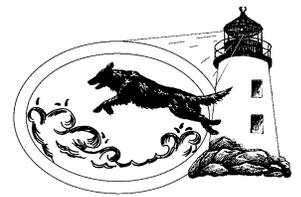




THE FLAT-COAT FILES



A Quarterly Newsletter of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Spring 2013

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Sunglasses for Coal

President's Message

My favorite author, Newton Tollman, once wrote that a good job is one that doesn't take too long and has no future. He may well have been describing my term as President of the NEFCRC.

So far there has been no "heavy lifting" as **Deb Wescot** did everything in her power to make sure I couldn't mess up too badly. And I thank her for it.

Our committees have been very busy.

Joe Juza and **Chris McCluer** presented a "wish list" of equipment the field committee wanted at the March Board Meeting and got everything they asked for. We should not have to buy any more equipment for several years.

They also arranged for a Training Seminar with Buck Shope, on June 25-26, as well as 2nd Flyer day and Mock Test this summer (I am sure they will let you know the date) and, if that were not enough, a WC/WCX in September.

Not to be out done **Beth Brock** and **Kristen Sobanski** decided, with much outside input, to select Susan Foster to Judge Sweeps at the November Supported Entry and she has accepted the assignment.

Agility has also been busy. **Nancy Triou** and **Chris McCluer** have arranged for Adele Yunck to present an Agility Seminar this fall. The dates are September 7/8 and the program will be "A Balancing Act". You may get a preview of it at www.northfielddogtraining.com/.

To cap it all off our members who went down to the Specialty in Conyers, GA took no prisoners. They did EXTREMELY well in all events.

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Calendar of Events

Obedience Seminar, Adele Yungk Sept. 7 & 8 Tails-U-Win
NEFCRC WC/WCX Sept. 21 West Thompson Dam

Web Site

Check out our web site (NEFCRC.org) for results, events, and photos. Web master **Terry Uminsky** (webmaster@nefcr.org) would love to include your photos and news, so send them in!

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New Members

Membership Chairman Don Bierer is pleased to sponsor and present the following new members.

Carlee Ogeka

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Many of you met Carlee Ogeka. at the Annual Winter Meeting. Carlee hails from Flanders, NY with Parker, Knightcastle Sir Isaac Newton. Parker is an Yvan Ruel breeding between Huntlane Hot Toddy x Knightcastle Spyderys from Moun. This is Carlee's first FCR after a Boxer, Rhodesian Ridgeback and Beagle. Carlee is interested in Hunting, Hunt Tests, Pet Therapy and Tracking.

Bruce & Betsy Flanagan

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Bruce and Betsy Flanagan need no introduction to most. Bruce and Betsy live in Glastonbury, CT with six FCRs, including Merlin, GCH Fossilcreek Maple Sugar Merlin. If memory serves, Merlin was #1 in AKC Breed Points in 2011 and highly ranked again in 2012. Bruce looks forward to advancing Merlin's career in the field and will be welcomed at our summer training sessions.

Robin Crocker

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Robin Crocker, after owning Flat-Coats for 19 years, has decided to join us! Her current FCR is Maggie, Whisperwind's Magic Flurries RE

CDX, a Sue Conley breeding between CH Blackfriar's Fionnbar Dubb x CH MapleManse The Farie Queen. Robin resides in Center Conway, NH, and owns and operates an obedience and service dog training center. On the board of Assistance Canine Training Services, Robin offers experience and help with fund raising. Our kind of girl!

Welcome all!

Don

Rescue Report

Jenn Tower

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Currently I have Harry as a guest in my home. Harry is 7 to 9 years old neutered male FCR and came to us from southeastern Massachusetts. He had been found as a stray and was extremely thin as well as heartworm positive, lyme positive and anaplasmosis positive, with really infected ears.



I have had him for almost 2 months. He has already had his treatment for the lyme and anaplasmosis; his ears were treated and cleared

up; and he is almost to his 3rd ivermectin treatment into his heartworm treatment.

He will now willing go into a crate (for food/cookies) and is learning to play with other dogs and toys. He is very intrigued by my cat, but very polite to her and he LOVES the baby pool in the yard. He has gained 15 to 20 pounds and is now at about 75 pounds. He has recently had a bath and is shedding out all his old coat and the new coat coming in looks nice. He does bark to alert me that someone is here but is generally quiet and he is house trained. He stays off the furniture and has not gotten into any trouble when left loose in the house, all in all a great dog!

He knows some basic commands, but could use a basic obedience class that I haven't been able to do with him.

Please contact Jackie Capes, (603) 547-8607 or (maplemanse@aol.com) if you are interested in adopting this neat older guy.

In Memory

Valerie Bernhardt's sudden loss of Rip

Valerie wrote "I have had a tremendous loss that nearly stopped me from going to the specialty: I had to put my Rip down about a week before I left.

He was Ch MeadowRue Night to Remember UD, VER, RE, AX, MXJ, OF, WC, Can CD, WCI, UDX-C, HOF- He was 8 years old and would have been 9 in May."



Member News

Tina Mohr's Easter gifts

Two cozy Easter Baskets add up to



nine beautiful flat-coat puppies at Tina Mohr's home in Vermont this year.

Kristen Sobanski's Road Trip Adventure!

As Kristen was driving along I91 to the New England Sportsman's Show in Springfield this year, she heard a spontaneous, unexplained



popping sound. In her rear view mirror she saw that her back window looked frosted and shattered bits of glass were dropping into the rear of her van! She continued on to the show and was later ably assisted by Dave and Dan Stillwell with plastic and tape for the delicate drive home.

Cookie Kelley More Road Trip Adventures!

Jill Kuchinos tells the story of Cookie Kelley's and Jill's trip to The 2013 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in February where Cookie's Roxie was entered. "With plans in place, Cookie left her house in Maine. About 2 hours into her trek, I got an unexpected call. "Jill, I'm here on 95 in York sitting on the side of the highway and my car isn't moving another inch." We quickly regrouped, called AAA, and, next thing you know, Cookie and her Westminster-bound flattie girl are getting a 100 mile, chauffeured ride in the front seat of a tow truck. I waited at my local garage and couldn't help laughing at the sight of the two of them taking the long step down into the snow from tall tow truck cab!" Their trip was completed in Jill's car the next morning.



L-R The tow truck, Cookie Kelley and Roxie

Westminster 2013

Beth Brock's comments — When I entered Feather, GCH Bertschire Light As A Feather, I expected an easy trip into the city. The mighty blizzard of 2013 had different ideas. We got 1½ feet of snow in Rhode Island, on top of the 6-8 inches of slush which had frozen. We lost power and the predictions were for it to be out for at least



week. My first thought was, "Great I finally have a dog entered at Westminster and I can't get her bathed or groomed." Luckily, the power came back after 17 hours!! I decided to leave earlier than I had originally planned, spend the night with friends in Bethel, CT and head out by 4:30 AM on Tuesday. From there the ride in was easy taking only an hour and 20 minutes.

I think Feather's favorite part of the day was meeting all of the different people that came to the benching area and Feather was just a champ



Westminster 2013 (cont.)

through it all, especially with the kids. At one point she cast a spell on two little girls who did not want to leave her. Feather and I were also invited to a photo shoot for a book about people and their dogs. The photographer took some great shots of Feather and me.

It was wonderful to be with old friends and to make some new friends in the Flat coat world. We truly have the greatest breed! We were allowed to leave the benching area at the Piers to head home at 5:00PM. It was a long day, but totally worth it! I look forward to showing there again.

Jill Kuchinos' Westminster thoughts —

Crazy, but since I was a kid, there was a magic around the Westminster Dog Show. Last year Theresa and I made the trek. This year, I wasn't sure if I would go; Theresa was off at college and we had all heard the horror stories about the new venue and the show logistics. Then, I got the call; Cookie was going to enter her Roxie and was looking for a cohort in crime. It didn't take much arm-twisting for me to say yes!

(See my "Road Trip" description on page 5)

The trip to the Piers was seamless. After checking through security which was tight all day, we waltzed in and set-up in our assigned all-bred area. The benching areas were so much more spacious than last year's non-existent cramped spaces at the Garden. The aisles were wide; there was plenty of power and good lighting. Now, it was get-your-dog ready time, and then time to be ringside. Some of my

favorites waited to be called in the ring...Beth with her Feather, Marla's Ollie and some of the Fishercreek crew: Roxie, Roman and Magic. I watched nervously as each flattie took their turn, the judge carefully examining each one. When the cuts were made, I was excited that the judge liked some of the ones I did. Roxie, Roman, Magic, and Ollie all made the initial cuts. Still, I quietly and anxiously watched with fingers crossed until he made his final decision. What a thrill Roman was the BOB and Magic was Select Dog!

Because I was helping Fishercreek and Roman had won BOB, we had the unique situation of having to be split between the two show venues – The Piers and Madison Square Garden. At 3 p.m., Roman and the other BOB winners were released to go to the Garden. When Cookie and I were released at 5:00 we, too, were off to the Garden to groom Roman for Sporting Group. At



Roxie in Best of Breed

the Garden, all the high energy, crowded benching zaniness was in full swing as only the Garden can deliver. Marked with a few crazy substories that we can share ringside sometime, the end result was what I thought was a proud presentation of our breed in group.

During the cruise home the next day with the thrill of the show still lingering, Cookie and I reflected on the show. Was the venue change the disaster that folks predicted? No. Are there logistics to iron out? Sure, but that goes with any dog event of any kind. Would I recommend that this show to other folks? Yes, especially for anyone in our area

Field Activities

The field training sessions have started. **Bunny Milliken** ran a great first session on May 1st with perfect weather for training! She had her car packed with patience . . . she always brings lots of that as well as smiles and welcoming greetings. The day was fun and educational for both canines and humans.



Check the NEFCRC website under the heading Calendar (<http://www.nefcrc.org>) for a list of the remaining training sessions, with **Bunny, Sally Bridges, Becky Whitmeyer, and Priscilla Johnson**. You will notice a special session on August 13 with Priscilla as our leader. This is a **Mock WC/WCX** test and a great opportunity to practice for the real thing. (see next paragraph because you will want to save the date)

Chris and Joe are getting everything lined up for our **NEFCRC WC/WCX** on September 21 at the West Thompson Dam. If they call you, say "Yes" . . . Besides, everyone will be there helping and you don't want to miss out.

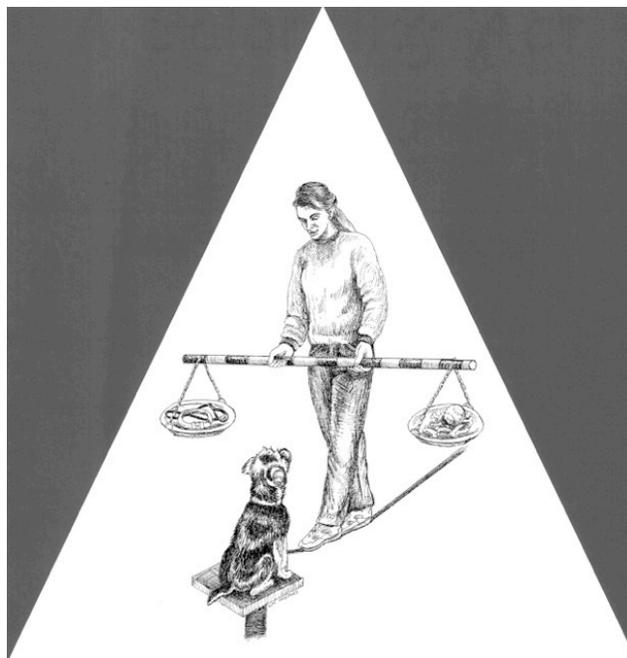
The judges are Audie Gold and Janet Ciarico, a fellow NEFCRC member. Ducks will be used for both land and water series. So, join us at the mock test on August 13 to get ready.

This year's WC is dedicated to long time member and field supporter, Joyce Stewart. The WCX is dedicated to the memory of Paulette Swartzendruber and her years of generous help and training wisdom.

Obedience Activities

Nancy Triou and Chris McCluer have been working hard to bring us a quality obedience seminar. They wanted well-known and highly respected Adele Yunck. Juggling available dates of a busy presenter with the available dates of the site (Tails-U-Win) and other club and local events, proved daunting. However, they've succeeded and the weekend of September 7 and 8 we'll all have the opportunity to participate in Adele's seminar "A Balancing Act." Go to her website for more information about Adele, her experience and her vision.
(<http://northfielddogtraining.com>)

Adele Yunck A Balancing Act



September 7 and 8, 2013

Watch for more news and particulars to follow about this event as the spring/summer progresses.

Winter Meeting Report

Despite a late winter snowstorm which ended the day before our Annual Meeting, some 40 members, visitors and guests made it to the Tails-U-Win Canine Center in Manchester, CT for our meeting on March 9th. Judging by the big smiles and eager greetings, people were definitely happy to reconnect with their Flat-Coat friends and acquaintances after a long winter!

The business meeting provided updates and information on new developments within the Club. **Kristen Sobanski**, the Conformation Chair, introduced a fund-raising project -- a Flat-Coat Breed Standard Calendar for 2014. Each month will feature a different part of our breed standard. Members will be asked to submit photos, and a committee will select those that best show each of the features. The calendar should be available for purchase this fall. (p.11) The Field Committee co-chairs, **Joe Juza and Chris McCluer**, discussed the 2013 field activities and announced the purchase of additional equipment.

Nancy Triou and Chris McCluer announced planning had begun for a 2-day Obedience Seminar featuring Adele Yunck, a well-known and highly respected obedience instructor, author, and Flat-Coat owner. **Sally Bridges** once again took great pleasure in presenting our annual Versatility Awards (page 9). The meeting concluded with the election of the new Board of Directors, and Richard Silpe, the new President, adjourned the meeting.

This year's program featured **Jeremy Kezer**, a professional canine photographer, and good friend to our Club. Using examples from his own work, Jeremy discussed how lighting, surroundings, and timing affect the photos of your dog, especially our black-furred friends. He



answered many questions and received a very appreciative round of applause. Prior to the raffle, Jeremy took group photos and some individual photos. Those proofs plus candid photos from the day are posted on his website at www.jeremykezerphotography.com and can be purchased or admired. Our meeting is the fourth listing under event proofs. It's definitely worth a look! (*The photos on this page courtesy of Jeremy Kezer.*)

It's been said that the highlight of the day is the potluck lunch, and this year's enticing variety and delicious fare did not disappoint. In fact, it was exceedingly difficult to end the luncheon so the afternoon activities could get underway.

Undoubtedly, **Richard and Christina Silpe** would take exception and claim our infamous raffle is *the* event of the day. Richard and Christina have run the raffle for years, but this marked their final appearance; they have turned in the rolls of tickets and large blue cups. We owe them a huge thank you. By serving the Club in this way, they have not only entertained us, but also have enriched our Treasury by many, many hundreds of dollars.

According to our Flat-Coats, it's neither the potluck nor the raffle but Elaine Van Briggles's Retrieving Game which is the undisputed apex of fun. And, perhaps, they're right. Even more dogs and handlers took part this year, and people had a grand time and laughed themselves silly watching the antics of both dogs and their owners. Congratulations to the winning teams!



Versatility Awards

The following 2013 NEFCRC Versatility Awards were presented at the Winter Meeting by Sally Bridges.

Plaques

1. SHR Kistryl Takes ALinkin' BN CD JH RN WC
Gay and Bob Coffin
2. CH Paladin Ace's High TD RN BN
Nancy Triou
3. SHR Am/Can CH Ebonaire Party Past Midnight RA CD JH WC CGC
Jennifer Martin
4. Can CH/Am GCH Timberblac's All Hands on Deck RN
Jennifer Martin
5. Am/Can CH Clearwater Mist on the Meadow RN
Jennifer Martin
6. BlackGamin Isis RA JH WC
Wendy Jones and Andy Leinoff
7. Wyndhams Notorious Brown RN JH WC
Wendy Jones and Andy Leinoff
8. CH BlackGamin Hannah BN RE JH WC
W. Jones, A. Leinoff, S. Shanley
9. CH BlackGamin Houdini CD RA JH WCX
W. Jones, A. Leinoff, S. Shanley

Add-on Plates

1. Rally Advanced—SHR Grousemoor Town and Country CDX JH RA WCX
Gay and Bob Coffin
2. Master Hunter—CH OTCH MACH Remington Twelve Gauge Shotgun UDX OMI MX MXJ MH
WCX
Christine McCluer
3. Bronze Grand Champion—BISS GCH Blazin's Joie de Vivre CD JH WC
Don and Susan Bierer

Congratulations to all!

More at the Winter Meeting

Deb Westcot's Winter Meeting Report mentioned **Elaine Van Briggles**'s Retriever Game. Here are more details, a picture and the results.

Elaine came equipped with all sorts of retrievable items from bumpers to toys to a lampshade! In a fenced off area, she scattered the objects evenly for the dogs to retrieve. The dogs had a great time as their owners said "fetch, fetch, fetch . . ." while, for the most part, the dogs did their own thing! Elaine timed each dog, counted the items retrieved, and scored the dogs — but luckily not the owners. There were 16 dog and handler teams in the Retrieve Game.



Photo by Jeremy Kezer

Placements	Dog	Handler	Points	Prize
Winner	Al	Joe Juza	14	Stuffed Waterfowl Toy
2nd	Wallace	Beth Brock	11	Tug Rope
3rd	Jett	Susan Klein.	10	Squeaky Kong Toy

All dogs made a great effort!

Thanks to **Dan Stilwell** for helping with the game!

Specialty Vampire Report

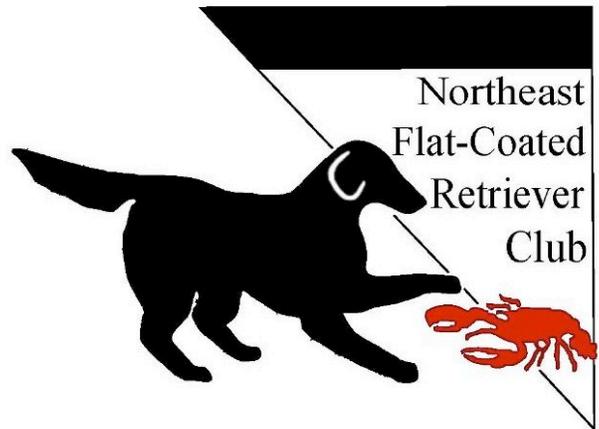
Our favorite vampires have provided the following AHT DNA database report from the Specialty.



Jenn Tower states, "In addition to all the fun I had with the dogs, **Vicky Nickerson** and I were able to collect 47 new dogs to go into the AHT DNA database, celebrating our 10th year of collecting for the future of our breed.

We were also able to get 9 older dogs for Dr Breen's study and 6 older dogs for Dr Ostrander's study. It was a very successful specialty all around. I wish to extend special thank you's to **Tracy Kerns, Jeff Speicher** and **Helen Szostak** for all the help they gave to make this possible."

A special thank you goes to Jenn and Vicky for their continuing dedication to the health of our breed.



2014 Flat-Coated Retriever Breed Standard Calendar

How many of you can say that your dog is a pin-up model?
Some of you will be able to!

Time to start reminiscing through your photo albums! We are looking for submissions of photos of your past and present Flat-Coats to use in our upcoming NEFCRC fundraiser.

We are looking for photos of NEFCRC members' Flat-Coats that depict different parts of the AKC breed standard: ie head, neck, topline, body, temperament, etc – to view the written standard, please visit the FCRSA website (<http://fcrsainc.org/breedstandard/index.html>).

Photos should highlight the dog, preferably with no people in the photo where possible. As we are looking to fill our calendar, photos with all seasonal backgrounds (snow, floral, fall leaves, beach scenes, etc) are appreciated. Photos that show the versatility of our breed are also ideal (agility, tracking, field, obedience, conformation, etc).

Photos **MUST** be **no smaller** than 300 dpi, preferably in a .jpeg format (non-compressed), and we **MUST** have permission from any professional photographer to reproduce their photos in our 2014 calendar (photo credit will be given where applicable).

All submissions should be e-mailed to **Kris Sobanski** (percussion98@juno.com) – please only send **one photo per e-mail**, but feel free to make as many submissions as you would like! Please put 2014 FCR Calendar in the subject line, and include your dog's registered name (with all titles), owner(s) name and home city/state, breeder(s) name (you may include a breeder(s) website address too, if you'd like), and any photo credit where due in the body of the e-mail.

Calendars will be available for purchase in October – just in time to get a few Christmas and Hanukkah gifts for your friends and families! Watch for an order form in a future NEFCRC newsletter!

Photos must be received by July 30th to be considered for the 2014 Breed Standard Calendar.

Member Brags

"Luckey"

CH Blythe Spirit of Hermes Hail To Thee

Denise Staples is happy to announce that Luckey earned his Championship title at the NEFCRC Supported Entry on Nov.24, 2012 in W. Springfield. Since then, he has earned 13 pts and 2 majors towards his GCH, one of which was at the New England Sporting Group Association show held in W. Springfield on March 17, 2013 shown by **Samantha Stilwell**.



Don Bierer is pleased to announce that Rudy earned his WCX on May 11 at the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club WC/WCX in Brandywine, MD. Thanks to Judges Laura Weinmann and Bob Kurtz, Rudy is now BISS GCH Blazin's Joie de Vivre CD JH WCX.

Specialty News and Brags

2013 Flat Coated Retriever Society of America Specialty Field Event Venue



The Starrsville Plantation, Covington, Georgia

Member Specialty Field Brags

Janet Ciarico's new Master Hunter!

I'm thrilled to report that Tilly & I earned her 4th Master Hunter pass on April 13th at the Rappahannock River Retriever Club test in Remington, VA, and then finished the title in April at the Specialty! We are very proud of our liver whirlwind who has matured into a first-rate master dog. It's such a pleasure and great fun to partner with her at the line. She has tremendous drive and loves her birds, but most of all she



Joe Juza is very proud of Bella (left), Ruby and their field ribbons. Bella earned a leg toward her Senior Hunter title and Ruby got a bumper leg to add to her Junior.



Beth Brock

"We had an incredible week at the Specialty!! Wallace started out the week with earning his WCX!! He is now UKC/AKC Bertschire Good Grief Gromit CD RA JH *WCX* CGC."





Don Bierer and Joe Juza getting around Starrville Plantation the easy way!

Don Bierer and Rudy with his Specialty WCX ribbon.

Bella Juza





Liz Handlewich's Katie is now "Quillquest Tallahassee Temptation-GCG JH WC" having finished her junior Hunter, and WC at the specialty. "She has been with me just a year and while I am forever changed by Willie's accident, she and Apollo get me up to face each day."



Susan Klein

I'm delighted to report that Jett earned her final leg for her Senior Hunter title. Hunter earned his first Junior leg plus his WC.

Karen Peterson's Hibou (Caldera's Intrepid Traveler WCX) passed the WCX test, though it was a severe challenge to his steadiness. (Hibou is just a few weeks over two years old, & more used to field trial-length marks.).





There were two new Specialty field events this year - **Fetch Fever Newcomer Stake** and **Fetch Fever Puppy Stake**.

It can be so hard to convince people to give field a try. We forget how daunting it all looks to beginners, with untrained dog and iffy recalls. The traditional place to try field has been Unsteady Singles A, but that could not be made available this year. **The Fetch Fever Newcomer Stakes** was an event planned specifically for the Georgia Specialty. It was a field outreach and educational effort in a year when a full slate of Steady and Unsteady Singles wasn't possible. The Fetch Fever event committee – **Janet Ciarico, Linda Reynolds, & Karen Peterson** – worked out the rules and eligibility criteria, targeting the handlers who had never earned a field title in any registry. To make the event particularly appealing to those utterly new to field, the event committee offered the unprecedented option of running on bumpers with a bird option for those slightly more experienced. We were delighted to have 18 entrants in the bumper division and 7 in the bird division.

Sadie Courser and her girl Lyddie took first place in the Newcomers Fetch Fever (bumpers)! Lookin' like pros! She also ran Phoenix and Cricket in that stake.

Jill Kuchinos' boy, King also participated in the Fever Fetch Newcomer's stake. Both were first time field competitors.



The second of the two "Fever" events was the **Fetch Fever Puppy Stakes** judged by **Bunny Millikin** and **Judy Gladson**. It drew an entry of 14, divided into 3 age categories. Eligibility for this stake was simply the age of puppies, and we had both experienced and novice handlers with wildly varying degrees of puppy interest because of the warm day and late afternoon start. This, too, was a lot of fun.



Liz Handlewich's 10-month-old Apollo (Quillquest Voyages of Valor) with no training due a bad Maine winter, participated in the puppy stake and went out like the rocket he is named after. Returning was the problem!

Virginia Shreve and Tallulah also joined in the Fetch Fever Puppy Stake fun.

Member Specialty Conformation, Obedience, Rally and Agility Brags

Conformation, Obedience, Rally and Agility were held at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia



Joe Juza continued to add to his ribbon tree in Conyers. Ruby completed her CDX title by winning first place with a score of 191. His young boy Al qualified in Beginner Novice Obedience with a score of 189 just missing a placement.



Joe's beautiful veteran, Hannah took third place in the Veteran's Sweep (9 – 11) followed 1st in the Regular Veteran's 9 -11 class! She is shown here in the Regular Class with **Cookie Kelley**.

Bravely, Joe and Ruby competed as part of an obedience team for a 2nd place win! See below. Handler/dogs were (l to r) Anne Prehn/Finn, Steve Schmidt/Shea, **Joe Juza/Ruby**, Barry Harrison/Roman. All these pups were Canadian

born.

Valerie Bernhardt's Brags

Ch Quillquest Starry Starry Night RN gained his first RA leg with a first place. He also made it through several cuts in breed with me on the other end of the leash.

Our Pennsylvania obedience team came in third in team obedience using our alternate dog that I showed since my performance dog came in season the day I arrived in GA.



Jenn Tower

Sailor, Slipstream Sailed the Ocean Blue, didn't get any pretty ribbons but ended up 5th in a large class at the national specialty, not too bad for my very goofy boy.



Windy, Fair Winds and Following Seas at Slipstream *RN*, qualified in Rally Novice B to complete her first title.

Joy, SHR CH Bertschire Jolly Holiday *CD* JH SHU Am/Can WC, qualified in Rally novice B for her 2nd leg, qualified in Novice B for her title and placed 4th in the field trial bitch class in conformation, earning her GRITS award and a beautiful cream (grits) and yellow (butter) rosette. Joy is co-owned with Andrea Holsinger.



Don and Susan Bierer are so proud of Rudy, BISS GCH Blazin's Joie de Vivre CD JH WCX, who came home from the National Specialty with ribbons on display for: 2013 Select Dog, #1 in Stud Dog Class, #2 in Brood Bitch Class, Junior Hunter 4th Leg, and Ring of Honor. It was fun spending time with old and new friends.

Thank you Dawn for handling Rudy into the winner's circle.

Karen Peterson

“My Po (Artic Sun's Caldera at Thira *** WCX) got to frolic in the Ring of Honor, by virtue of her Field Trophy wins in years past. She is pictured here on the right with all her loot!

The announcement at the Awards Banquet that Po's litter brother Ticket (owned by Heather Horton) had won the 2012 FCRSA Field Trophy was also cause for celebration to Karen, as his breeder.”

(Ed., I wish we could publish in color. This photo is gorgeous!)



Jill Kuchinos

“I am proud of my boy King and honored the judge picked him as Reserve Winner's dog! He

also competed in Newcomer Fever Fetch, Obedience and Rally. Gotta love a boy that so trainable; just feel sorry that he's so limited by the talents of his human!”



Handled by Graeme Burdon

Virginia Shreve and Carey Gregory are delighted with the performance of 6-month-old *Stormwatch To Thunderous Applause* at the National Specialty. “Tallulah” placed 4th in the 6-9-month-old bitch class in Sweeps, but won her regular class. Even more gratifying, she made the final 4 cut for Winner’s Bitch (the judge stating that she very nearly gave her Reserve – in fact, at photos, the judge thought she *had* awarded her the R!). Thanks to breeder Kathi Leonhardt and lovely young zoo keeper Chelsea Goss (who teaches obedience to and conformation stacks dingoes, just for fun) for superb handling of our unruly never-been-in-a-show-ring youngster!

Beth Brock

After beginning the week with Wallace’s WCX, he and Feather qualified in Brace Obedience. What a blast that was!!! Feather qualified in Beginner Novice B for her first leg and first time in the Obedience ring!! Wallace placed 3rd in Working Retriever. This placement earned him the GRITS Award, 3 ribbons in 3 different sports. Sophie and Wallace placed 1st in Open Intermediate. We finished out the week with Feather getting a JAM in Breed on Friday!! I couldn't be more proud of my pups!! I asked a lot of them and they performed.



Wallace with WCX



Feather with her Jam



Wallace with the GRITS Award

Judy Riedel

What a fantastic time we had at the FCRSA 2013 Specialty in GA!



Chance, CH TLC Carry the Torch Chance, CD, RA, NAP, CGC (who also happened to be the oldest flat coat showing) took 2nd place in Veteran Sweeps 11+ and 1st Place in Regular Veterans 11+. Handled by Melody Daniels, he brought tears to my eyes watching him go around the ring as if he was a young boy again. He is my heart and soul. I proudly handled him in the Best of Breed Ring as we took in all of the applause and shared that special time together. He has always been gentle, loving and the best dog anyone could ask for and I love him dearly.

My girl, CH Blazin's Kiss me Kate (Katie) handled by her co-breeder Marty Archambeault to a JAM at the 2013 Specialty in Georgia! Katie is butterfly kisses and sweet melon all wrapped up in one package! In one of her first shows, handled by Ruth Marsh, she was reserve to a major at the MAFCRC supported in Trenton, NJ from the 9-11 class, and shortly after Ruth then handled her to a 1st Place at the FCRSA Specialty in Indiana from the 9-11 class. After a break from the show ring due to my knee injury, Dawn Buttion (co-breeder), in limited shows, finished her AKC CH at the MAFCRC

Supported at the Rampano KC in October 2012. Handled by Dawn, Katie easily finished her CH with four majors, a BOB over specials, and several Supported Entry Best of Winners with 19 pts. I am so very proud of her and of course I also love her dearly! Thanks to Dawn, Marty and Ruth for bringing this very special girl into my life.



Lori Nevins

Although still an NEFCRC member, Lori has moved to Canada so we don't see her often. She attends every Specialty and is also very active in the FCRSA. Here she is with her lovely 12 yr old veteran Nessie waiting to get their ribbon and prizes.

