

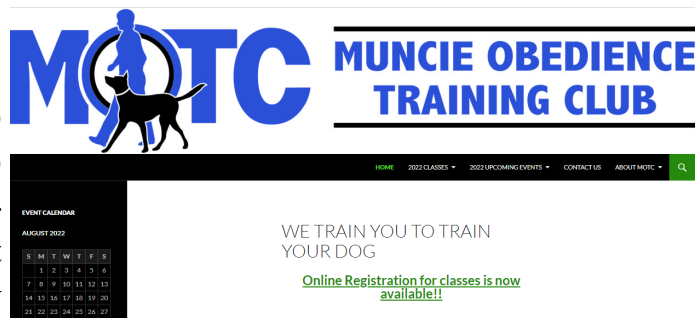


Muncie Obedience Training Club

REGISTER AND PAY FOR MOTC CLASSES ONLINE

Since July prospective students can sign up and pay for Muncie Obedience Training Club classes. Angie Boyle and Chris Ashmore-Good set up a tablet at the clubhouse so that people signing up for classes could pay by debit or credit card if they had no checks or enough cash on them. With a little more work they were able to set up online class registration allowing people to sign-up and pay for class from the MOTC website munciedogtraining.com. To register online, click the link on the homepage, from page of the class you're interested in, or the 2022 classes drop down menu. Choose the type of class, enter the start date, choose your communication preference, enter your contact information and dog's information, e-sign the disclaimer, and click submit which allows you to select your payment method. You receive notification about your application within a day or two.

People who pay for a class at sign-up are more likely to attend the class than those who don't. More people carry and pay with debit cards than checks these days. Even if they need cash they are likely to use their card at an ATM to get it. Being able to register and pay for class from the convenience of home makes it easier for people to sign-up on rainy or cold, snowy days or when the clubhouse is closed. They can also sign up online from their phones while watching classes at the clubhouse if there is no sign-up volunteer.



MEMBER MEETING

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 4 PM

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY AUGUST 28 4 PM

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BOBBI SICCARDI

Hello all,

I hope everyone is doing well during these dog days of summer. It is hard to believe that the summer is half over and fall will soon be here. The board has been busy continuing to move forward with the previous board business as well as taking on new projects. First some thank you's:

Thanks to Brenda for volunteering to continue doing the newsletter. It is an opportunity for folks to brag about their accomplishments and to learn what others are doing with their canine partners. She has been with the club for a long time and has always been willing to help with many things.

Thanks to Jean Crowcroft for continuing as the show chairman for our next two obedience trials. Jean has been a pillar for this club in many ways and I appreciate her continuing to assist with all of the activities she does for MOTC.

Thank you to Angie Boyle, Chris Ashmore-Good and the website committee including Terry Lattanzio and Brenda Grice for their hard work in a short period of time in moving forward with changes for the club website. Customers are now able to complete registration forms and make payments online for a number of our classes. This is a work in progress so we ask that everyone be patient, but please take the time to check it out. Volunteer hours need to continue to be reported to Jim Hasecoster at this time (JimHase@aol.com) but there will be a link on the website where hours can be self-reported. Jim will continue to verify hours served at events where members sign in. Everyone will be notified when this is up and running.

Thank you to Rick and Garnett for their patience with Angie, Chris and me as we continue to learn our positions on the board. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to the following individuals for stepping up and taking the lead on events put on by the club: Diane Gibbs and Barb Meier – obedience trials; Garnet Meyer and Susy Hasecoster – scent work trials and Rick Dalessandro – Fast Cat trials. These folks have taken on huge roles that ultimately benefit and club and members. Please remember that we continue to need volunteers to support these events. If you are new to the club, please respond to requests for help if you can. It is a great way to get to know other members and to understand the dedication and work it takes to do these events. Without these events, we don't have a building where we can train. No one wants to lose what so many people in this club have worked hard to obtain to date.

Thank you to Karen Scantland for continuing to take the lead in the landscaping for the building. She does a terrific job!

Other items of interest:

The Muncie Kennel Club is renting our building for their handling seminar on October 22nd and October 23rd. The building will be unavailable for training that weekend. This will bring in \$500 for the weekend.

Rick recently sent out a request for members to help on a hospitality committee. If you have interest in this, please respond to him. The image we present to our judges and our exhibitors is very important as they then encourage other people to come to our events.

We have two other committees that are currently active: Website Committee chaired by Angie Boyle and the Obedience Trial Committee chaired by Diane Gibbs. If you have interest in helping with either of these committees, please let the chairpersons know.

Mary Janek, Coordinator of Pet Training, recently sent out an email regarding an upcoming meeting for members who are interested in instructing and/or assisting in classes. We have a variety of activities that are taught at MOTC including scent work classes (coordinated by Hanna Kadinger and Rachel Alspach), obedience classes including pet (coordinated by Mary Janek) and competition classes (coordinated by Bob Janek). Rally instruction and practice is coordinated by Brenda Grice, Gabby Thornburg and Track Blackford and handling practice is coordinated by Tracy Blackford. If you have an interest helping with any of these activities, you can reach out to the individuals listed or come to the upcoming instructor/assistant meeting. Date and location will be sent out very soon!

Mark your calendars for 9/25. The board meeting will be at 3 pm and the member meeting will be at 4 pm. Hope to see you all there, especially the new members!

As you all can see, we have many things going on. We need everyone's help as often as you can be available and please know, you are all appreciated!

Happy Training!!!

Bobbi

#In a world where you can be anything, always be kind to others.

Upcoming Dates

Board Meeting—August 28 4 pm

Board Meeting—September 25 3 pm

Member Meeting—September 25 4 pm

MOTC Rally trials—September 30

MOTC Obedience trials—October 1 & 2

Board Meeting—October 23 4 pm

MOTC Obedience trials—November 11 & 12

MOTC Rally trials—November 13

Board Meeting—November 20 4 pm

Board Meeting—December 11 12 pm

Member Meeting—December 11 1 pm

Board Meeting—January 29 4 pm

Board Meeting—February 26 4 pm

Board Meeting—March 26 3 pm

Member Meeting—March 26 5 pm

Board Meeting—April 23 4 pm

Board Meeting—May 21 4 pm

Board Meeting—June 11 3 pm

Member Meeting—June 11 4 pm, election

6/11 Board 3 pm Member 4 pm election

EDITORIAL

NEW PUPPY

BK GRICE

I brought a new puppy into the household recently. As I am not a breeder, new puppies only come into the family every three to ten years depending on circumstances and I have never had more than three dogs at time. My dogs are first and foremost pets that along the way get into dog sports and activities. I make a point to get my dogs into the club's puppy and beginner classes when they are old enough. I like to see how others conduct classes and it helps keep me motivated to train. My goals and expectations are a bit different from others in these classes, but we are all there because we want our dogs to be well-behaved family pets. The instructors of course know me; they know how I train and have seen me work with my other dogs. Sometimes when I do something different in class, they will point it out and explain why I'm doing it or ask me to explain it to the class.

I like being in these classes because they are good for teaching my puppy/dog how to work around distractions. They also allow me to learn who my puppy/dog is around other dogs and people. New owners get to see how I work with my puppy/dog in the same circumstances as they do. The pressure's off me a little as an experienced trainer. No one expects my puppy/dog to be perfect. Perry (Faerie Enchanted Falcon) and I start puppy class the week before this issue goes out. He will be my third from-scratch clicker trained dog. I anticipate showing him in Obedience, Rally, and Scent Work down the road and collaborating with me on occasion to teach classes. Lumi has already been showing him the ropes.

TARGETING

BK GRICE

Targeting is an easy skill to teach a dog, even a puppy, and it can be used for many things. Typically we ask a dog to touch a target with part of its body, but sometimes we ask a dog to position itself in relation to target.

The first targeting behavior usually taught is a nose touch to your hand; your open palm, back of your hand, your fist, or your first two fingers in a scout salute. Hold your hand out to your dog and it will likely sniff it, give a treat for sniffing it. Repeat a few times and your dog will figure out that touching your hand with its nose makes a treat appear. Move the target so your dog must turn its head to touch it; up, down, right, left. Move the target a short distance away and give a treat for moving to touch it. Play with it a little. Can you get your dog to circle? Can you get your dog to go to your left side, your right side? Sure, you can do this with a lure, lures use the instinctive action of following food; no thought required. Moving to touch a target requires the dog to use an operant action; touch the target to make the food appear.

Touching a nose touch is a great way to get a reluctant dog to move without pulling it. It can be used to teach heel position. Give it a name such as "touch" and you can transfer it to an object; use it to teach a go out or start teaching a hold. Targeting can be a very versatile tool.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KAREN SCANTLAND

In 2015 I got my first Standard Schnauzer. My research of the breed taught me that they are super smart (known as the breed with a human brain) and that they needed a job. So I signed us both up for puppy class at MOTC. After puppy and family dog class I decided to become a member. I wanted to go farther with my training and I enjoy meeting new people. Now I have two Standard Schnauzers and try to enroll them in activities that we both enjoy doing. We compete in Obedience, Scent Work, Fast Cat, Barn Hunt and some Agility. I believe my very first Obedience title was one of my greatest achievements in the dog sport world because I never really thought we could do it. I have the great instructors at MOTC to thank for helping us accomplish it. When I am not training my dogs I enjoy gardening and working in my yard. That is why I took on the landscaping job here at MOTC, which is a work in progress.



CH Stahlkrieger's Sleeping Beauty CGC
TKI BN CD CGCA SIE SCE SBN CGCU
FCAT2 RATI



Stahlkrieger's Arsenic and Old Lace CGC
TKI BN FCAT2 CGCA SCN CGCU RATN

THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN

JEANN CROWCROFT

Dr. Seuss writes in his book about “all the places you will go”. I would like to trace all the places Muncie Obedience Training Club has been.

I don't have the dates of these various locations. I memory might not be correct but I know MOTC has held classes in these various places. My first recollection was attending a class as a spectator at the Boys Club on Madison. There was another class at the old Armory on north Walnut across from the Muncie Field House. The first class I took was at Northwest Wrecker on Broadway. The club rented the space for one night a week. The club then moved to the new National Guard Armory on Country Club Road. The club rented the gymnasium again for one night a week. The mats were stored at that building but they had to be rolled out and gates placed each night. It was at that time I became a member but I don't remember what year. We hired a young man named Jimmy who rode his bike each week. He would lay out the rings and at the conclusion roll them up and put them in the storage room. On occasion if Jimmy was ill and unable to help it fell to the members to set up the rings. There were certain times the Armory was not available because of Guard training. We moved from there to east Memorial Drive in a building owned by Reid's plastics. We were first located in the front part of the building but it had a very leaky roof. This required us to mop mats. After some discussion we were offered the back part of the building. We had two rings set up but you had to go to the back part of this building to turn on and off the lights. It turned out that we were paying for all of the utility bills instead of just our part. We then moved to Yorktown in part of a strip mall. Now there is a dance studio in the area we rented. It was a small area. We then moved to North Walnut in the back part of the building next to Mr. And Mrs. Champs. This was a large area and allowed us to have two rings set up. After some disagreement with the landlord about raising the rent we moved to our current location. Now all this time we were holding Obedience Trials at various locations. Some were at Yorktown Middle School and most were at the Fairgrounds. Both of these locations involved transporting mats and gates and then setting up the rings. Of course after the trials the mats and gates had to be transported back to the club. We also only used green mats for the trials and they were stored one of those rental units.

So we were looking for places to rent or more important a location that we might purchase. We looked at several places and after a great deal of discussion and probably cussing we purchased our current building. This was possible because we had members who were willing to loan money for a down payment. This building did not look like it does now. The area where there is crating was a conference room so we removed a wall. The hallway to the restrooms and kitchen was open to the main area so a wall was constructed to enclose the south ring. We took part of the women's restroom to make the office and then used the old office for storage. Because of owning this building we were able to have our obedience trials in our own building. Then the storm came and took off the roof. We were not able to enter the building. Because we had loss of income insurance we were able to hold classes at a rental area. We were in the strip building where Domino's is located. It was a carpeted area so we didn't have to move mats once again. We were there while the building was repaired and basically rebuilt. At that time the ceiling was raised and new lightning was installed. Since buying this building we have added on the back room and added the kitchen. New to us matting was installed in the large ring and of course just recently we purchased and installed the new mats in the north ring. By the way the investors have all been repaid with interest. These are my recollections as I said I am not sure of dates but this is the history as I recall. Any corrections or other recollections are welcomed.



MOTC member Loen Irons was happy to share so photos of himself and his Great Pyrenees, Liberty (GCH CH Karolaska Liberty of Love CD BN RAE CGCA TKN GPCA Hall of Fame, performance division. Liberty is 7 years old and has been trained by Loen since she was a puppy. Liberty has 5 legs toward her Rally Master title. Loen is in the process of joining the World Canine Freestyle Organization and RallyFrE. (RallyFrE combines Rally and Freestyle movements.) Loen and Liberty became the first ever Freestyle team to perform at Great Pyrenees Nationals. They will be doing their first live WCFO in Dayton OH this fall. Loen creates their choreography relying on his marching band background and mounted horse drill team experience.



Shots from Loen and Liberty's GPCA Nationals Freestyle Performance to Beauty & the Beast



BRAGS & WAGS

Images Infinity-n-Beyond, Buzz, Belgian Sheepdog completed his Companion dog title this spring with a High in Trial along the way shown by Bobbi Siccardi

Warchex Falling-n-Love, Crush, Miniature Schnauzer, completed his Companion Dog and Rally Advanced titles and picked up a UKC Championship with a Reserve Best in Show shown by Mary Janek.

XS The Way You Make Me Feel, Touché, Belgian Sheepdog, completed her Beginner Novice and Rally Novice titles along with two back to back 5 point majors in conformation (one was from a long time breeder judge) shown by Mary Janek. This was Touché return to the ring after a 4 year hiatus.

Cynthia Becker's Chows finished some Scent Work titles in June. Baila finished her Scent Work Buried Excellent and Scent Work Excellent titles with 2 blue ribbons. Zinnia finished her Scent Work Exterior Advanced, Scent Work Buried Advanced, and Scent Work Advanced titles with multiple placements.

Karen Scantland's Lacy, Standard Schnauzer, earned Beginner Novice, Scent Work Container Novice, FCAT2 titles, and passed both the Canine Good Citizen Advanced and Canine Good Citizen Urban tests. Karen's Meeka, Standard Schnauzer, earned Beginner Novice, Companion Dog, Scent Work Buried Novice, Scent Work Container Excellent, Scent Work Interior Excellent and FCAT2 titles, passed the Canine Good Citizen Advanced and Canine Good Citizen Urban tests, and was certified by Therapy Dog International

Rick Dalessandro's Callie, Labrador Retriever, earned her Scent Work Interior Advanced, Container Advanced, and Exterior Novice titles in June. This completed all her novice elements giving her the Scent Work Novice title. She placed in nearly all of her classes.

Hannah Kadinger's Luna, Brittany, took part in an AKC commercial shoot that is now running on social media. Brooks, Brittany?, went Winner's Dog/Best of Winners for a 5 point major (first points!) over Memorial day weekend.

Brenda Grice's Lumi, Shetland Sheepdog, got her first Scent Work Novice legs in June: two in container and one in Interior.

Susan Naffziger's Trip, Portuguese Water Dog, took High in Trial at the Siberian Husky trial and finished his Companion Dog title. He also finished his Preferred Open title with 2 High in Trial wins at the Shetland Sheepdog Specialty with 196 & 197.5. Susan's Really, Boxer, took High in Trial with a 198 in Open B at the German Shepherd Specialty for her first Open leg and getting a second leg with another 198 at Boxer Nationals in June. She also took first in Utility B at the Shetland Sheepdog Specialty, picked up sixth UDX leg, and High Combined. Really now has all of her wins for her OTCH and is into double digits with points.





Susan Naffziger with Really and Trip showing off their awards



Rick Dalessandro's Callie displaying her Scent Work ribbons



Hanna Kadinger's Luma in her AKC modeling debut



Hannah and Brooks showing off his conformation ribbons



The Becker Chow's Scent Work Awards



Muncie Obedience Training Club has been part of the Muncie, Indiana community since 1946.

Our mission is to teach people to be responsible dog owners and canine companion sports participants and to hold events that demonstrate the benefits of dog training.

Our mission is accomplished through the actions of our volunteers who support our mission, support dog ownership, and love dogs.