

Sept-Oct
2021



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ATFA Newsletter

2021-2022 Hunt Schedule

October 9, 2021

Missouri Regional Hunts
Doniphan, Missouri

November 20, 2021

Tennessee Regional Hunts
Whitwell, Tennessee

January 15, 2022

Herschel Coxwell Winter Classic
Dublin, Georgia

January 29, 2022

Arkansas Regional Hunts
Magnolia, Arkansas

February 19, 2022

Winter Rally Hunt
Montrose, Mississippi

March 11, 2022

Kentucky Regional Hunt
Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

March 12, 2022

Bob Wallace Memorial Rally Hunt
Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

From the President

As my first written letter to the membership there is so much that I could say but I'll try to keep it as brief as I can.

The first thing I would like to address is the fact that we all owe Walter Phillips a massive amount of gratitude for his dedication and guidance over the last several years. He's a true treasure and will always have a special place here in the ATFA.

Next, y'all will never know what an honor it is for me to sit in this position. Most of the great dog men I've known over the last 30 years made their name in this fine organization. I guess you could say they were my rock stars.

As of today, ATFA is the largest and by far the oldest active feist organization. It is rich in history and tradition. That history and tradition will carry us into the future.

Last, I was about to wel-

come all of you to the 2021-2022 competition season but although accurate, calling it a competition season is almost misleading. A reunion season might fit better. In the ATFA, competition and fellowship go hand in hand.

In closing I would like to urge all of you to do your best to inform and invite new members every chance you get. I look forward to seeing you all at the clubhouse in Missouri!

Todd

Summer Picnic 2021

The annual summer picnic was held on August 7, 2021 at Lakeside Park in Pell City, Alabama. A barbecue lunch was served with all the fixings. Members received the 2020-2021 Yearbooks and had the opportunity to purchase hats, tee shirts and ATFA license tags from the new stock of merchandise. Anyone interested in buying items can contact treasurer Mark



Bill Yawn was presented with a special cake celebrating his cover picture on FULL CRY.

Gouger.

The Board of Directors announced the schedule for the upcoming season which includes the return of the Missouri Hunt in October.

It was also decided by the Board to increase the Rally Hunt entry fee to \$30 this year.

Todd Coles was presented with the Dog of the Year Belt buckle.

A lively raffle was held to finish off this fun get together.

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 9th with the return of the 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 entrance.

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

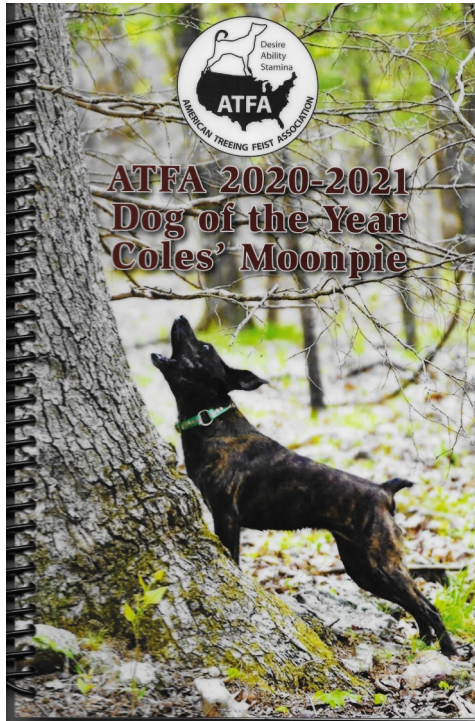
Come and kick off the



Summer Picnic 2021



Yearbook and Dues Update:



The 2020-2021 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.

If you have not renewed your membership for the 2021-2022 year, this will be your final newsletter. Dues are \$25 per year. A renewal form can be found on the back page of this newsletter, 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.

Hunter Raffle

This year hunters will have a special opportunity to win a single shot 410 donated by Mark Kennedy. Mark purchased the gun from Luther Lenning many years ago and is donating it to ATFA. Each hunter receives one chance for every hunt entered. Each Regional hunt gives one chance for the morning hunt and one chance for the evening hunt. Rally hunts require that the hunter complete both morning and evening casts in order to qualify for a chance at that hunt. Chances are awarded to the handler of the dog.



ATFA turns 35!

This season we will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of our club. There are some special celebrations and a possible special raffle to commemorate our birthday. Look for more news in upcoming newsletters and at our hunts.



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2020-2021 Hunt Dates

AMERICAN TREEING FEIST ASSOCIATION 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

Whitwell, TN 37397