



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER May, 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 18th, 7 pm

Papa Tom's Banquet Room

1830 S. Woodruff – Idaho Falls

Obedience and Rally Classes

Starting June 21st

Orientation on June 20th at 6:30 pm

Blackfoot Shows – Obedience, Rally, Agility

June 15-17 – Fairgrounds

USRVDTC Obedience and Rally Trial

August 11-13

Caldwell – Agility

June 23-25

Go to <http://www.akc.org/events/> for info on other events in the area

USRVDTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2017

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:05 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, 2016, at Papa Tom's Pizza, in Idaho Falls ID.

Suzanne Belger made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous Board meeting because they were published in the newsletter. Steven Olson seconded. Passed.

Board Members Present:

Marilynne Manguba
Suzanne Belger

Frank Mason
Steven Olson

LaDawn Moad

Report of President: None

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: None

Report of Treasurer: Report held for regular meeting

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial Chairman: LaDawn Moad presented an Email from Carol Brown asking the club to refund her Agility Trial entry fees after closing because her dog has hurt its leg. Discussion was held and determined to be consistent with our premium which states no refunds after closing with the exception of bitches in season as required by AKC.

LaDawn Moad presented the Agility Trial Financial Report to the board showing the trial had a profit of \$4,300.00. Suzanne Belger made a motion to approve the report. Steven Olson seconded. Passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Steven Olson made a motion to adjourn. Frank Mason seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:13 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, 2017, 2016, at Papa Tom's Pizza, in Idaho Falls ID.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Jason MacLand and Brenda Ackerson

Members Present:

Stephanie Nielsen
Frank Mason
Don Williams
Wendy Baldwin

LaDawn Moad
Rochelle Mason
George Haller
Cheryl Loomis

Marilynne Manguba
Shel Williams
Glenda Haller
Steven Olson

Lois Olson
Heike Vitacolonna
Suzanne Belger

Carl Friedrich
Nicki Bowden
Loganne Peters

Charlie Urbanski
Mary Ann Igoe
LeeAnn Chaffin

Glenda Haller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because they were published in the newsletter. Lois Olson seconded. Passed

Glenda Haller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because all were present at meeting. Steven Olson seconded. Passed

Report of the President: None

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported the July meeting/picnic is July 20 at Tautphaus Park, the June meeting date has been change to June 22, due to the Blackfoot shows, June 22 and the August meeting date has been changed to August 10, due to the eclipse and the trial date changes.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne Belger read the monthly and year-to-date financial reports.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial Chairman: LaDawn Moad THANKed all that helped at the Agility Trial.

Equipment Chairman: Suzanne Belger asked about the purchase of 4 white tables, which was previously approved. Carl Friedrich will get those.

Carl Friedrich will check the obedience trailer to make sure all is ready for the obedience trial in August and will check on canvas bags for the fences

Obedience Training Director – Heike Vitacolonna reported obedience classes just started.

Unfinished Business: Obedience Instructor Group met twice and Suzanne prepared an outline for instructors on how to train students. The new outline is optional.

Rabies Clinic is May 2, 2017, Tuesday, 1:00 to 7:00 @ the City of Idaho Falls Activity Center on Skyline Drive. The cost is \$15.00 (Cash only). Persons 65 and older 1st one free.

New Business: Is there an interest for a CGCA and Trick titles test for our last class June 7?

Marilynne Manguba is doing a workshop at Snake River Animal Shelter for the volunteers April 29 @ 3:30.

Eagle Rock Kennel Club will be allowing mixed breed at the upcoming June Obedience and Rally Trials in Blackfoot.

Discussion held about getting the agility practice trailer a new paint job or new wrap. Marilynne Manguba will get estimates.

Membership applications approved: Jeanette Johnson.

Applications Read: Layla Johnson and Matthew Johnson (Family) and Kristin Sharp (Junior Membership)

Glenda Haller made a motion for adjournment. Suzanne Belger seconded. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm - Location of Next Club Meeting: Papa Tom's

BONNEVILLE COUNTY 4H DOG CLUB

The club is just started to ramp up meetings to twice a month and will be meeting once a week after school is out. Do you know any kids who want to be involved? The group is doing obedience, rally, and showmanship and working on agility (cause it's fun and are looking at adding agility to the county fair).

Contact Heidi Clark – clark5crew@gmail.com for additional information.

RABIES CLINIC – as always a big success. Thanks to everyone who helped wrangle dogs and owners!!!

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIAL

USRVDTC Obedience and Rally Trial will be August 11 through 13. Still need a few sponsors for trophies, please let Lucien know if you haven't already – lucienjr2@msn.com. Mark your calendars, we will need help with setup on Thursday, takedown on Sunday, and stewards during the trial.

OBEDIENCE and RALLY CLASSES – next classes start June 21st – application is on the website. Sign up now, our classes have been filling up.

TRACKING TEST – September 24th – tracklayers and other help needed.

NEWSLETTER HELP – Don't forget to send brags, ideas for articles, photos, etc. – send to Marilynne (marilynnem@gmail.com) for the newsletter and Mary Ann (otteru2@gmail.com) for the website.

ON THE CHEAP: 3 K9 ROAD TRIP MUST HAVES FOR THE FRUGAL TRAVELER

May 10, 2017 [Meagan Karnes](#) – The Collared Scholar

Meagan just completed a cross-country road trip with 14 dogs – some inexpensive hints from her trip.

Here are a few of my must haves.

(1) **Sun Shades** – We used HeatShield brand sun shades which were custom fit to our vehicle. We purchased sun shades for both the dash as well as the front windows. The benefit of these shades was two-fold. First, they decreased the interior temperature dramatically – according to the website, up to 40 degrees. So, when it was sunny, these were essential. But they also afforded us privacy. If we slept at a rest stop or campsite, we could install the sun shades and feel confident no one was peering in on us as we slept.

(2) Our Power Inverter – As we don't have electrical outlets in the van, we needed a way to keep our phones, my laptop and any other electrical devices charged.

For \$21, we purchased the SUPERNIGHT Portable 300 Watt Power Inverter 12V DC to 110V AC Car Inverter with Dual 5V 2.1A USB Ports and Dual 110V AC Outlet for Laptop and Phone Charging. While this didn't have enough power to fuel our tiny coffee maker we purchased, it did do the trick, keeping the necessities charged when we needed them.

For our next trip, we've dropped some cash on the Goal Zero Yeti Power Station with Solar Panels so that we can power all of the things we need reliably. I WILL NOT go without coffee again. I may be cheap, but not when it comes to my addictions (dogs and coffee). This is one of the biggest changes we are making for our next round of adventures. But for what we needed this go round, that tiny and cheap power inverter did the trick. In fact, I still use it to this day to keep cell phones and my laptop charged while I work.

(3) The Presence App – So this one is totally free. And here's the skinny. While we were on the road, we quickly realized we were missing something. We wanted to be able to keep an eye on our dogs when we stepped away from the vehicle. But we neglected cameras – in fact, we didn't give it much thought as we prepped for our trip. So for peace of mind, we installed an app that I had used (and loved) previously. It's called Presence. And by putting the app on both of our phones, we could leave one behind that would act as a security camera, and watch from wherever we were via the app on the other phone. The app is free and it's packed with features. You can set an alert to notify you if there is movement, you can record if you choose, and you can set up a two-way call if you think it might help. For us, if my dogs barked and I tried the two-way call to quiet them, it only tended to make things worse. So that was a feature we did not use. (Frugal dog training hack – if you have an old deactivated phone that is not in use, you can install the app via a WiFi connection and, you can use the old phone as a security camera anywhere you have WiFi – this is how I keep an eye on my dogs at home ... and it costs me nothing).

Aside from the necessities – dog food, first aid kit etc, these three items gave us peace of mind and comfort as we crammed ourselves into a van with 14 dogs. Without them, I don't think the trip would have been hardly as enjoyable. And with an initial investment of under \$100, I think the return was well worth it.

WORKING DOGS FOR CONSERVATION Bozeman, MT

Meet Atlas! When we saw the video from Labrador Rescuers of San Diego, we knew we wanted Atlas to join our pack. He played fetch with such athleticism – navigating obstacles and keeping his bearings as he relentlessly searched for the ball – that we would never have guessed that he'd been blind since birth. A volunteer pilot flew Atlas to his new home in Montana, but when he arrived, it was clear he wasn't quite ready to start detection training. So he moved in with Aimee Hurt to work on his attention span, focus, and connection with people. For a year, Aimee took him everywhere – to dozens of hotels, homes, and camping spots. When the year was up, Atlas had enough life-skills under his collar to start training as a conservation detection dog, and had found a forever home with Aimee – see www.wd4c.org

