

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Dog Friendly Meeting and



WHEN: Wednesday Night, June 10, 2015

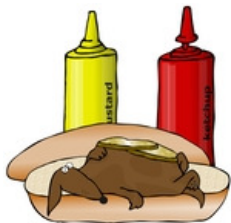
TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.





WHERE: Fowler Park Recreation Center (directions on next page)
4110 Carolene Way
Cumming, Georgia

Who let the dogs out? WE DID !! Our June 10 monthly meeting will be dog-friendly with fun activities. We have reserved a large covered pavilion that is on concrete, with picnic tables at Fowler Park. There are restrooms and a large grassy area for you and your dogs to enjoy. We are hoping the temperature will be cooler at night and that we will have a good crowd to come out and have fun with their dogs and enjoy lots of delicious food. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m., so please arrive by 6:45 with your favorite appetizer, salad or dessert. SMKC will furnish meat and beverages.

Pat Adams-Hall is our Picnic Coordinator. Please contact Pat at 770-297-0115, Pat.Adams.hall@gmail.com to let her know you will be coming and what you can bring, so we will know how much food to plan for.

Be sure to bring your dog and enter SMKC's MUTT MATCH Dog Games which will begin at 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded !!



-  Ball Catch Puppy/Dog Race
-  Bubbles Chase Tunnel and Jump Event
-  Hot Dog Diving Roving Rally
-  Simon Says



Highlights of This Months Meeting

Wednesday night, June 10, 2015 – Our June Meeting will be a DOG FRIENDLY Social and Picnic at Fowler Park Recreation Center, 4110 Carolene Way, Cumming. Come show off your dog, breed, or just socialize. Please bring leads, crates, and water for your dog

This will be outdoors in the Pavilion and members are asked to bring a covered dish. Contact Pat Adams-Hall for a list of items to bring, at 770-297-0115, Pat.Adams.hall@gmail.com. Dogs are welcomed to come and enjoy the park. This will be at 7:00 p.m. (if you can come earlier, that will be great also).

DIRECTIONS TO OUR PICNIC and MEETING : Fowler Park Recreation Center, 4110 Carolene Way, Cumming, GA.

From GA 400

GA Hwy 400 – SOUTH to Exit 13

RIGHT TURN off Exit ramp onto HWY 141 (Bethelview Road)

Continue and TURN LEFT onto HWY 9 (Atlanta Hwy)

Remain on Hwy 9 until the intersection of Castleberry Road and Carolene Way

TURN LEFT onto Carolene Way (Fowler Park Entrance) – Follow signs to Large Pavilion



Events and Shows You Don't Want to Miss!!!

July 8, 2015 – Monthly meeting of SMKC at Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd, Cumming, GA (Exit 14). Speaker will be Gail LaBerge, Canine Coalition, who will discuss pending legislative issues

August 12, 2015 – Meeting of SMKC and B-Match. Karen West to Chair. The Covered Pavilion in Fowler Park in Forsyth County, 4110 Carolene Way, Cumming, GA.

August 15 -16, 2015 – Augusta Kennel Club, 2 Obedience Trials, Warren Road Community Center, 300 Warren Road, Augusta, GA, Judges are Dr. Robert Knight and Mrs. Cathryn Knight, Carmen Armstrong, Trial Secretary. Cia456@atlanticbb.net, 803-514-2510, www.augustakennelclub.org.

August 20-23, 2015 – Cherokee Rose Cluster (Griffin-Sawnee Mountain-Conyers-Lawrenceville Kennel Clubs), Atlanta Expo Center, Jonesboro, GA

Please refer to the following websites for information on other upcoming local shows, as well as those throughout the United States:

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Website, <http://smkc.biz>

American Kennel Club, <http://www.AKC.com>

InfoDog, <http://www.infodog.com>

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, <http://www.onofrio.com>

Dog Show Events and Judges <http://www.showdays.info>

Please remember to check the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Facebook page. It is for members only and is updated to contain the latest news and links for local, state and national legislation issues and events of interest to dog owners within our community and information of a time-sensitive nature. Membership in the SMKC Members Only Facebook page is by invitation only, so please contact Gina Bonner, gfbonner@gmail.com so she can send you an invite notice.

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club's NEW Website



We are so happy to announce that after a LOT of work, Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club, has a new and greatly improved Website. Special thanks to our talented Webmaster, Glenda Tucker and those that worked with her to help complete this time-consuming project. The hard work and patience to redesign and incorporate many new ideas has made our Website one of the best among the Kennel Club Community. It really looks super and we are so proud of the results.

Glenda had the following information to pass on about the NEW Website:

"The newly designed Website for the SMKC is now available. The actual domain name is www.smkc.biz, but it can also be reached from www.smkcg.com. We tried to include the features that you have requested and we will make every effort to continue to take your suggestions. We hope you find this user friendly.

The Home page has links that takes you directly to other pages on the site. We have added an Event Calendar that makes viewing the dates by month. Just click the specific date of your event and the details and description will pop up.

In addition, we now have a "Members Only" page. In order to gain access you must sign up as a 'Site Member' first. Once you Login your email address and password, it will be approved and you then login to the membership only page using your very own username and password. We will be adding information to the Members Only page as it is received.

*The new website has a feature called a "shout out". This allows us to send an important email blast ***announcement*** and eventually the newsletter, to the entire membership in one email distribution list through the website. It will be reserved for important announcements.*

Per your request, we hope to begin a limited listing of events and trials from other AKC Clubs and Organizations on our Event Calendar. We will also provide links to the as many events calendar and details that are shared with us to provide. We already have the AKC Events Calendar links on the Home page.

Hope you enjoy the site, please keep checking it often as this will be where we will begin to make important membership announcements, etc. etc.

Please contact me personally, with your website questions at sawneemountainkc@gmail.com.

*Thanks so much for your support.
Glenda L. Tucker.*




BRAGS


Congratulations to the following dogs and their humans!!! If you have brag, and missed the meeting, please email your brag to Cindy Hogan, hogandogs@bellsouth.net, so it can appear TAILS. Be sure to include the dogs name, breed, your name, and details of the brag. Thank You!



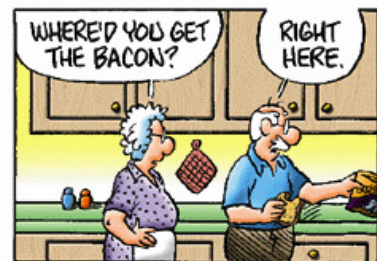
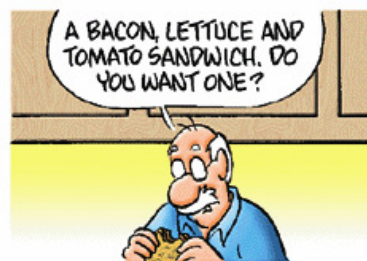
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 Pat and Ashley Albro (Sheltie)
GCH CH Jesstar Seadream Azure "Bentley" was awarded a Bronze Grand Championship by going Best of Breed on May 2, 2015 at the Watkinsville Kennel Club, also,

Pat and Ashley Albro and Jamie Fletcher
Boniglen Seadream Man In Black PT "Johnny" was Winners Dog in Conformation and in Junior Handling got 2 Novice Wins with Junior Handler Claire Fletcher at Maury County Kennel Club Show, Franklin, TN on April 25-26.

 Gail Christensen (Japanese Chin)
GCH We-Syng Abi Road "Ringo" was awarded Best Of Breed at the Macon Kennel Club show in Perry Georgia May 9-10, 2015

 McKenna Copeland (Border Collie)
Sir Blue Creek "Shep" received an invitation to the 2015 Purina Farms Dock Diving Championship in Missouri to be held in October.



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**Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - March 29, 2015**

Location: Coo Coo's Nest, Cumming GA

Board Member's Present: Pat Albro, Paul Averill, Andrea Bradford, Ann Fultz, Darlene Kelley, Marilee Thorsby, and Glenda Tucker; Absent: Gina Bonner, Johnny Bridges,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Darlene Kelley at 5:28 PM

Agenda: Vote to accept the Agenda as offered to the Board. All ayes.

Reading the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Andrea requested we accept the Minutes of the last Board Meeting as published. Paul 2nd. All ayes.

Report of the Secretary: Ann offered the following communications: Legislation- Georgia Canine Coalition requested help for the good bill - SB 184. List of Legislators - offered at outland@laberge.org.

AKC Communicates - Mar 27, 2015, with policy updates on changes - communications@akc.org.

AKC Health Microsite - www.akc.org/health.

AOC - Seminar - Mental Skills- April 25, 2015. CAT Tests in Ashville, NC - weedle1@charter.net.

NADAC Agility Trial - May 22-24 Georgia International Horse Park.

Many of these events will be available on our Club website.

Lifetime Membership Awards: Lifetime members Pat Albro, Heike Hinrichs, Raine Marchbanks. Congratulations All!

Report of Treasurer: Marilee reported the Treasurer's Report as of 02-28-2015

Beginning Balance:	<u>\$47,112.18</u>	
Cleared Transactions:		
Checks and Payments – 57 items		(-)47,485.68
Deposits and Credits – 11 items		4,946.63
Total Cleared Transactions		\$52,432.31
Cleared Balance:	\$52,058.81	
Uncleared Transactions:		
Checks and Payments – 2 items		(-)605.27
Total Uncleared Transactions:		(-) 605.27
Register Balance (02-28-2015):	<u>\$51,453.54</u>	
New Transactions:		
Checks and Payments – 5 items		(-)2,010.20
Deposits and Credits – 1 item		157.63
Total New Transactions -		(-)1,852.57
Ending Balance:	<u>\$49,600.97</u>	
Money Market:	Interest: 1.56	

Report of Committees:

Cluster: Winter Cluster is closed. Darlene reported that entrees were up, superintendent fees were lower and financials were prompt. P/L for August Clusters were addressed. Total cluster - \$173,653.00. Moneys shared with participating Clubs – see May report for final totals. Thank you Paul and staff for vendor \$\$.

Membership: Darlene has requested information from AKC – Mr. Liosis as to SMKCGA establishing a presence in Hall County. Darlene discussed the location distribution by county of our members. Majority of members live in Forsyth County (28) with Hall next (13), and Fulton 3rd (11). We have 89 paid members + Life members.

Website: Glenda requested a change in website provider– one that is able to handle a more professional website. New address – www.smkc.biz. It is under construction, and smkcga.net is still in use.

Unfinished Business:

Site for next quarter meetings: Golden Corral, Marketplace Blvd, Cumming, GA.; other venues are being planned for some special events and meetings.

Pet Expo Refund: Darlene reported the refund is still pending.

New Business:

SMKC Logo – The logo has had a copyright in the past – checking for records.

Storage Unit: Darlene, Marilee, and Ann checked the storage unit and there is some empty space. We made need a bigger space in the future as we add our equipment.

Update on Mailbox – AKC information as to the Club's address and present officers, etc. has been updated.

Membership Recruitment: Gina will determine the paid members to date for quorum at meetings. The present number of paid members plus some few still pending will be determined and a members will be uploaded to AKC. Marilee brought up the need for new members and suggested each member invite two possible candidates to our meetings – especially the Fowler Park event and perhaps the B-Match. Andrea suggested we look at how to market our Club to a variety of dog owners, and Marilee suggested we talk to folks we meet and issue invitation to Club events and meetings.

Calendar Review:

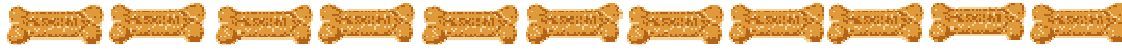
May 13 Meeting, Golden Corral, Marketplace Blvd, Cumming, GA. Dawsonville Pups in the Park Event – Carolyn Bowen (Dawson County Shelter Board Chair) will discuss the plans/events for the September Event and how we may help. We were sponsors and helpers at their first event last year at Rock Creek Sports Complex in Dawsonville. Bigger and better plans for this year!!!!

June 10, Dog Friendly Meeting, Fowler Park, (Pavilion), 4110 Carolene Way, Cumming GA, 30040

July 8, Golden Corral, Marketplace Blvd, Cumming, GA. Canine Coalition Speaker- Gail LaBerge to discuss pending legislative issues.

August meeting venue and B Match. Place to be determined – the Covered Pavilion in Fowler Park in Forsyth County is a possibility.

Committees and appointment of chairs: Board members will be seeking committee helpers and the chairs of several committees ASAP.
 Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next Board Meeting will be at the Golden Corral May 13, at 5:00 PM – before the Members Meeting.
 Request to adjourn by Darlene, 2nd by Johnny. Meeting adjourned at 6:51PM.



**Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
 General Membership Meeting –May 13, 2015**

Announcements: Darlene Kelley

Attendance: Darlene Kelley (Presiding), Pat Albro, Paul Averill, Andrea Bradford, Johnny Bridges, Ann Fultz, Marilee Thorsby. Members and guests.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:43PM, at the Golden Corral, Cumming, GA., By Darlene.

Roll Call: Sign In Sheet

Agenda: Vote to accept the agenda by Pat, Johnny, 2nd.

Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes accepted by Andrea, Johnny 2nd.

Report of the Secretary: None

Treasurer's Report
 March 31, 2015

Beginning Balance					\$52,058.81
	Cleared Transactions				
		Checks/Payments 8 items	(-)2,632.97		
		Deposits-Credits 1 item	157.34		
	Total			(-)2,475.34	
Cleared Balance					\$49,583.47
	Uncleared Transactions	Checks-Payments 0			
Register Balance 3/31/15					
		No new Transactions			
Ending Balance					\$49,583.47
Money Market		Interest: 1.72			\$40,566.45

Treasurer's Report
 April 30, 2015

Beginning Balance					\$49,583.47
	Cleared Transactions				
		Checks/Payments 11 items	(-)2,438.46		
		Deposits/Credits 2 items	30.00		
	Total Cleared Transactions			(-)2,408.46	
Cleared Balance					\$47,175.01
	Uncleared Transactions				
		Checks/payments 2 items	(-)512.22		
	Total Uncleared				

				(-)512.22	
Register Balance 4/30/2015					\$46,662.79
		No new Transactions			
Ending Balance					46,662.79
Money Market		Interest: 1.67			40,568.12

Answers to questions posed to Marilee - our money accounts are safe, the books can be examined in detail by members and are available. The account is insured by FDIC. The Club has liability insurance that covers events, meetings, etc., if needed, from the beginning activities through the last activity. Rental facilities as well as the Club needs to be insured.

Lifetime Members Election: Moved to June

Program: Carolyn Bower, President of the Board of the Dawson County Humane Society. Last year our Club was a sponsor for the "Pups in the Park" fundraiser for the shelter. They are starting their plans now for the September 26th fun, family, event at Rock Creek Ball Park. Several civic organizations participated in the event and they are working now to make it a North Georgia event. Vendors from the community participate as well. Music and a Bingo event will be part of the event. Kathy Green was the liaison between the Shelter and the Club and will again be working hard on entries, etc., for this venue.

The shelter serves 2 purposes – a no-kill shelter (Dawson County Humane Society) and a place to house Dawson County Animal Control, as well. Fundraisers are needed to assist in financial support of the shelter. The shelter transports animals to areas that want and need animals. New director Jason Hutcherson – has experience in helping the staff to make the animals more socially acceptable. They have a Facebook page with features animals, newsletter, and a web page.

The shelter operates an upscale thrift shop – the "Boutique" with a variety of treasures-items. From very nice to 1\$. Address - 54 S Lumpkin Campground Rd. near the Outlet Mall. Email addresses for information as to the Resale Shop and the Newsletter – www.dawsoncountyhumanesociety.org

Report of Committees:

Cluster: Proof for the Premium List in the works for the August cluster. Our cluster is held at Atlanta Expo, and dog and puppy events are held for 4 days in conjunction with 3 other Clubs. Money made serves to support Junior events, and various charities that assist with the health and welfare of dogs and their activities.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Upcoming Events: Volunteers needed for upcoming Club Events:

June Social: Darlene discussed our next meeting and event as the Mixer, Picnic, and Members Meeting at Fowler Park Pavilion. The area we will use is a large, covered area on concrete with picnic tables and a large grassy area for fun events. A kitchen area is available for food organization. The area has room for parking and dogs are welcome – although all dogs must be on a leash. Pat Adams Hall is coordinating the food – please sign up.

The Georgia Coalition has submitted a report as to pending legislation that affects dogs and their owners. It is in the Newsletter.

****Introduction Business Cards and Post Cards: Marilee presented the cards that will be available to members to offer to folks we meet and do business with - that may be interested in club activities. Thanks to Marilee for an excellent way to offer our club to possible new members. ****

New Business:

August B Match: Karen West will chair the event to be held at Fowler Park. We need volunteers for the event to be held at the August Members Meeting.

Brag: McKenna bragged that her Border Collie competed in a Dock Diving event held in Canton, GA. She and her dog qualified for the Purina Farms event in Missouri in October. This event is sponsored by Georgia Air Dogs. Congratulations McKenna!

Pat Albro bragged that her Sheltie – Bentley, completed the Bronze Level in conformation. Junior finished his championship from the Bred-By class. Johnny - co-owned by Claire competing in Juniors – completed her Novice wins and got conformation points as well. Congratulations Pat and Claire!

Gail Christensen and Ringo won Breed all 3 days in Perry. Congratulations Dave and Gail!

Adjournment: Vote to adjourn by Gabriele Pollmeier, 2nd by Dave Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.



Tick and Flea Season is Here – Take These Precautions

It's summer! Time for camping, hiking and getting outside to play. Don't let those pesky annoying ticks stop you. Here's how with a simple homemade solution!

For pets:

Add 1 cup of water to a spray bottle, followed by 2 cups of distilled white vinegar. Ticks hate the smell and taste of vinegar, and will be easily be repelled by this ingredient alone. Then, add two spoonfuls of vegetable or almond oil, which both contain sulfur (another natural tick repellent).

To make a repellent that will also deter fleas, mix in a few spoonfuls of lemon juice, citrus oil, or peppermint oil, any of which will repel ticks and fleas while also creating a nicely scented repellent. Spray onto the pet's dry coat, staying away from sensitive areas including eyes, nose, mouth, and genitals. When outdoors for an extended period, spray this solution on two to three times per day.

For you and your family:

Use a lint roller right after being in the woods or on a brush walk.

In a spray bottle, mix 2 cups of distilled white vinegar and 1 cup of water. To make a scented solution so you do not smell like bitter vinegar all day, add 20 drops of your favorite essential oil.



Eucalyptus oil is a calm, soothing scent that also works as a tick repellent, while peppermint and citrus oils give off a strong crisp scent that also repel ticks.

After mixing the solution, spray onto clothing, skin, and hair before going outdoors. Reapply every four hours to keep ticks at bay, and examine your skin and hair when back inside to make sure no ticks are on the body.



Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of GA Treasurer's Report as of 3-31-2015

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