



TOPLINES

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*"Self-confidence is the first
requisite to great
undertakings."
—Samuel Johnson*

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Officers 2009

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Dixie Quinn

2009 MSCM Fall Specialty Show

I'm beginning to sound like a broken record....but for the last 5 years we've been blessed with great weather for our outdoor fall Specialty show. And this year was no exception! Not too hot and not too cool..who could ask for more!

At this years show we celebrated the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan's 60th year of existence! Our trophy chair, Lynn, outdid herself with the "Diamond" theme for trophies. To make it even more special to us, 2 long time members of the MSCM were our Sweeps and Class judges!!

Sweeps Judge, Margo Heiden had 2 male puppies and 4 female puppies to judge. First place in the Junior 6-9 month dog class went to Briar Hill Full Throttle owned by Sheri Lyons. First place in the Junior 6-9 month bitch class went to Minuteman Venus Flytrap owned by Catherine McMillan. First place in the Senior 9-12 month bitch class went to Char N Co Red High Heels owned by Charlotte Stuke. Best in sweeps went to Briar Hills Full Throttle and BOS to BISweeps went to Char N Co Red High Heels.

For the regular classes,

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Is Celebrating Our
60th Anniversary!!



Come Celebrate this Milestone with us! Special "Diamond" Theme for Trophies



At Our Fall Specialty Show
September 25, 2009

Monroe County Fairground, Monroe, MI
Monroe County MC Show - Sept. 26 & 27 - Same showsite
Sweeps Judge—Margo Heiden Breed Judge—Mark Jaeger
Obitance Judge—Chuck Bush

Judge Mark Jaeger had 5 dogs and 17 bitches to judge.

DOGS

1st 6-9 Dog:

Briar Hill Full Throttle
(Sheri Lyons)

1st Bred By Dog:

Minuteman All About Fly Fishing (Catherine McMillan)

1st Open, Black and Black & Silver Dog:

Advocate's Just Jack (Bruce Fraser & Gary Cohen)

1st Open, Salt & Pepper Dog:

Kampfers Souris Alleycat
(Jennifer East & Margaret Coverett)

Winners Dog:

Minuteman All About Fly-fishing

Reserve Winners Dog:

Briar Hill Full Throttle

BITCHES

1st 6-9 Bitch:

Sercatep's Midnite Serenade
(Debbra Herrell)

1st 9-12 Bitch:

Tomar's Chasing The Dream
(Mary Paisley)

1st 12-18 Bitch:

Loneacre's Dixieland Express
(Susan Quinn)

1st Bred By Bitch:

Tomar's Classy Chassis
(Mary Paisley)

1st Open, Black and

Black & Silver:

Loneacre's Check Yes Or No
(Beth Santure)

1st Open Salt & Pepper:

Riobel Glamorous Girl
(Isabelle Lapointe & Mario Roy)

Winner Bitch:

Loneacre's Check Yes Or No
(Beth Santure)

Reserve Winners Bitch:

Riobel Glamorous Girl
(Isabelle Lapointe & Mario Roy)

BEST OF BREED:

Ch. Sercatep's Somebody Said
(Debbra Herrell)

BEST OF WINNERS:

Minuteman All About Fly-fishing

(Catherine McMillan)

BEST OF OPPOSITE

SEX:

Ch. Char N Co I Drove All Night
(Charlotte Stuke)

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Lunch Meeting

October 17 , 2009
11:00 a.m.



Bucca Di Beppos Restaurant
12575 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48315-5909
(586)803-9463

Family Style Dining—\$12.95 or \$17.95

Call Donna Giles at (586-323-9945) or email
(egiles@comcast.net) by Tuesday, October 13th and
let her know that you will be attending the lunch
and meeting.

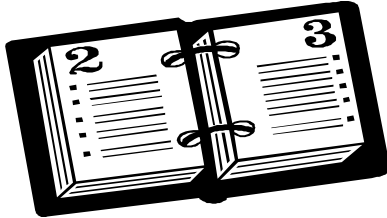


Directions From The North: Take M-53 South to M-59. Go east on M-59 (Hall Rd—divided) About 1/4 mile(If you cross over Schoenherr Rd. you have gone too far) you will see the Restaurant on the left. Make a Michigan left where indicated to get on the west bound side of Hall Rd.Proceed to the restaurant on your right.

Directions From The West& South: Take M-59 East and follow directions as from the North.

Directions From the East: Take M-59 (Hall Rd) West. After crossing over Schoenherr Rd, the restaurant will be on your right on the corner of Northpointe Blvd.

2009 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 17

MSCM Dinner Meeting held at Bucca Di Beppos in Utica at 11:00 am (See page 4 for details)

NOVEMBER 10

MSCM Year-End Awards Information Deadline!

November 30

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

DECEMBER 5

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



Blackwitch Buffet
Open 7 Days

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BEST PUPPY:

Sercatep's Midnite Serenade
(Debbra Herrell)

After judging, as always, our member potluck lunch was served to our exhibitor's.

Our annual Bake Sale did well, thanks to the hungry people who bought our goodies!

Rounding out the day was our auction with our "famous" auctioneers!

Our auctioneer team of Beth and Debbie 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!!!



Whelping Box

No Litters to announce at this time

The quality of your litter should not only be evaluated by the best in the litter....but by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!

2009 MSCM Annual Awards

If you have a new 2009 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please send the following information to our Diane Gardner :

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:

Diane Gardner
1155 Temple Ave.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458
810-789-6605

"May the sire of the sire be the grandsire of the dam"

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!

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www.msc-mi.org

The Taxi Ride

I arrived at the address where someone had requested a taxi. I honked but no one came out. I honked again, nothing. So I walked to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets..

There were no clocks on the walls, no knick-knacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, and then returned to assist the woman.

She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her.. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated'..

'Oh, you're such a good boy', she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly.

'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice'.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you' she asked, reaching into her purse.

'Nothing,' I said.

'You have to make a living,' she answered.

'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

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.



'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said.

'Thank you.'

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk.

What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift

What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

**PEOPLE MAY NOT
REMEMBER EXACTLY
WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT
YOU SAID, BUT THEY
WILL ALWAYS REMEM-
BER HOW YOU MADE
THEM FEEL.**

Tips

You can make your own weed killer...it works fast and is safe for use around the dogs...dog runs, puppy pens, etc.

Mix:

2 1/2 litres white vinegar

1 cup salt

2 good squirts of Dawn dish soap

Mix together and spray onto those nasty old weeds.

Something that gets rid of fire ant hills (or any ants) is very warm water with Dawn dish soap.

Rid Hair of Red Tint

1 gal. Distilled Water

1 cup lemon juice

1 cup Epsom salts

(I haven't personally tried this but it would be interesting to try on a retired black or black & silver show dog.)

Carpet Cleaner

1/2 Listerine and 1/2 water mixed gets out old urine smells and stains and prevents new wet spots from smelling



Beth relaxing before the bidding starts, sporting a feather boa and tiara



Great minds think alike....



And the bidding begins!!!



I don't think anyone could have pried Debbie's hands off of this chair! Good thing she had the winning bid...



Debbie with Robson in the Group



Opening ceremonies for the Terrier group judging



Lindsay in the Puppy Group with Debbie's puppy



Robson just before getting pulled in the Group



Saturday night party....wooo hooo!!!

