July/Aug/Sept 2022



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ATFA Newsletter

2022-2023 Hunt Schedule

October 8, 2022

Missouri Regional Hunts

Doniphan, Missouri

November 19, 2022

Tennessee Regional Hunts Whitwell, Tennessee

December 3, 2022

Arkansas Regional Hunts Searcy, Arkansas

January 14, 2023

Herschel Coxwell Winter Classic Regionals Gray, Georgia

February 11, 2023

Winter Rally Hunt Montrose, Mississippi

March 10, 2023

Kentucky Regional Hunt Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

March 11, 2023

Bob Wallace Memorial Rally Hunt Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

From the President



As the 2022-2023 hunt season fast approaches, I would like to encourage all that can to come out and be a part of the fun and fellowship.

For new members that might be a little nervous or unsure about our organization, let me just say, throw your dog in the truck and come on. Yes, these are competition hunts but we tend to focus more on the fellowship. That is one of the main contributing factors to the success, strength and longevity of ATFA since 1985. I look forward to seeing everyone and if you have any questions feel free to contact me, any officer or board of directors member.

Safe travels to everyone and good luck on another great ATFA hunt season.

Todd Coles ATFA President

Summer Picnic 2022



The annual summer picnic was held on August 6, 2022 at Lakeside Park in Pell City, Alabama. We welcomed several new members to the club.

A barbecue lunch was served with coleslaw, potato salad and baked beans. A cake celebrated the 35 years of ATFA.

Members received the 2021-2022 Yearbooks and had the opportunity to purchase hats, tee shirts and AT- FA license tags from the new stock of merchandise. Anyone interested in buying items can contact treasurer Mark Gouger.

The Board of Directors announced the schedule for the upcoming season which includes location changes for the Arkansas and Georgia Hunts. The Arkansas Hunt will be held in December this year in order to more evenly space hunts apart.

Marty Brown was presented with the Dog of the Year Belt buckle and Todd Coles was presented with the Breeder of the Year Buckle.

A lively raffle was held to finish off this fun get together, moderated by President Todd Coles using his special "found in the woods" pot to draw tickets.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the hunts this season!



Missouri Regional Hunts

The ATFA hunt season will kick off this year on October 8th with Missouri Regionals. Headquarters will be at the Pine Bardley Fire Station which is 20 miles west of Doniphan on US 60. The hunts will be held in the Mark Twain National Forest. Todd Coles will be our host.

The morning check in time is 6:00 am Central time with a 6:30 draw out. Afternoon check in is 1:30 pm with a 2:00 draw out. Lunch will be served between the morning and afternoon hunts.

There will be a raffle following lunch and everyone is asked to bring an item to raffle. The new tee shirts and hats will also be available for purchase.

A Squirrel Champions hunt will be held on Friday for all ATFA Squirrel Champions. Please contact Todd (807-307-4327) if you plan to hunt.

Doniphan motels:

Days Inn 573-996-2400 Current River Inn

573-996-2101

North End Motel

573-996-2164

Campsites:

Rocky River RV

573-996-7171

Come start the 2021-2022 Hunt season off right in Missouri!



Tennessee Regional Hunts

Two Regional Hunts will be held on November 20, 2021 near Whitwell, Tennessee. The hunts will be hosted by Marty Brown, Mark Gouger, and Loren Slatton and headquartered at Grace Baptist Church in Chattanooga. The church is located at 172 Robin Drive. The hunts will take place on Prentice Cooper State Forest WMA near Whitwell. There is a 30 dog limit for each hunt.

Morning check in deadline is 5:30 am with a 6:00 am draw -out. Afternoon check in deadline is 1:00 pm with a 1:30 pm draw-out. **All times are Central Standard Time.** Lunch will be provided for a small fee between the morning and afternoon hunts.

There will be youth bench shows and casts for all youth wanting to participate. We will also hold a raffle between the morning and afternoon hunts.

A championship cast will be held on Friday afternoon for all ATFA Squirrel Champions. Draw-out time is 2:00 pm. Please contact Marty Brown (423-718-5076) if you plan to participate.

There are several motels in the Whitwell area and a campground is located within 200 yards of the Park and WMA Motels:

Acuff Country Inn

423-942-6370 Jasper, TN

Comfort Inn

423-837-2479 Kimball TN

Castle's Grocery/Motel

423-658-6542 Whitwell TN

Holiday Inn Express

423-837-1500 Kimball TN

Days Inn

423-837-7933 Kimball TN

Campers:

Prentice Cooper Region 3 Office 931-484-9571 Prentice Cooper Manager's Office 423-658-0298

Members are asked to bring raffle items.







Yearbook and Dues Update:



The 2021-2022 Yearbook was mailed to all current members who didn't pick one up at the picnic in August. Anyone that did not receive a book should check membership status with the Secretary/Treasurer Mark Gouger. New members will receive a book when dues are paid.

The membership year runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. If you have not renewed your membership for the 2022-2023 year, this will be your final newsletter. Dues are \$25 per year. A renewal form can be found at the bottom of this page, or you can renew using the ATFA website.

Please remember to update your address with the secretary (Mark Gouger) if you have an address change. If you do not update you **will not** receive newsletters or yearbooks because mail is not automatically forwarded.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION				
Name:				
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:	(Area Code)			
Membership:\$25.00		Renewal: New:		
Please make checks payable to:		ATFA		
	Mail to:	c/o Mark Gouger		
		535 Baily Lane		
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2022-2023 Hunt Dates

ATFA Dog of the Year and Breeder of the Year belt buckle presentations. Marty Brown (I) DOY for Crossfire Scooter Todd Coles (r) Breeder of the Year