

August–
September
2024



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ATFA Newsletter

2024-2025 Hunt Schedule

October 5, 2024

Missouri Regional Hunts

Doniphan, Missouri

November 23, 2024

Tennessee Regional Hunts

Whitwell, Tennessee

December 7, 2024

Arkansas Regional Hunts

Searcy, Arkansas

January 18, 2025

Herschel Coxwell Winter Classic Regionals

Gray, Georgia

February 8, 2025

Winter Rally Hunt

Montrose, Mississippi

March 7, 2025

Kentucky Regional Hunt

Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

March 8, 2025

Bob Wallace Memorial Rally Hunt

Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky

Summer Picnic 2024



The annual summer picnic was held on July 27th at Lakeside Park in Pell City, Alabama.

A ham lunch was served to all members and guests.

Members received the 2023-2024 Yearbooks and had the opportunity to purchase hats, tee shirts and ATFA license tags. Anyone interested in buying items can contact treasurer Mark Gouger.

The Board of Directors an-

nounced the schedule for the upcoming season.

Nick Gipson was presented with the Valu-Pak Dog of the Year jacket and Todd Coles was presented with the Breeder of the Year jacket.

Squirrel Champion Trophies were presented to Clint's Lulu owned by Clint Atkins, Grier's Rio owned by James Grier, Pine Belt Peanut Butter owned by Jane Yawn and Keith Landrum, Clint's Jess owned by Clint Atkins, Crossfire Scooter owned by Marty Brown, and Crossfire Hoda owned by Loren Slatton.

Grand Squirrel Champion trophies were presented to

East Boley Pirogue owned by Owen Brayson, Coles' Banjo owned by Todd Coles, and Landrum's Jet owned by Keith Landrum.

Gary Hill was presented with the Claude Shumate III Memorial Sportsmanship Award for his many years of Service to ATFA. Gary has been involved in ATFA almost since the very beginning more than 37 years ago.

The Board also voted to create a Lifetime Membership Category to award to deserving members. The first two memberships are awarded to Carlton Savoy from Saint Amant, Mississippi and George Cauley of Soperton, Georgia.

Election News

A nominating committee chaired by Vice President Marty Brown was appointed to oversee the annual election. Loren Slatton and Mark Gouger served on the committee with Marty.

Board members Keith Landrum and James Day were up for election this year and were nominated.

A petition was received signed by 5 current ATFA members nominating Chris Phillips of Murray, Kentucky for election.

Keith decided to complete his term of office which ended July 1st and withdraw from the election. Chris Phillips was then

elected by acclamation.

We welcome Chris to our Board and look forward to working with him during his term. Chris and his wife Amy help put on the Kentucky Regional and Bob Wallace Memorial Hunts at LBL in March.



Missouri Regional Hunts

The ATFA hunt season will kick off this year on October 5th with 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. Breakfast and lunch

will be served.

There will be a raffle following lunch and everyone is asked to bring an item to raffle. 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.

Come start the 2023-2024 Hunt season off right in Missouri!

Doniphan motels:

Days Inn 573-996-2400

Current River Inn

573-996-2101

North End Motel

573-996-2164

Campsites:

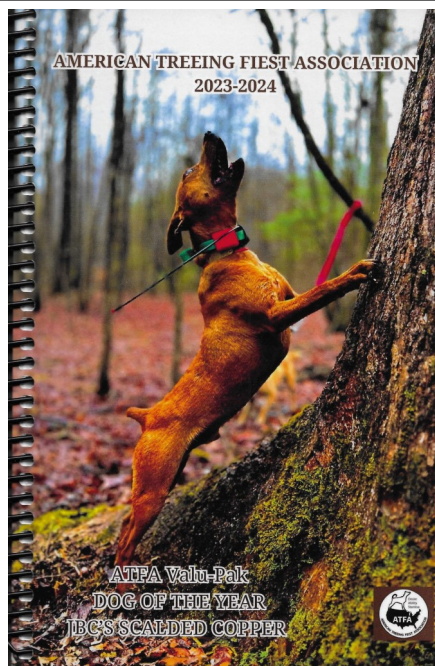
Rocky River RV

573-996-7171

Newsletter Update

The Board of Directors discussed offering a new option for receiving the newsletter. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email please contact Secretary/Treasurer Mark Gouger (423-364-5997) email: mark_gouger@yahoo.com. Let him know that you prefer an emailed newsletter and check to make sure Mark has your current email. The letter will continue to be printed and mailed to all members not choosing the email option. Each newsletter is also posted on the ATFA website.

Yearbook and Dues Update:



The 2023-2024 Yearbook was mailed to all current members who didn't pick one up at the picnic. Anyone that did not receive a book should check membership status with the Secretary/Treasurer Mark Gouger. New members will receive a 2023-2024 book when dues are paid if copies are still available. They will received the 2024-2025 book when it is printed next summer.

The membership year runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. If you have not renewed your membership for the 2024-2025 year, this will be your final newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year. A renewal form can be found on the back 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.

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**AMERICAN TREEING FEIST ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: (Area Code) _____ **Email:** _____

Membership: \$30.00

Renewal: _____

New: _____

Please make checks payable to: ATFA

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