



# RMKC Newsletter

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## Going MACH speed

Congratulations to RMKC member Jerry Simon & his border collie Tango (Comebye Ballroom Blitz XF). They earned their MACH (Master Agility Champion) title on September 20th at the Des Moines Obedience Training Club agility trial. What a great accomplishment for Jerry & Tango, who is not yet 3 years old (Tango, not Jerry :) Congratulations!!

There will be  
a Board  
meeting in  
October at  
6:00 pm



### News from the AKC:

The following are links to some of the current stories on the AKC website:

- Puppy Uniform Protection Statue (PUPS) Legislation Introduced in U.S. Congress**  
[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=3611](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3611)
- AKC Announces Recipients of the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Awards**  
[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=3606](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3606)  
(recipients are: Conformation - Wendell J. Sammet; Companion Events - Kenneth A. Buxton; Performance - Mary Jo Trimble)
- AKC/USA Team Wins 2 Gold Medals at the World Agility Championships**  
[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=3610](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3610)

### Monthly Meeting Information:

Date: 2nd Monday of each month                      Time: 7 pm  
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN  
Directions from downtown Rochester: South on Broadway to 20th St SW (Kwik Trip on the corner) - turn right (W) - go approximately 5 blocks to top of hill - church is on the right, set back from the street.  
*(During the months of February, August, & December meetings are typically held "off-site" due to special club events - watch the newsletter for location changes).*

## Priceless...

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar & well-fed belly that he had a home & was well taken care of.

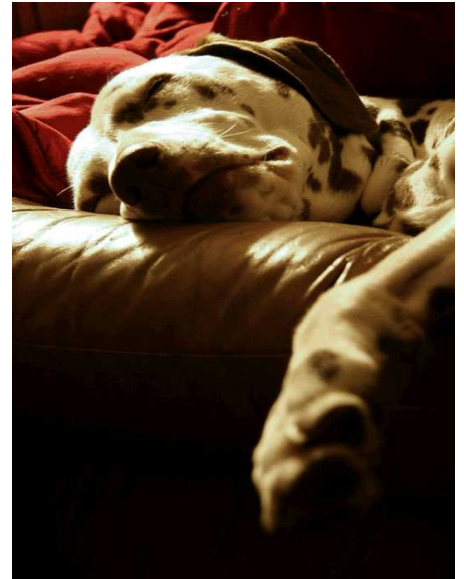
He calmly came over & I gave him a few pats on the head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner & fell asleep. An hour later he went to the door & I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside & resumed his spot in the

hall, & again slept for about an hour. This continued off & on for several weeks.

Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"



*Thank you RMKC member Amy Lawson for submitting this item.*

## Member Brags

### *Legs & Titles Earned:*

- Webshire's Tri-Athalon CDX MH NA OAJ CCA "Cricket" (Golden Retriever) - Caroline & Art Baihly - earned her 1st Ex JWW leg at the RMKC agility trial on Sun, Aug. 31
- Renee McGovern's "Ripley" (Shetland Sheepdog), earned 2 Double Q's at the RMKC agility trials & finished his Open FAST Title.
- Fin Ch Yardican Cardiridge Weli Welho "Webster" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi), who has been visiting the states & shown by Mackenzie Mann, finished his Am CH at the Lake Elmo shows by going WD on Friday at the Herding Club specialty & then again on Sun.

### *Points Earned:*

- Everafter Vintage Top Shelf "Booker" (Whippet) - Julie Prentice - was WD/BOS at the Amana Colonies show.
- Carole Sorenson's Chinese Shar-Pei "Freedom" earned a 4 pt major on Sat of the Des Moines show; then "Rocket" earned a 4 pt major & was BOW on Sunday.

### *More Brags:*

- Sandy Woodruff's Collies Katie & Joey passed their herding instinct tests, sponsored by the Collie Club of MN in Scandia, MN

Well, the agility trial & the all-breed show are now another memory of 2008 - & once again, one way or the other, we managed to pull it off. To say that everything went smooth as silk would be stretching it a little - but we managed to hustle & punt well enough to once again pull off 2 events that received many nice comments, both from our judges & the exhibitors.

Kudos to those who held key jobs - many don't realize how much time & effort goes into running our 2 big events until they actually end up "in the trenches". Thank you, also, to everyone who volunteered to help as workers in some capacity - you are key to our success.

How can we make our 2009 events even better? Well, in my opinion, it would be having even more of our own members be willing to step in & work the actual events. I know that neither of the people whose job it was to round up workers/stewards was exactly overrun with bodies volunteering. Did the events happen "successfully" anyway? Sure, but it was thanks to a lot of exhibitors & members of other clubs who helped fill in the gaps.

Being a member of an organization should mean more than just paying your dues once a year - one would like to think that it also means contributing to the goals, missions, & activities of that organization, whether it be in the failures or the success, the work or the fun.

Diana Mann  
RMKC President & Newsletter Editor

**RMKC General Membership Meeting, Monday September 8, 2008**

**Members Present:** Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Caroline Baihly, Ruth Upchurch, Amy Lawson, Linda Cornick, Renee McGovern, Julie Prentice, Sandy Woodruff, Carole Sorensen, Vicki O'Neill, Marie Christiansen.

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Diana thanked the members who participated in the Open House at Leashes and Leads. RMKC display and "Meet the Breed" was well represented.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's report was read. Motion made by Linda Cornick to approve the minutes with correction being made. Motion was seconded by Renee McGovern. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Caroline reported on income and expenses for the month. She gave detailed description of the expenses for the Agility Trial.

**Corresponding Secretary:** RMKC received a letter from AKC in regards to advertising in the Agility, Obedience Invitational.

**Committee Reports:**

**2008 Agility Trial:** The trial went well. The entries were down about 100 runs on Saturday and Sunday, with entries on Monday being about the same. All bills have not been received at present time. It appears we lost funds this year with depreciation of the equipment and other expenses. The food stand went well. Would like to change the location of the food stand for next year. We received many compliments on the food. Carole and Vicki vented on the learning curve they experienced. Carole will check on the wagon for future use. Next years show dates will not appear on Labor Day weekend. The dates will be 8/28, 29, & 30 of 2009. It was recommended no food stand on Friday.

**All Breed Show:** Ruth Upchurch reported all things seem to be under control at this time. There will be a time change with rally being held at the end of obedience. We will begin setting up about 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Vendors will begin arriving about 11:00 a.m. A trip on Friday a.m. will be made to the storage area to obtain all materials necessary for the show including hospitality and clean-up. Diana Mann has the display boards for our public education table. Ruth will contact Elisha Anderson in regards to announcing for the club at this years show. Sandy Woodruff asked about the number of reserved parking spaces necessary for the show. It was decided that 5 or 6 spaces to be sufficient. Ruth will pick up the blue painter tape for marking off grooming area. X-pens will be located on North wall in grooming area. Rochester Post Bulletin has been contacted for advertising in the community calendar area of the daily paper. General discussion was to keep admission fees the same to help defray our expenses. Disaster kits will be available for sale. Hospitality to have the same caterer. It was suggested to discontinue the sweet rolls for working club members and judges to help cut expenses. However, Paul Howe has volunteered to purchase rolls for the show. Coffee is being donated by Vicki O'Neill and the Shar Pei club. We are still in desperate need of Ring Stewards for the show. Please contact Pat Campbell and make known your availability to work. The Nation Anthem will be on tape provided by Julie Prentice or Julie will call Rachael Stanton to sing.

**Agility Seminar:** Renee reported all seems to be in order. Auditing spots are still available. At this time it appears we have enough help.

**CGC testing and Microchip Clinic:** Caroline will converse with Teckla to coordinate a date and time at Leashes and Leads for the CGC testing and microchip clinic. The suggested date was at the end of fall classes, with flyers available.

**2009 Judges:** We are in need of suggestions for judges including provisional judges for the upcoming 2009 show. At this time, 6 judges should be appropriate for our show.

**Public Education:** None at this time.

**Membership:** Several e-mails were received in which Renee responded to.

**Old Business:**

- **Disaster Preparedness:** Disaster kits are done and will be available for sale at the All Breed Show for \$10.00 per kit. Display boards are done for the Disaster Preparedness table with handouts and check lists available. Red Cross has First Aid kits available for sale for \$9.00. They are wondering if they can display them with our Disaster Preparedness table. The following people are now certified in Disaster Relief: Linda Cornick, Renee McGovern, Amy Lawson, Barb Hartman, and Lynn Grovdahl.

**Canine Carnival:** It was decided to table Canine Carnival till after the All Breed Show.

**New Business:** No new business at this time.

Motion was made by Caroline Baihly to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Marie Christiansen. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Pat Campbell - Recording Secretary, RMKC

Because the August meeting minutes did not make it into the September newsletter, they are being printed here at this time. They were read & approved at the September meeting.

### **RMKC General Membership Meeting, Monday, August 11, 2008**

**Member Present:** Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, John Limpert, Linda Limpert, Linda Cornick, Mackenzie Mann, Paul Henning, Kris Henning, Vicki O'Neill, Barb Hartman, Art Baihly, Caroline Baihly, Renee McGovern, Marie Christianson, Julie Davies, Amy Lawson, Lynn Grovdahl, Paul Grovdahl, Mikael Bang and Johannes Bang.

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**President's Report:** None.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Linda Cornick to approve the July monthly minutes. Motion seconded by Kris Henning. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** None.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** None.

Diana informed membership of upcoming seminars: Structure and Movement presented by Bev Capstick in Duluth, MN and Puppy Intensive Care & Canine Reproduction and Whelping by Myra Savant-Harris in Woodbury, MN. If you are interested in either seminar and need further details please contact Diana.

### **Committee Reports:**

**All Breed Show:** Trophy towels are being stitched and umbrellas are being silk screened at present time. Vendor booths are almost full. Midwest will be our general vendor this year. Please contact Pat Campbell if interested in stewarding as we are still in need of volunteers. Hospitality is looking into having the lunch on ground level.

**Agility Trial:** Everything going well. Betsy Hadac still in need of volunteer workers. Please contact Betsy if you are willing to help out.

**Disaster Preparedness:** Linda Cornick, Barb Hartman, and Lynn Grovdahl are attending Red Cross training on mass sheltering and FEMA testing. The goal is to have some Disaster kits with RMKC logo present on the containers ready to be sold to the public at our All Breed Show. With start-up costs high, we are in need of donations to offset our cost. After discussion on the contents of the kits as well as the cost incurred Linda Cornick made a motion for the club to donate \$500.00 to help with expense of the kits. Marie Christianson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Canine Carnival:** Diana reported on behalf of Carole Sorenson the facts on incorporating the Canine Carnival with Rochester Fest. The cost would be \$350.00, which would include items such as the site, bleachers, and advertising, etc. There are already two other dog related events being held in connection with Rochester Fest, which include the Doxie Races and Disc Dog. More information to follow in September.

**Leashes and Leads:** RMKC to have a booth for public viewing. Diana will have a schedule for Meet the Breed. Diana asked membership about purchasing green table covering that could be used at the open house as well as other events in the future. Barb Hartman made motion to purchase green fabric table covering. Linda Cornick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no new business, motion was made by Caroline Baihly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Marie Christianson. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Members and their dogs then enjoyed some fun games and activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Campbell, Recording Secretary, RMKC