

Officers 2010-2011

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WELCOME

New Members:

Dick Barnes Family
Brandy Lindsey &
Nelson Riley

Newsletter

Terry Hetzel

Email brags, club news, articles, etc **by the 28th** to be in the next newsletter to:

terry8410@suddenlink.net

please note in the subject line: For Newsletter or Brags

Club Members only: Sunday Agility practice (at the club agility field on Loop & Farmers Rd) is at 3:00 pm.

May Agility Trial

Our May Agility Trial will be held May 28, 29 & 30 (Memorial weekend) at the Amarillo National Center. This is the first time for this location and we are very excited about this fabulous facility and the chance to run 2 rings. This also means we will need twice as many volunteers as we have had in past trials.

Mail your entries to Carol Brand, our Trial Secretary—trial is filling fast.

To volunteer for **Ring Steward**, please contact **Carol Bishop** at email: **carolturbojet@gmail.com** (no experience necessary)

To help clean and load agility equipment, be at the agility field on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 pm. Bring rags, scrubbers and buckets.

The **jump building** party is *tentatively* scheduled for **Sunday, May 1** at the AOTC club building. A firm date and time along with more information will be posted to the AOTC Yahoo website and sent out to all members by email from Jeri.

If you have any questions regarding the agility trial, please contact our Trial Chairman, Terry Hetzel at terry8410@suddenlink.net

THANKS in advance for your support.

Calendar of Events:

NEXT MEETING

Tues April 12 at 7:00 p.m. AOTC Building

May 10 Club meeting
May 14 Helen Smith
May 22 Last practice 1-3pm
May 22 Clean/Load equip
May 28-30 Agility Trial
June 14 Club meeting
July 12 Club meeting

Special Guest at April Meeting

Carol Hillhouse, DVM of Carson County Veterinary Clinic will touch on topics for the canine athlete including nutrition, timing of spay/neuter/pregnancy, and skeletal issues. Don't miss this important information for care of your "weekend warrior" pup.

Helen Smith
Obedience Seminar

Helen will be at the AOTC club building for an Obedience seminar focusing on work in **Novice** on **May 14, 2011**. Please contact Judy DeShong at 670-4444 or email jshong@hughes.net to reserve an audit spot or for more information. All working spots are filled at this time.

March Club meeting was also Tricks Nights at AOTC. Thanks to Lisa Kelley and Carolyn Archer for coordinating the fun. Thanks to all who participated. Start practicing new tricks for the next trickster night!



Cruise walking through Lisa's legs



Clemantine saying her prayers with Rick



Tag fetching Joe's dropped items



Nicky playing soccer with Moss



Hoss with meat on feet ! Waiting for Lee Ann's OK to eat the treats. Hoss being rock solid!

More Tricks



Tory picking up her toys and putting in basket for Janet



Belle saying her prayers (and other therapy tricks) with Denise



Dancing Queen Jett with Carol



Sophie getting a bottled water for Carolyn (inside a cooler no less!)



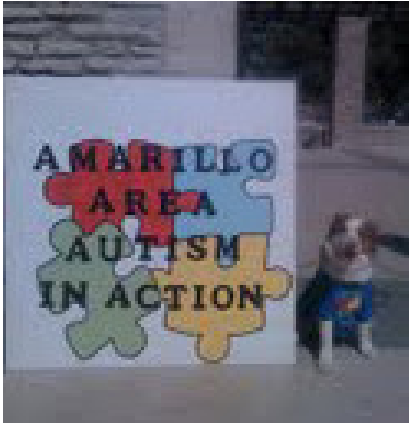
Buddha dancing with David

Not pictured but tricksters still the same: Riley & Trooper in tandem hand shaking, sealed with a kiss.



Tag still finding more of Joe's dropped/lost items!

A Day in the Life of ...



Hi. My name is Cruise Kelley. I do all the stuff us performance dogs do, you know like agility, obedience, rally, herding. But last weekend I got to do something extra special. My friend Meisha and her person Judy Flagle told me about the Autism Awareness Walk, so I took my person Lisa and we had a blast. I met up with some of my friends Meisha, Sophie (her person Carolyn Archer), Hoss and Cinders (their person Lee Ann McNeil), Truxton and Jaxson (their person Andrea Wright and of course Jake).

I ran in an agility demo and hung out at the Autism Awareness Walk. There was a bunch of people and I was fantastic. I ran outside in a park which I have never done and did great, only went out of the flags marking the ring when I smelled a hot dog. I'm not a touchy feely dog. Love to cuddle when there is nothing else to do. At the walk, I let everyone pet me and had the kids all over me. I never jumped up to bonk a face either. I did stand on my back legs very easy to touch a girl's cheek who had a heart painted on her cheek. I thought she missed some food. (:

I wore my Autism shirt most of the 4 hours I was there and it never bothered me, even ran agility with it on. I did a bunch of tricks for everyone anddrum roll..... I did a dark green tunnel the first time and every time after that. WHOO HOO! For some of you who don't know, I have refused tunnels since August and it has been a real ordeal to get me back to this stage (at least that's what my person says).



By the end of the day, the kids were walking by telling their friends "There's Cruise - we love him" and bringing people to see me and pet me. I think I made a few fans.

The kids were the best I have ever seen. They all asked and were very dog knowledgeable. I'm sure that is from all of Judy's great teaching with Meisha. They were so good and the white poodle loved the kids so much and ran agility like a champ.

Sophie was a Rock Star, it thrilled me to see her come from a shy dog who did not like people around her, to letting kids and everyone pet her. And I have to say that I always love spending time with Jake. He is such a great kid and he is so funny. Andrea and Truxton were fabulous and made agility look easy. I loved

meeting her older dog, Jaxson and with limited sight just loved all the hands petting him. And then there is Hoss, the most steady sheltie ever, did his tricks, ran agility and let the kids all over him. He was just his fabulous self.

I can't wait until next year. Enjoy the photos my personal photographer took !

p.s. I am writing a book about my adventures "Cruising Around America!" It should be available on Amazon.com next year.



Minutes from Club Meeting of 03/08/11
 Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
 There were no Minutes to approve from the February meeting due to the meeting being cancelled due to the weather.

Obedience Committee Report:

Helen Smith is coming back for a Novice Seminar on 05/15/11, please contact Judy DeShong for details and information.
 The premium for the July show is on the website and can be sent in any time.
 Obedience Class sign up is scheduled for Thursday 3/10/11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the building.
 Amy Rea and Judy DeShong would like to hold an Obedience Fun Match and donate the proceeds to Willow Creek Kennel.

Agility Committee Report:

The club will be building jumps for the May trial, anyone that would like to order parts to build their own jumps will need to contact Joe Nelson. Bulk ordering of the parts makes the order much cheaper. Jeri Berryman will send out an e-mail with additional information.
 Agility classes will begin the week of 03/21/11, details on the classes are on the website or you may contact Carolyn Brand.

May Agility trial is open now.
 Carol Bishop sent around a sign up sheet for the workers for the May trial.
 Brenda Carrigan will be in charge of a raffle for the May trial. Please contact her if you have any dog related items to donate for the raffle.

Treasurer's Report: A motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report was made by Carolyn Johnson Archer with a second by LeeAnn McNeil.

First Readings: Rebecca Hilton, Susan and Jay Andrews, Richard Chen, The Bram Family
 Second Readings: Dick Barnes Family, Brandi Lindsey & Nelson Riley

Old Business: None

New Business: Janet Johnson will be holding another herding foundation clinic on 03/26/11. Please contact Janet Johnson or Heather Partain for details.
 Scott Spencer is planning to help Willow Creek Kennels with the clean-up after the fires. He will post further information on the AOTC Yahoo Group.

Motion to Adjourn made by Heather Partain with a second by Carolyn Johnson Archer. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes of 3/8/11
 Meeting was called to order at 8:28 p.m.
 Minutes: Carolyn Brand made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Jeri Berryman seconded the motion.

Obedience Committee: Elise Lavin presented information for approval and discussion by the Board. The Fun Match to benefit Willow Creek Kennels was discussed. The Board recommended that the "Friends of AOTC" sponsor the match. It was discussed that the entry fees for the Match be \$10.00 for each entry. It was suggested that proceeds could be split between Willow Creek Kennels and the Fire Department to help them purchase respirators for animals. A motion was made by Carolyn Brand with a second by Christi Ferguson to approve the "Friends of AOTC" Fun Match.
 Discussion was held about fees for obedience classes. It was recommended that fees for non-club members be increased to \$75.00, repeat classes at \$45.00 and club members for \$25.00. Christi Ferguson made a motion that the Obedience Committee set the fees for the obedience classes. Terry Hetzel seconded the motion.
 The new tunnels are being ordered for the Agility Trial as recommended by the Agility Committee.

Jeri Berryman informed the Board that AOTC is entitled to a tax refund for 2010. It was recommended that the refund be carried over for the 2011 tax return. Jeri Berryman made the motion to carry over the refund, with a second by Scott Spencer.

Scott Spencer suggested that flyers be placed around town advertising the May Agility Trial and the July Obedience Trials. Carol Bishop reminded everyone about the advertising for the May Agility Trial and seeking sponsors for the trial. The sponsors would be able to display their business's banner around the ring of the show. Carolyn Brand made a motion that AOTC sponsor a set of jump cups and the connections for both of the raffles at the May Agility show and the July Obedience show, Jeri Berryman seconded the motion.

The projected Budget for 2011 will be presented to the members at the April Club Meeting to be held 04/12/11. At the April Club Meeting, Carol Hillhouse, DVM will do a presentation on nutrition and fitness.

Motion to Adjourn the Board meeting made by Scott Spencer, with a second by Gail Hanson-Hefley.

BRAGS

Terry Hetzel: NEW Titles from Garden City Riley girl won 3rd place in STD EXC B on Friday; won 4th in JWW EXC B on Sat; and **DOUBLE Q'd** on Sunday with a 4th in JWW and 4th in STD. Riley earned her **MX title** on Sunday! That's a HUGE title win for us. That makes 5 DQs and 358 MACH points! YEA for my baby girl.

Super Trooper won 1st in Nov B STD on Friday and 1st in Nov FAST on Sat. earning his **NOV FAST title**! Troop had moments of brilliance in his EXC JWW runs. My joy boy is now in EXC JWW, Open FAST and needs 1 more leg to get OUT of NOV STD. YEA for Super.

Carolyn Archer: A brag for my Sophie! We went to Albuquerque and had some good runs and some messy runs with lots of barking plus zooming to the tunnel as many times as possible but unfortunately it was usually the wrong end of the tunnel! We came away with 2 qualified times in Excellent B JWW and finished Sophie's **MXJ title** which makes **10 AKC titles since June, 2009!** We now have **155 MACH points** and still searching for that elusive Double Q. Red Dogs and Noodleheads Rock!

Last one to leave the AOTC building, please check the following:

HEATER must be MANUALLY turned on and off. Please turn heater down to 40 when leaving the building.

A/C is set to automatically come on and go off for class times.

Lights are off. All doors are locked

Gate is locked (DOUBLE CHECK, please spin the tumbler to ensure lock engages)

As a reminder, We no longer have a janitor. PLEASE clean up after yourself and others!

want More Info...

Gail Hanson-Hefley will be coordinating special request topics at the monthly club meetings. Email Gail at jandg3216@gmail.com with your requests for demos, mini-training, seminars, info sharing, want to know, etc.

AOTC training facility : 9785 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, TX

AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave , Amarillo, TX

AOTC website: www.aotcdogs.com

AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>

AKC website: www.akc.org

AOTC Agility : direct questions to Carolyn Brand at labradored@cablone.net

AOTC Obedience : direct questions to Teresa Tucker at tatucker5004@yahoo.com

AOTC Member Directory updates: Jeri Berryman at aggiefan316@hotmail.com

AOTC Education Coordinator: Scott Spencer at scottproperty@sbcglobal.net