



# Fox Valley's WAGGIN'S

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*'A Well Trained Dog Is A Happy Dog'*

JULY — 1995

F.V.D.T.C. Waggin'Tales

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BRAGS.....

Trudi Kimm And her Aussie SASSI passed their CGC at the International!

Cindy Rodeback and poor, old, worn out Bridger - well let's just say he never ceases to amaze me. Every time I practiced with him he acted like he could barely take another step. I kept on thinking that I was doing a major wrong in entering him at the Mastiff Nationals in Nashville. Of course, soon as we walked in the ring (Veterans Obed. 6-8 yrs) he picked his feet up and down and trotted right next to me. We came out of there with a 190 and first place! I had a number of people comment it was so nice to see a mastiff working that way! (My husband and sons just chuckled alot) LITTLE does Bridger know, but the Nationals next year are in St. Louis and he just got himself entered there.... he does have a year to rest up, though.



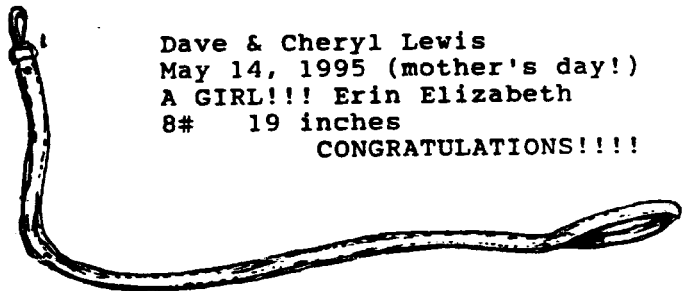
NEW ARRIVAL (human)

Dave & Cheryl Lewis  
May 14, 1995 (mother's day!)  
A GIRL!!! Erin Elizabeth  
8# 19 inches  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



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Dear friends of FVOTC,  
Thank you for the prayers, cards, well-wishes and wonderful phone calls. It certainly did help the healing process. Hope to see you on the 22nd.  
Sincerely,  
Alice Larson

★ BE SURE TO CHECK ★  
FRONT BOARD ON  
ANY TRAINING CHANGES  
IN JULY DUE TO THE  
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## BORED DOGS OR BORED HANDLERS?

Sitting at ringside can be a discouraging business at times. If you sit around long enough you will hear that every breed from Borzois to Beagles dislikes obedience because they bore so easily. Only the big three (Poodles, Shelties and Golden Retrievers) are exempt from criticism. I'll always remember the man with the Golden Retriever who was bemoaning the fact that nobody believed how easily distracted and bored his Golden was. "I wish I had a St. Bernard," he muttered, "then they would believe me."

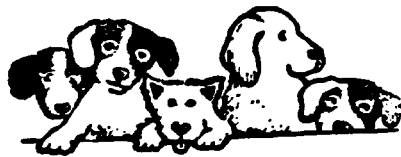
Elaine C. Newman addressed the problem in her January 1979 column as her Thought for the New Year and I couldn't agree more. She said: "Dull, bored or disinterested dogs are not born. They are carefully trained that way. Your dog's attitude toward obedience is in most cases a direct reflection of YOUR attitude toward training!"

Most of us can remember a special teacher: one who took an ordinary subject and gave it life. A good handler does the same thing. He or she makes heeling, halting and, in short, learning exciting for the dog. For those of you who feel that certain obedience exercises don't save any purpose because the dog doesn't use them daily, remember that learning for the sake of learning is as important to our four-footed friends as it is to us.

-- by Enid S. Lagree

## IF DOGS WERE MASTERS





Sunny's Training Center  
19616 Kishwaukee Valley Road  
Marengo, Ill. 6052  
815-568-6609

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB'S  
HANDLER/DOG JAMBOREE PICNIC

TIME: 1:30 p.m. A hardy welcome to all followed by  
dog/handler games and munchies.  
Dinner will be at approximately  
4:00 p.m. and will be followed by  
an Old Timer's Match for dogs 8 &  
older &/or senior citizen handler.

DATE: Sunday, July 16, 1995

BRING: Chairs Dinnerware Dish to pass Dogs  
Beverage of your choice

PLACE: Sunny's Training Center in Marengo (see  
back for map)

The club will provide ice and meat. In case of rain the  
picnic will be held in the training building.

**(Meat will be grilled Roast Beef- Sunny is grilling!!)**

PLEASE COMPLETE, DETACH, AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO  
CINDY PAKENAS.

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NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

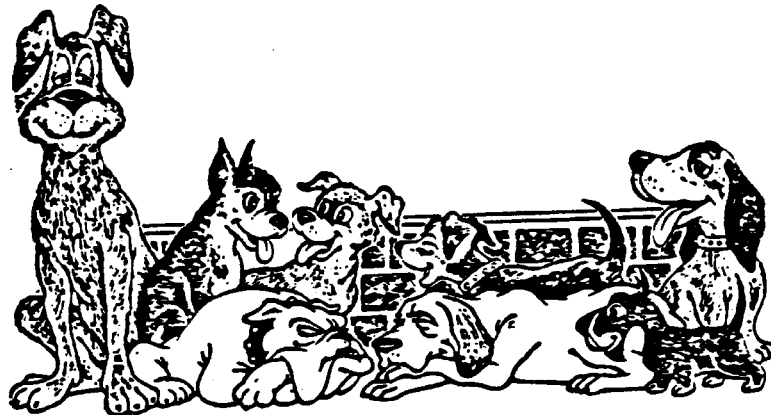
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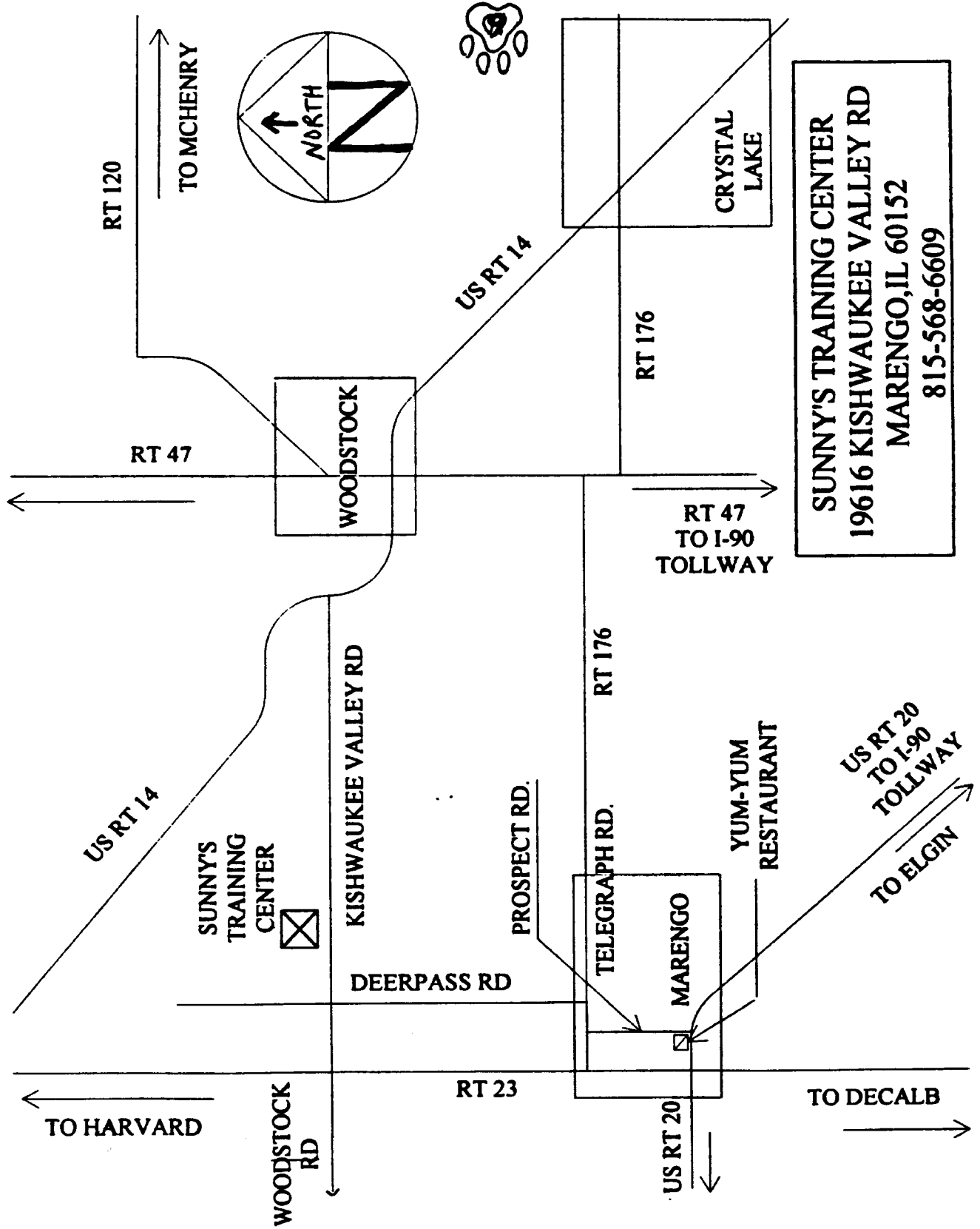
appetizer/munchie  
dessert

other:

salad

vegetable





The new Award Requirement structure is effective immediately. This counts for all positions held as of January 1, 1995. Each available "job" in the club has been assigned a work credit. There are three categories based on the amount of time that is spent by an individual performing the job. Each category will be worth One, Two or Three credits. The credits are listed below. A total of 6 credits are the requirements for receiving an award. The Meeting requirement has not been changed, a minimum of Three meetings must be attended.

The following are worth ONE credit:

- Steward or Judge a Match
- Work the Front Desk one night
- Serve on a Committee
- 1/2 day at the November Trial

The following are worth TWO credits:

- Serve as Chairperson on a Committee
- Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class
- Assistant Instructor per quarter for advanced classes
- Serve on the Board
- Full day at the November Trial

The following are worth THREE credits:

- Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner class
- Primary Instructor per quarter for advanced classes
- Two day Tracking Test
- Serve as the Puppy/Beginner Class Coordinator

After these were announced at the membership meeting, several people expressed concerns regarding their current positions not receiving the proper recognition. The list has been updated to address these concerns. The two corrections have been highlighted. If we still are missing any jobs that are currently being done by the club members, please call Carolyn Pearson (708) 231-5658 so that corrections may be made to the list.

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BEST OF LUCK TO INGRID HAMBURGER AND HER. UPCOMING SURGERY ON HER FOOT. IT WILL BE AWHILE BEFORE SHE CAN BE HEELING AGAIN. TAKE IT EASY AND DON'T RUSH THINGS!!!



Thankyou Ingrid, for all the "extras" in this issue. (Most were via "GiantSteps")



While I was preparing the membership list for the AKC's documentation (yes, they do keep track of us), I noticed that a number of members are celebrating significant anniversaries at some time in 1995. CONGRATULATIONS to all of you.

**15 YEARS**

Judy Anderson  
(congratulations to our  
newest Lifetime member!)

**20 YEARS**

Julie Brandon  
Bob & Ursula Burns  
Harriet & Reinhold Cohrs  
Bill & Dorothy Degenhardt  
Linda & Winfield Gustafson  
Marilyn & Clarence Hanks  
Cliff Hawkinson  
Kathy & Jack Jenkins  
Dick & Elaine Kallal  
Paul & Virginia Montgomery  
Laurie Morrow  
Francis Murray  
Alfred & Mary Palmer  
Earl & Maureen Samstag  
Jake & Rose Schindlbeck  
Karen Schlipf  
Dorothy & Bernhardt Vettel  
Mary & Don Zaun

**25 YEARS**

Shirley Covalsky  
Nancie Mages

**30 YEARS\*\***

Verdel Howell  
Doris Kneip

\*\* Rumor has it that they became members as toddlers!

P.S. If you're not on this list but think you should be, please call Taffy Wille (708) 897-7673 and let her know, because she ran this list for me from the information that she has for our membership roster.

Carolyn Pearson

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From Trudi Kimm:

Trudi writes that she recently had to have Sadie put to sleep. (Aristocrat Main Event of T Bar K, ASCA/SKC/CKC CD, CGC) She was 14, and a multi HIT, multi High Scoring Aussie winner. At 11½ Years she went to Canada and tied with Kilo for H/S Aussie; Ronnie Bizer handled her and won! She was a very special girl and I was very, very lucky to have the privilege of her owning me. Her heritage carries on with great, great granddaughter Katie and her great, great, great granddaughter, Sassi.

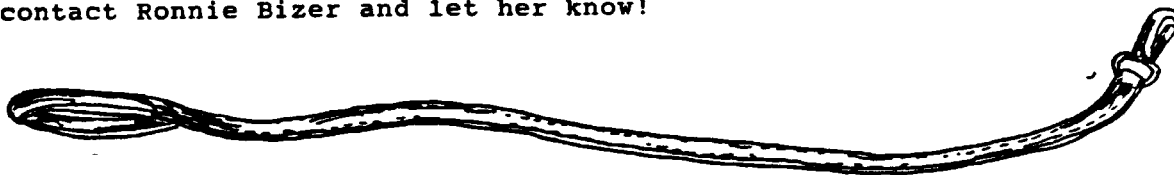


For those members who knew Ruth and Art Anderson - Art passed away on June 2. The board approved a donation of 25.00 and the club will be collecting donations at the picnic. The money is going to the FV Hospice. Please contact Cindy Pakenas for details.





YES, it is only JUNE... but our trial committees are hard at work ALREADY!!! If you would like to work the trial as a steward PLEASE contact Ronnie Bizer and let her know!



One Last plea for trophy sponsors.....

There is just not an easy or "best" way to ask for money. Some people take offense if not asked in the "proper" way....and, others harboring personal grudges against that nebulous "they" of Fox Valley Dog Training Club refuse to do anything that will benefit "them".

But, I hope we can all rise above it all and think of a donation to the trophy fund (in whatever amount, or for whatever purpose) as a way of paying back to the sport we are all so very involved. For whatever reason we have become involved in the sport of obedience, our club was formed with this in mind, and I am sure the founding members were delirious with joy when they got approval to hold the very first obedience trial. Over the years the club has had years of successful trials under their collective belts with a trophy table that just groaned under the weight of their bounty. Not everyone can go High In Trial, or place in their individual classes, but, perhaps they could win High Sighthound in Trial, High Terrier in Trial or High West Highland White Terrier in Trial. They went home, not only with a qualifying score ribbon but with a trophy as well.

Because of financial concerns the Board only approved to guarantee a small number of trophies. All other trophies being given at the trial will be through the generosity of the sponsors. Trophies not sponsored will be dropped from the trial. And, because of time restraints put on us by AKC, we only have until the Club Picnic on July 16th to put together a complete trophy list to be included in our premium list. After this time we cannot add any trophies to the list. So, up until July 16th I can accept any specific trophy sponsorships (you need not pay immediately upon making your pledge to sponsor an individual trophy.) After that I can and will most happily accept donations to the general trophy fund and will do so until entries close (this will guarantee that your name be included in the trophy donors list printed in the catalog). And, up to the closing of entries I will be happy to accept your Well Wishers line to be included in the catalog....cost only \$1.00!

Hopefully you'll find it in your hearts (and wallets) to contribute in some manner to the trophy fund.

Ever hopeful,

Linda, Suzan & Mary  
1995 Trophy Committee



## THE ELUSIVE TITLE

Trying to get a U.D. title on a dog is, for most of us, the world's most ego-deflating experience.

First come the long and arduous hours of training. You must somehow impart to your four-footed Companion Dog Excellent that these new exercises can be learned, and that they're really no more difficult than the ones in Open. Confusion usually takes over for a while, and care must be taken to provide maximal encouragement and minimal discouragement to both concerned parties. Suddenly you need lots of room and lots of time for practice -- the Novice and Open exercises can be confined to a driveway, lawn or basement. Not so Utility.

Finally, though, you feel the dog knows the exercises. Few mistakes are being made at home or in class. So you take the plunge and enter a few shows. The balloon bursts -- good grief, the dog didn't do anything right! And, of course, you goofed up here and there, because the Utility routine is new to you. Well, better luck next time.

At the next show, the dog manages one or two correct responses, but still far from qualifying. And the third time is similar to the second, except that different exercises are "blown."

Each time, you go home and work on the rough spots, but the dog does beautifully there, and obviously understands all exercises quite well. So you enter more shows.

Soon, along comes an "encouragement show." Here the dog does everything, except for one part of one exercise. Sure, you still don't qualify, but your spirits are lifted -- now you know the dog can do it.

The "encouragement show" is followed by the "back to square one show." Nothing is done correctly! Then come the experiences of goofing on a different exercise each time, so that you can't bear down on any one exercise in training.

You meet the same people at every show. Some are successful eventually. For instance, recently in Utility A class there were 16 entries -- one of these qualified! Looking at it from the positive side, that one dog got a leg. And the other 15 will be at the next show, because just as you're determined to give it all up (why do I want a U.D. on this dumb old dog, anyway?), along comes another "encouragement show." You can't quit when you're that close -- maybe next time....?!

(Written by one who has been there.....JEG)



Club member, Marietta Huber, has had her dogs competing at recent USDAA agility trials to accomplish the following wins:

4/29 & 4/30 - Greater St. Louis Agility Club  
St. Louis, MO

LICORICE - qualified with a 3rd place to compete at the GRAND PRIX at San Antonio in July. (Out of 63 dogs entered, only 25 qualified, with LICORICE taking 3rd highest - quite an accomplishment for a dog that's 10 1/2!)

RAINBOW - earned a Master's leg in Snooker with a 2nd place

SQUIGGLES - earned a Master's leg in Jumpers with a 1st place

5/06 & 5/07 - Simon Sez Agility & Sta-Lyn K-9 Agility  
Menomonee Falls, WI

RAINBOW - earned a Master's leg in Pairs Relay, paired with Karen Holik & SIMON

SQUIGGLES - earned a Master's Standard leg with a 1st place  
earned a Master's Snooker leg with a 1st place

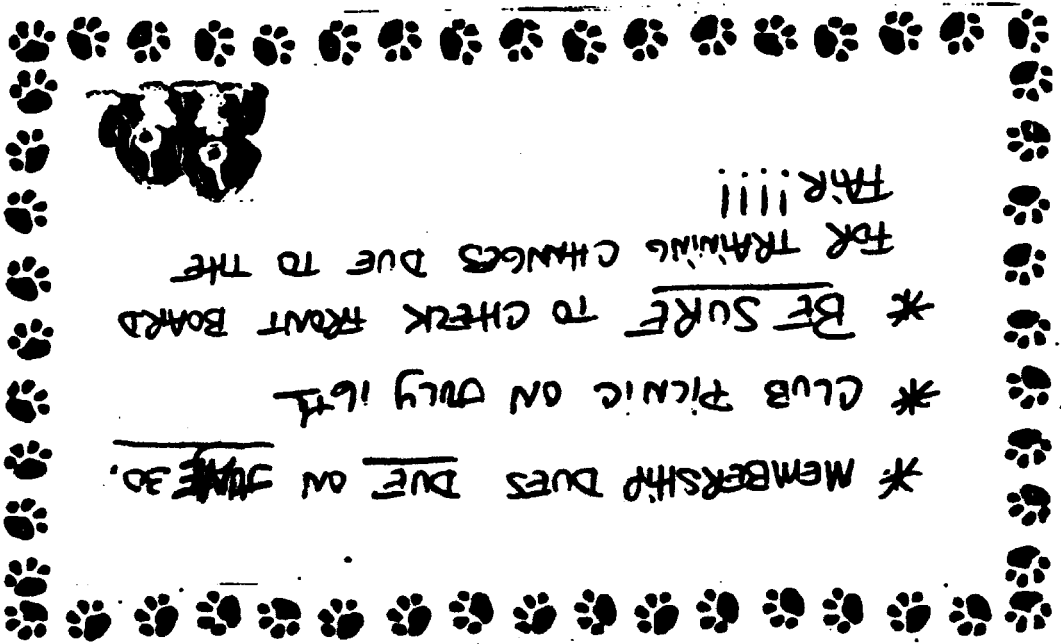
5/13 & 5/14 - Milwaukee Dog Training Club  
Milwaukee, WI

LICORICE - earned a Master's Standard leg  
qualified (again!) with a 3rd place to compete at  
the GRAND PRIX in San Antonio in July.

RAINBOW - earned a Master's Standard leg.  
qualified to compete at the GRAND PRIX in San  
Antonio in July.

SQUIGGLES - earned two Master's Snooker legs with 1st & 2nd  
places  
earned a Master's Gamblers leg with a 1st place  
earned a Master's Jumpers leg with a 1st place  
qualified to compete at the GRAND PRIX in San  
Antonio in July.

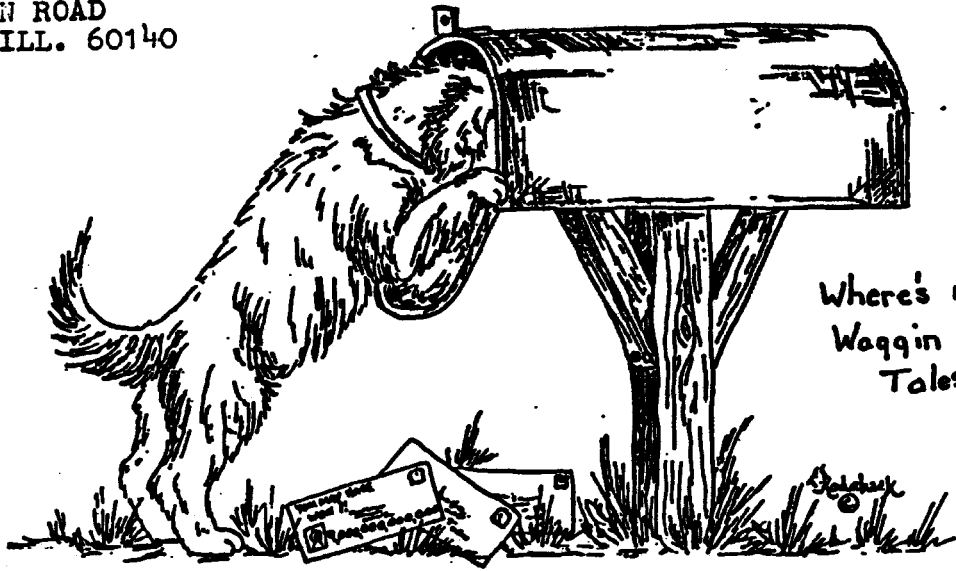




**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- \* MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE ON JUNE 30.
- \* CLUB PICNIC ON ONLY 16TH
- \* BE SURE TO CHECK FRONT BOARD FOR TRAINING CHANGES DUE TO THE FAIR!!!!

WAGGIN TALES  
 RODEBACK  
 6 ALLEN ROAD  
 WIRE, ILL. 60140



Where's my  
 Waggin  
 Tales?

*Rodeback*