



NEWSLETTER

OUR GOAL: To Promote, Preserve, and Experience One of the Greatest Southern Traditions Known... Quail Hunting.

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SPRING FIELD TRIAL 2005

March 12th was a beautiful Spring Saturday at the Frost Farm. About forty bird dogs were entered to compete in AL Quail Hunters 11th Annual Spring Field Trial. Mr. E. G. Frost was busy keeping all competitors on their toes with his jovial quips concerning every mistake and missed shot they made. Delicious food and hot coffee provided by the Adkins family kept every ones' energy level high. AQH would like to thank Teresa Green of Garrison Farm and Home Center in Thorsby for their generous donation of Pro Balance Dog Food as prizes to our winners and their dogs who are as follows:

- | Gun Dog Class | Dog |
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| 1. Tack Mims | Nell |
| 2. Bob Carr | Sioux |
| 3. Bob Carr | Maize |

- | Puppy Class | Dog |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1. Aaron Parker | Ruby |
| 2. Bob Carr | Maize |
| 3. K. Armstrong | Rowdy |

- | Derby Dog Class | Dog |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1. Aaron Parker | Ruby |
| 2. Aaron Parker | Colby |
| 3. Bob Carr | Maize |

- | Senior Class | Dog |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. Terry Ballew | Candy |
| 2. Robert Hensley | Rocky |
| 3. Aaron Parker | Mazy |

Congratulations to all our winners! In the eleven-year history of AL Quail Hunters, only two dogs have ever won places in the Puppy Class, the Derby Dog Class and the Gun Dog Class on the same day in the same field trial. Bob Carr's Maize did it this year when she was eight months old. The only other dog to achieve this level of excellence was Bob Carr's Sioux who did it at our Spring 2000 Field trial when she was ten months old. Someone heard E. G. Frost tell Bob, "If you could shoot worth a flip, each one of your dogs would win more often!!"



You are looking at History. We believe this is the 1st complete Senior Division in Trial History. To compete the dogs had to be at least 8 years old. These dogs are all between 12 and 15 with Jake being the oldest.

From Left: Terry and Elizabeth Ballew with Candy, Bob Hensley and Rocky, Aaron Parker with Mazy, Col.Paul English with Sue, and the Editor and Jake.

FALL FIELD TRIAL 2005

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, AQH will have our Fourth Annual Fall Field Trial. It will be hosted by AQH member, Matthew Pardue and his family at his Coosa Bend Hunting Preserve near Childersburg. Starting time will be 8:00 am. Come enjoy the fun with your entire family. Bring your lawn chairs so you can watch some good dog work. As usual, we will be running puppies, derby, and all age. We will also again have the senior division for dogs 8 and over.

Directions from Birmingham are as follows:

Take US 280 East to the light in Harpersville.

Turn right (South) onto State Hwy 25 and go 4.5 miles to Co. Hwy 76.

Turn left (East) onto Co. Hwy 76 and go 1.3 miles to the sign Coosa Bend Hunting Preserve.

Turn left (North) and go 0.3 miles to the Coosa Bend Hunting Preserve Camp House on left.

PRE-REGISTER your dog(s) before 8:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 13. Call one of the following:

Terry Burdette at 205-822-7953, Frank Harris at 205-595-0203 or Bob Carr at 205-424-1381.

Kansas Quail Hunting

My Brother and I left Birmingham December 6th for a hunt in Central Kansas. We spent the 1st night in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. We arrived the 2nd day about 1:30 after driving 913 miles. After changing clothes, we went hunting and found 2 coveys.

We used the Kansas Hunting Atlas that shows available walk in hunting. The state and farmers have an agreement where the farmer receives a portion of the license fee. The Hunting Atlas shows each county and is marked where walk in hunting is available. A farm road divides townships and sections. To arrive at a particular destination, you use your odometer to measure miles to your marked destination.

It takes a while to find where to hunt. Look for ragweed patches. Our dogs were young and inexperienced, but there are a lot of wild quail and pheasants in Kansas. You should go early after Nov 15th to avoid hunter traffic in some areas and also cold weather. The only thing between Kansas and the Rocky Mountains is a barbed wire fence and the wind blows a lot.

Take your lunch with you and take a short nap around noon because you will need it. Run your dogs for 2-3 hours and change dogs. After 2 days they will slow way down. Feed the best Hi energy food. Overfeeding won't help since a dog carries his food up to 12 hours in his stomach. We used a chain gang at night from dark until 8 or so. Then we put the dogs in the box at night with plenty of wheat straw.

We would get up about 5:30 and let the dogs out and water them.

You should stay near a good restaurant as they are hard to find. After eating breakfast, we would go hunting. The walking is very good as the ground is level and not very rough. Take some poly type underwear and layers of clothes to accommodate the weather.

The address to get the Hunting Atlas & Hunting Regulations is: Pratt Operations Office, 512 S. E. 25th Ave, Pratt, Kansas 67124. Phone 620-672-2281.

Leon Flynn

flushed 3 wild coveys one morning. After running Jake in the field last Saturday morning, I know why they were there. Aaron has the most spectacular quail habitat I have seen in years. He has ragweed, partridge peas, several kinds of grain, plum trees and lots of other weeds. There were also numerous grasshoppers of all sizes. I mean we are talking quail Heaven.

From talking to Aaron, he indicated he did not have to break the bank to do it. If you are curious how he did it, give him a call.

JB

Treasurer's Desk

Look at this AQH Newsletter mailing label. If "12-05" does not follow your name, you have NOT paid your 2005 dues. Please send me your check made out to AL Quail Hunters, 1901 Morgan Road SE, Bessemer, AL 35022. Your annual \$15.00 dues are income tax deductible. Email me any questions to coalcarr@bellsouth.net or call me at (205) 424-1381.

**Thank you,
Bob Carr, AQH Treasurer**

New Members

We have several new members to welcome. They are:

Phillip Chancey
from Pike Road

Jeremy Davis
from Verbena

Scott Gilpin
from Vestavia

Joe Holifield
from Montgomery

Thomas Hopewood
from Bessemer

Heath Love
from Columbiana

Chris McDaniel
from Pinson

Jeffery Thompson
from Hayden

Kent Woodfin
from Columbus, GA

Editors Notes..

If you have not been to Aaron Parkers place lately, you need to go and take a look see. His roughly 40 acre field is divided nearly in half by a grass road. For as long as I have seen it, the lower half was dominated by kudzu and the upper half by low bush briers.

He told me the other day that he

HEY FOLKS

Your AQH Board of Directors has been working to acquire lands for dog training, quail hunting and a quail restoration project in North Alabama. I am happy to offer you a place to train your dogs this fall. We will offer use of this property to all current AQH members for a \$100.00 user fee through December 2005.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division has just released a new brochure on quail in Alabama. It is written by Stan Stewart, small game biologist and is an outstanding publication full of data on quail habitat management, complete with clear, precise photos. You can get a copy by calling 334-242-3469 and ask for Ecology and Management of the Bobwhite Quail in Alabama. I want commend Stan on this outstanding publication.

Early this year, United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A) announced and funded the new CP33 Program for buffers along row crop fields. Research has proven that these undisturbed buffers provide

water quality protection and excellent nesting areas for quail. Unfortunately, sign up has been limited. If you know any row crop farmer that could benefit from this program and enhance quail habitat simultaneously, please encourage them to sign up. It pays the farmer cash over a ten-year period. Contact the Farm Service Agency office for your local county.

We have had some excellent speakers over the summer months including Jim Bradford, Danny White and N.H. Holt. Jim keeps telling us he wants to write a book on bird dog training from an amateur's point of view. He came to our June meeting to use us as a sounding board for his first 3 chapters.

Danny White of Heflin has been in the limelight this year because of his dog's showing in Grand Junction, Tennessee. Danny's dog, Sir Lancelot, was in the lead until the last 1/2 hour of his brace. In July, Danny shared with us the differences in All Age Dog and Shooting Dog field trial competition. I was surprised that some competitors compete in both

events with the same dog. Danny is excited about the coming season and looking forward to another shot at the title with Sir Lancelot.

N. H. Holt spoke to us in August on his trip to Grand Junction. N. H. witnessed Danny White and Sir Lancelot in action. He shared his first hand experience of the competitive nature and the social nature of the event.

Brian Spear spoke at our September meeting. Brian, who is a young up and coming horseback judge and competitor, did a great job of giving us some valuable insights from a judges viewpoint.

Your Board of Directors makes every effort to operate AQH as cost efficiently as possible. This makes it important to have all our members paying their \$15 annual dues. Therefore, I ask you to look at your newsletter and check the date near your address. If it says 12-04, then you have NOT paid your dues for 2005. I know you will want to take care of this matter.

All for now.

Future Calendar

Field Trial October 15, 2005
in Harpersville

Frank Harris, President



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New Member

Renewal

2005 DUES – \$15.00

Check Payable to "Alabama Quail Hunters"

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