>Stacy D. Styer</u>	
NO	<u>Wyle Walden</u>	NO <u>Jan Compton</u>	
NO	<u>Shirley Curtis</u>	<u>Jan Schomer</u>	
NO	<u>Barbara Erskine</u>	NO <u>Ann Miller-Warick</u>	
	<u>Kay Weber</u>	NO <u>Mice Garrison</u>	4-
	<u>Georgia Forto</u>	NO <u>Marutta Ables</u>	26
NO	<u>Susan Swiss</u>		
NO	<u>Sue Kender</u>		
NO	<u>Marian Lazzara</u>		
NO	<u>Anna White</u>		
NO	<u>Michelle Ficht</u>		
NO	<u>Dail O'Brien</u>		
NO	<u>Brandi Stephenson</u>		
NO	<u>Michelle Cuf</u>		
NO	<u>TRUDI KUMER</u>		
NO	<u>Rosetta Lazzara</u>		

*Letter to the membership:*

I chose not to attend the October general meeting for a variety of reasons. Don't need to raise my blood pressure, etc. In retrospect I'm glad that I didn't.

Anyone who know me knows that I'm not happy with the direction that the club has taken.

Lately, it seems rather than listen to what the member's desires, part of the board, and a very vocal MINORITY, appear to want to push through any little item that benefits them personally.

Let's see, as a non-member I can use the rings before our matches. I can sign up for matches in advance. (Also interesting at the last match was the fact that in many of the rings about the first ten people in the rings were non-members. Have club members lost all of our benefits?) Also as a non-member, I can bring students to the club, teach them there and charge them for their training and not pay anything to FVDTC. Gee. why be a member?

The latest flagrant example of this insanity relates to the vote that took place at the September general meeting. The issue being what constitutes a training member. From my perspective, the backlash on this issue came about because of a few greedy people abusing Fox Valley's awards. Take, take, take, take. Just as long as it's someone else who is footing the bill.

If you can't train, or don't want to train at FVDTC, why do you want to be a member? Maybe I'm a cynic, but I don't see a lot of altruistic people out there. The only thing that I can see is that some people feel that they are going to get back more than they put in. Look at the club's treasury and see where this is taking us. **If we don't stop this soon is there even going to be a FVDTC?**

Prior to the September meeting, there was considerable discussion about the issue of training versus non-training members. The issue was printed in Waggin' Tails. The vast majority of the members knew about the issue, and those who cared about the issue showed up to vote.

As has happened in the past with a certain group, once they realized they were going to lose, our minority used some of their usual techniques. Let's wait a few meetings and vote on it then. When we count the votes for and against the issue, let's have the president vote against the issue (sorry Mr. President, but unless there's a tie, you don't get to vote). Let's print the issue in Waggin' Tails again. Despite all these tactics, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of a member having to train at FVDTC once a month to be able to receive an award. Not a unreasonable idea. Why shouldn't you train at FVDTC if you really consider yourself a member.

At the October meeting, a couple of things happened.

There was a petition presented by a group that wanted the above item reconsidered. (I'm sorry, but where were these people in September when everyone knew that there was going to be a vote on the issue?) Now in typical fashion we're trying to use surreptitious methods to repeal the previously enacted item.

There were motions made that the previous vote was illegal. (I would like someone to show me in Robert's Rules of Order where any of the previously taken actions weren't according to those rules.)

We now have people making motions to repeal the previously enacted motion. Well folks, let me quote Robert's Rules of Order - Simplified, by Marjorie Mitchell Cann, Ph.D. Page 50, "Special Motions. Item 2. **To reconsider** proposes that a previously completed motion be discussed and voted upon again, but the member making this motion to reconsider must have voted with the prevailing motion." (Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't the person who made the motion to reconsider, leave the September meeting before the vote was even taken?)

I draw your attention to the fact that unless you voted for the motion previously, you can not bring up a motion to reconsider

Same book, same page, "The motion **to repeal** has as its purpose the annulment of a previously adopted motion. When No previous notice of motion has been given, this motion to repeal must receive two thirds of an affirmative vote.

I draw your attention to the fact that it is not a simple majority, but a two thirds majority must agree to repeal.





How about a real interesting concept. Want to stop all this bickering about training versus non-training? How about eliminating **all** awards except for FVDTC patches? I'm sure that if this was passed, the majority of members would be totally ambivalent about whether you were a training, or non-training member. It also might mean that the club has a viable chance at surviving!

Since it is now impossible for the board, or anyone else, to follow the club's constitution and Robert's Rules of Order and give an adequate notice about voting on this issue for the November meeting, it now appears that the vote taken in September cannot be changed until January. This will be at the same time as the annual elections.

I also see that we now have a new nominating committee. Funny thing about this nominating committee. According to the club's constitution, the nominating committee must be voted on by the board. I don't know about anyone else, but I don't remember seeing anything in the minutes of any of the board meetings where a nominating committee was voted upon. I wasn't certain about this, so I have asked some of the board members. The board members that I've talked to don't remember this issue coming up.

Anyone besides me smell something fishy here?

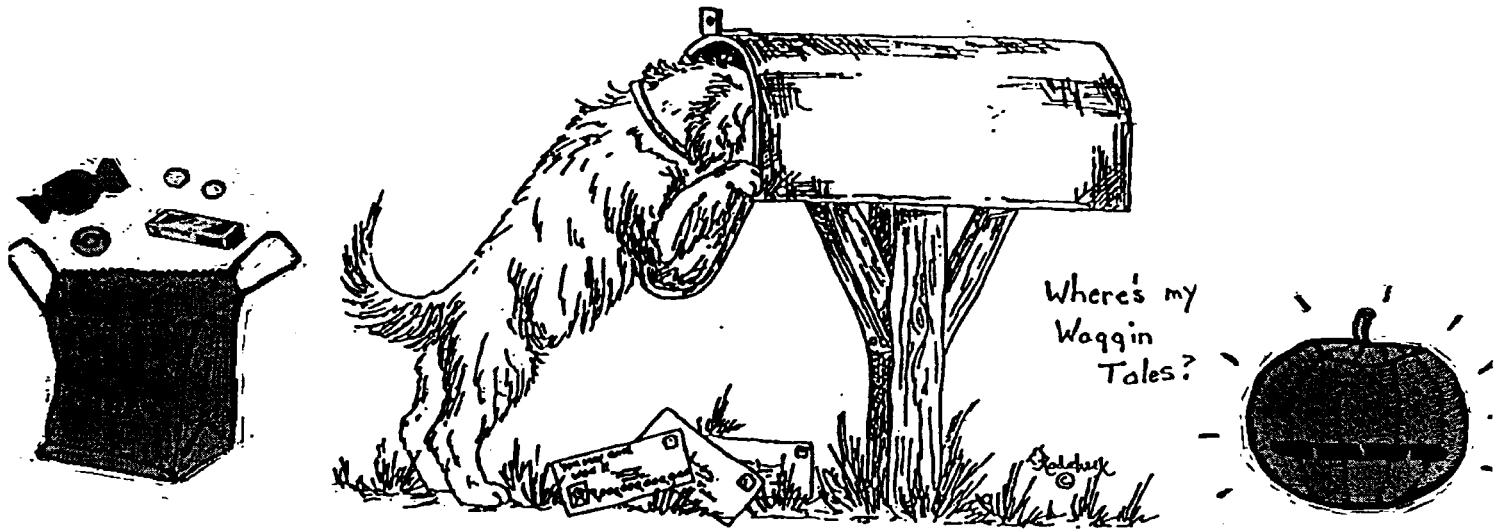
A question to those on the board. Why do you think the club has a constitution and Robert's Rules of Order. Like it or not, you **must** run the meetings according to these items. There are reasons for this.

I find it very interesting, but some of the people who complained the loudest about the previous boards not listening to the members, are the same people who are ignoring the way that meetings must be run and are doing whatever is in their best interest. (Anyone remember taking a vote on further limiting this year's trial?)

I don't know about anyone else, but I am certainly looking forward to this year's elections in January.

*-submitted by Wally O'Brien*

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