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FVDTC Obedience and RallyTrials

New Venue!

FVDTC's annual Obedience and Rally Trials have moved for 2026. Join us for two days of Obedience and Rally on November 14 & 15 at Car-Dun-Al ODTC, 10783 Wolf Drive, Huntley, Illinois 60142.

Join Us!

FVDTC's annual Obedience and Rally trials will be held at the Car-Dun-Al in Huntley on November 14 & 15, 2026, including Team Rally on Sunday.

Your premium list, with all the details, is available on the club web site (www.fvdtc.org)

Help Us!

Members! You can earn work credits by volunteering to help. Each Saturday trial is a half-day credit; Sunday is a full-day credit. Sign up at: https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/hwktj Contact Taffy Wille, Loretta Lazzara or Cathy Fleury if you have questions.

Contact Taffy Wille if you have other questions.

Calendar

November 2026

01	Wed	Membership Meeting
05	Thu	Regular Training
12	Thu	Fun Match
13	Fri	Obedience Trial Setup
14	Sat	Obedience/Rally Trials
15	Sun	Obedience/Rally Trials
19	Thu	Regular Training
24	**Tue**	**Regular Training**

December 2026

03	Thu	Regular Training
06	Sun	Board Meeting (Zoom)
10	Thu	Regular Training
17	Thu	Regular Training
22	**Tue**	**Regular Training**
		CGC Class
		Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
		Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
		Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)
29	**Tue**	**Christmas Party!**
		Private Training Only/No Classes

Board Meeting Highlights - August 09, 2026

Meeting brought to order at 7:10 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The June Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that our investment accounts are doing well, due to the current market performance.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that he is still in need of drivers and pole carriers at Fitchies Creek Forest Preserve on September 5th and 6th. He said that he has enough cross tracklayers.

Old Business

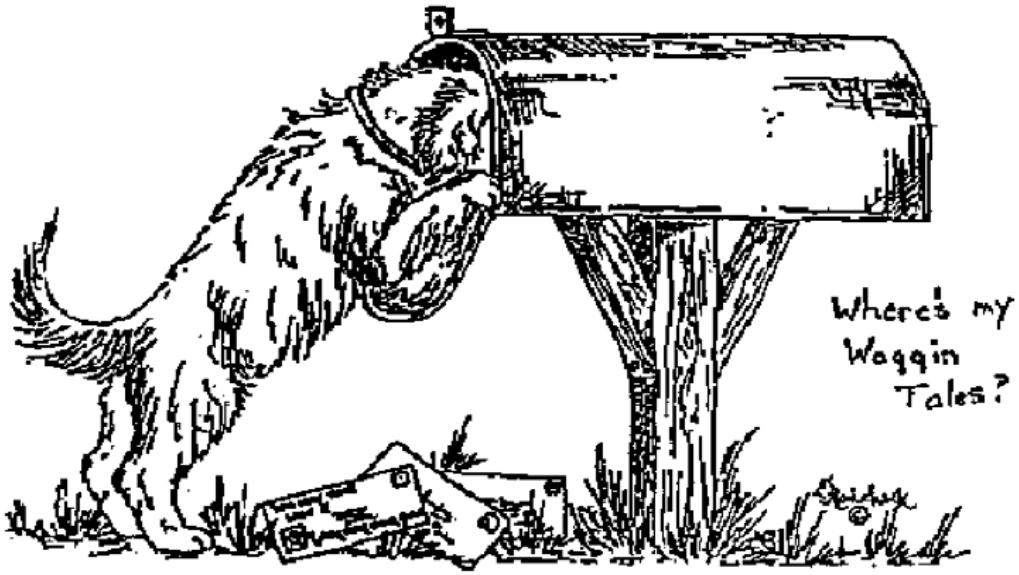
- None

New Business

- **Website Upgrade/Update**
    - Dave reported that he is concerned with the long-term viability of the current web host. Recurring support issues, non-responses and aged infrastructure and technology make it difficult to resolve problems or improve functionality.
        - He sees the following alternative future paths.
            - Leave it as is – live with the existing problems.
              In Dave's opinion, this is not a good choice because the current problems just continue, with no good solutions, but it should be mentioned as a possible path forward.
            - Move to a new host, using the current technology stack.
              This is a viable short- or mid-range option, but may cause issues for the club in the long term. At some point, somebody other than Dave will need to take over the web site. While the technology made sense when it was first developed, it is not a common one outside of enterprise sized businesses. The club will need to spend a lot of money to hire somebody to maintain the site.
            - Move to a new host, and change the underlying technology to a Wordpress-based system.
              Non-technical people can maintain site content with Wordpress, and it is more effective than the current setup on mobile devices (phones and tablets). Finding somebody to help with the custom code will be far easier and less expensive with a Wordpress system because 80% of existing web sites use Wordpress.
        - He stated that at this time he has not looked into the cost of either viable option. Costs for different aspects of the new site could include subscriptions or one-time costs. Another cost that could be expected would be running both websites for a period of time to make sure by internal testing that the new website is completely functional without any glitches.
        - The new website would have all the same functionality as the current website. Additional costs that could be incurred would be the purchase of existing functionality through plug-ins. The cost of the plug-ins are generally in the form of a subscription. Dave is also reviewing options for handling on-line payments, such as WooCommerce.

- In response to Phil's question regarding the possibility of using the existing website "dogbiz.com", Dave stated that dogbiz does not offer the custom functionality that we have, specifically in the membership area.

- Depending on the route chosen, Dave stated that he would be able to provide more information at the December Board Meeting. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to have Dave Lewis explore modernizing the existing website. Wendy Waddick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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