THE NATIONAL
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GRAND JUNCTION, TN

NATIONAL BIRD DOG MUSEUM

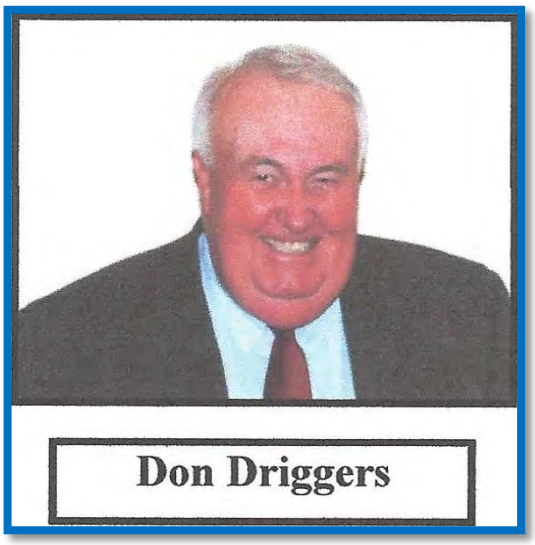
2016

NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello everyone! It's fall, y'all, as we say in the south. Though it is still hot here in west Tennessee, the days are getting shorter and the occasional cool breeze holds the promise of pleasant days ahead. We here at the museum are truly ready for the fall season to arrive. Fall is the season for giving thanks for what we have and spending time with our families and friends. It is finally time for football season, cookouts, hay rides, and dove hunts. At the museum, it is time for the rest of the staff and I to begin gearing up for the field trial season. Soon, leafless trees and the arrival of cold weather will let us know in no uncertain terms that February, our busiest month of the year, will be here before we know it, bringing the National Bird Dog Museum's Hall of Fame inductions and the National Championship Field Trials at the Ames Plantation. We have had a very busy spring and summer here at the museum. This newsletter is full of photos and information about our past events over the last few months. Hopefully, it will help you to catch up on what has been going on here at the museum.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Fall has arrived in West Tennessee. This means that the Hall of Fame inductions at the National Bird Dog Museum for all the various breeds will also be arriving soon, as well as the National Championship Field Trials at the Ames Plantation. I hope for good weather this year and high attendance for all the February events at the museum. If you are a sporting dog enthusiast and have never seen the Hall of Fame inductions, I encourage you to attend. It is a very special, emotional, and enjoyable experience for all involved. I would like to thank all of our staff, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers in advance for all of their efforts and the donation of their valuable time during the February events.

I encourage anyone who has not visited the National Bird Dog Museum to stop by if you are in the area. Put it on your bucket list, as it is well worth it. Also I would like to remind everyone of our gift shop and encourage everyone to shop there. The gift shop offers a full range of gifts to commemorate your visit to the museum and also has a selection for all occasions, such as birthdays, Christmas gifts, and even judges' gifts.

For more information about the National Bird Dog Museum, visit the museum's website at *www.birddogfoundation.com*, the museum's Facebook page, or call our friendly staff at 731-764-2058.

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

I would like to thank all of those who renewed their President's Council membership this year as well as all of our new members. You are a very special group of people whose support we greatly appreciate. President's Council members support the National Bird Dog Museum and Field Trial Hall of Fame with an annual gift of $1,000 or more. These funds are placed in a special account and are used at the discretion of the Board of Directors for projects supporting the Bird Dog Foundation. In each newsletter, we cast the spotlight on a member of this prestigious group.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT:

For our Fall 2016 President's Council Spotlight, we would like to recognize Nathan and Patte Titus.

Nathan is a retired USAF Colonel. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in construction engineering from Arizona State University and a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. Upon his graduation from ASU, he was assigned to Williams Air Force Base in Arizona, where he completed his basic pilot training and his instructor pilot training. After training, Nathan transitioned to the F-111 tactical attack aircraft at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico and was subsequently assigned to Upper Heyford, England. This assignment led to his graduation from the NATO Tactical Leadership program. From 1973 to 1999, he served in the USAF as an instructor pilot, combat pilot, operations officer, and squadron commander. In 1999, he was given command of the 609th Air Operations Group at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, where he was responsible for planning and directing the operational deployment of air power in Southwest Asia for the Commander of CENTAF and Commander-in-Chief of CENTCOM. In 2001, Nathan was appointed the Deputy Director of Operations for the USAF Air Intelligence Agency located at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, where he assisted in worldwide intelligence operations. Post 9/11 at Lackland, he built and implemented an information ops center in a week that had been scheduled to take six months. This 24/7 ops center supported global Air Intelligence Agency operations. In 2002, Nathan commanded the Information Warfare Battle Lab, which was tasked with finding innovative solutions to information warfare requirements to enhance combat commanders' abilities to prosecute the war on terrorism. He retired in 2003 after thirty years of active duty in the Air Force, and since has lead a business unit for the Sierra Nevada Corporation developing data fusion software for machine-to-machine processing of intelligence data and more recently has led cyber business development for WiSC Enterprises in Chantilly, Virginia.

ABOVE: Nathan and Patte Titus with Gary Lockee on a recent visit to the museum.

Patte has been involved in the sporting dog world for over fifty years. Her first experience with German Shorthaired Pointers was in 1983 when she first met Nathan. It was love at first sight… with the German Shorthaired Pointer. She is a member of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. For the GSPCA, she currently serves as the breed historian and works to educate other sporting dog enthusiasts on matters including the GSP breed, health issues, judge's education, rescue, and dog legislation on the local, state, and national levels. She also served as the secretary of the Parent Club from 1997-2000 and as the American Kennel Club Judges Education Coordinator from 2009-2013.

Patte holds Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees in Physical Health and Education. She has taught and coached at the college level. In her opinion, working with sporting dogs is easy because an athlete is an athlete, rather they have two legs or four.

She is an avid outdoorsman and prefers to be in the field on horseback watching puppies as they discover their first bird. Conservative as a breeder and owner, she and Nathan successfully ran a nationally ranked bitch in 1995 and in 1997 received an Award of Merit at Westminster.

Courtesy of her husband's Air Force career, she has traveled and lived all over the United States. Upon Nathan's retirement in 2003, they settled down in San Antonio, Texas, where Patte is currently the President of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of San Antonio.

Nathan and Patte have a son, Nate, and a daughter, Bethany. Nate is active duty Air Force. He and his family are currently stationed in San Diego, California. Bethany's husband is also active duty Air Force, and she and her family have just moved from Spangdahlem Air Force Base in Germany to Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska, where her husband was reassigned.

In her free time, Patte enjoys doing historical research and writing articles about the German Shorthaired Pointer breed. She is also an artist, doing sketches and watercolors when time allows.

RECENT EVENTS

SECOND ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL

The Bird Dog Museum's Second Annual Crawfish Boil fundraiser was held on April 30. The event was sponsored by Sportman's Pride. Despite having to move the event inside due to rain, we had a great crowd of around 120 people and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Native Louisianans Richard and Mary Todd returned this year with Craig and Deb Pellerin, Junior Parks, and Caleb Todd to cook for the event. They have cooked the amazing crawfish and jambalaya for us for two years to support the museum and help raise money. We are very grateful for their support and friendship. This year, Tommy Lynn and his band gave a live bluegrass performance in the newly remodeled atrium. The crawfish boil is a good time for everyone involved and we enjoy having our local friends and supporters here. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event a success, especially Brad Kennedy of Sportman's Pride. We would also like to mention that Gary Courtney was here for this event and seemed to really enjoy himself. Sadly, a few days later Gary passed away. He will be missed. For those who did not know Gary, he was the husband of our good friend, museum supporter, and photographer Vera Courtney.

LEFT—The cooks for the crawfish boil—from left to right—Caleb Todd, Mary Todd, Richard Todd, Deb Pellerin, Craig Pellerin, and Junior Parks.

RIGHT—Tommy Lynn and his band playing at the crawfish boil.

LEFT—This is what a crawfish boil is all about—the crawfish!

RIGHT—A family event—some of our guests at the crawfish boil.

AFTCA REGION 6 & MID-SOUTH ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Bird Dog Museum hosted the AFTCA Region 6 & Mid-South Association 2015-2016 Season End meetings and awards banquet on May 21. The museum staff looks forward to this event every year and enjoys seeing our AFTCA friends. You can always count on some laughs when David & Angie Williams are around and of course Dr. Fred Corder is always happy to step right up for photos (just kidding, everyone who knows him also knows this is far from the truth)! The event had the best attendance of recent years and was a great success. The luncheon consisted of fried catfish, slaw, hushpuppies, French fries, and banana pudding cooked by Kenny Dickerson, the sheriff of Marshall County, Mississippi. The event was once again sponsored by Brad Kennedy and Sportman's Pride. We truly appreciate Brad's unwavering support of the museum. At the awards banquet, Michael Garner of Somerville, Tennessee was presented with the 2015-2016 Sportsman of the Year Award.

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP (H.O.G.) MOTORCYCLE RALLY

The museum played host to a very different type of event on June 3. Over 140 Harley Davidson motorcycles came roaring into Grand Junction from all over the country for the Harley Owners Group's Tennessee Rally, which was held here at the Bird Dog Museum for the first time. The entire town of Grand Junction turned out to see what was going on at the museum. Our parking lot was filled with a bewildering array of models and colors of Harley Davidsons. The group toured the museum and it was a pleasure to have this great group of people. Some of the members of this group have signed up for our newsletter and to them I would like to say—thanks for including the museum as a stop on your Harley Run and please visit anytime.

ABOVE—Photos from the H.O.G. Rally on June 3, 2016. On the top left is the Bird Dog Museum's executive director, Tonya Brotherton, on one of the visitor's motorcycles.

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

On June 4, the museum hosted the German Shorthaired Pointer annual meeting and luncheon. We at the museum look forward to seeing this wonderful group of people every year. Andy Gerdes is always a hard worker and a great help. He got here several days in advance to organize and install new exhibits in the GSP Hall of Fame. We would like to thank Andy personally for all he does. This year we had many returning old friends such as Mike Aldrich, Keith Richardson, Rick Dodge, and Don Kidd, as well as some new friends. Thanks to the whole group for your support of the National Bird Dog Museum and we look forward to your next visit.

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

Also on June 4, a very busy day for us, the museum also hosted the Grand Junction High School Class Reunion. Around 200 people attended the reunion and the banquet hall was a hive of activity as everyone visited and caught up with old friends. Tennessee State Senator Dolores Gresham was also in attendance to present Grand Junction native James Murray “Buddy” Taylor with a proclamation for his service to our country as a US Army Air Force P-51 Mustang pilot in World War II. It was a touching ceremony and the National Bird Dog Museum was proud to be a part of it. Buddy Taylor is now 94 and has been a volunteer here at the museum for years until his health no longer permitted it.

WEIMARANER DEDICATION

On June 11, the museum hosted the dedication ceremony for new exhibits in the Weimaraner Hall of Fame. Two new cabinets were installed and the Weimaraner Hall of Fame received a variety of new additions including pictures and a bronze statue.

94TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS

The Bird Dog Museum hosted a birthday party for James Murray “Buddy” Taylor and Gary Lockee, who are both 94 years old this year and both are World War II veterans. Buddy Taylor was a USAAF P-51 Mustang pilot in the China-Burma-India theater of operations and Gary Lockee served in the US Navy in the Pacific theater where he took part in nine major campaigns. Both have done much for the museum and we are thankful for their support. We are very grateful for their service to our country and were proud to have this celebration for them. Around 60 people attended to show their appreciation and friendship to these members of the greatest generation.

2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

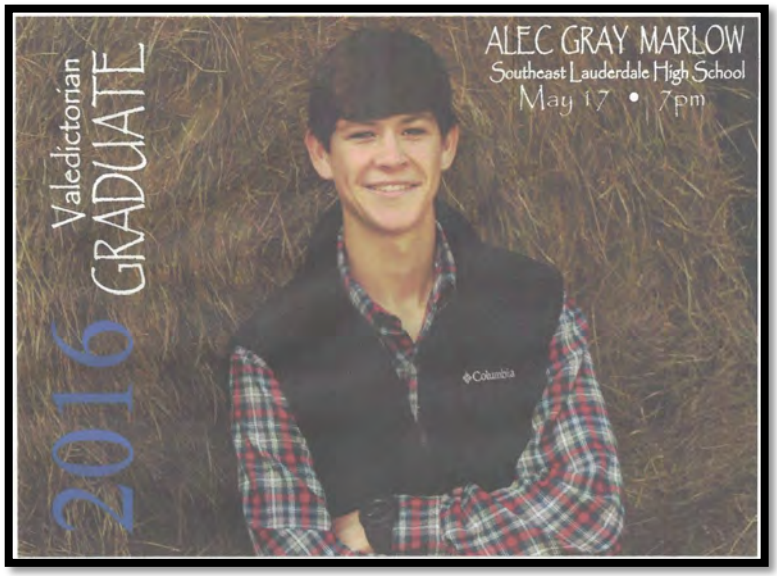
The National Bird Dog Museum's 2016 Summer Reading Program began on June 2 and came to an end on July 7. We had a few children who were faithful to this program and we appreciate them greatly. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who read to the children this year—Donna Lane, Gary & Sally Lockee, and Patricia Belt. On June 23, we had a special presentation for the children. Penny McKinney Smith and Patricia Belt, the general manager and administrative clerk, respectively, of the Fire Museum of Memphis, Tennessee, gave a presentation on fire safety and the history of the Memphis Fire Department's use of horses. As part of the presentation, Patricia Belt brought her two Dalmatians, Astro and Izzy, to entertain the children. Following the program, Penny and her husband toured the museum and afterwards were taken on a tour of the Ames Plantation by Delmar Smith and Rick Smith, who had sat in on the reading program on June 23.

CREATIVE KIDS LEARNING CENTER SUMMER CAMP VISIT

A group of around twenty children from the Creative Kids Learning Center Summer Camp in Henderson, Tennessee came to visit the museum on June 30. Ken and Sue Blackman brought their Labrador retriever, Trea, and a couple of girls from Robert Milner's Duckhill Kennels brought two other Labrador retrievers to the museum to entertain the children. Both the children and the dogs seemed to really enjoy themselves. We would like to thank Ken, Sue, and the ladies from Duckhill Kennels.

2016 ESSAY CONTEST

The deadline for our 2016 Essay Contest was April 15. The contest is for high school seniors and the winners receive a scholarship to go towards their college education. The winners were chosen in April. The recipients of this year's scholarships were Baylee Parish of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee and Alec Marlow of Meridian, Mississippi. Congratulations to both of our winners.



LEFT—First place winner Baylee Parish.

ABOVE—Second place winner Alec Marlow.

DEUTSCH-DRAHTHAAR VERSATILE HUNTING DOG GROUP VISIT

On July 16, the museum was visited by the Deutsch-Drahthaar Versatile Hunting Dog Group. This was a great group of people and we here at the museum learned much about the Deutsch-Drahthaar breed. The variety in this breed—size and color—was truly amazing. We enjoyed the group's visit and encourage them to come back anytime.

NATIONAL BIRD HUNTERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET AND HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

The National Bird Dog Museum executive director, Tonya Brotherton, traveled to Brentwood, Tennessee, on July 30 to take part in the National Bird Hunters Association Annual Banquet and Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony, which was held at the Hilton Suites in Brentwood.

ESSFTA ANNUAL ARCHIVE MEETING

The ESSFTA annual archive meeting was held at the museum between August 18-20. At the meeting, members reorganized their exhibit in the National Championship room and added some new displays.

RICK SMITH MUSEUM BENEFIT SEMINAR

A Rick Smith seminar was held at the West Tennessee Field Trial Club clubhouse in Somerville, Tennessee on August 27 and 28 to benefit the National Bird Dog Museum. The museum provided lunch for both days of the seminar. Rick Smith donated all proceeds of the seminars to the museum. We would like to thank Rick for his generous donation.

GRAND JUNCTION BIRD DOG AND FIELD TRIAL WALL DEDICATION

On September 1, the National Bird Dog Museum hosted a dedication ceremony for the Grand Junction Bird Dog and Field Trial Capital of the World wall, located at the junction of Highway 57 and Highway 18. Present at the event was the project's initiators, Gary & Sally Lockee. The event was attended by dignitaries from the City of Grand Junction, Hardeman County, and the State of Tennessee, including State Senator Dolores Gresham, Hardeman County Mayor Jimmy Sain, Grand Junction Mayor Curtis Lane, Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce director Kandy Shackleford, Hardeman County tax accessor Josh Pulse, and Grand Junction alderman Adrian Smith. Other notables in attendance were Marshall County, Mississippi Sherriff Kenny Dickerson, wall project supporters Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fitch, National Bird Dog Museum board member Dick Pulliam, and several representatives of The Bank of Fayette County. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the National Bird Dog Museum with lunch provided by the museum staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAND JUNCTION 1955 CLASS REUNION—OCTOBER 1

BIRD DOG MUSEUM ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AND SPONSOR DINNER—OCTOBER 27

BIRD DOG MUSEUM GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE—NOVEMBER 3

SPRINGER SPANIEL FIELD TRIALS AND BANQUET—FEBRUARY 2017

NATIONAL BIRD DOG MUSEUM HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS—FEBRUARY 11, 2017

NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS KICK-OFF PARTY—FEBRUARY 12, 2017

NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS BEGIN AT AMES PLANTATION—FEBRUARY 13, 2017

BIRD DOG MUSEUM ANNUAL FISH FRY—FEBRUARY 16, 2017

BIRD DOG MUSEUM "PAWLIDAY" FUNDRAISER

The National Bird Dog Museum's annual "Pawliday" fundraiser has already begun! This is the third year that the museum has had this Christmas season fundraiser and it is perfect for all dog lovers. For a $5 donation, a paw print bearing your dog's name will be displayed in the museum's lobby. These will be the first thing that museum visitors will see upon entering the museum. You can also send a picture of your dog that will also be displayed. These photos can be mailed with your donation and form or emailed to *cottonquaildog@att.net* with the subject line Pawliday fundraiser. You, your dog's name, and your dog's picture (if provided) will also be included in the museum's Spring newsletter. You can join the Pawliday fundraiser in two ways:

BY MAIL: The form for this fundraiser is the next page of this newsletter—just complete the form, include your donation (check or money order) and dog's photo (if desired) and mail to:

The Bird Dog Foundation

P.O. Box 774

Grand Junction, TN

BY PHONE: To join the fundraiser by phone, call us at (731)764-2058 and provide the necessary information and a credit card number.

Happy Paw-lidays

The Bird Dog Foundation's Paw-liday Christmas Tree

To commemorate and celebrate beloved pets, past or present, The Bird Dog Foundation will build a "Paw-liday" Tree display in the Museum Lobby. This will also be featured in our winter newsletter. Paw print "ornaments" with your pet's name on it will be added to our tree as each gift contribution of $5.00 per pet is received. *Sending pet photos are optional and one may send in (or email) pet photos for display on the ornament. Photos cannot be returned, however.* Paw Print ornaments may be purchased at the Museum front office or you may send your donation check to:

The Bird Dog Foundation
P.O. Box 774 Grand Junction, TN 38039
Phone: (731) 764-2058
Email: sportdog@bellsouth.net
Website: www.birddogfoundation.com

Please include my pet(s) in the Paw-liday Tree:

Pet's Name:_____

Pet's Name:_____

Pet's Name:_____

Enclosed is my gift donation of:_____

My name is:_____

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!

PAVING MEMORY LANE FUNDRAISER

The museum's newest fundraiser, "Paving Memory Lane," is still ongoing. The museum is offering engraved bricks on which you can immortalize your dog or a person that you feel should be honored or remembered. The bricks can have up to four lines of text with up to 14 characters per line. These bricks will be used to create a memorial walk from the museum's parking lot to the front door. The cost is $100.00 per brick. The bricks can be ordered three different ways:

BY MAIL: The following page is the order form for the bricks, which can be filled out and mailed to the museum with a check or money order to the following address:

The Bird Dog Foundation

P.O. Box 774

Grand Junction, TN 38039

BY PHONE: To place a phone order, call the museum at (731)764-2058 and provide the necessary information and a credit card number.

INTERNET VIA PAYPAL: Log onto the museum's website at *www.birddogfoundation.com*, click on the Paving Memory Lane brick and enter the required information.

PAVING MEMORY LANE
ORDER FORM

National Bird Dog Museum

This is the only order form approved to order Engraved Brick.

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Laser Engraved Brick Order Form

Customer Information

Customer Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____ email _____

The cost of the bricks will be $100.00 each.

You are allowed 4 rows of 15 characters in lower case or 14 characters in upper case.

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NEW EXHIBITS

FIELD TRIAL WAGON

On June 21, the museum received a field trial horse-drawn wagon in pristine condition. The wagon was generously donated by Tony Banfield of Friendswood, Texas. The wagon will be displayed in front of the museum during the National Championship Field Trials at the Ames Plantation during February.

ABOVE: Tony Banfield (left), Antonio (right), who drove the wagon from Texas, and the donated wagon on the day it arrived at the museum.

SAM PROJECT BRITTANY MONUMENT

Also on June 21, a new memorial statue was added in front of the museum. The statue was of Pacolet Cheyenne Sam, a forty-time champion Brittany owned by Ken and Erin Jacobson. Present for the installation ceremony was Delmar Smith, Rick Smith, Gary Lockee, Dick Pulliam, Aaron Alard, Bill Norvell, and Tony Banfield (who just so happened to be delivering his donated wagon from Texas on the same day). The effort to install this memorial was called the Sam Project and had been in the works for some time, spearheaded by Ken Jacobson and Rick Smith. The actual installation was an all day event and involved a lot of work in the June heat. Bill Norvell did an excellent job operating the forklift to get the statue in place. Pictures of the finished memorial are on the following page.

ABOVE: Attendees of the placement of the Sam Project monument. From left to right, standing, Aaron Alard, Rick Smith, Gary Lockee, Bill Norvell, and Tony Banfield. Seated, left to right, Dick Pulliam, Delmar Smith, and Ken Jacobson.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The Bird Dog Foundation has received memorials for the following supporters and friends:

- Gary Courtney
- John Dorminy
- Captain Lewis Davis
- Myrtle Lofton
- Joe Ray Gowan
- Elizabeth Ann Tice Heaton
- Dean Ellis
- Steve Ferguson
- J.C. Turner
- Larry Todd
- Bill Cartmell
- Terrell C. Dixon
- Dr. Otto Lockee
- Charles Dodd
- Bobby Smith
- Paul Lalley

Honorariums have been received for Mrs. Garner, Captain Garette Lockee ,and Dick & Carol Pulliam.

For more information on the Life Patron or Patron Memorial Plaque programs, contact Tonya Brotherton at 731-764-2058 or *sportdog@bellsouth.net*

If you wish to send a simple gift in honor or in memory of a special person or dog, please complete the following form and return to the following address:

National Bird Dog Foundation

P.O. Box 774

Grand Junction, TN 38039

In Honor / In Memory (Circle One)

Name_____

Additional Information_____

Amount Enclosed_____

Donor's Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

E-Mail_____

COUNT NOBLE HISTORICAL MARKER

Although it did not occur here at the museum, we would like to make everyone aware of an important event in the effort to preserve the history and heritage of the sporting dog world that occurred elsewhere.

On July 16, a historical marker honoring Count Noble, the legendary Llewellin setter, was unveiled in a ceremony in Glen Osborne, Pennsylvania—a suburb of Pittsburgh. The marker was placed on Beaver Road in front of the former site of the B.F. Wilson house. Wilson was Count Noble's owner. The house was a Victorian-style mansion facing the Ohio River with a picturesque view of the river below. It was demolished in 1973 for the construction of a new elementary school. The marker stands at the edge of a large field which now serves as the soccer field for the Osborne Elementary School.

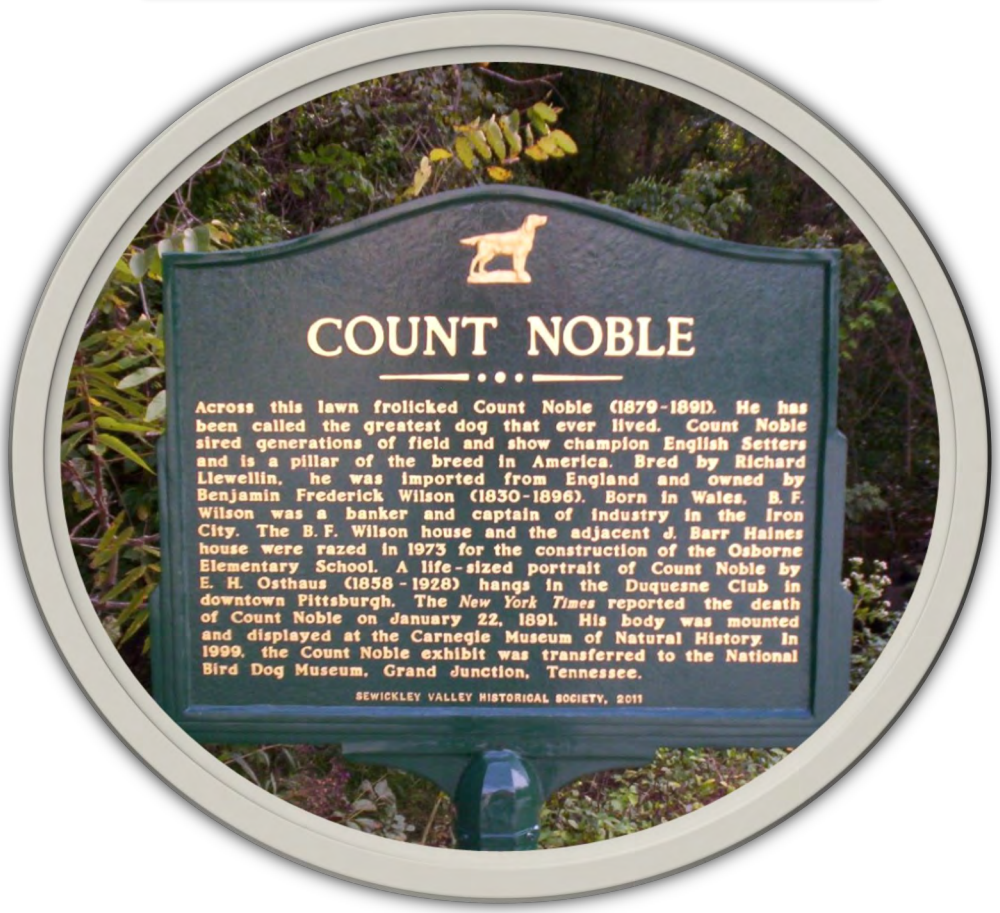
Most in the sporting dog world know the story of Count Noble, but for those who do not—Count Noble lived from August 1879 to January 1891. Bred by Richard Purcell Llewellin, a Welshman and famous setter breeder in England, Count Noble was exported from England in the spring of 1880 to David Sanborn of Dowling, Michigan. Sanborn acknowledged that Count Noble was a difficult and unusual style of bird dog, but nevertheless he managed to attain numerous wins and placements in competitions around the country. Count Noble's many victories were enough to gain him a legendary level of notoriety in the sporting dog world. Upon the death of David Sanborn in February 1884, Count Noble was sent to Benjamin Frederick Wilson, who had immigrated from Wales to Pittsburgh in 1849, where he became a successful banker, coal mine owner, and a respected setter enthusiast in field trials. Count Noble lived out the remainder of his years with B.F. Wilson and was celebrated as an important sire of field trial champions. Count Noble is preserved at the National Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction, Tennessee, and is one of the museum's main attractions.

The marker was unveiled at 1:30 p.m. by Harton Semple, Executive Director of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society, who, along with Glen Osborne Mayor Barbara Carrier addressed a crowd of around forty. In attendance was Liz Wilson Peer of Novato, California, a great-granddaughter of B.F. Wilson, and Betsy McNulty Bell of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, a great-great-granddaughter of B.F. Wilson. Both Mrs. Peer and Mrs. Bell have also recently visited the museum to see Count Noble. A reception was held at the historical society following the dedication ceremony.

American Kennel Club judge and historian Richard LeBeau also attended the ceremony. LeBeau is the author of *Count Noble: The Greatest Dog That Ever Lived*, a book he co-published in 2011 with Sewickley Valley Historical Society. LeBeau was the driving force behind the historical marker, raising money for the project by sending out letters asking for donations to descendants of B.F. Wilson, English Setter and all-breed dog clubs, and personal friends and supporters. The money to fund the marker was raised quickly and the marker was manufactured by Sewah Industries of Marietta, Ohio. However, there was some unexpected resistance to the marker by the regional school district and therefore the marker was held in storage for over four years. Finally, the school board's support was won over and the Osborne Elementary School's maintenance crew actually installed the marker.

We here at the National Bird Dog Museum encourage anyone who finds themselves in the Pittsburgh area to stop by and see this marker commemorating an important part of sporting dog history. For more information on Count Noble, LeBeau's book is available at the National Bird Dog Museum Gift Shop.

COUNT NOBLE


COUNT NOBLE
Across this lawn frolicked Count Noble (1879-1891). He has been called the greatest dog that ever lived. Count Noble sired generations of field and show champion English Setters and is a pillar of the breed in America. Bred by Richard Llewellin, he was imported from England and owned by Benjamin Frederick Wilson (1830-1896). Born in Wales, B. F. Wilson was a banker and captain of industry in the Iron City. The B. F. Wilson house and the adjacent J. Barr Haines house were razed in 1973 for the construction of the Osborne Elementary School. A life-sized portrait of Count Noble by E. H. Osthaus (1858-1928) hangs in the Duquesne Club in downtown Pittsburgh. The New York Times reported the death of Count Noble on January 22, 1891. His body was mounted and displayed at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. In 1999, the Count Noble exhibit was transferred to the National Bird Dog Museum, Grand Junction, Tennessee.
SEWICKLEY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 2011

SOME OF OUR VISITORS

ABOVE: Bill and Gail Ryker from Phillipsburg, New Jersey—May 11.

ABOVE: Bobby Jones, Ken Hammock, and Harry Lagrassa from Texas pictured with museum Executive Director Tonya Brotherton—August 19.

ABOVE: Philip and Donna Cadwell from Cochran, Georgia —April 30.

ABOVE: Jeff and Karen Haggis of Haggis Saddles from Glencoe, Ontario, Canada—July 21.

ABOVE: Tennesse State Senator Dolores Gresham with some friends—July 14.

ABOVE: Dane Moodie and Al Lee from New Zealand—July 20.

ABOVE: Rick and Barbara Carlson from Newtown, Connecticut—July 28.

ABOVE: Jim Davis and Lance Davis from Oklahoma—June 21.

ABOVE: Sean and Janette Cronin from Jacobstown, New Jersey—August 23.

LEFT: Lynn and Teresa Stinson from Escalon, California—August 15.

RIGHT: Darron Hendley and Renee Peel from Union Springs, Alabama—May 21.

FINAL THOUGHTS

These two pictures are why we work so hard to preserve the sporting dog heritage for future generations. Above is Colt Spencer at the Rick Smith Museum Benefit Seminar and to the right is Morgan Houston during the museum's summer reading program.

WE HOPE YOU RELAX AND ENJOY THE FALL SEASON

GOODBYE UNTIL NEXT TIME