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Toplines has a new look!!

Whether you have received this issue of **Toplines** by snail mail or email, you may have noticed that it looks different! Along with a whole new format, **Toplines** is now available to you by email. You have the option of printing it to read or saving it to your computer. This will help the club save money on postage. Of course, there are a few members that aren't computer equipped, so they will continue to receive their copy by regular mail. Anyone unable to receive copy by email or doesn't want to receive it that way, will also have it delivered by regular mail.

Some new features of **Toplines** are:

The Whelping Box:

A place to let the membership know of your new litter(s). Listing includes registered names of both parents, date whelped, and

numbers and sex of the puppies

Member Profile:

Each issue will have an individual member profile, complete with picture (s). A form will be sent to each member shortly, to fill out and to return to me asap! You can use the form as a guideline to make it up yourself or give me the information on the form and I can make it up for you.

Performance Corner

Lynn B. has graciously agreed to write this column for **Toplines** to keep us all up to date on all performance news and activities!

Tips:

Useful, dog related tips and ideas will be listed here. Members are encouraged to send them in!

Brags:

Don't forget to let us all know of your wins and

accomplishments! Pictures with the brags are encouraged!!

Anyone having any thoughts, ideas, changes, or submissions for **Toplines**, email me at jofor@airadv.net

I will be looking for interesting events, activities, etc.. experienced by members that would make an interesting cover story.

For example: BIS win, 200

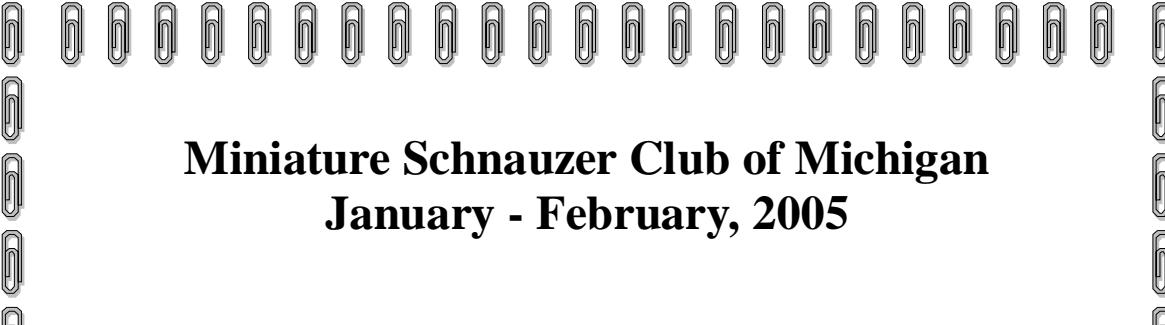
Obedience score, awesome

agility run, etc.. experienced by you and in your own words

All in all I hope, as new editor, I can put out a **Toplines** newsletter that you can be proud of! I strongly encourage member participation as **Toplines** is YOUR publication about your club and you and your Miniature Schnauzer.

Joanne Forster

—Editor



Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

January - February, 2005

MSCM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, February 20, 2005

Coral Gables Restaurant

2838 E. Grand River Ave.

East Lansing, MI

Phone 517-337-1311

Brunch 11:30 a.m.

General Meeting following the Brunch

Directions: Take I-96 to exit 110 (Okemos Rd.). Go north on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.). Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon gas station & BP/Amoco station. Turn left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on southwest corner of intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the fourth on the right following this light (after Tom's Party store, a Hollywood Video, & the new Oriental Market). If you get to Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

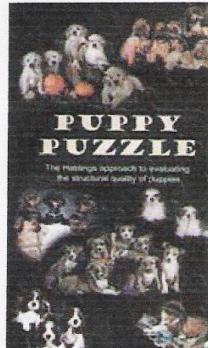
Please contact Karin Jaeger for additional information
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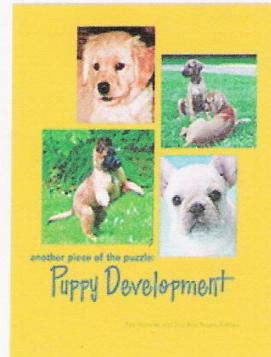
MARK YOUR CALENDARS for APRIL 16, 2005

Leader Dogs for the Blind will be hosting a one-day seminar by
well known breeder/handler/judge

PAT HASTINGS



Developer of the Puppy Puzzle video which was developed to determine the structural evaluation of puppies, "Another Piece of the Puzzle: Puppy Development" book and "Tricks of the Trade: From Best Intentions to Best In Show" book.



More information about Pat Hastings and her presentation: "Puppy Puzzle: The Hastings Approach to Evaluating the Structural Quality of Puppies: this presentation has information to benefit everyone working with dogs and every puppy out of a conscientious breeding program. The single most important decision we can make for our puppies is to determine whether each puppy is structurally sound enough to do what we will ask of it in its lifetime. Whether the hope is for the show ring and whelping box or obedience, agility, field trials or flyball, we owe it to our dogs to know in which lifestyle each may best flourish.

Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	Email address:
Breed:	
Box lunch provided. Please circle preference: Chicken Tuna Beef Vegetarian	
Pre registration required by April 1, 2005. Registration Fee: \$60	Total:
Make check payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind and remit to: Leader Dogs for the Blind c/o Puppy Development P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308-5000	
The presentation will be held at Leader Dogs for The Blind at 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. For more information please contact us at 248-650-7113.	

Michigan's MINIATURE SCHNAUZER Stars!

Michigan can boast that it is the home of 2 "celebrity" Miniature Schnauzers, and the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan can claim that they are members (or at least their owners are). Thanks goes to MSCM member Lynn Baitinger of Sadie Hawkins Animal Modeling Agency, Inc. for providing the means and opportunity to make these special Miniature Schnauzers our very own celebrities! Beth Santure's Ch. Loneacre's Simply Smashing, aka "Smash", was chosen for a magazine ad for OnStar that made its debut in selected magazines

late last summer. Joanne Forster (co-owner & breeder) & Sue Quinn's Jofor's Cadillac Style, aka "Sammy" was part of a Christmas theme TV ad for Temo Sunrooms. Both Miniature Schnauzers performed what was expected of them flawlessly! A real credit to the breed on their intelligence and versatility!

People often share their gratitude for having us unlock their doors.



This time, someone wanted to lick our faces.
Ch. Loneacre's Simply Smashing
Owned by Beth Santure



Jofor's Cadillac Style
Owned by Sue Quinn & Joanne Forster

2005 Calendar of Important Events



- FEBRUARY 20**
MSCM Dinner meeting-
Coral Gables Restaurant-East
Lansing
- MARCH 26 &27**
All-Breed Obedience Trial-Companion Dog Training Club of Flint, MI
- APRIL 9**
MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth
- APRIL 16**
Pat Hastings Seminar-Leader Dogs for the Blind-Rochester, MI Pre-register by April 1



The Whelping Box

No information of litters available at this time. Members, please send info when available!

JUNE 26
Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck Meeting & Eye Clinic-Place to be announced

AUGUST 20
Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Milan, MI Home of Beth & John Santure

SEPTEMBER 30
MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

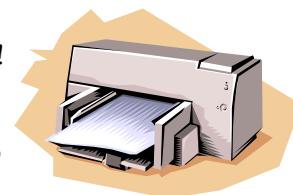
OCTOBER 7-9
Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 27
MSCM Dinner Meeting-Battle Creek-Place To Be Announced

DECEMBER 11
MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Place to be Announced

Fundraising

A reminder to save your empty printer cartridges and get them to Pete Molter. He has the mailing envelopes and will send them all out at once for reimbursement. Get them from friends, family, and work! Toner cartridges also! Bring them to the next meeting or get them to someone who is going to be there! Thanks!



Member Profile—Joanne Forster

Greetings!

My name is Joanne Forster. I am the current Vice-President of the MSCM and have been a member for a number of years (can't remember exactly how many!) My kennel name is Jofor (hmm..wonder how I came up with that!) I live in Elkton, MI, which is located in the upper Thumb area, with my hubby of 20 years (yikes!), my 19 year old son, 8 dogs, and one cat.

I am a part-time all breed Dog Groomer, conveniently working out of my home. My hobbies are Polymer Clay sculpting, NASCAR, and most importantly, my dogs! I bought my

first mini, Reba, 12 years ago (who is still with us!) and it has snowballed from there!

Currently , in addition to Reba, we have 4 Champions (3 of which I bred) and 2 others that have points toward their Championship. Our dog family also consists of our German Shepherd, Billy, and Rottweiler, Paige.

Since I got my start “in dogs” doing obedience I plan on this year, hopefully, putting a CD on one of my Champions, Ch. Jofor’s What’s It To You, “Walker”. It’s been many years since I have trained and shown in Obedience, but with a little luck and a LOT of work, we

may just get that title on the “other” end of Walker’s name!!



Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

The new year is starting off with **Schnauzer Firecrackers!** The AKC Championships held in Tampa, Florida over the weekend of January 16th included conformation, agility and obedience. Our minis were so impressive.

The Obedience Invitational invites the top OTCh pointed dogs from each group to compete in a tough two day format whereas each team competes in six rings, round robin style, performing a combination of exercises from both the Utility and Open classes. By the time the team has completed the six rings they have performed all the Utility and Open exercises twice. Three Miniature Schnauzers competed with the 140 teams entered. The top 32 dogs advanced to the finals on Sunday. They are matched in elimination rounds until only four dogs are left standing. Those four teams then complete, individually, an entire Utility pattern to determine their final place. This obedience competition is definitely grueling!

This year, for the first time, a Miniature Schnauzer made it to the Final Four! CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Koscielski, of Marshalltown, Iowa, and her dynamic Mini, Savannah, or more formally known as, OTCH Double A’s Savannah At Night UDX7. Barb and Savannah placed a glorious Fourth, behind 3 Golden Retrievers. The top terrier award also went to Barb & Savannah. Congratulations too, to the other Schnauzer obedience teams: Sheri Bailey, of Douglasville, Georgia, with OTCH Bailey’s Blue Sky UDX2; and Mike Reardon of Washington DC with Abby of Lorey Hill UDX 2. On the Agility front, the Tampa Championships proved to be just as exciting. I believe 500+ dogs competed in Agility, with 203 Dogs entered in the 12” class alone – by far the largest height class at this competition. It is wonderful that 18 Minis competed this year – either in the 12” or 16” class. I can’t tell you how proud I am to announce that, for the first time, a Miniature Schnauzer has WON! Wait! It gets better! Another Mini also ran their way to the

finals and placed!

CONGRATULATIONS to Michigan’s own Joyce Steen & Christine Frank, handler & co-owner of Kimie, a/k/a MACH3, Liebchen Kimberly Von Steen, CD. Placing 4th was Jo Ann Plummer and her Mini, Timmy. Not far out of the placings, another Michigan mini placed a very respectable 21st and our congratulations again go to Joyce Steen & Christine Frank (handler and co-owner) & MACH Chrissy, CDX.

The AKC has a wonderful web site with photos, results and more about all aspects of this wonderful event. Please check it out at: www.akc.org/



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www.msclm.org

The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers; foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.



From the President's Desk.....

Greetings to all members of the MSCM. 2005 is off and running and so am I, and I just bet you are too.

We have had some very cold and snowy days already with 2 snow days here in Milan (kids love'em parents DON'T) and I have definitely decided that I really, really don't like winter anymore! However I do contemplate spring ideas too. I have two dogs stripped for spring shows and I continue training, although not enough, for obedience and agility in hopes of a CD title this year along with maybe some Q's towards a MX and MXJ title also.

My hopes and plans for the MSCM include revising the Constitution and By-laws this year, membership recruitment and some fun and informative general membership meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Schauer who has

been the Toplines editor for many years now. She has turned over the typing to Joanne Forster who will be our new Toplines editor. Luckily for us Sue continues on as our ever-prudent Treasurer and "potluck specialty lady", two very significant roles in our club. After all we're talking about two very essential items. Money and Food! Thank you Sue for jobs well done!

I hope every member will make a concerted effort to come out and support the club by making a commitment to attend at least half of the meetings this year and coming to our specialty whether you're exhibiting or not. The club needs the support of more members to do a good job. There are many ways in which to help the club out. Here are some examples: attend meetings, offer to foster a rescue dog, volunteer for a committee, attend the Detroit Kennel Club Show

and be a spokesperson for our club and breed, and come to the specialty and bring a potluck dish and auction item. Tell someone in the club thank you for the work they are doing. Be a good sportsman, you're representing the club and our breed when you do. Most importantly, I hope everyone enjoys his or her dogs companionship. Whether show dog, performance dog, rescue dog, couch potato or bed warmer they are wonderful, intelligent, fun little beings who deserve to be treated well, loved and enjoyed.

Sincerely,
President, Beth Santure

TIPS

**Rainy day cure for dog odor:
Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the dog with Bounce or any dryer sheet, instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh!

**One of the fastest ways of increasing your knowledge about movement is to go to the Doberman ring and watch. Almost always the breed has a decent entry. The dogs are tall enough to where you can really watch the legs; there is no hair or color patterns to cause optical illusions when they move; and it is a breed shown, for the most part, hands off. The quality of Dobermans shown is generally high. For

These reasons, you generally can learn a lot by watching Dobermans in the ring.

**When it comes to "pooper scoopers", buy the cheapest ones you can buy. The cheaper they are, the more flexible they are, the longer they last.

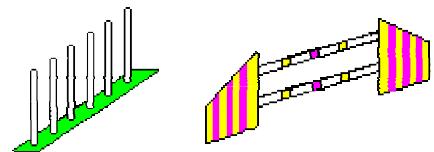
** During the summer show season, it is helpful to keep an electrolyte supplement on hand (unflavored Pedialyte). Adding it to their water or giving it straight helps keep their electrolytes on balance, which will help them handle the stress of the hot weather.

BRAGS

At the Livingston Kennel Club, Inc. Agility Trial Saturday, January 22, 2005, Beth Santure's Ch. Loneacre's Simply Smashing AX,AXJ placed 1st in the Jumpers w/weaves 12" B class and added another MXJ leg!

At the Oakland Kennel Club Show, January , 2005 Lynn Baitinger's Katie and Morgan earned their first Rally Novice legs, first time in Rally!

Way to go girls!!!



Graphics courtesy of the Dogpatch
www.dogpatch.org

Lessons From the Geese

In the fall when you see Geese heading south for the winter, flying along in the "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what Science has discovered about and why they fly that way.

It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird

immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Quite similar to people who are part of a team and share a common direction, get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the trust of one another and lift each other up along the way.

Whenever a Goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go through it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock.

If we have as much sense as a Goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same way that we

are going. When the lead Goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wings and another Goose takes over. It pays to share

leadership and take turns doing hard jobs. The Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed. Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front lines, helping them to keep pace, in spite of the day-to-day pressures and fatigue.

It is important that our honking be encouraging. Otherwise it's just ---well honking!

Finally, when a Goose gets sick or is wounded and falls out, two Geese fall out of the formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, then they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group.

When one of us is down, it's up to the others to stand by us in our time of trouble. If we have the sense of a Goose, we will stand by each other when things get rough. We will stay

in formation with those headed where we want to go.

The next time you see a formation of Geese, remember their message that:

"IT IS INDEED A REWARD, A CHALLENGE AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF A TEAM"

Author Unknown

