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Muncie Obedience Training Club

MUNCIE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Muncie Obedience Training Club elected a new Board of Directors at its annual meeting Sunday June 11. The Board of Directors makes business decisions and sets policy for the club until the next election the following June. Candidates for the Board are nominated at the March members' meeting each year.

The 2023-2024 MOTC Board of Directors

Mary-Kay Schroeder, President	bayswaterpwd@comcast.net
Chris Ashmore-Good, Vice President	cashmore@libertyperry.org
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FRIDAY NIGHT TRAINING

Friday Night Training is offered most Friday nights at the Muncie Obedience Training Club clubhouse 6:30-9 pm. Ring time is reserved in 30 min. slots.

MOTC members may reserve time for free, non-MOTC members rent for \$10/slot. To rent a slot, email tincricket@gmail.com by Thursday midnight. The ring monitor books slots on a first come, first served basis and emails confirmations daily. Openings can be viewed at muncieobediencetrainingclub.blogspot.com

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MARY-KAY SCHROEDER

This is my first message as president of MOTC. For those that don't know me, I have attached a picture. I show and raise Portuguese Water Dogs and have been doing that since 1993. I live on Morse Reservoir in Cicero Indiana. I usually have 2 brown PWDs with me when I'm at the club house.

One of the reasons I ran for the Board of Director's is that I feel our club lacks communication with each other. This board will try to keep you informed but we also need your help in doing that. If you hear something being said when you are at the building and you want more information or to verify it, contact one of the board members. Our email addresses will be listed in the newsletter.

If you have concerns or ideas let us know. I've had a couple of very good suggestions from a member and we appreciate that. We will look into it and get back to you about it. This club is made up of a varied group and not everyone's needs are the same. We hold 4 member meetings a year and it would helpful if we have more participation. We can do fun things at some of those meetings, if you let us know what you are interested in?

Mary-Kay Schroeder
President MOTC



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY IS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16!

Responsible Dog Ownership is a time for all dog owners to remember their commitment to being a responsible dog owner. Responsible dog ownership protects our privilege of dog ownership and opportunities to participate in amateur dog sports. In fact, the month of September is designated as Responsible Dog Ownership month so there are a full 30 days to educate others and encourage responsible dog ownership. Responsible dog owners see that their dogs receive regular health care, good nutrition, proper exercise, training, have identification in case they get lost, and are good dog-owning neighbors.

EDITORIAL

WHAT IS A NEWSLETTER?

BK GRICE

When creating a newsletter there are some considerations to keep in mind. I keep these in mind when putting together Yips & Quips, the Muncie Obedience Training Club newsletter, each quarter.

Who is it for? The audience for Yips & Quips is the MOTC membership. They are currently the only ones who receive the newsletter.

What needs to be in it? I think that club news and announcements need to be in it so that club members know what's going on around the club, upcoming events and opportunities, and let them know what other members are doing with their dogs. I think that if someone finds a product, goes to a seminar, or reads a good dog-related book that they like, I think the newsletter is a chance for them to share that with other members. I think a letter from the club president provides a chance for the president to communicate with members who may not come to board meetings and/or rarely attend members' meetings. Finally I think an editorial that makes members' think is a good idea. Whether you have hated or loved every editorial I've written, I hope they made you think.

Where is locale it should focus on? The locale to focus on can be tricky. I think as the Muncie OTC newsletter it should focus on activities in Muncie and Delaware county. I realize though, that our members cover a large expanse of central Indiana.

When does it need to come out? Yips & Quips comes out quarterly a few weeks before each members' meeting. My goal is to get it to you by the 15th of February, May, August, and November; which is why the submission cut off is the end of January, April, July, and October. That gives me 2 weeks to put things together, polish things up, write an editorial, and often to write an article or two.

Why is there a newsletter? I think the purpose of Yips & Quips is to inform and to entertain: to keep members up on what's going on within the club, to announce class and event dates, to share members' accomplishments, to remind members of the club's mission, and to enjoy reading it.

How is it going out? The newsletter is digital. That allows it to go out postage-free, immediately, and environmentally friendly.

So now you know what goes through my mind when I put together this newsletter every February, May, August, and November. It's always easier if I have more material from you, the members, and I want the newsletter to be something you look forward to and enjoy. The newsletter has it's own email address: motcyq@gmail.com. (motc=Muncie Obedience Training Club, yq=Yips & Quips) Submissions can be sent any time, but I usually check it the day after deadline which is the last day of the month before the newsletter goes out. Next time you think, "that should be in the newsletter," send it!

CALENDAR

Member meeting Sept 10 3:30 pm
S.T.A.R. Puppy class begins Sept 11th 6 pm
Basic Obedience class begins Sept 11th 7:30 pm
AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day Sept 16
S.T.A.R. Puppy class begins Sep 16th 9 am
Basic Obedience class begins Sep 16th 10:30 am
Hamilton DTC—Agility trial, DDTC 9/22-24
MOTC Rally & Obedience Trials Sept 29-Oct 1
Rally Class begins Oct 5th 6 pm
Performance Fundamentals class begins Oct 5th 7 pm
Friday Night Training October 6, 13, 20, 27
S.T.A.R. Puppy class begins Oct 23rd 6 pm
Basic Obedience class begins Oct 23rd 7:30 pm
Friday Night Training November 3 & 17
MOTC Rally & Obedience Trials Nov 10-12
CGC & Trick Dog testing Nov 16th 7:30 pm
MOTC Member meeting December 10 3:30 pm

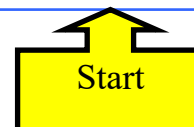
Need volunteer hours? We have Obedience and Rally trials coming up in September and November that will need volunteers to help with set up, tear down, and stewarding. We also have S.T.A.R. Puppy and Basic Obedience classes coming up that will need instructors and assistants. Classes run so much smoother when you have assistants!

WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS!



Meggan Verne
Krista Rhoades
Carole Mueller
Teresa Brewer

RALLY CLASS BEGINS OCT. 5



If you've heard of Rally but aren't sure how to start, sign up for the Rally class that begins Thursday October 5 at 6 pm. Dogs should be able to walk on a loose leash for 10 ft., sit and down, do a 30 second sit or down stay on leash, and be able to work around other dogs and handlers.

What is Rally? Rally uses Obedience skills on a numbered course similar to an Agility course but instead of obstacles there are Rally exercises. Rally exercises include basic Obedience skills and many signs are based on old Obedience drills. Rally is a great sport for people who are new to dog sports or starting out new dogs because you are permitted unlimited communication with your dog as you run the course and for most exercises you are allowed one re-do. As you move up in levels the courses become longer and more challenging. Novice is all on leash. Advanced is off leash and has a jump. Excellent is off leash, has two jumps, and a sit-stay get your leash exercise. Master is off leash, has one recall over a jump, and you cannot re-do any exercise. There is also an optional Intermediate level between Novice and Advanced which is on leash and uses Advanced signs but not the jump.

BRAGS & WAGS

Hanna Kadinger Brewer's Brittanies have done well in Scent Work. Luna finished her AKC Scent Work Detective title. Brooks finished his Scent Work Excellent, Master Buried, and Master Interior titles, earned his first Detective leg and took Excellent High in Trial.

Mary Janek's dogs did well. Willie, Min. Schnauzer, (Warches Willing-N-Able CGC BN) finished his Beginner Novice title with placements for each leg. Armani, Min. Schnauzer, (Warchex Sharp Dressed Man) finished his UKC Championship undefeated with multiple group placements. Surge, Belgian Malinois, (Lynnhaven's Don't Look Now CGC BN RN TKN) finished his Beginner Novice and Rally Novice titles with placements. Touché, Belgian Sheepdog,, (XS The Way You Make Me Feel) finished her UKC Championship w/group placements and a Reserve Best in Show.

Brenda Grice's Lumi, Shetland Sheepdog, took 4th place in Rally Master at our April 28 trial. In June she finished her Scent Work Interior Novice title, got 2 legs in Interior with 1st & 2nd places, a leg in Exterior with 1st place, and 2 legs in Buried with 2nd & 3rd place.



Hanna w/Luna showing off her Detective Award



Hanna's Brooks with is first Detective qualifying ribbon



Brenda's Lumi shows off her pretty new title ribbon for Scent Work Interior





Muncie Obedience Training Club is a 501c3 non-profit organization that has been part of the Muncie, Indiana community since 1946.

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

We do this by holding classes, seminars, Canine Good Citizen tests, and amateur dog trials in sports like Obedience, Rally, and Scent Work.