

The Newsletter of the Great Western Flat-Coated Retriever Club

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President's Message

Ed Ferner, GWFCRC President - August 2004

S ummertime is upon us. I hope everyone is having a good time. Recently, we have had some new folks out in the field to give field training a try. Keith Edleman and Maryanne Lacey brought Booker and Poppy out. It was fun to get to know Keith & Marianne a little better and to see their dogs come to the foregone conclusion that "Hey, this retrieving stuff is a lot of fun". Not sure if Keith & Marianne are totally hooked yet. We will see. Marianne is an active agility competitor. We also have had a lot of new pups come out and show a lot of progress in their training. Our club has many dogs and handlers to cheer on in this Fall's hunt tests which start in October. Here is a list of who we have to cheer for.

Scott Creamer and Amy will be entering their first Junior Test.

Aaron Harwick may have Asher ready for Asher's first Junior Test.

Cynthia Trotter might have her Piper ready for Junior and is also working with her 6 month old little field dynamo, Bravo, who may make this season's events, he is coming along so fast, we'll see.

Candy Ferner and Constance will be entering their first Master test.

Ed Ferner and Howie will be going after Senior legs.

Kathy Schneider and Gabby are working hard on preparing for Senior, I don't know if they've decided to enter a Senior test this fall or not. Gabby's close to being ready. Kathy is also training her Sprout for Junior...she's not ready yet <G>.

Dave Terry will be running Bella in master (she has 3 legs already, 2 more to go). Dave's Qote is on the injured list with a nasty leg injury



Ed's dog, Howie. Photo by Chris Butler.

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that requires him to sit this season out. Dave also has a lab puppy he is training, enough said about that <g>.

As for our Arizona friends (and club members) who frequently come to the local Hunt tests we have:

Debbie Brooks and Mambo who will be entering Senior.

Barb Anderson will be running Splash in Junior.

Sorry if I missed anybody.

If any of you folks in agility or obedience want to put together a similar list for your sports, send it over to me and we'll get it published next month.

Shifting gears, I want to let you all know about some of our club members who have recently moved out of the area. Mike & Becky Kunkel moved to Colorado last month. Mike and Becky have been part of our club for over 10 years. Becky served as club President for 2 years, as well as a board member for many years. Year after year, Mike and Becky worked hard on the Hunt Test Committee and hard at other fundraising events, a couple of which I remember, The Strawberry Short-Cake Stand and Parking at Palm-Springs, and a few which were before my time. They were involved in obedience, conformation and field. I personally found Mike & Becky an encouragement to my efforts in the field and to my involvement in the club leadership. I also enjoyed many a dove hunt with Mike. We will miss them. Maybe we can talk them into writing a little article for our newsletter in the future, updating us on life with their Flat-Coats in their new home.

Also, last month, Laura DeWald said goodbye to her home in Flagstaff, Arizona and moved with her Jacki to Sylva, North Carolina. Laura is excited about all of the easy access she will have to year-round field training groups, even training grounds with water. We wish Laura our best and hope to see her at the Georgia specialty accomplishing more great things with Jacki.

Next month maybe we can talk about some new members, that's more cheery than saying goodbye.

Hope to see a lot of you at our Club Meeting following Flat-Coat judging at the Riverside Kennel Club show on Sept 25th.

Ed

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FLYJNG WJTH DOGS By Aileen W. Donovan

y Husband spent many years working for the airlines specifically, in cargo and then as the Manager of that department. Both my husband and I traveled extensively with our own dogs and shipped out dogs we rescued through out North America on a regular basis. I can tell you that as long as proper guidelines are followed by both the airline personnel and the custodian of the dog, your dog should travel well now days. Most of all the horror stories and sadly there are lots) are because of mistakes on both ends.

You cannot know for certain whether or not the airline personnel dealing with your dog will be 'pet friendly' or not, but you can do things at your end to help. First, choose an airline that has a *reputation* for being 'pet friendly'. Adhere strictly to whatever their guidelines are, i.e.: book in time of arrival, health certificates, size of cage is extremely important as they will turn away an animal in a cage they deem 'unsafe', not strong enough for airline use) 'unfit' or 'too small'...(your dog must be able to stand up and turn around in his crate) Unless it's a strictly cargo plane, there are limits on how many animals per flight may fly so you would have to book your pet's spot well in advance and get written confirmation that *your* pet is indeed booked.

Put your dog's name on the top front part of his traveling crate. You can help a friendly dog get some friendly attention by saying

and I'm a very friendly Irish Setter". This way if the plane is delaved or stuck somewhere, hopefully one of the ramp guys will take him out on his leash (that you have left inside the crate but not hooked up to the dog) to relieve himself and maybe give him some water from the small plastic container you have placed inside the crate for this purpose, into the attached bowl to the side of the crate (no sense filling this up yourself as it will spill out as your dog gets jostled on the assembly line belt and loading belt).

However if your dog is 'not' friendly...do not write this fact on the crate as in, "Keep fingers outside of crate please, aggressive dog" because there is always at least one jerk on shift who will then make it a point of tormenting the poor thing with rod or stick of some sort, just to watch the 'aggressive' dog 'react'. Sadly this happens more than you would like to know... and if there isn't a sympatric Supervisor or Manager on hand to stop it, a bored baggage handler will make quite an 'event' out of it...

If your dog is not a 'service dog' he will not be able to fly in the cabin with you even if you bought him his own seat. However if he were a 'toy' dog that fit under your seat (less than 10 pounds?) and the flight load was within 'pet' limit, he would be allowed on certain airlines inside his crate under your seat, if he fits. Again, if you have a nasty



something like, "My name is Tupac and I'm a very friendly Irish Setter". This way if the plane is delayed or stuck somewhere, hopefully one of the ramp guys will take him out on his leash (that you have

> Under no circumstances should you sedate your dog before a flight. More dogs have been lost through sedation than probably any other reason. That is because if it is a 'cold' climate, and your dog is sedated, he loses the ability to 'shiver' to regulate his body temperature and keep himself warm. If you are traveling when it is warm out, remember it easily gets to temps. of 110F and above on a baggage cart that is sitting on the black tarmac waiting to be loaded onto the plane. (A very good reason to try and book a very early flight out of your destination before the tarmac heats up during the course of the day) specially if there are delays for any reason. Also, while pressurized, the cargo bin where your pet will be traveling is not temp. regulated (heated) and that means it gets *very* cold in there when you are *flying at altitude,* so again, though you are perfectly comfortable in *your* seat, your dog may not be able to regulate his temperature because of sedation down in the cargo bin. Instead of sedation I would recommend one of the flower essences, like Rescue Remedy or one of the Anaflora Essences which are made specifically for pets and deal with an animal's stress on the

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'emotional' level, not the physical level. Feed your dog well about one hour before his flight. Many people do not realize that it is an 'empty' stomach which exasperates 'oversight' mismotion sickness not a full one. Feed at least one hour before avoided...for leaving for the airport, less time than that and he won't have enough time to get digestion started...too far in advance (3 or more hours) and he may be feeling empty stomach syndrome again.

It would also benefit your pet and your piece of mind to 'speak up'.... starting from when you book your pet on the flight...make certain the person on the other end knows you LOVE your pet and want the best and safest possible flight for him. Next, at book in time, make it a point of asking ALOT of questions about where your pet will be taken the second he leaves your sight, who exactly will be taking your pet to plane, some airlines send them down the belt, some have a baggage handler come pick them up at the book in counter... stay WITH your pet until he is taken from your sight. When at your gate, waiting for boarding, look out the windows there and try perience in traveling with live anito see the cart arrive which has your pet on it. ASK the gate attendant if your pet has been loaded onto the aircraft yet When you board the plane, immediately ask your Flight Attendant the same question and ask how your pet has faired 'so far'...When we traveled I would ask the Flight attendant before the plane was fully loaded and doors closed so she was able to go and ask the baggage handler who was loading our dog/s. By showing a major con-

cern for your pet, they will think about your pet too and therefore takes will be



instance.. if you ask how your pet is and the Flight attendant checks with the baggage handler and he says, "There's no dogs on this flight"...you'll know your pet has been misdirected to Istanbul or some place and hopefully get it straightened out before it is a *real* problem! Lastly, ask the F. A. if the PILOT knows there is a pet on board...believe it or not pets have died before in the cargo bin because the Captain was not informed there were live animals there and so never bothered to put on the pressurization in the cargo bin. After all, a penny saved is a penny earned and no pressurization saves on fuel and certainly a bunch of baggage doesn't need to be pressurized. It's only when there are *live* animals that they will do that.

Whew...I know it's a lot...but as I said, this is from my extensive exmals. Many things people don't think about...many times you just think these things will take care of themselves, many times a ditzy airline attendant will just slough you off with your telephone inquiries and say, "of course we are a pet friendly airline" (and not even know whether or not they have aircraft that holds live animals or not!!) Do your own research, ask a lot of questions and please realize there isn't a human alive who will care for your pet more than YOU

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following folks have been nominated for the 2005 Board of Directors for the Great Western Flat-Coated **Retriever Club**

> President ED FERNER Vice-President **KATE MYERS** Treasurer DAVE TERRY Secretary MICHELLE HARWICK Directors SCOTT CREAMER ELIZABETH DEMARS CANDY FERNER

Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the September 25th General Meeting.

Submitted by Neal Goodwin, Aaron Harwick, Kathy Schneider and Teresa Rodney (alternate)

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ON THE GO By Candy Ferner

GERMANY y favorite thing about Germany is the flowers. In the town of Lauf where Ed and I recently stayed (he to work, me to play) there are flowers everywhere. Window boxes filled with geraniums and fuchsias adorn many of the windows. Shops have pots of flowers by the door.



The hotel in Lauf where Ed and L stayed on our trip to Germany

And just in case you don't have enough posies there are shops everywhere that sell both bouquets and flowering plants. But it's not like they need the flowers to spruce the place up. Germany is a beautiful country. Southern California has it's charms, but nothing like Germany. We didn't need to go sight seeing. Ed and I saw miles and miles of picture postcard scenery just driving along the autobahn. When we drive, say, to a dog show, it seems ity and conformation. Our first like there are exits every few minutes, with a choice of three different gas stations and countless fast food places at each exit. There is-Not so in Germany. What you

see from your window are forests, interspersed with acres of farmlands, and small communities that have probably been around for hundreds of years. Every ten miles or so there is a *Rasthof* that has one gas station, a café/ restaurant, and a small convenience store. But you can't see these businesses from the autobahn, a sign notifies you when you are coming up on a Rastof and you drive a bit to get to it.



Connie Malz with Randy and Coco

C d has gone to Germany several times on business trips. This time I got to come along. On his last trip he met Ralf and Connie Malz, who share their home with four Flat-Coats in the town of Kassel. Ralf and Connie both do field work with their dogs, and she trains and shows them in agilweekend in Germany we headed to Kassel for a visit with Ralf and Connie. When we got there six Flat-Coats and a Labrador greeted n't much that is pretty in between. us. The Malz's had invited two of I got out my camera and asked their field training friends (and



Orietta and Alexa

their dogs) to meet us. We had a very good time discussing training methods. The two additional FCR's belonged to York, who I think, heads up their training group. York's two dogs, Orietta and her daughter Alexa, are lovely Flat-Coats, moderate in size, well balanced with very typey heads. Both bitches could easily finish their championships



Orietta Von Retrieverzwinger

here. Orietta was bred in Austria.

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Connie to stack the dogs so I could take their pictures. It got to be quite funny, as I kept telling her to move the bait down so they would not be looking up at her.



German Ch Camwood Randy The Copper Rebell

But the European dogs are free stacked with their heads looking up, and once I understood that I let her present the dogs her way. After the other guests left Ralf brought out the 1990 English Directory of Flat-Coats, as well as two Swedish Directories. He and I had a great time looking at the dogs and discussing what we like and dislike. In his opinion, the best Flat-Coats are being bred in Sweden. The following day, Connie was going to be showing two of their dogs, Randy and Coco, at a show in Luxenbourg. We were delighted to be invited to come along.

Connie cooked a great meal of pizza and salad, some of the best pizza we've ever had. After yet more talk about Flat-Coats Ed and I retired to their guestroom.

LUXEMBOURG e left at 4:00 am the next morning for the Retriever-Club show in Luxembourg. Since we would be returning to Nuremberg after the show. we took our rental car and followed Ralf and Connie at lightning speed to the show site. There are quite a few differences between European shows and our AKC shows, and I'm sure there are variations from one European



"White" Golden Retrievers at the Retriever-Club Luxembourg

country to another. When we arrived at the show there were several tables set up at the entrance. At the first table Connie had to produce her dog's immunization records to be allowed on the show grounds. Next she checked in with some other official who (I think) double-checked that her dogs were entered and gave Connie some dog treats and small souvenirs. We were some of the first to arrive so that procedure didn't take very long. After we helped Connie set up a tent (in case it rained) I wandered off to check out the grounds and the dogs. The first thing I noticed was the Golden Retrievers. Almost all of them were WHITE. Ralf said they were cream colored Tails kennel in The Netherlands. but they looked white to me. The darkest one I saw was a beige color. The second thing I noticed



Okran of Glen Sheallag and his son, Cassio Millerheights

was that there was not a grooming table in sight, and no blow dryers. Although the Goldens and Flat-Coats were more obviously scissors than our dogs, there was none of the frantic last minute grooming going on like you see at



Connie in the ring with Randy

American shows. Many of the dogs were staked out on the grass, and the owners ran a brush through their coats before they took them in the ring.

The Flat-Coat judge was Mrs. Saskia Rathenau of the Wagging Like the exhibitors she was casually dressed, another difference

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FANTASTIC FLAT-COAT FEATS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Kathy Schneider and Gabby (Bertschires Spilled The Beans JH) [Schneider/Holsinger] for going Winner's Bitch/ Best Opposite Sex over a special for back to back majors at the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills Shows on June 26th and 27th. Gabby is shown by Michelle Harwick.

Lowell Martindale, Pam Gray and Cowboy (*CH* Bristol's Fall Creek Native JH) for finishing his championship and taking BOB three of the four days at the Angeles Canyon Kennel Club and Kennel Club of Beverly Hills shows on June 24th through June 27th in Westwood.

Richard & Cynthia Trotter and Favor (Shasta's Belstar Legacy SH *NA* *OAJ*) Favor ran his very first agility trial at this years's specialty and won the 24" Novice B Jumpers class and got second place in the 24" Novice B Standard class. (Handled by Teresa Rodney) Favor and his buddy Tracy Tennison had great runs at the Mission Circuit! On May 28 at the Antelope Valley KC trial, he won the 24" Novice B Jumpers class. On May 29 at the Antelope Valley KC trial, he took second place in 24" Novice B Jumpers class to complete his NAJ title, and on May 31at the San Gabriel KC

trial, he got his first Open Jumpers leg with a third place. His next runs were at the Shoreline trials in June. On June 26 he got his second Novice B Standard leg with a second place and won the Open Jumpers class, and on June 27 he completed his NA title with a second place and completed his Open Jumpers title by winning the class.

Bonnie Behrmann and Kiddo (CH Folly's Just Kidding *UD*) (Behrmann/Messick) for winning first place in Utility A and their Utility Dog title with a score of 191 under judge Curt Cunningham at Angeles Canyon Dog Club on June 24, 2004.

Debbie Brooks and Mambo (Folly's Mind Over Matter JH OA OAJ) [Brooks/Kerns] At the Wags for Wishes Agility Trial Mambo picked up her second AX leg with a first place (beating her big brother!) and she got her first MXJ leg.

Tracy Kerns and Tease (Ch. Folly's Kid You Not, OA, AXJ,

CGC) Tease got his second AX leg at Wags for Wishes on Saturday July 10th, with a second place to who but his sister Mambo. She beat him by less than a second in time. Have to say she is more aerodynamic since she weighs a good 15 pounds less than he does.

Debbie Brooks, Tracy Kerns and Mambo (*Ch* Folly's Mind Over Matter JH OA OAJ) Mambo finished her championship at the Conejo Kennel club show on July 17th going Best of Breed under Debbie Campbell. Nanci Hanover and Jake (*Ch* Huntlover's Jumping Star of Bristol) [Hanover/Sizemore] for finishing his championship and winning Best of Breed at the Conejo Kennel club show on July 18th under Mr. James White

Carrie Ryberg and Foxy (*Ch*Windsor's Sweet Black Angel) Foxy finished her Championship in West Friendship, Maryland winning WB for a 3 pt. major at the Northeaster Maryland Kennel Club on Friday, July 2nd and at the National Capital Kennel Club on Sunday, July 4th she won another 3 pt. major and then went Best of Breed over specials. Foxy was breederowner-handled to all her points!

Neal Goodwin and Grant (*CH* Coastalight Wayward Wind) for completing his Championship at the South Bay KC show on August 7th by going Winners/Best of Winners/ Best of Breed.

Lowell Martindale and Dakota (Ch Dexmoor's Star of Bristol *CD* JH) for earning the last leg of her CD title (and third place, 3 points behind the winner) on Sunday, August 8th at the South Bay Kennel Club Show.

SEND YOUR BRAGS TO THE EDITOR AT EDCANDY@TNS.NET CARDS AND LETTERS WORK TOO

AND SEND ALONG A PICTURE OF YOUR TRIUMPH IF YOU HAVE ONE!

NEW JUNIOR HANDLER!

CONGRATULATIONS TO AARON & MICHELLE HARWICK AND BIG SISTER NICHOLE Just a note to let you know that baby Trevor has come! He arrived on Saturday July 17th at 1:46 pm. He was Ibs. 7oz and 19 3/4 in long. He has dark brown hair and blue eyes. He also looks like Aaron.... so people say. So far, all of the dogs like him. Cozy was the first to say hello with a nice kiss on his ear. We are doing well and hope the adjustment is smooth!

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from our American shows where both judge and handler get quite dressed up for the show. There was a pop up tent in one corner of the ring providing shade over a table and several chairs. This is where the stewards sat. The dogs are shown on a loose lead, and free stacked with bait with the handler occasionally repositioning a rear leg. Almost all of the dogs seemed reluctant to have their teeth examined, most of them sitting for the procedure. After the judge went over the dogs she had them gait in a circle, followed by a down and back. Then she sat down at the table, and while the dog was free stacked in front of



Connie free baiting Randy while the judge writes a critique

her she dictated a critique of the dog to one of the stewards. The critique includes a rating, excellent, very good, or good. After she completed her comments she'd get up and go over the next entrant.

Because they have working titles, both Randy and Coco were entered in the working dog class, "Classe Travail". There was one other dog in his class. I had met that dog and his owner earlier

when I was strolling around the grounds. Although his owner did not understand English, she had no problem understanding that I was admiring her handsome dog and was more than happy to point out his name in the catalog. I was some what dismayed to see that this dog was in Randy's class, as he had a better head than Randy. Randy is broad in the back skull, a fault quite common in American judge took a short break. When Flat-Coats but rarely seen in the European dogs. But when the two Flat-Coats were in the ring, I thought Randy might win his class. He moved powerfully and efficiently around the ring (although his tail was carried a bit gay) and Connie had him looking great the whole time. In America he probably would have won, but he came in second. As the judge was handing Connie the ribbon (which was blue, first place is red) Ch Cloud Dancer's Endless Gos-I saw her put her hand on Randy's sip, who is now living in the back skull. It was interesting to read the judges critique later, as she commented both on his head, and his gay tail. She obviously liked him, though, as she gave



Network of Glen Shellag, Winning Best Male

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him an "Excellent" rating. There were a total of twelve dog entered. The champion males are judged after the class dogs. There were only two dogs in the

"Classe Honneur", one of them was absolutely stunning. I was not surprised to learn that he had won Best In Show at this event the previous year. He was rightly chosen Best Male, and then the she returned seven Flatcoated Retriever – Femelles – Classe Jeune were brought in the ring. I looked over the dogs and quickly chose my first place winner, a pretty puppy with the unlikely name of "Unladylike de la Source d'Edesse. Ralf pointed out her faults, but she was still the one I told him I'd want to take home. When I looked her up in the catalog, I saw that she was sired by states with Kellie Kanipe. I was



Judge Mrs. Saskia Rathenau, Coco and Connie

quite delighted when the judge picked her for first place. Ralf said I was lucky. The next class was Connie and Coco along with (Continued on page 9)

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two other bitches. I looked them over and told Ralf that Coco should easily win 1st place. I was delighted when Coco won the



Coco is chosen Best Female!

class, and really thrilled for my new friends when Coco was selected Best Female over a total of 17 bitches! At this point Mrs. Rathenau's judging assignment was completed, as Best of Breed (between Coco and the Best Male) would be decided by a different judge once all the retriever classes were done.



Veteran dog Mavisflight Clever Chivas, owned by Ute & Peter Walde

met some very nice people that day at the show. When we first got there Ralf introduced us to Ute and Peter Walde. Ute was delighted to practice her English on me.

I also had a nice chat with Michael Gruber of Plainfire Kennels about Flat-Coats. He has seen



Plainfire puppy, bred by Michael Gruber

Kellie Kanipe show Steel River Could It Be Magic in Holland and Next month I'll tell you about my commented on how differently the Americans show their dogs from the Europeans. He has visited the Bertschire web site, as well as the sites of several American breeders. He was trying to come up with a tactful way of saying that he did not care for American Flat-Coat head type, when I helped him out and suggested that some of our Flat-Coat heads are quite incorrect. Like Ralf, he thinks the best Flat-Coats are coming out of Sweden and urged Ed and I to go to a show there sometime.



Tarpilens Sognia de Ciccolata & Whispering Wind All That Jazz, both owned by Michael Gruber, shown by his daughter and her friend

I pretty much got the same comments later when I visited with Mrs. Rathenau. In her opinion, the head is the most important thing about Flat-Coats. I told her that I also valued head type, but also wanted working talent as well. I shared with her my belief that some of the Swedish dogs are not very good field dogs. She agreed.

trip to England where I visited with Jo and Richard Hewison of Casblaidd Flatcoats.



Ed at the Retriever-Club Luxembourg show, succumbing to jet lag



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING



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