

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't yet renewed your membership and are meaning too, please do so soon. Your name will be placed on the mailing list to receive notices of matches, but remember that members will get theirs at least a week before non-members and you just might find the match filled up.

If you have misplaced your membership blank that was enclosed with the last newsletter, please write to Frances Wilmeth, 294 Aquetong Road, New Hope, Penna. 18938 for another one.

Dates to keep in mind.....

March 12th Sat. Practice Session near Flemington N.J. Directions elsewhere in the newsletter. *Page 3,*

March 20th. Sun. Practice Session near Hackettstown, N.J. Directions elsewhere in the newsletter. *PAGE 4.*

March 25th. First Annual Dinner.....details and form to mail in on last page of the newsletter. *PAGE 5.*

April 3rd. Philadelphia DTC Tracking test. Three of our members are entered in this test. Ronn Loos with his Collie, Jody; John Miktus and his German Shepherd, Ebony; and Sally M. Lacy with her Border Collie, Badger. While we think it would be terrific to send along a cheering section from the club we are awaiting word as to whether or not such a group would be welcomed. If they say yes, we will pass out directions at the dinner. But even if we can't all be there in person I know we'll all be cheering them along from at home. Good Luck to you all.

April 24th. Third Certification Match. Judge: Art Hartzell, Temple, Pa. The place is not definitely set yet. But the details will be forthcoming. Keep the date in mind and now that the worst of the snow is gone, get out there and practice.

At the March Dinner we will discuss how well the practice sessions have gone and will set up some dates in April.

February 7th we held the first meeting of 1977 at the home of Bill and Jane Hoops in Neshanic Station, N.J. There were 17 members present. We discussed some of the things we had accomplished last year. A report was made on the match held in Nov. and it was reported that the Publicity Chairman Sally Lacy has an article ready to send to OFF LEAD. The nominating committee Chairman John Miktus reported that the committee nominated all last years officers and board members, and they have all accepted. Nominations were then opened from the floor for each office and position on the Board. There were no nominations for these offices from the floor. Therefore the voting at the March meeting will be a formality.

Jack Castor reported on his findings as chairman of the Dinner Committee. Those present voted for having the dinner at the Village Store Restaurant in Whitehouse Station. Details on last page of newsletter.

A sheet with five logo ideas submitted by Sally Lacy was passed around. We voted on these logos. Number 1 had the most votes and number three the next highest. Some of the members expressed doubts as to number 1's suitability for reducing down for use on stationary and address labels. This is being looked into, and at a later meeting we will vote as to colors to use.

Isla Fass is going to see if Mr. Stoltfuß will make us some harnesses in large and medium sizes just like the non-restrictive harness in Glen Johnson's book.

Peg Forte spoke of the recent case of a boy lost in bitter cold weather in the Glen Gardner area and her subsequent talks with people involved

the Adirondack Rescue Dog Association. These people train intensely for search and rescue type operations. They are available to aid in searches, but most often they are not called at all or not until several days have passed. It seems apparent that there is a definite lack of knowledge on the part of police and rescue squads as to the availability of these trained groups. Millie Curtis said she belongs to a Rescue Squad and they said they don't know how such dogs work or where to call. The club has decided to work as a liaison between the two groups. Various members are sounding out police chiefs and rescue squads as to the interest in having a demonstration. We are in touch with Steve Youngentob of the ARDA unit about this and they seem willing to come down to talk to our club and we hope also to a group of the people who really need to be informed. Until we have more information and enough pamphlets for each member I would like you each to have the numbers of who to call if you are ever asked for such information or if you ever know of a situation the ARDA units could help with; ask whoever is in charge of the search if they wish you to contact ARDA or give them the number to call. "ARDA is composed of volunteer search and rescue dog units that have banded together for the purpose of providing a skilled service to responsible agencies, establish standards for handler-dog teams and exchange information between units.

An ARDA unit is a group of S & R dog handlers who provide this highly skilled service. It is a volunteer organization, whose members receive no compensation.

All dogs are family raised German Shepherds handled by their owners."

24 Hour National Alerting Phone 206-937-3460
New York Coordinator 315-853-8523
Steve Youngentob 315-768-7462 (or Arner)
Marilyn Greene 518-456-0115
New Jersey (Penny Smith) Home: 914-477-3813 Work: 914-735-5000 ext.3467

Please keep these numbers handy. When Peg knew there was a need she had to do some fast thinking as to who to call, as she had no numbers at hand but knew there were such groups. Fortunately the boy was found within an hour after Peg was asked for help. It was out in the bitter cold for nearly 21 hours. He has recovered and is home, but it is felt that were the services of an ARDA unit used he might have escaped his long ordeal in the hospital. Perhaps eventually some of our members will become interested in training a dog for this work and training themselves as well..

AKC Recognition? By the time you are reading this newsletter, the folks in at Madison Avenue will be reading all the materials they require of new clubs seeking their recognition from the Lenape Tracking Club. We don't expect an immediate answer, but we are hopeful that this will get them doing some very serious thinking on the matter.

TIDBITS;

Mrs. O.J. Hart Jr's Pembroke Corgi Royals Sherry Flip CDX earned her TD at the Port Chester Obedience Club's Tracking Test on Oct. 23, 1976.

Rajah CDX TD and Contessa Di Montagna have a furry little addition in there household named Grimsell von Muensterplatz (another Bernese). They are warning her of what lies ahead....hours out in the fields following those funny smells having fun, fun, fun....

Mrs. Hardin Crawford III has founded a registry for the Jack Russell Terriers. These little terriers are good working dogs. Good Luck with the registry.

A half-sister to Peg Forte's Bernese has become the first Bernese Mt. Dog in the United States to be a guide dog for a blind person. She was trained at the Seeing Eye in Morristown and raised by a 4-Her in Hunterdon Co.

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This newsletter is being reproduced thru the kind help of Millie Curtis.
Thank you Millie.

Many of our members are currently putting dogs through to obedience titles.
We wish them all good luck, break a leg as they say in show business.

The directions to the practice sessions follow. Please be sure to follow the right directions for the date. Once I gave directions to a friend in Dover how to get to our house in Glen Gardner and to a friends house near Newton to watch some people calf rope...she was invited to our house for lunch and ended up in Newton...she'd followed the opposite side of the paper.

PRACTICE SESSIONS

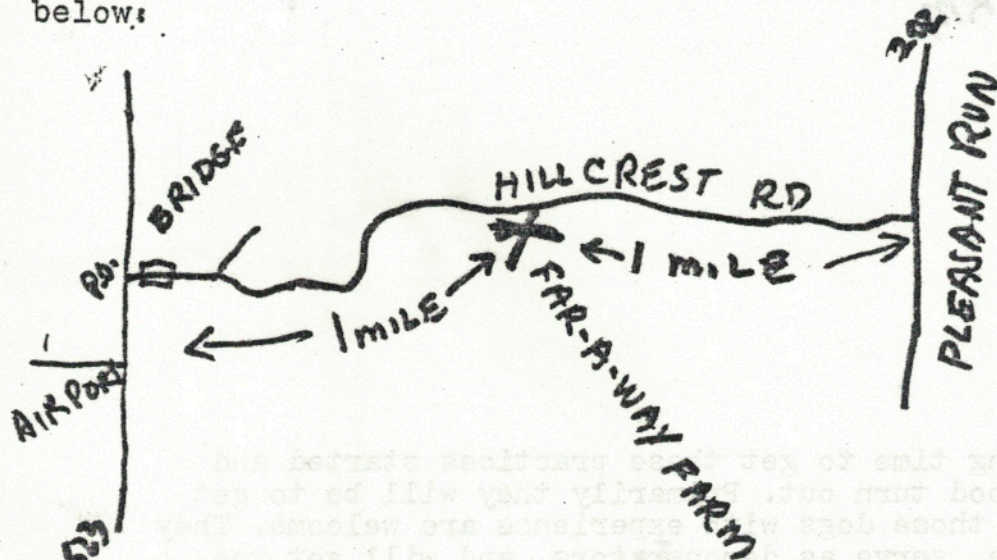
General guidelines. Starting time 9AM. If the instructor for the day has been waiting until 10AM with no one showing up they will leave. In other words lets get off to a early start. Stopping time for each day will depend upon how many people turn up. These practices are for members, non-members are welcomed to watch. After we gain more experience perhaps we will open these sessions and have non-members pay the club a fee, but for now they may only watch. In most cases the sessions will be held away from eating places or water for the dogs. So come prepared for your dog and yourself. If there is an eating place nearby the directions will say so. PLEASE SAVE ALL MAPS TO PRACTICE PLACES (OR DIRECTIONS) WE MAY NOT ALWAYS REPEAT THEM.

March 12th Saturday 9AM Instructor: Bill Hoops Readington, N.J.

Practice will be held at FAR-A-WAY Farm on Hillcrest Rd., Readington, N.J.
Phone number there is 201-782-6162 Mr. & Mrs. D'Ambola are the owners.

From East and West: Rt. 22 to Whitehouse Station, Take rt. 523 south thru Whitehouse Station (good chance to watch for the restaurant) Watch for Large Chicken Houses on the right, Readington Rd. on the left, turn onto Readington Rd. follow it for about three miles to Readington (small Post Office) on right is small road (Hillcrest) that goes over a stone bridge, Follow map below from there:

From South: Take Rt. 202 from Flemington, watch for Neshanic sign, turn left(not towards Neshanic but across the highway) onto Pleasant Run Rd. Go to first paved road on the right (Hillcrest) follow directions on map below:



You can park along the road or in the driveway, but allow room for people to leave if you park in the driveway. You will be walking a ways to the field, so take what you need with you.

PRACTICE SESSION March 20th, Sunday. 9AM Instructor; Pæg Forte

Please be sure to read general guidelines on page 3. There are several places to eat in Hackettstown (i.e. BurgerKing, MacDonald) and the Mansfield Inn right across the highway. No water available on the grounds.

On Rt. 57 near Hackettstown, N.J, courtesy of Cerbo's Parsippany Green-Houses.

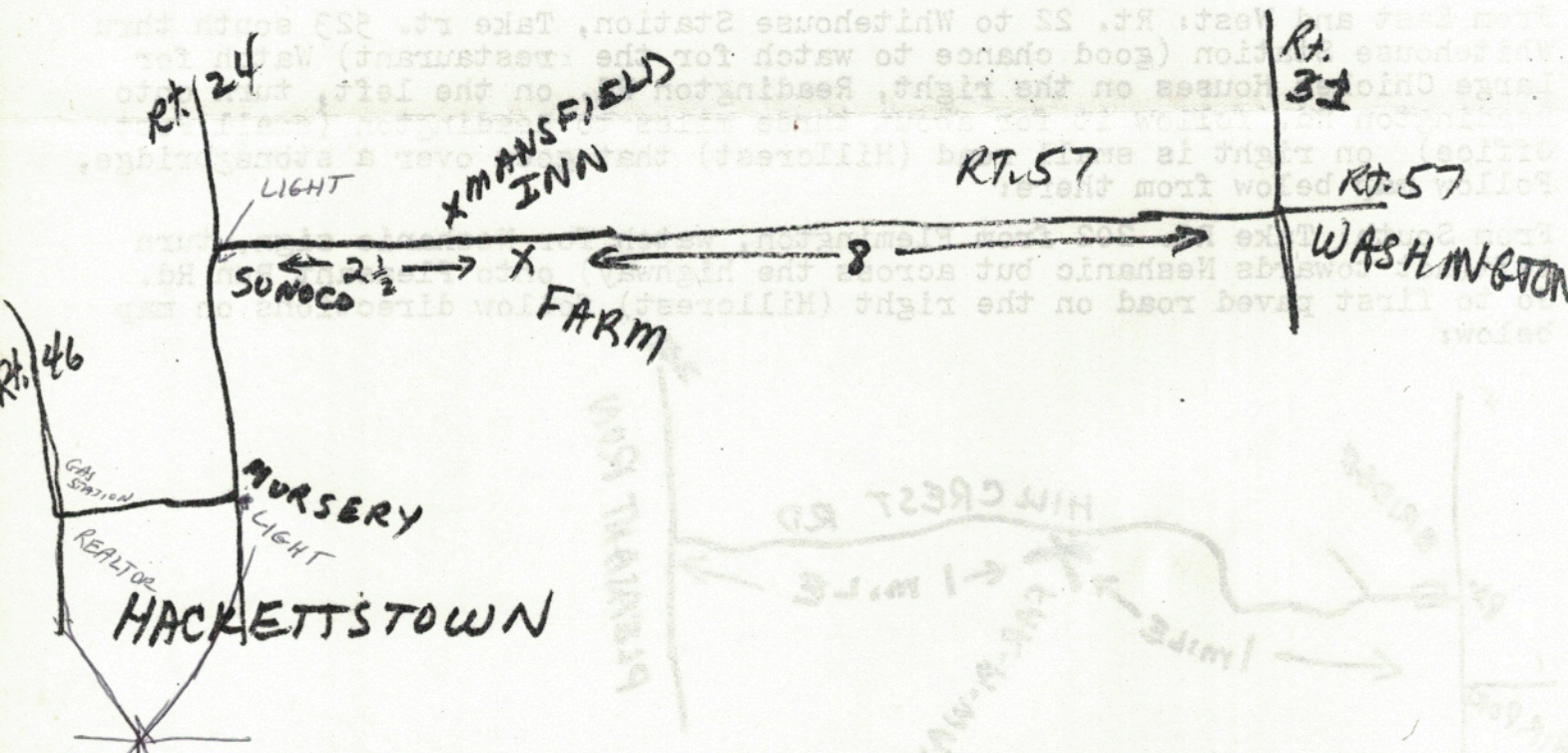
Directions; From North and East take Rt 80 to Rt. 46 in Budd Lake. Follow Rt. 46 to Hackettstown (down long hill) at first light in Hackettstown turn left. Go to the end of this road turn left again. Go to the next light and turn right (there is a green arrow always allowing right turn) by Sunoco station. You are now on Rt. 57 follow 57 for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, watch for Mansfield Inn on the left, driveway for the farm on the right. We will put up a sign. Take left fork in driveway, head towards the barn.

Parking: Take left fork in driveway, head near the barn and park there.

From South and West: From South take Rt. 31 north to Washington. At light turn right into Rt. 57.

From West: Take Rt. 57 from Phillipsburg, thru Washington, Cross Rt.31.

Then stay on Rt. 57 for about 8 miles. You will pass through the small town of Beattystown....start watching for the Mansfield Inn on the right. The driveway into the farm is on the left just before the Inn.



We have been waiting a long time to get these practices started and we hope there will be a good turn out. Primarily they will be to get people dog's started, but those dogs with experience are welcome. They can get in needed practice, serve as demonstrators. and will get the chance to practice on different fields. Even if you aren't ready to start a dog we can use you as a tracklayer and you can learn what you will be doing with your dog someday..