Sept/October 2019



ATFA Newsletter

2018-2019 Hunt Schedule

November 16, 2019

Tennessee Regional Hunts

Whitwell, Tennessee

December 21, 2019

Arkansas Regional Hunts

Magnolia, Arkansas

January 18, 2020

Herschel Coxwell Winter Classic

Dublin, Georgia

February 8, 2020

Winter Rally Hunt

Montrose, Mississippi

March 14, 2020

Kentucky Regional Hunt

Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

March 15, 2020

Bob Wallace Memorial Rally Hunt

Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

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From the President

Welcome to the 2019-2020 ATFA Year. We are excited to announce the hunt schedule for the upcoming season which includes hunts in Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and Kentucky. There will be 2 Rally Hunts and 7 Regional Hunts.

The Board of Directors also decided to include youth bench shows and casts at our events to encourage more participation by young people. Vice President Henry Melton and Board member Loren Slatton will head up these events.

ATFA welcomes new Vice president Henry Melton, new secretary/Treasurer Mark

Gouger, and new Board members Loren Slatton and Lee Balliet.

ATFA thanks retiring Secretary/Treasurer Charity Fulghum and retiring Board member Jeffery Fulghum for their years of service to ATFA in leadership positions. With young children involved in many activities they didn't feel they could devote adequate time to ATFA.

Two changes for ATFA this upcoming year are an increase in dues to \$25 which was announced last spring. We will have one class of membership instead of individual and family. All household family members may

participate and have dogs registered. Each household will have one vote in elections.

The Board also voted to increase registration fees from \$10 to \$20. Ownership transfer will be \$10 instead of \$5. These increases are due to the rising cost of printing and mailing.

We look forward to a new season of hunting and fellowship at each of our events. I hope to see many of you this season!

President Walter Phillips



ATFA Officers and Board of Directors 2019-2020

Front row: Walter Phillips—President; Barbara Coxwell, Lee Balliet, Mike Powell—BOD

Back Row: Loren Slatton—BOD; Mark Gouger - Secretary/Treasurer; Henry Melton -

Vice President; Keith Landrum - BOD. Not pictured Mark Beason—BOD.

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Summer Picnic 2019







The annual summer picnic was held on August 3rd at Lakeside Park in Pell City, Alabama. Lunch was barbecue, potato salad, beans and dessert. ATFA members provided the desserts and the meal was catered by The Shack restaurant of Pell City.

Members and friends had the opportunity to fellowship over lunch followed by a raffle. Arkansas attendees won the most raffle items of the day! President Walter Phillips introduced new officers Henry Melton-Vice president and Mark Gouger-

Secretary/Treasurer and new Board of Directors members Loren Slatton and Lee Balliet. The Hunt schedule for the upcoming season was announced.





Tennessee Regional Hunts

Two Regional Hunts will be held on November 16, 2019 near Whitwell, Tennessee. The hunts will be hosted by Marty Brown, Mark Gouger, and Loren Slatton and head-quartered 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.

There will be a championship cast 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

Arkansas Regional Hunts

Two Regional Hunts will be held on December 21, 2019 near Magnolia, AR. The hunts will be hosted by Chad West. The hunts will be headquartered at the Calhoun Volunterr Fire Department. The address is 5141 Co Rd 11 E Magnolia AR 71753.

Inspectors will be available on Friday to weigh and measure dogs for registration.

The hunt will be conducted entirely on private land. Contact Chad with any questions. (870-312-4007).

Morning check in deadline is 5:30 am with a 6:00 am draw-out. Afternoon check in deadline is 1:30 pm with a 2:00 pm draw-out.

All times are Central Standard Time.

Nearby Motels: (about 7 miles from the hunt)

Hampton Inn 870-234-1800 Holiday Inn Express 870-234-5161

Both hotels are close to great restaurants.



Membership and Yearbook Updates:

If you have not renewed your membership for the 2019-2020 year, this will be your final newsletter. Dues are \$25 per year. A renewal form can be found below, 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.



AMERICAN TREEING FEIST ASSOCIATION **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** Name: Address: State: _____ Zip Code: _____ City: 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

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2019-2020 Hunt Dates

