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"Whatever you want to do, do it. There are only so many tomorrows."

- Unknown

TOPLINES

This issue is dedicated to the Memory of Carol Somers

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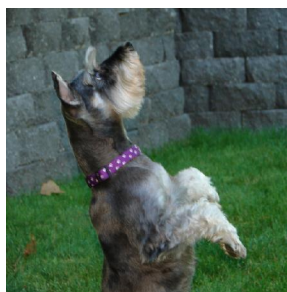
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Have You Done Your Part? —Carol Somers

The following is an article written by Carol Somers and published in Dog World Magazine in 1976 and in the Ingham County Kennel Club Newsletter in 1979. Thanks to Margo Heiden for finding this and passing it on!

No matter how much preparation and careful planning has preceded every club's match and/or show, there will undoubtedly be some minor or perhaps even a major last minute emergency. That experienced steward who has promised to open a ring has turned up missing, "someone" has forgot to bring the cash boxes, the insulated water pitchers are still stored many miles out in the country, or the show veterinarian has overslept. Some how someone always turns up to fill the shoes of absent people and someone improvises on missing "props". And the show goes on.

Every club has it's willing workers—the "dogers"—that make the club and it's projects successful. Fortunately there are some club members who are always reliable and any task assigned to them will be cheerfully and efficiently handled. What an asset they are! They are at the match grounds early in the morning to set up ring equipment and they're the

last to leave at night after the grounds are clean and the work is done. They don't have to receive innumerable phone calls to plead for help, as they want to be a part of the successful event. They realize that by being active participants they are not only contributing to the club but they are also gaining knowledge and experience.

You will find some members who spend much of their time "gripping" about the non-working members. Perhaps it is warranted, but the missing member could be home whelping a litter, nursing sick dogs or puppies, or perhaps it is imperative that the member be at home to handle an emergency.

With the increased dog-show entries and the necessity of more rings being used, many clubs are finding that it is increasingly difficult to find enough club members available to handle the stewarding assignments. Show committees are attempting to find a solution. Many clubs have already adopted the policy that, in the interest of good sportsmanship, no club member will show his or her Champions of record at their own show. Should this policy be extended to prohibit all

club members from showing any dogs at their own show? It would make more people available for stewarding duties. Some breeder members are reluctant to do this, as fellow-breeders have come to visit and those extra member-owned puppies could make it a major. Perhaps the solution could be found if neighboring clubs would cooperate and help each other with stewarding assignments.

Some dog enthusiasts are more willing workers in their breed club or their national organization. Others may be seriously campaigning a "special" and the judges are "right" for him at another show being held the same day as his own club show. Everyone can't contribute in every area but all should help where help is needed and where they feel that they can best serve. It's the combined efforts of many people contributing in many ways in all areas that makes the

dog game
"special"
HAVE
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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Dinner Meeting

October 21 , 2006



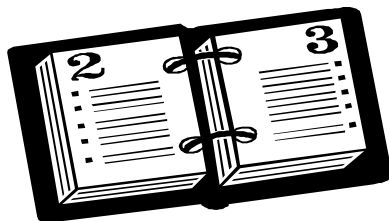
Clara's On The River
44 McCalmly St., N
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Phone (269) 963-5770

Open Bar
Open Menu
(Complete menu with prices at
www.claras.com)
6:00pm Cocktails
6:30pm Dinner

Call Bethany (269-721-3228) or email
bhoover724@aol.com by Wednesday, October 18th and let
her know that you will be attending the dinner.

Directions: Coming from the North: Take I-69 South toward Ft. Wayne. Merge onto I-94 West via exit 38 toward Chicago. Take the I-194/M-66 North exit (Exit 98B) toward downtown Battle Creek. Merge onto M-66 North. As you reach town, I-194 ends and it is just M-66 (Division St.). Turn left onto E. Michigan Ave., then turn right onto McCamly St. N. The parking lot is off McCamly St. and restaurant faces the river and is next to the Willard Library. From the East, take I-94 West toward Chicago and follow the same directions. There is also another way you can come from I-69, though Mapquest did not show it that way. The way I have explained, you are going to one end of Battle Creek and making back, though you will be staying on the expressways. You can also go I-69 South toward Ft. Wayne, then take I-96 West toward Grand Rapids. Take the exit for M-66 (Ionia/Battle Creek). Turn left off exit onto M-66 South. You will be on this all the way to Battle Creek. As you get to town, M-66 is also called Capital Avenue. Keep on Capital Avenue NE. It will make a curve by St. Phillip's Church where North Avenue merges in. Keep in right-hand lane. Turn right on Van Buren, then left on McCamly. Parking lot is right there on your left. Also be sure to tell people who are staying in town on Beckley Rd. that there are exits for both I-94 and I-194 off Beckley Rd. and not to get them confused. The I-194 exit is east of the mall and just goes across town.

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 21

MSCM Dinner Meeting held at Clara's, Battle Creek, 6:00pm

NOVEMBER 10

MSCM Year-End Awards Information Deadline!

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.



Whelping Box

No litters to announce at this time

2006 MSCM Annual Awards

If you have a new 2006 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please send the following information to our Secretary Bethany Hoover:

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:

Bethany Hoover
3741 Bristol Oak Dr.
Dowling, Mi 49050
(269)721-3228

Awards will be announced at the December meeting but presentation of the plaques and shingles may be postponed until a later date.

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!

MSCM FALL SPECIALTY



Dog owners warned over sugar-free items

Keep those sugarless treats out of Fido's reach. Veterinarians warned on Friday that a commonly used sweetener might cause liver failure in dogs, and perhaps even kill them. Their report in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* appears to strengthen the suspected link between the sugar substitute xylitol, thought to make dogs sick, and possible liver failure. Xylitol, a naturally occurring product, is found in many sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and toothpaste. Researchers Sharon Gwaltney-Brant and Eric Dunayer with staff at a poison unit of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Urbana, Illinois, gathered information on eight dogs treated between 2003 and 2005 after eating products containing xylitol. Each dog became ill, and five died or had to be put down because of liver failure, possibly from ingesting xylitol. One dog who had to be euthanized had eaten four large, chocolate-frosted muffins containing about 1 pound (0.45 kg) of xylitol. People don't hink sugar-free gum can kill their dog. I didn't before I got into this. But this is something people should be aware of," Gwaltney-Brant, who co-authored the study with Dunayer, said in a statement. Gwaltney-Brant said for dogs, ingesting even a small amount of xylitol can trigger significant insulin release, which drops their blood sugar and can be fatal. "A 22-pound (10-kg) dog who consumes one gram (0.03 ounces) of xylitol should be treated," she said, adding that further studies were needed to definitely establish a cause-and-effect relationship



BRAGS

LONEACRE'S FIRECRACKER, RN, AX, MXJ, (CH Dimensions Hot Pursuit, RN, UD x CH Loneacre's Charmed I'm Sure) earned his *Master Excellent JWW* on September 3, 2006 at the Greater Toledo Obedience Training Club's Agility Trial, in Toledo, Ohio. Connor was bred by Beth Santure and is owned and spoiled by Lynn Baitinger . On August 12, Joanne McCallum's R-Jo's Trendsetter Bootsie earned her first leg , a first place , and a High in Trial in Novice B obedience at a UKC show in Muskegon. That same day, at the second trial, Bootsie earned her second leg, another first place and another High in Trial!. On the same day, Joanne's R-Jo's U R My Sunshine Shasta, a Bootsie daughter, earned her first leg and a fifth place.



MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

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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.



The Many Uses of Peroxide

"I would like to tell you of the benefits of that plain little old bottle of 3% peroxide you can get for under \$1.00 at any drug store. My husband has been in the medical field for over 36 years, and most doctors don't tell you about peroxide, or they would lose thousands of dollars."

1. Take one capful (the little white cap that comes with the bottle) and hold in your mouth for 10 minutes daily, then spit it out. (I do it when I bathe)

No more canker sores and your teeth will be whiter without expensive pastes. Use it instead of mouthwash. (Small print says mouth wash and gargle right on the bottle)

2. Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of "Peroxide" to keep them free of germs.

3. Clean your counters, table tops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. Simply put a little on your dishrag when you wipe, or spray it on the counters.

4. After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour peroxide on it to kill

salmonella and other bacteria.

5. I had fungus on my feet for years - until I sprayed a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water on them (especially the toes) every night and let dry.

6. Soak any infections or cuts in 3% peroxide for five to ten minutes several times a day. My husband has seen gangrene that would not heal with any medicine, but was healed by soaking in peroxide.

7. Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system like bleach or most other disinfectants will.

8. Tilt your head back and spray into nostrils with your 50/50 mixture whenever you have a cold, or plugged sinuses. It will bubble and help to kill the bacteria. Hold for a few minutes then blow your nose into a tissue.

9. If you have a terrible toothache and cannot get to a dentist right away, put a capful of 3% peroxide into your mouth and hold it for ten minutes several times a day. The pain will lessen greatly.

10. And of course, if you like a natural look to your hair, spray the 50/50

solution on your wet hair after a shower and comb it through. You will not have the peroxide burnt blonde hair like the hair dye packages, but more natural highlights if your hair is a light brown, faddish, or dirty blonde. It also lightens gradually so it's not a drastic change.

11. Put half a bottle of peroxide in your bath to help rid boils, fungus, or other skin infections.

12. You can also add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of whites in your laundry to whiten them. If there is blood on clothing, Pour directly on the soiled spot. Let it sit for a minute, then rub it and rinse with cold water. Repeat if necessary.

13. I use peroxide to clean my mirrors with, and there is no smearing which is why I love it so much for this.

I could go on and on. It is a little brown bottle no home should be without! With prices of most necessities rising, I'm glad there's a way to save tons of money in such a simple healthy manner.

This was written by Becky Ransey of Indiana

In Loving Memory

Carol Somers was the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan to me. She brought dignity and love of our minis to our club. Her hard work was legendary and everyone in dogs is aware of all that she gave.

My fondest memory of Carol, and there are many, is of a conversation we had during the Traverse City KC show about two years ago. Carol and I were talking on the second of a two day show at which she had just finished one of her dogs. We sat together watching the group ring, and she began talking about an idea she felt might just "round out her career in dogs". She was thinking about earning the AMSC Versatility Award with her new Champion! She asked me about agility and how much that would entail. I was almost speechless as I was talking to a woman in her 80's, but I quickly realized that I was talking to Carol! If anyone could do it, she could. I encouraged her to train at the KKK which has a nice flat indoor surface and advised her that she could do it - there are many shows now in indoor soccer arenas where the footing is ideal. She was also going to train for an obedience title too.

Carol was the most supportive dog person I've ever met - always having time to answer questions and take pleasure in everyone's accomplishments. She is my ideal and I hope to be just like her in my senior years!

Lynn Baitinger

My favorite memory of Carol is when she helped me learn how to strip Bailey's puppy coat last fall. She was kind of enough to show me how, even though I wasn't going to show her. I would go once a week on the day she groomed dogs for her customers and get the line started for me. I would sit on the floor and strip her coat while she groomed and we talked about all kinds of things--mostly dogs though:) She would get a little impatient sometimes because I was slower than her, but after a few weeks we got her stripped. I had a new admiration for the conformation people and personally think you must be crazy to do that every few months! Carol sure gave her customers their money's worth. I think she used a 15 blade against the hair direction and put a muzzle on every dog for ears and nails! At the time I thought that was awful, but learned the value of it after a very difficult dog I was grooming bit me and sent me to outpatient the next day for antibiotics and a tetanus shot. I have always been grateful for her help and for sharing her knowledge with me. I will miss her.

Carol Somers—Always smiling, encouraging and never a complaint about anything. I will treasure the memories I have of the trips to the International and Montgomery K C dog shows with her. She would pack, unpack, haul, walk, love to see her breeder friends from all over the US, sit in the rain, cold and mud and not complain (I did) but Carol wouldn't. In fact the only time I remember a grumble was about 3 or 4 years ago when just she and I made the trip to PA and she stopped 1/3 of the way from the rings and was annoyed at herself because she had to stop and catch her breath <VBG> she was of course toting what she insisted was her fair share pulling a cooler and carrying a chair, bag and umbrella! Years ago I remember Debbie and I trying to find Carol's set up at a show where she was saving space for us. We knew to look for a big, white cloud and that we would find Carol underneath it! I can still see her, chalk dust covering her face and hands and everything within a 6 ft. radius was covered with chalk!

Beth Santure

Carol J. Somers Of Richland

Carol J. Somers, 83, of Richland, died Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at the Bronson Methodist Hospital. She was born in Fennville, MI on December 22, 1922 the daughter of Gabriel D. and Maggie (Poest) Bos. Carol graduated from Holland High School and Hope College.



In her earlier years, she worked at a doctor's office, but is well known as a breeder of miniature schnauzers, not only locally, but also throughout the state and the world over. Carol and her husband, Gerald were the owners of the Zomerhof Kennels in Richland.

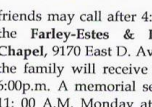
Carol married Gerald O. Somers in Holland, Michigan on February 21, 1959; he preceded her in death on September 12, 2004.

She is survived by two sisters, Doris Thorsen of Palos Nerd, CA and Myrtle Vanderkuy of Lapeer, MI; nephews, Dale, Robert, Dave and Larry Somers; nieces, Pam Orr, Kay Vanderkuy, Letitia Hardwick and many cousins.



Carol was a member of the Gull Lake Community Church, Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Michigan Miniature Schnauzer Club and the Cairn Terrier Club of America.

At the request of the family, friends may call after 4:00 p.m., Sunday at the Farley-Estes & Dowdle Richland Chapel, 9170 East D. Ave., Richland where the family will receive friends from 4:00-6:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held 11:00 A.M. Monday at the funeral home with Rev. James Hill, officiating. Interment will follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Gull Lake Community Church or the Kalamazoo Kennel Club. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.



I first met Carol when I started coming to some of the MSCM events when I got Peppy in the summer of 1995. I think we were supposed to have the August picnic at her house but it was so hot we ended up at the Kalamazoo Kennel Club instead. I remember asking how we were able to get into KKC and someone said Carol was a member and had made a call to see if we could use it. I thought Wow she has some power. I believe the next year it was cool enough to have it at her house and I called before leaving home to confirm my directions. She told me to leave right then and we could visit before everyone else got there. I was a little early and she gave me a quick tour of her place. I was admiring a drawing of a schnauzer in her office and she said that it was done in 1963 (I don't remember the dog's name). I told her that it was older than me and she said I've been involved in dogs longer than you've been around. I admired her various schnauzer bric brac like her two large cement schnauzers by her front door and she told me all kinds of trivia about them. The two cement schnauzers were made by someone she thought was near Bay City. It was always a pleasure to talk to her and her husband at the meetings and it always amazed me when she drove all the way from Kalamazoo in January to the Don Pablos in Flint for lunch and the annual board meeting. The meetings won't be the same without Carol's expert opinions.

Diane Gardner

I remember one time when I was showing and Carol was watching judging. I was showing a black & silver at the time and when I came out of the ring Carol gave me a good, constructive grooming tip...and it worked! I'm sure going to miss her :-(

Carol Beagle

Carol was one of the first club members I had met before I eventually became a member. I remember admiring her "spunk" back then. I will never forget the trips to the Nationals (both Montgomery & Chicago) that Beth and I took with her. In Chicago she got up early with me one day and watched the German Shepherds being judged. My fondest memory of Carol was when we were at Montgomery one year. We were getting dressed in the morning and it was going to be a COLD day. When I saw that she was going to wear a skirt I said "Carol you're going to be cold in that, shouldn't you wear slacks?" She drew herself up to her full height and proudly replied "THIS IS MONTGOMERY COUNTY and one should DRESS for it!"

Dog shows just won't be the same without Carol there.....

Joanne Forster

**WE WILL ALL
MISS YOU
CAROL AND
TREASURE OUR
MEMORIES OF
YOU ALWAYS!!**

Do not keep the alabaster box of your friendship sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind of things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go." —George W. Childs