



CANINE SEARCH AND RECOVERY INC
NEWSLETTER

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3rd Quarter Edition

President's Message

Happy Summer! Both the NASDA and CSAR teams are making final preparations for the seminar, and tasks are on-track. We are looking forward to a great time in October. Hopefully, if you are a CSAR member, we will see you there, and if not – maybe next year!

We take seminars so that we as handlers can learn, teach things to our dog, and sometimes expand or test our dog's capabilities. There are ways to help yourself and your dog achieve these goals, without overstressing either one of you. From a handler's perspective, a seminar should not just be about working your dog. Take the opportunity of living and working with other handlers to talk, walk and ask questions – you'll find everybody has an opinion, and one of them may be just right for you. In class, I always recommend that people walk/work with others if they can. That doesn't mean you need to walk with every dog, but try to walk, watch or work with several. You'd be surprised what you can learn both by watching another dog and by listening to an instructor talk to another student. In particular, take the opportunity to work with somebody who works the same or similar breed that you do – it is amazing how traits are very similar across breed temperaments.

Teaching your dog is always an important part of the seminar, but remember to concentrate on your dog's overall health and stress level – the more relaxed they are, the better they will work. Seminars are stressful environments overall for most dogs, they are living in cabins with other dogs, more than likely spending more time than usual in a crate, and getting an awful lot of stimulus overall. My first seminar, I thought my dog wasn't getting enough exercise, so every evening I would take her swimming. On the last day, on my way home, I have never seen such an exhausted dog. While she was spending a lot of time in a crate compared to normal, she was also not necessarily sleeping while other people were working, or in the evening while sharing a cabin with 3 other people and their dogs. I have tempered my thoughts since then about straight exercise during the seminar – I tend to limit it to walks and relaxing exercise as opposed to ball chasing and adrenaline exercise. (And they still snore all the way home.)

Teaching your dog new things at a seminar is great, and part of the reason we are all there, but don't go overboard. If you have been working to a particular regimen, don't change it instantaneously just because the instructor recommends it. Take that information home with you and try to implement it, or implement it gradually (low stress) over the course of the seminar. Making instant training changes can stress out both you and your dog in the seminar environment. The more frustrated you both get the worse you will both get. Remember this particularly if you are a new handler to a seminar or if you happen to have a young dog that has not been to one before. The seminar environment is very different and VERY distracting – so keep that in mind while you are working.

If you have a more advanced team, expect to be challenged and learn what your dog's capabilities are. If things go perfect for you – GREAT! But if they don't, don't keep challenging yourself to the point that your dog is continually making mistakes – talk to the instructor, make sure they tell you if things are going wrong, and then lower the challenge level a bit on your dog. At a seminar, it is much more important that you be successful than that you badly work any problem thrown at you. Learn what your limits are (for both you and the dog) and take the information home with you and work on it. There is nothing like coming back the next year and taking on every problem head-on and loving it when your dog shines.

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And remember (having heard this from Denver enough times and said it myself a few times): Instructors give you their opinion, based on what they see at a seminar. It is not God's word written in stone – it is **their opinion**. Hopefully it will be relative to where you are in training and can be implemented to make you a better team. If for some reason it's not relative, or your dog is not performing quite like it does at home, listen and decide if there are aspects of it you can apply to your overall training regimen to help you be successful. You may find it's not – and that's fine – but perhaps it applies to another dog on your team or maybe your next dog. Our CSAR instructors are all selected to be knowledgeable and helpful and we hope you learn lots of things, but they are only able to see a snapshot of what you and your dog are capable of and they can only give recommendations based on that.

And finally, of course, the most important thing – don't forget the **AUCTION!!!** Please bring something or some things for us to include in our Auction the last night. This is a large part of our fund raising efforts and we have been getting great stuff already but we love to see cool stuff that others bring. Since it's an Auction – it's also important to bring your checkbook, money or *credit or debit cards!* Yes – this year we will be able to take both credit and debit cards as well. So bring some fun stuff (can you top the 4 ft ceramic lizard from 2004?) and bring your money and have a great time.

We will see you in October!

Darcy



Howdy Partners!



**Just a few useful items
(kitten nosy but not included)**



Golden Anyone?

Membership Info

Membership cards went out the 2nd week of May to members that had paid their dues up to that point. If you have paid your 2010 dues but haven't received your card, please contact me!

Remember:

Canine Search & Recovery dues are due January 1 of every year. This is the case regardless of the time of year that you first joined CSAR.

Membership may be renewed each year by completing a Renewal Form and mailing the form and your check or money order to the CSAR post office box. A form may be found later in the newsletter. You may also pay via PayPal on the website: <http://www.csar.org>. Just click on the "Membership Information" link.

PLEASE also send a copy of the renewal application (either to the CSAR P. O. Box or scan in and email to me).

The June 30th renewal date has now passed. Those members who chose not to renew for 2010 will not receive further correspondence from CSAR and will not be eligible for CSAR member discounts.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support CSAR through your annual renewal, by your participation in CSAR events and your promotion of CSAR in the SAR community. You are what makes CSAR the great organization that it continues to be.

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Membership Q & A

Everyone has questions about dues, sponsoring new members, how long it takes to be voted on, etc.

Dues are due every January 1. No matter what time of year you joined CSAR, dues are still due Jan. 1. If not paid by March, a reminder letter is sent out. If still unpaid 90 days later, you are considered lapsed and are dropped. If that happens, you must reapply for membership to CSAR.

Who can sponsor a new member? A new standing rule was adopted by the CSAR membership in Oct. 2002 stating that a sponsor must be a member in good standing for at least a year before sponsoring new members.

How long does it take to get voted into membership? This time frame may vary from a few weeks to a few months, depending on when a membership application is received. The prospective member's name will be published in the next CSAR newsletter for the entire membership to be aware of proposed new members. After a 30 day comment period, the Board of Directors will vote on the proposed new member.

What if I don't have a sponsor? We will try very hard to put an interested applicant in touch with a current CSAR member in their area. However, that is not always possible and a letter of recommendation from their agency on official letterhead or a resume of their SAR involvement can be substituted for a sponsor.

Don't forget the CSAR website: www.csar.org. There is also a CSAR Yahoo! Group. I have tried to make sure I send a Yahoo group "invite" to members as applications have come in. If you are interested in the Yahoo group, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/csarK9> to sign up, or again, contact me and I will send you the "invite" and you can sign up that way.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Dawn Welch
P. O. Box 408
Buena Vista, GA 31803
Sponsor: Terri Slizewski

Reggie
2/1998 – 6/2010

*Huge, black, intimidating.
Insatiable appetite for tennis balls and
marshmallows.
A stride of 100 yards, all business.*

*Reggie was my third SAR K-9. He excelled at
thoroughness in his coverage and forgiveness of my
ineptitude. He retired to TD work, specializing in
rehab with quads who learned reps of 10 with a
tennis ball were just warm-ups.*

He searched AZ (NM and WA upon request)

Loved by Lois Rustin & Zoom



BILL TOLHURST AWARD

Several years ago, the officers and directors of CSAR established the Bill Tolhurst Award. The award is presented to members of CSAR who exemplify Bill's passion and generosity to the world of SAR.

To be nominated for this award, a person must have been a member of Canine Search & Recovery for **at least 2 years** and have attended **at least one CSAR seminar**. They must also have continuously gone above and beyond in giving back to the world of search and rescue through mentoring, training and their own canine work.

A letter of nomination stating how the person being nominated meets the criteria and standards set by the awards committee should be prepared and submitted to the Awards Committee chairperson by May 31. The committee will review any and all nominations and announce recipient(s) at the annual meeting of Canine Search & Recovery.

The Awards Committee Chairperson is:

Marlene Aurand

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The Buddy Thurston Memorial Award

An award, in memory of one of CSAR's founding and much loved members, will be given to any handler making their first find.

Please send your documentation to the Awards Committee Chairperson (see full contact info above). This must include copies of a witnessed trailing/working record, a letter of verification from the requesting agency and any other pertinent information. These handlers will be recognized at the next CSAR seminar. If you are unable to attend, your award will be mailed to you after the seminar.

Read any good books?

Have you read a good book or article lately related to SAR, canine behavior or training methods? Want to share it with your CSAR friends? Please submit your book/article review for publication in an upcoming CSAR Newsletter.

Contact Terri @ terri.slizewski@csar.org

Upcoming Board Meeting

Your Board meets at least quarterly by teleconference or in person. Please send anything you wish brought to the Board's attention to any of your officers or board members (contact info on pg. 3).

NEWS!!

Submit news about yourself, pictures, team news, new arrivals, training problems, or lessons learned for use in future issues of the newsletter. Contact Terri @ terri.slizewski@csar.org.

Website

Don't forget to visit the CSAR website at www.csar.org for all the latest information. The Members Only section requires a password. If you have renewed your dues for 2010 and don't know the new password, please contact either Rick Myers (rick.myers@csar.org) or Terri (terri.slizewski@csar.org) to get it.

Yahoo!!

CSAR has an online Yahoo! Group for members. If you haven't joined already, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/csarK9/> and look for the "Join This Group" button.

FaceBook

Do you FaceBook? Search for "Canine Search and Recovery, Inc." and join us on FaceBook today!!

CSAR 2010

Full information regarding the 2010 Seminar can be found on Page 14 +. You can also visit the CSAR website or the hosting team's website (www.nasdak9.org) for more information.

Carolyn Knapp Memorial Scholarship Fund



The board is pleased to announce creation of the *Carolyn Knapp Memorial Scholarship Fund*. As many of you know, we lost Carolyn to breast cancer in 2009. She was an integral part of CSAR and its seminars, and we could think of no better way to honor her than to create a scholarship fund in her name. The fund will pay for at least one person to attend the seminar. The award will be given based on financial need, commitment to Canine SAR and commitment to CSAR. In order to apply, you must have been a CSAR member for at least one calendar year. The Awards Committee will be responsible for the application and award process. This fund was started with a donation from Supreme Master TV and the funds raised via Cindy Corcoran's "Pink" Items raffle at the 2009 seminar in Ohio. These monies were designated specifically to start this fund in Carolyn's honor. Any donations made to the fund will be used solely for the fund. Donations can be made specifically to sustain the fund and just need to be sent to the CSAR address, marked as *CK Memorial Fund*. The application deadline for 2010 has passed. Please be thinking about 2011. The application deadline will be on or about June 30, exact date will depend on the dates for the 2011 CSAR Seminar.



Donations Appreciated

Long Time and Founding member Geri Messina's Redbone Coonhound Doc, her retired SAR dog, was recently shot by police in her back yard, resulting in the loss of his leg and high vet bills. The police were at her house because of a false report, and the officer entered her back yard and felt he was in danger, shooting her dog twice. The local community has organized a benefit to help her pay the resultant vet bills, and we are sure Geri would appreciate donations from the CSAR community. If you would like to send a donation, please send it to Geri Messina.

Geri's address is: P. O. Box 3385 – Chino Valley, AZ 86323

CSAR Board of Directors

CANINE SEARCH & RECOVERY, INC., CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2010

Started at 1906 Hours CDT

Present: Janet Anagnos, Dennis Schenk, Mike Byrd, Linda Uihlein, Darcy Harbaugh, Rick Myers, Terri Slizewski, Janet Geist. Marlene Aurand. Absent: Susan Wexter

Previous meeting minutes. Handled/approved via email. All ayes.

Treasurer's report –

Rick Myers emailed a detailed copy of the Treasurer's Report in PDF format to all board members prior to conference call. Total value of all accounts is approximately \$36600. Rick reported that he had dispersed a check for \$1500 to North Alabama Search Dog Association, hosts of the 2010 CSAR Fall seminar, as seed money. Rick also confirmed that the surplus seminar money had been moved to a 1 year Certificate of Deposit, as approved by the BOD at the April meeting. Rick is also checking on different insurance providers prior to renewing CSAR insurance later in the fall. Darcy reminded Rick that the campsite owners for this year's CSAR Fall seminar will need to be added to the insurance rider, as required by the camp owners, for the duration of the seminar.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Terri)

Terri reported that members reported in the May newsletter have met their 30 day comment period with no negative comments. Dennis S. motions that all new members presented be accepted. Rick M. 2nds. All ayes. Terri reported that the June 30th deadline for membership renewal has now passed. Membership database has been updated to reflect their non-member status.

Newsletter (Terri)

Terri reported she had sent email to CSAR membership soliciting newsletter input and had received several replies from members with material for the next newsletter. Darcy will provide the President's Message.

Nominations (Janet Anagnos, Janet Geist)

Janet A. reported that she has talked with several members that are interested in running for Board of Directors in 2010. There will be 3 Board positions that will be open this year. Janet A. reported that she has 3 confirmed nominees at this time, with several others having expressed interest. Darcy reminded the group that if more than 3 members wish to run for the Board positions, ballots will need to be mailed to the general membership in August and returned mid-September. Janet A. will send bios to Terri and will contact members that had expressed interest in running and confirm their intent.

Awards (Marlene Aurand)

Marlene reported that Awards Committee has received no nominations at this time. Darcy reminded Terri to include information about the various awards presented by CSAR in the upcoming newsletter. Discussion was held regarding ways to make the Carolyn Knapp Scholarship Award a self-funding award, including a special raffle at the annual CSAR Seminar auction, or a 50-50 drawing, as well as promoting the Award at this year's seminar so that the membership will be more aware of the Award for the future.

Seminar (Dennis Schenk, Mike Byrd, Darcy Harbaugh-2010 Host)

Darcy reported that the seminar committee has selected the 2011 host and the Board approved via email. The announcement will be made at CSAR 2010 Seminar. Flyers will be handed out with specific dates and the

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host at the General Meeting at the 2010 Seminar. Darcy reported on the 2010 seminar progress. Some changes have been made in the instructor line up due to schedule changes. At this time approximately 60 registrations have been received. Early Bird discount specials seem to be helping get registrations in earlier than usual. Water HRD class is full and website has been updated to reflect that. Discussion was held concerning developing a formal contract to be used in the future for groups wishing to host CSAR's annual seminar and as incentive to get teams to host the annual seminar. Contract would spell out how surplus money would be split between host and CSAR based on how much work the host would be able and willing to do to host the seminar. Darcy asked that all comments and suggestions be sent to her so that something can be presented to the Board before the next meeting. Dennis also suggested that we start a "seminar library" with sample documents such as solicitation letter for donations, task plan for hosting, lessons learned, in a central location for future hosts to be able to use. These will be uploaded to the CSAR website in a files section and can also be placed on the CSAR Yahoo! Group files section. Rick also brought up whether or not we need to order the generic kid t-shirts before the seminar. Decision was made to order 25 shirts to have at the seminar. Rick also brought up offering other items for purchase with the CSAR logo such as ceramic coffee cups, aluminum or Lexan water bottles, travel coffee cups. Discussion was held and it was decided not to offer ceramic coffee cups. Rick will mail examples and prices to the Board for later discussion. Darcy also requested that Rick check on the CSAR Henley-style shirt with the embroidered logo and include that information with the other items. Rick reported that he has obtained a credit card machine that he will bring to the seminar so that attendees will be able to use debit/credit cards for purchases this year.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mike B. reported to the Board about the recent shooting of former CSAR member and former Board member Geri Messina's canine by a law enforcement officer responding to a domestic call. The dog was shot twice and lost a leg but is recovering. Discussion was held concerning the appropriateness of a donation from CSAR to Geri. It was suggested that a paragraph be placed in the upcoming newsletter with information if any CSAR member wished to make a private/personal donation to help with the large vet bills. Mike made a motion that CSAR make a \$25 donation to Geri. Linda 2nds. There were 3 nays, 2 ayes and the rest abstained. The motion was defeated. Darcy will write something to include in the newsletter along with donation information.

Dennis brought up an old CSAR brochure that he had come across while file cleaning and asked if there was an interest and need for updating the brochure and printing a new one. Rick reported that he was in the processing of updating the current brochure and will bring them to the fall seminar in October.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm; Terri motions; Rick 2nds; All agree.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Slizewski, Secretary

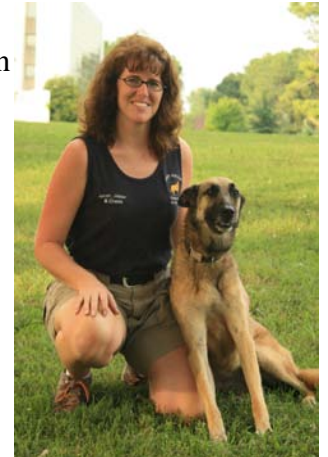
CSAR would like to give a get-well wishes to Mark Holmes. Mark has had to cancel for the seminar this year due to on-going and painful surgeries on his arm, which he has yet to regain full mobility of following rotator cuff surgery. We send him all of our well wishes for an ultimate recovery and really hope he has a chance to teach at CSAR again.

CSAR BOARD ELECTIONS – 2010

The CSAR Nominating Committee has nominated the following people to replace (or continue) their service to the Board. Since we are filling 3 seats and have only 3 nominees, no ballots will be sent this year. Thanks to all for volunteering to serve (again). Their terms will begin January 1, 2011. If you would like to serve on the CSAR Board, please contact the Nominating Committee for positions open in 2011.

Janet Geist

Janet Geist is a member of the North Alabama Search Dog Association. She has been training in live airscent and cadaver work since 1996 and is currently running her second dog, Chaos, a Belgian Malinois, in wilderness airscent. She and her retired dog, Jester, were a NASAR Canine SARTECH III - Airscent and HRD team. Janet and Chaos are a NASAR Canine SARTECH II - Airscent team. Janet is also an evaluator for live and HRD. She is an avid hiker and outdoor person and enjoys combining that with her love of working dogs. She has a background as a dog obedience trainer and instructor. Janet has taught at previous CSAR seminars, and enjoys working with beginner dogs (and handlers).



Dennis Schenk



Dennis Schenk has been a member of Illinois Wisconsin Search and Rescue Dogs for 15 years. He works both scent specific trailing and land /water cadaver dogs. He is now training and handling his second dog. His current dog, Beck, is NASAR (National Association of Search and Rescue) HRD certified, L.E.T.S. (Law Enforcement Training Specialist, International) cadaver certified and is past NNDDA (National Narcotics & Detection Dog Association) HRD certified. He has participated in over 175 searches and has attended in excess of 1400 hours of seminar classes. He has instructed CSR's beginning cadaver seminar for 7 years. He is a CSR and NASAR member. He has been a past and current CSAR board member. He is a current board member and past Vice President of the Portage County Humane Society. He presently resides just outside of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Carol Lussky

Carol Lussky has been a police officer for over 27 years and is currently the Chief of Police of a small town in Northern Illinois. She began SAR in 1996 with her first dog, Buddy, a blue-eyed mutt. Buddy retired last year. She is currently working Jake, a German Shepherd, who she has been working for 8 years. Carol is a NASAR SARTECH II and Buddy was certified with NASAR in Trailing and HRD. Jake is certified with NASAR, NOCDS, LETS (land and water cadaver) and was certified with NNDDA when they certified civilians. Carol has been a member of CSAR since 1996. She only missed one CSAR seminar and has taught beginning trailing, intermediate trailing and co-taught advanced cadaver.



CSR Faces

CSR Faces, continues with this 3rd Quarter Edition. I contacted two CSAR members and asked them if they would “volunteer” to be a CSR Face this time around. Thanks, Carol and Dave!

Dave Wright

1. Member name, canine(s) name:

C David Wright III MD; Gunter, German Shepherd Dog

2. Current SAR Team/affiliation:

Search and Rescue of Michigan

3. How long have you been a member of CSAR?

Attended CSAR in Ohio fall 09, "voted" into CSAR 2010

4. SAR Discipline(s):

Trailing

5. How long have you been in SAR?

Three and a half years

6. Favorite thing about SAR work?

Working the dog, enjoying the challenges, and serving the public

7. Least favorite thing about SAR work?

Heat and humidity

8. What do you do outside of SAR?

Family physician, hospice physician--29 years

9. Something folks might not know about you.

Avid pistol shooter (defensive pistol skills) and training Schutzhund. Also enjoy camping, boating, snowmobiling and cross country skiing and collecting Great Lakes freighter and lighthouse art work

10. Let's get social - Do you have a blog? A personal website? Team website? Facebook?

No blog or Facebook. My team's website is: www.saromdogs.com



Carol Lussky

1. Member name, canine(s) name

Carol Lussky

K-9's Buddy – Blue eyed mix breed mutt – retired, 14 ½ years old, adopted from the DuPage County Animal Shelter - NASAR certified HRD & Trailing

Jake – German Shepherd 8 ½ years old, adopted from the DuPage County Animal Shelter
NASAR certified HRD - NOCDS certified HRD

Sugar – Lab mix (maybe) 4 ½ years, found running on a major road – owner didn't want her, so I brought her home to find her a good home...and she moved right in!! Just beginning HRD

2. Current SAR Team/affiliation

Illinois Wisconsin Search Dogs – member since 1996 and ISRG – member since 2001

3. How long have you been a member of CSAR?

Since the beginning of time....or actually since the beginning of CSAR.

4. SAR Discipline(s)

HRD – land & water; Trailing



5. How long have you been in SAR?

I joined ILLWIS in July '96 after seeing the team assist in a case I was working on (Serial Killer – dismemberment). I thought “How cool is that?” and asked about joining as a flanker/backup as I didn't have a working dog (a couch potato yes, search dog no). The next week Buddy came into my life as a stray and, as they say, the rest is history. Buddy retired last year because he's old and had a minor health issue. BB, a Beagle that I found at the Tennessee CSAR Seminar back in '98 or '99? had prostate cancer and crossed the rainbow bridge last year. Some may remember his as the little beagle used at many CSAR seminars for the Canine Good Citizen test. Jake (GSD) is my current SAR dog and has been to many CSAR seminars. I started working Sugar (Lab mix) last fall figuring I'm going to need a dog when Jake retires and I already have four dogs in the house so getting another dog wasn't really practical. BUT, I was just informed I'm on a list for a GSD puppy for next spring, so I'll be starting back at the beginning again real soon!

6. Favorite thing about SAR work?

No doubt about it...the dogs. It's fascinating to watch each dog work and problem solve. Each breed is different and each individual works different and they are **all** fascinating to watch.

7. Least favorite thing about SAR work?

Ticks...I hate ticks.

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← *CSR Faces (Carol Lussky) continued from page 11*

8. What do you do outside of SAR (real job)?

My real job is as Chief of Police for a small town in Northern Illinois. I took this job in the fall of '06 as a part time position while I was still a Sergeant, full time in another town (and actually missed my only CSAR seminar because of it!!). I retired after almost 25 years in January '08 and the Chief's position went full time the next day.

9. Something folks might not know about you. (like a hobby maybe?)

My husband Jim and I have a farm and raise Jacob's Sheep. I also have 2 old horses, 3 alpacas, 2 pygmy goats, a bunch of chickens and a pot bellied pig. Someday I'd like to retire and get into working with the sheep fibers – spinning, weaving, knitting and all that good stuff. For now I just tinker with it in my spare time.

We are also into old cars and have a bunch – '38 Buick, '50 Buick, '54 Chevy, '60 Cadillac, '63 TBird, etc. Hopefully we're getting a '50 Chevy Pickup truck next week...and I'm always looking for more (yes, it's an addiction). And, of course, there are my old Buick hearses – a '51, an '83 and a '90. Why hearses? Just because I always thought they were neat and had wanted one since I was a kid...and of course one leads to two, and three is even better!

10. Let's get social - Do you have a blog? A personal website? Team website? Facebook?

I'm on Facebook and our team website is: www.illwissardogs.org



Would you be a CSR Face? We will be asking members to volunteer for this column every quarter when Newsletter time rolls around. If you would like to be included in an upcoming newsletter, go ahead and email me early (terri.slizewski@csar.org) ! You already know the questions, so the only other thing I'll need is a picture. It's a great way to get to know other members of CSAR and to let them know you!



Mike Byrd & Claude in Dover, Ohio giving a demo for the Tuscarawas Valley Kennel Club →

← Jane Stahl and Pearl in Dover, Ohio giving a demo for the Tuscarawas Valley Kennel Club



The Art of Racing in the Rain

By
Garth Stein

This is a short book you'll have a hard time putting down. It is a story told by Enzo, a mixed breed retriever who's proud to have a little spaniel in his 'Heinz 57' pedigree.

The story opens as Enzo is entering his twelfth year, he's 84 in man-years. Tired, sore, and stiff from hip dysplasia plus a tangle with a car a few years back, Enzo tells us his life's story from being picked out of a multi-puppy litter by his forever master and best friend, to his pending trip across and beyond the Rainbow Bridge.

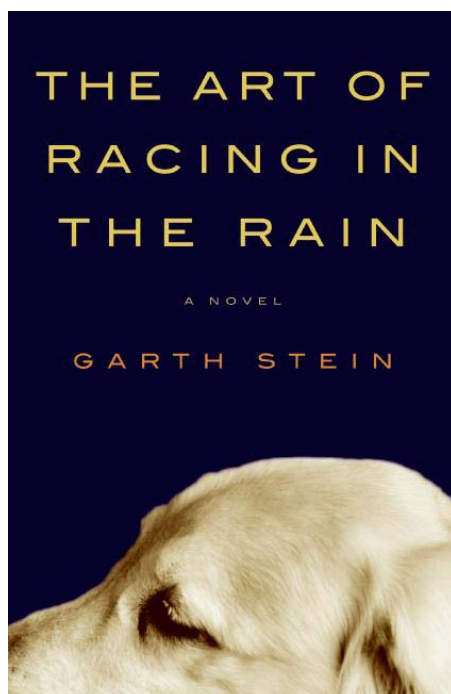
What an engrossing story this turns out to be, even though its being told to you by a dog, in first person, you get pulled in on the turn of every quick page. Enzo will quickly let you know that a dog can't dwell on things too long, so the book's chapters are short, tantalizing, and presented just as Enzo sees things.

Of course there are some 'life lessons' in this story told by a dog about his human family. He'll talk about the 'Black Demon Zebra' that can drive you blind with rage, the Mongolian legends about dogs and an afterlife, and he really does get to ride in a racecar...though not in the rain.

We all get wrapped up in our everyday dramas of life that are played out at work, home, and as SAR dog handlers. Even with all that going on, I encourage you, as a dog owner, to take the few hours to let Enzo tell you his story. You'll be reminded of the most important formulas for a successful and happy life....."you can't win the race if you don't finish the race" and you must keep your eyes on the road ahead of you.....because "where the eyes go, the wheels go" !

Enjoy.....I sure did !

Review by Larry Welker



CANINE SEARCH AND RECOVERY 2010 SEMINAR

Sunday-October 3rd – Friday-October 8th, 2010

Camp Trico – Guntersville, Alabama

Hosted by: North Alabama Search Dog Association

Camp Trico is a beautiful 109 acre wooded lot on the shore of Lake Guntersville. A scenic waterfront view and a fully-equipped kitchen with a dining hall are some of the amenities offered at Camp Trico.

Classes and Instructors (still in process)

Beginner Airscent - Dee Wild (LASAR)

Intermediate Airscent – Janet Geist (NASDA) & Robin Habeger (Iowa/POL)

Advanced Airscent - Natalie Ray (CARDA) & Roy Lopez (Border Patrol/BORSTAR)

Beginner Trailing - Silvia Pagenkemper (NBTI)

Intermediate Trailing- Andrea Vogel (NBTI) & Corbin Hodge (East TX SAR)

Advanced Trailing - Kevin Kocher (NBTI) & Marshall Thielen (NBTI)

Beginner Land HRD - Mickey Januskiewicz (SCSD)

Intermediate Land HRD - Denver Holder (NCSARDA)

Advanced Land HRD – Edwin Grant (NC Wildlife Resources, retired)

Water HRD - Lisa Higgins (LASAR) & Carol Lussky (Ill-Wis) – **WATER HRD IS FULL!!**

(instructor list subject to change at any time)

Evening Classes (still in process)

Dr. Larry Myers, Auburn University

Jim Greenway, Alpha K-9 Team, Georgia

Laurie Bullard – Dog Massage (back by popular demand!)

We will be limiting class sizes to 8 people for one instructor or 15 if two instructors listed! If you want a particular class or instructor we recommend signing up early.

Registration includes food/lodging/instruction. Because of our overall cost, there will be no discounts for people coming without dogs or who chose to stay off-site.

Please see the NASDA website for more information concerning CLASS LEVELS for information on making an informed choice of what level class you may want to be in.

NASDA: <http://www.nasdak9.org>

PRICING INFORMATION & Registration Form on following pages



Canine Search and Recovery
Fall Seminar - Guntersville, Alabama
3-8 Oct 2010
Hosted by the North Alabama Search Dog Association

Dog Registration

Dog's Name: _____

Age: _____ Breed: _____

Please include a copy of your shot records (see FAQ's for more information).

Select your first, second and third choice tracks by placing "1", "2" and "3" in the blanks

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|-----------------------------|--|
| _____ Beginner Airscent | _____ Beginner HRD |
| _____ Intermediate Airscent | _____ Intermediate HRD |
| _____ Advanced Airscent | _____ Advanced HRD |
| _____ Beginner Trailing | _____ Water HRD ** This class is full ** |
| _____ Intermediate Trailing | |
| _____ Advanced Trailing | |

Participant's Registration

CSAR member? Yes No

Amount Enclosed? _____ Please check if paid via PayPal

(before July 15th: CSAR \$220.00/Non-member \$260, must be paid in full)

(before August 30th: CSAR \$260.00/Non-member \$300.00 must be paid in full)

Otherwise CSAR \$285.00/Non-member \$325.00)

All registrations include \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

YES! Please send me an email confirmation of my registration –
my e-mail is: _____

- Cabin Selection: Staying on-site in cabin
 On-site camping (tent) instead of cabin
 Thanks, but I plan on staying off-site
- Food: Normal Food Service I'm a vegetarian

Release and Covenant Not to Sue

I, _____, the undersigned, having requested the right to participate in a seminar held at Camp Trico, Guntersville, Alabama, from Oct 3-8, 2010. Such an enrollment having been made of my own initiative, and, I, specifically understand and acknowledge that I am aware that there are inherent dangers and risks in the training and evaluation of handlers and their canines, and I fully understand that if I am to participate in the seminar, I accept the inherent dangers and risks to me and my canine(s). Now, therefore, in consideration for permitting me to participate in such training and/or activities, I hereby waive and release the instructors, Camp Trico owners, individual members of NASDA, Inc and/or CSAR, from all claims, rights or causes of actions accruing in my favor as a result of personal injuries or loss or damage of property (including my canine(s)) caused during such training or activity in conjunction with this Fall Oct 3-8, 2010 Seminar, including arrival and departure dates and such waiver and release shall apply on behalf of myself and all who may hereafter claim through or for me.

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

Property Damage Agreement

My signature above also indicates that I understand and agree that I am responsible for any and all damages caused by me and/or my canine(s), including but not limited to, property damage and/or injuries to individuals and/or their canine(s) during my activities associated with the seminar at Camp Trico scheduled for Oct 3-8, 2010. In addition to the aforementioned payment of damages, said individual(s) and their canine(s) in violation of this agreement may be expelled from the training or activity with no refund.

Facility rules that participant further agrees to:

- All canines shall be on leash or crated when not with the owner, except when they are being worked
- You must clean up after your dog
- Dogs are not allowed in the dining area
- You must bring a crate or a pen for your dog, no tie outs
- Registries assume full responsibility for any other person(s) in their party attending the seminar
- Your seminar host will not be responsible for any loss, injury, or death to any person or animal while in attendance at the seminar
- All canines shall be off lead only while under the supervision of an instructor and at their direction to do so.
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Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Mail Completed Registration to:
CSAR SEMINAR 2010
c/o Len Troman
254 Troman Lane
Attalla, AL 35954
256-490-8851

Email registration: len.troman@choicefab.com
(if paid via PayPal Only)



Seminar To-Do List

Don't forget:

Shot Records if you have not already sent them

Linens/Sleeping Bags/Pillows/Towels

Refillable Water Bottles for you and your dog

Dog Food

Dog Treats

Dog Toys

Dog Medicines



Dog

Dog Flea/Tick Treatment

Dog Heartworm Treatment

Appropriate Clothes

Boots

Crate (s)

Print out Directions

GPS and maps downloaded

Snack Food

Handler Medicines

Toothpaste and other essentials



Ode to Sizzle the SAR dog – January 16, 1999 to May 4th, 2010

On May 4th, 2010 I lost my SAR dog, Sizzle to a freaky inoperable nerve sheath tumor. She was a frequent participant of CSAR attending most of the seminars since 2000. So we likely attended a class or two with several of you. Sizzle also can take claim to the “T-shirt” experiment where at an auction I bought Paul Whitted’s scented T-shirt with the plans that at CSAR next year Paul would set an hour long track for Sizzle and I would use his shirt that would be a year old. Well we not only successfully tracked Paul that next year, we repeated the experiment 3 more times only missing the CSAR Arizona seminar where I taught a class and she stayed home. It was pretty amazing watching her take scent and still track Paul in highly contaminated areas, even in urban environment and pick him out of a crowd. So of course that left us all wondering just what is it that dogs can smell on a T-shirt now 5 years old? Still TBD.



Terri kindly asked me if I wanted to write up something about Sizzle and I thought it would be a nice and easy thing to do. I mean I still think about her and remember so many things. But sitting down for the task was another story. I have had the hardest time putting her loss into words. I realized I still didn’t want to acknowledge she is really gone. I am sure many of you have too lost your special SAR dog and have had exactly the same feeling. People kindly will tell you “Yes, a pet dying can be a tremendous loss.” I never said it but “Ah, wait, this wasn’t just a pet, (no offense to pet owners) but this was my SAR dog!” This was a dog that I am sure I spent more time with than with my husband or any friend. We spent hundreds of hours training, searching, going to seminars, and traveling together. With me knowing her every whim and her understanding every wiggy thing about me. I didn’t just lose my SAR dog I lost my partner and a big part of myself.

I pondered on these feelings for quite a while and realized that our SAR dog IS a part of us. Our days, our friends, our future is all wrapped up in that dog. Training, seminars, searches places we would never have gone and experiences we would never have had if it wasn’t for that SAR dog. What are the chances I would have gone to the Body Farm twice, avalanche training with Wasatch Backcountry, get flown to El Malpais, hear the wonderful words called out from a lost hiker “I see a dog” or from law enforcement, “Your dog’s find has changed the whole nature of this crime” and even attend CSAR seminars for 9 years in a row? And then, when law enforcement, a detective, search manager, an out of state mother or a colleague calls me to “search” for that lost, missing or possibly deceased individual – they aren’t calling me, they are calling my dog and I just have the duty of getting her to the site.

Sizzle had a great life. She loved her job as a SAR dog. People would ask me.. “How did you train her to do this or that?” I would often have to say “I don’t know, she just seems to know what I want her to do.” And that was true. I have hundreds of pictures of her and she is always looking right at me, ears up, and a slight grin. She was embarrassingly aloof to strangers but never forgot a friend, embarrassingly dominant to dogs but fair in the dog world, and embarrassingly protective of my dog Lwee when he was a pup. I thank her for raising him and giving him good social manners and confidence. She was a great dog and I expected her to be with me at least a few more years. I feel sad, lonely and angry that for what ever reason she was taken away. We all know these feelings will slowly subside as time passes. But I don’t think any of us will ever forget the impact training and loving a SAR dog has on our lives. I still miss her terribly.

-- *Elane Flower*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

New (requires sponsor signature) \$25.00
 Renewal \$25.00
 Lifetime Membership \$300.00

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE – HOME: _____ CELL: _____ WORK: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT – NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE – HOME: _____ CELL: _____ WORK: _____

SEND TO:
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<p style="text-align: center;">AREA OF INTEREST</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Airscent <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking/Trailing <input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver <input type="checkbox"/> Support Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ </p> <p>BREED: _____</p> <p>SPECIAL INTEREST: _____</p> <p>K-9 AFFILIATION: _____</p>	<p>My information may be published on the CSAR member's roster.</p> <p>___ YES ___ NO</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CODE OF ETHICS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I will inform the association of all criminal offenses of which I have been convicted. I will not engage in the use of illegal drugs. I will conduct myself professionally in public at all times. I will inform the association of any dog abuse case of which I have been convicted. I will conduct all searches in a legal manner. I will not use my membership for personal gain. I will speak only in the best interest of the organization and its members. 	<p>Please add me to the CSAR email group.</p> <p>___ YES ___ NO ___ ALREADY ON IT</p>
<p>I have read and agree to comply with the above Code of Ethics. I understand that failure to abide by this code may result in my removal from the organization. It is understood that the Code of Ethics is in effect during my entire membership period.</p>	

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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 (Not necessary for renewal)

All fees are due and payable in US Dollars by January 1st of each calendar year except for lifetime memberships. Members will be dropped from the rolls if not renewed by July 1st. Any applications received incomplete will be returned.

Please note changes to the following information:
 Address Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone Emergency Contact

E-Mail Other _____

Paid dues via PayPal (Please complete and mail this form to the POBox if you paid via PayPal)

Lessons Learned is another feature of the CSAR quarterly newsletter that we want to make a regular column. I had no submissions this quarter. Please contact me (terri.slizewski@csar.org) if you would like to contribute to this column. Anything search/training/behavior related that you have encountered in a search or training setting would make a great topic. We all learn from our own experiences (or mistakes!) as well as those of others. You might share an experience that could prove to be a lifesaver to another member of the SAR community.

