



# TOPLINES

"If you do the best you can, you will find, nine times out of ten, that you have done as well as or better than anyone else."  
- William Feather

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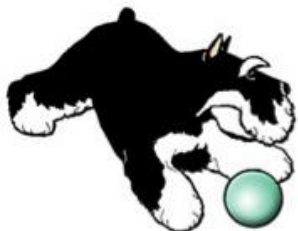
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### Officers 2005

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## MSCM Specialty 2005

Another year has rolled around and another MSCM Specialty show has come and gone. Once again the "Weather Gods" were on our side. It started out a little on the cool side (but a tolerable cool) and ended up with warmth and sunshine like mid summer!! We won't complain, though, it's better than rain or snow any day. Sweeps Judge, Barry Christy had several lovely puppies to choose his winners from. Best in Sweeps went to Cathy Rohrer & Charlotte Stukey's S/P beauty, Char N Co Run-around Sue. Best of Opposite in Sweeps was Charlotte Stukey's beautiful little black puppy, Char N Co Can You Say Hemi

In the classes, Breeder/Judge John Constantine awarded L Gail Wilford's nice Open Salt/Pepper Dog, Scandals Humble Boy, WD for a 4 point major. Going Reserve to the winners dog was Bev Verna's black puppy, Regency's Devil In Disguise.

Winners Bitch, from the 9-12 Month Puppy Class (for a 4 pt major), was Carol Beagle's nice Salt/Pepper Blackwitch Could Be Delite. This girl also went Best of Winners, Best Puppy, and Puppy Group 2! Reserve WB went to

Gale Schnetzer's Wards Creek's Cassino Night from the 12-18 month class. The Veteran Dog winner was Catherine McMillan's awesome, 10 year old Ch. Benalta Batman. What superb condition this older gentleman is in! The Best of Breed was awarded to Connie Krohn's gorgeous Ch. ToMar's The Fix Is In. And can this dog move!!! It was a pleasure to watch him win the Breed all 3 days and see him place in the Group. Best of Opposite to Best of Breed went to Charlotte Stukey & Kurt Garmaker's lovely little B/S Ch. Char N Co Speed Demon. Earlier that morning our Miniature Schnauzer Obedience Trial was held. High in Trial was awarded to none other than our own MSCM President Beth Santure and the AMAZING Ch. Loneacre's Simply Smashing AX,MXJ from the Novice B class with a score of 195.5!

First Place winner from the Open B class was Brian & Susan Quinn's Daisy's Frizzleface Duke UD,RE,AX,AXJ with a score of 194.5. Second place was Pat Heinzelman's Ch MACH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage UD with a score of 191.5. Third place was Lynn Baitinger's Ch.

Loneacre's Small Town Girl CD,MX,MXJ with a score of 186.

From the Utility Class A, Joanne McCallum's R-Jo's Diamond In The Ruff CDX placed first with a score of 186. Utility Class B winner and High Combined went to Pat Heinzelman's Ch MACH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage UD.

Kudos to a job well done by our Miniature Schnauzer Obedience competitors!! After judging, as always, our member potluck lunch was served to our exhibitor's. We had a wonderful array of foods to dine on; salads, casseroles and desserts. Our annual Bake Sale and Raffle fundraisers did well, thanks to the members who bought and sold tickets and made goodies for the bake sale!

Rounding out the day was our auction with our "famous" auctioneer! Beth's "skill" as an auctioneer makes spending money fun!

As always, the MSCM Specialty show is a success with good dogs, good friends, good food and most of all

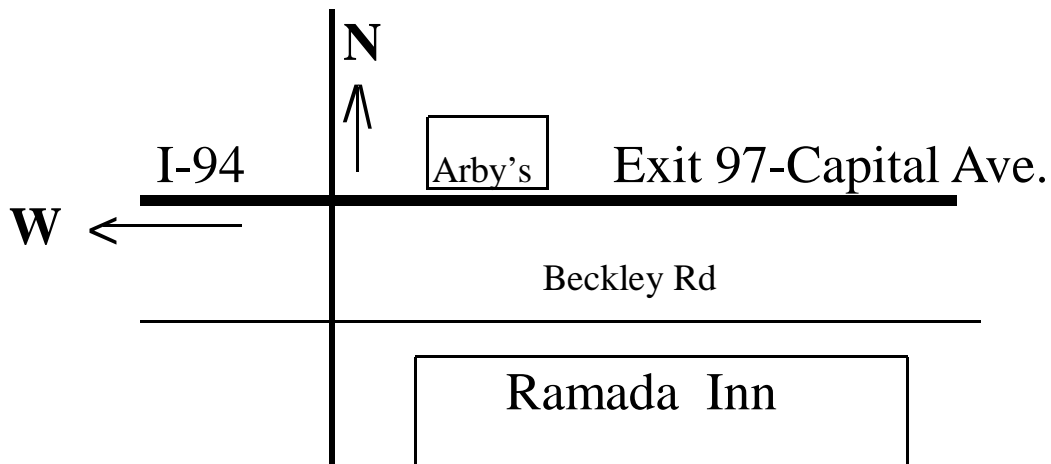
**GOOD FUN!!!**  
See ya next year!!!

**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan  
Dinner Meeting  
October 22, 2005**



**Ramada Inn, Battle Creek**  
5050 Beckley Rd.  
Battle Creek, MI 49015  
Ph. 269-979-1100

**Cash Bar 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm**  
**Open Menu**  
(In the Main Dining Room)  
**Business Meeting to Follow**



**Reservations**

Please Call or email Sue if you will be coming. The initial set up is for 15 people with the FINAL number no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the dinner!

(734)-439-8313 or [JDScha@aol.com](mailto:JDScha@aol.com)

"No one keeps up his enthusiasm automatically. Enthusiasm must be nourished with new actions, new aspirations, new efforts, new vision. Compete with yourself; set your teeth and dive into the job of breaking your own record. It is one's own fault if his enthusiasm is gone; he has failed to feed it."  
- Papyrus

## 2005 Calendar of Important Events



### OCTOBER 1

MSCM Membership Dues—Time to RENEW—\$10 per person/\$15 per Family ~Send to:

Diana Schauer, Treasurer  
19870 Welch Rd., Milan, MI 48160

### OCTOBER 22

MSCM Dinner Meeting held at the Ramada Inn, Battle Creek 6:00 pm

### NOVEMBER 10

MSCM Year-End Awards Information  
Deadline! Contact: Carol Somers at  
(269)629-9427

### November 30

MSCM Membership  
**EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

### DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-  
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing  
4:00 p.m.

The family's dog was bought for a guard,  
Chained to a post in a chilly backyard,  
Housed in a shed that was airless and dark,  
And every few weeks had a run in the park.  
When boredom set in with no fun and no work,  
One day it broke loose and went quietly berserk.  
Pa couldn't fathom just why it went wild,  
As it flattened his wife and then bit his child.  
The police were called in to sort out the mess,  
And the whole sorry tale was revealed by the press,  
The Rescue Society was really annoyed,  
So, the dog was rehomed--and the owners destroyed.

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## Whelping Box

Born September 19, 2005 a litter of 5, Salt/Pepper, 3 females and 2 males.

Dam— Jofor's It Matters To Me (Faith)  
Owners- Joanne Forster & Beth Santure  
Sire— Ch. Char N Co Catch Me If You Can  
(Chase) Owner— Charlotte Stukey

Litter Owner— Beth Santure

## 2005 MSCM Annual Awards

Carol Somers is starting to prepare for the 2005 MSCM Annual Awards. If you have a new 2005 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please contact her at (269)629-9427 with the following information:

1. The complete name of the dog with all of it's titles exactly as they are to be engraved
2. The name and date of the show that the dog finished at
3. The name(s) of all of the dog's owners

Please send all of the information by Nov. 10th to:

Carol Somers  
10142 East C Ave.  
Richland, MI 49083

## THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank-you goes out to the members that gave of their time, donations, and presence at this year's Specialty Show!!! Without the hard work and strong dedication of a portion of the membership, our Specialties would not be the success that they are!

SPECIAL THANKS goes to the members : Beth, Jean, Joanne, Carol S. (and her friend Joanne), Lynn, and Mark & Karin for your generous donations of items for the Michigan basket that our club donated to the AMSC Silent Auction.

## Member Profile—Bill and Darlene Foxall

Bill and Darlene Foxall, of Orion Michigan, have been members of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan for approximately 15 years. They have been married for 43 years, raising 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Bill is retired from the General Motors Engineering Staff after working there for 37 years in the areas of Programmer/Analyst Advanced Engineering, GM Research and GM Defense Research. He attended Michigan and Wayne State Universities for Engineering Physics. His hobbies include Computers, Photography (digital & film), Music and Piano. Darlene's hobbies include Oil Painting, Knitting, Needlepoint & Cross Stitch, Computerized Embroidery, & Sun Conures (small Parrots).

Together Bill and Darlene been in dogs for 25 years, 16 of them in Miniature Schnauzers.. Their kennel name is Zauberland.. Their accomplishments in Minis has been the Breeder/ Owner of Ch. Zauberland's Free Spirit, Breeder of Ch. Zauberland's I'm Amy, Breeder of Ch. Jofor's Foolish Pride, and of Zauberland's Nite Rider CGC.



MSCM Trophy Table

## 2005 MSCM Specialty Pictures



Debbie & Ruby  
1st Place Open Salt & Pepper Bitches



Beth & Racie  
1st Place Open Black/Black & Silver Bitches



MSCM Auction



## Performance Corner-by Lynn Baitinger

Staying Connected to Your Dog is one of those phrases you hear, but probably don't pay much give much thought to. What does it really mean? In simple terms it means that you and your dog are paying attention to each other and are *attuned* to each other at a given time. It does NOT mean training together by rote. It does not mean deftly going thru the routine as if it where a chore. It does not mean rushing through a training session just so you can say you did it, and it does not mean taking your bad mood out on your dog.

We could probably get away with a lot of that behavior if we were training another human being, since we humans are far less astute at body lan-

guage than our dogs are. After all, dogs "make their living" reading, knowing and understanding our body language! We really don't fool them much when we train half-heartedly.

A friend made a statement today that got me thinking about this topic. She said that it literally broke her heart when she observed handlers finish an agility run and then snap the lead back on their dog and simply walk away. The dog's face said it all, she said. That animal had just given it's all and held up it's part of the teamwork and didn't even receive a passing nod from its owner. Over time, will that relationship last? Maybe – dogs do have a lot of heart. But, just think how far that team could go and how wonderful that rela-

tionship could be if the human side made an effort to "stay connected". Dogs don't ask much of us, but they do know when we are faking it. A short training session with intent and focus on each other will get you much further than plodding through a longer training session with your mind on other things

I've always felt that the human – dog bond that is developed from training in a performance event is truly one of the strongest bonds in the world. You simply must know each other on a very high level in order to succeed. To know your dog at that level is a true privilege and one that is only earned by "staying connected".

# T-Shirts!!

Members!!

Don't forget to purchase your club t-shirt! With Christmas fast approaching, they will make perfect gifts!! And they are only \$20 each!!! Email Joanne ([jofor@airadv.net](mailto:jofor@airadv.net)) or see me at the next 2 meetings! We still have all sizes available (sm-xlg)



**"If you don't invest very much, then defeat doesn't hurt very much and winning is not very exciting."  
- Dick Vermeil**



# BRAGS

- \*On Friday, Sept. 30, at the TCM Obedience Trial, Joanne McCallum's Diamond earned her Utility Dog title with a First Place and a score of 186!
- \*On Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Muncie Ind. Kennel Club show Blackwitch Could Be Delite went WB for a 4pt major from the puppy class.
- \*On Friday, Aug. 19, at the Anderson Ind. Kennel Club show, Blackwitch Lola Lou went WB & BOW for a 4 pt. Major
- \*On Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Muncie Ind. Kennel Club show, Blackwitch Main Event went WB for a 4 pt. Major.
- \*2 New Champions for Blackwitch Kennels, Ch. Blackwitch Too Tuff and Ch. Blackwitch Rose Rapture. All of the above Blackwitch winners and Champions are owned by Carol Beagle.



## MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

Amount- \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Address- \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to:  
Lynn Baitinger  
5400 Orion Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48306-2549

## MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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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.



## Our Trip to Montgomery County this Year.....(Beth & Joanne)

We started out the trip assuming that Pennsylvania was going to have the same weather Michigan was experiencing; dry, cool, and partly sunny. After all, the weather pattern moves from west to east, doesn't it? Neither one of us thought to check the up-to-date weather forecast for where we were headed. The torrential rains (effects of a recent hurricane up the east coast) started in the middle of the night Thursday and didn't let up until Sunday morning. We got to the Devon showsite early Friday morning thinking we were going to avoid the rush and get a "good spot" under the grooming tent. We finally got in to unload later that afternoon (you'll find out why in a bit) Well, we ended up and still were able to get that "good spot" only to find out from others there (and there wasn't many there) that because of the rain, they were thinking of canceling the show.

But, they weren't going to decide until Saturday morning. Soaked to the skin (but proud of our "good spot" under the tent) we went on to our motel to check in. Luck being on our side again, there were no close parking spots. Wet clothes, flat hair and sore backs from taking our luggage up to the 5th floor, we just barely had enough time to potty dogs (forget about exercising them in the pouring rain-do you know what a downpour does to a schnauzer coat??) before Beth had to make it to the AMSC Board meeting (late I might add). Saturday morning we were up and out to the showsite early to pack up our equipment. Show cancelled. The nearby creek (20ft from our "good spot" under the grooming tent) was overflowing and there was standing water and mud everywhere. Oh well, off to the Montgomery showsite to beat the rush again. Aren't we smart?

WRONG!!! Everyone knows that it states on the front page of the judging program that the showsite won't be available until later in the afternoon. We now have this fact ingrained into our brain. Back to the hotel, grab some lunch, potty dogs, and back to the showsite where there is now a LONG line of cars waiting to get in and set up. In the pouring rain. After sitting for about 45 minutes without moving an inch, we get the bright idea to strap essential equipment onto the dolly, and hoof it in to get that GOOD SPOT under the grooming tent. I drew the short straw :- ( Wearing my rain slicker with hood (can you say "bad hair weekend?") and cowboy boots (didn't pack "real" boots) I trudged toward the grooming tent, in the pouring rain (did I already say that?) It wasn't too bad pulling the dolly as it was on pavement. Until I got within

# Our Trip to Montgomery County This Year... continued from page 7

reach of the tent. No way could I pull a loaded dolley 1/2 mile (ok not really that far) on the rain soaked ground from the pavement to the tent. Still in the pouring rain, I calmly unloaded the dolley at the edge of the pavement and carried EACH piece of equipment to that PERFECT SPOT UNDER THE GROOMING TENT!!!!

Back to the car I went, pulling my now empty dolley and snickering at all of the WIMPS still sitting in their vehicles, waiting in line to get that perfect spot!!! Sorry...TAKEN!!!! Elated at our good fortune, we headed back to the motel to potty dogs and get ready for the AMSC Dinner/Meeting. Having made the trip to the showsite twice already, we felt confident we could find our way back blindfolded! Well, we must have been blindfolded because we got lost! I stopped watching street signs long enough to answer my cell phone and we missed our turn!! Written directions, a compass in the van, and 2 people to navigate, and we still got lost!! (don't tell our husbands, ok?) We backtracked and found the turn we missed. Finally we made it back to the motel, pottied the dogs then got ready for the dinner. Drink in one hand (we needed to start early) and the other hand carrying the heavy basket for the silent auction, we made our way down to the dinner. The AMSC did a wonderful job with the Silent Auction Baskets and the raffle. Neither one of us won anything in the raffle. Beth won a nice basket from Idaho in the Silent Auction. Dinner was nice, but they ran out of seating and at least one person left without eating because of no place to sit. The meeting was a little disappointing. Beth didn't get to read her list of Versatility Award Recipients, and there was no winner announced for the Local Club Bulletin (or plaque available). The recipient of the President's Choice Award was announced, but no plaque available

for that either. Hmmm...and I thought I was unorganized.... The event ended fairly early and we were able to get to bed at a decent hour and get up early. We had decided ahead on not showing the puppy in Sweeps, so we didn't have to get there until 7:00. The rain had slowed down to a mist by morning, so I started taking things down to pack in the van. While walking to the furthest edge of the parking lot where we were parked, I noticed a MUCH closer spot open. I threw my stuff in the van and drove quickly, claiming the choice spot as my own! Soon we were on our way to the showsite where we had the "PERFECT SPOT"! While waiting in another long line, I asked Beth if the van had enough gas in it (we were low) to endure a long wait. As soon as I said the word "gas" we both gasped in horror!! When I had moved the van earlier that morning to claim that closer spot, I had forgotten to grab the generator gas can that we had put under the van (not in it) so the fumes would not make the dogs sick. No gas for the generator, no way to groom the dogs!!

BACK to the motel AGAIN!!! Surely the can would be gone! We would just have to fill the van and the generator itself and hope that it would be enough gas to get 3 dogs groomed. Lo and behold, we pulled into the parking lot and there it sat, still in the plastic bag we left it in.. I think no one attempted to take it as they probably thought it was just a bag of dog poop!! Lucky for us! We had a good laugh!

Back to the dog show, finally! We made our way to the tent, unloading in the same manner as the day before; walking everything from the van up to the tent. Of course, to our PERFECT SPOT!!!

Having heard the horror stories of past MUDDY Montgomery shows, I expected the worst. Amazingly, the ground had soaked up the biggest

portion of the water. Unfortunately, the high traffic areas, such as the entrances to the show tent and rings, were muddy! Slipping and sliding muddy...some places ankle deep! It helped at first when they threw down straw but eventually that got lost in the mud..

Some how we were able to get the dogs all ready for the ring, even after losing time going back for the gas can. At one point, we ran out of gas in the generator and had to refill it (glad we went back for the can!!!) Beth did a wonderful job showing my puppy girl Gretchen, getting 3rd place in a quality filled class of 6. Beth also got a 3rd place in her class showing her lovely B/S girl, Racie. HUGE congrats to Debbie for going WINNERS BITCH with her Ruby!!!! Well, believe it or not, the trip home was uneventful. The rain had stopped completely and we even saw peeks of the sun occasionally. Hopefully the trip next year will yield better weather, better navigating skills, better organization, better memories and most importantly.... THE PERFECT GROOMING SPOT!!

