

Officers 2013-2014

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Carol Brand (3)
Gail Hefley (3)

WELCOME
New Members:

Angela & Roger
Wells

Calendar

NEXT MEETING

Jan. 14 7 pm

8175 S. Osage

Club meet Feb 11

Club meet Mar 11



Happy New Year

Dear AOTC Club Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate what positive accomplishments have been possible for our club in 2013.

*During the summer our classes continued at the park and at the agility field

*Our membership continued to grow

*We were able to purchase needed equipment for our agility trial

*We now have a new home; we are moved in and are in the process of setting up house

Our Agility Trial held January 3, 4, 5 at the Cody Arena was a great and successful show. If you were lucky enough to participate in any way (trial competitor, volunteer, or a host), you know what I mean. These shows are competitive, fun, educational and always guaranteed to make new friends. If you miss these trials, you are missing out.

As we project into 2014, I would like to see continued membership growth, host a seminar or two, have guest speakers at our club meetings, offer more fun matches for both agility and obedience, and of course to continue hosting our Club Obedience and Agility Trials (which we seem to continue doing a great job at). Offering a variety of classes can also bring in the community as each one of you have something of value and importance to bring to our club to help make it function more as a unit. I do value each one of you as a peer in the success of our club.

The officers and board members have similar focus and goals for our club's success. Each decision or motion that we propose is certainly done with the benefit of our club in mind. Our primary focus at this time is come up with ways to increase our revenue so our club can continue for years to come. If each member could bring one idea to the table for discussion, we would have 100 ideas!

One of the first items of agenda for increasing revenue was to increase class fees for non members and this was passed with a unanimous vote by the board and officers. This has been implemented, fees are as follows: \$90 for 6 weeks class for non members, repeat same class, same dog \$60, and member fees for classes are still \$25. Teachers still continue to get kudos for teaching with teacher certificates that can be redeemed for classes.

At one of our board meetings, after much discussion, it was a unanimous vote to increase membership fees to \$75 across the board for all members. Upon reviewing our bylaws, which break down the levels of membership it was clear that we had violated our bylaws that so state that AOTC will offer a single, family, and junior memberships. So once again at a following board meeting, there was discussion about each level of membership having equality as far as access to the facilities, and club benefits. An amendment was made to the previous motion, membership fees are as follows: Single \$50, Family \$100, Junior \$10 and the board and officers voted to approve these fees, effective in November 2013.

We do want our club to continue to be active in the coming years with being able to host our trials and offer training classes to the community and the members. I wish each and every one of you a very prosperous and great year for 2014. I also look forward to getting to know each one of you throughout the coming year. Let me encourage you to attend club meetings, participate in classes offered, have input to the club, and be proud of AOTC. I would like to extend many thanks to the membership for allowing me to be your club leader for the 2013-2014 year.

Sincerely, Brenda

Parking Guidelines for Club facility



8175 S. Osage
Amarillo, TX 79118
(1/2 Half Mile North off Loop 335)

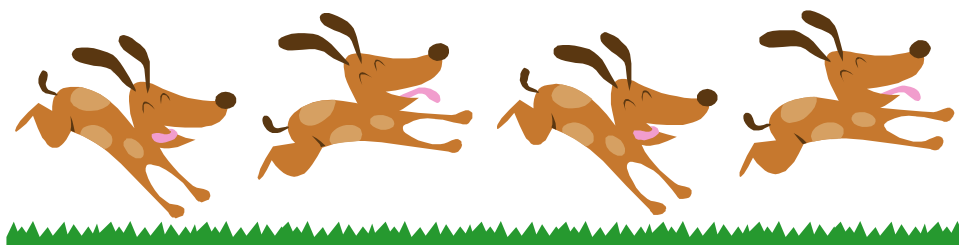
Obedience Classes

Obedience class sign up will be Thursday, Jan 16 at the club building from 6—7:30 pm. You may also sign up at the next club meeting on Tuesday, Jan 14 . Check or Cash accepted. Bring proof of rabies vaccination. If questions, contact Brenda Carrigan at brendarrt@yahoo.com

Classes this session will be:

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| Monday | 6– 7 pm | Beginning Obedience | Mary Powell |
| Thursday | 6—7 pm | Conformation D/I | Mary Powell |
| Thursday | 7—8 pm | Household Manners | Brenda Carrigan |
| Friday | 6:30—7:30 pm | Rescue Dog Socialization | Scott Spencer & Mary Powell |
| Sat | 9:30—10:30 am | Rally | Teresa Tucker |
| Sat | 10:30—11:30 am | Intro to Competition | Teresa Tucker & Gail Hefley |
| Sat | 1—2 pm | Puppy Kindergarten | Jeri Berryman |
| Sat. | 2:30—3:30 pm | Therapy Dog 101 | Scott Spencer |

**Therapy Dog 101 Prerequisite—must have had basic obedience.





Awards Banquet



Help celebrate the achievements of our club members at our annual Awards Banquet.

The banquet will be held:

- ◆ February 8 (Saturday)
- ◆ At Ruby Tequila's—3616 Soncy Rd (in the back meeting room)
- ◆ 5:00 pm
- ◆ Fajita buffet, includes non-alcoholic drink for \$12 + tax & gratuity



Please RVSP to Brenda Carrigan at brendarrt@yahoo.com before January 31st.

Carolyn Archer - Sophie - At the Lubbock show we had a lot of fun but really missed a bunch of our friends too. The judge was super tough but fair and Sophie finished her Time to Beat title in style. We were also fortunate enough to place 4th in Masters Standard and another nice qualifying time in Masters Jumpers. Any type of placement not to mention a qualifying time on these challenging courses was a win for us. Red Heads and Noodleheads Rock!



BRAGS



Terry Hetzel—Riley girl got 3rd in Masters JWW on Friday at our Jan. trial . Trooper got a participation ribbon. He had a great time.

Heather Partain—Savvy got a Masters Standard leg on Sunday at our Jan. trial.

Darlene Winters—Pax got a Masters Standard leg on Sunday at our Jan. trial.

CGC Testing in new facility - Howling Success!

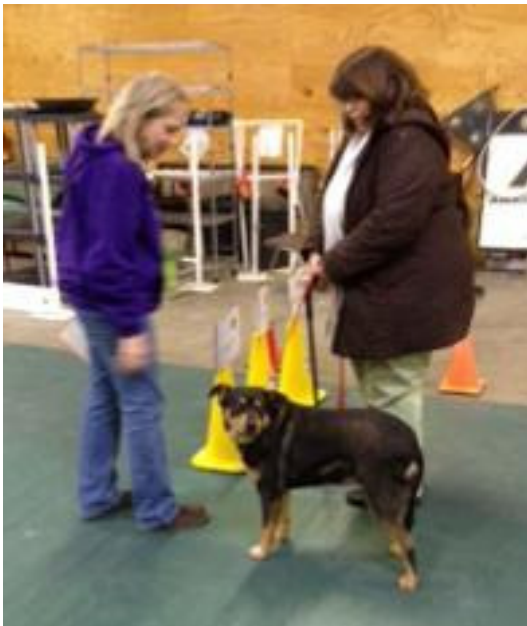
Even though it was the middle of the holiday season with only one week notice, the first CGC testing in our new building was well attended and went very smoothly. This was basically due to our wonderful volunteers: Nancy and Fred Theiss (and Lilly – distraction dog); Lauren Nether-ton, Fern and Jason Kennedy, Terry Hetzel and Mary Powell. Big thanks and group hug to everyone involved!

~ Elise and Gayla



Gayla, Kim McCafferty & Tufferthanu II

Kathie Hughes and Red



Gayla, Kathleen Brockman and Tyla



Elise, Katherine Vollmer & Grace

Mary and Jellybean



Fred and Lilly



Nancy and Lauren

check the AOTC website for 2014 Obedience & Agility class schedules.

Check out AOTC on FACEBOOK (at Search just type in Amarillo Obedience Training Club and click LIKE) see more behind the scenes photos and news about the club

Note: Club meeting and Board meeting Minutes are no longer published in the newsletter. Minutes will be sent by email to current AOTC members.

REMINDER: MAILED correspondence must be sent to the club's PO box. Mailing address is: AOTC

ATTN: (whoever) i.e. Jeri Berryman, Treasurer

PO BOX 32272

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AOTC training facility : 8175 S. Osage, Amarillo , TX

AOTC agility training facility: 8009 E Farmers Ave , Amarillo, TX

AOTC website: www.aotcdogs.com

AOTC Yahoo group: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/aotcdogs>

AKC website: www.akc.org

AOTC Agility: direct questions to Gail Hefley at jandg3216@gmail.com

AOTC Obedience : direct questions to Brenda Carrigan at brendarrt@yahoo.com

AOTC Member Directory updates: Elise Lavin at eliselavin@suddenlink.net

AOTC Education Coordinator: Scott Spencer at scottproperty@sbcglobal.net

AOTC Newsletter: Send info to Terry Hetzel at terry8410@suddenlink.net