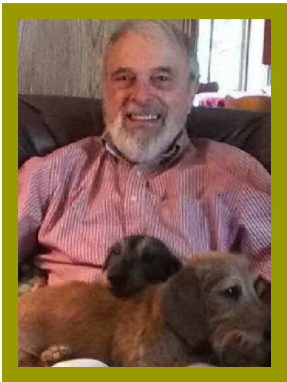




This edition of *Tracks* is dedicated to the memory of Rod Barclay.



Rodney Barclay, age 79, of Argyle, passed away Friday, July 31, 2015.



Rod was born August 25, 1935 in Nelson, Lancashire, England, to Wilfred Pickles and Florence Cliffe Pickles. The family immigrated to America in 1951 where Rod finished high school and then enlisted in the Air Force. While stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, California, he met Nancy Bliss. The two were married on June 13, 1959, in San Jose, California. After being discharged, Rod attended California State University in San Jose, where he obtained a degree in Industrial Design. Two daughters were born to Rod and Nancy while in San Jose. During that time, having been born Rodney Pickles, Rod and Nancy decided to change their last name to Barclay.

After graduation, the family moved to Richardson, Texas, where Rod worked as an Industrial Designer for Collins Radio for several years. Rod continued to work as a designer in the electronics and communications industries until retiring in 2002. Rod had many interests: antique cars (in particular Studebakers), music, ceramics, writing, and wirehair dachshunds, which he trained in obedience, agility and tracking.

Rod was a member of the North Texas Studebaker Club, the Dallas/Fort Worth Dachshund Club and the Dallas/Fort Worth Tracking Club.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Lynda Mathis and husband, Roger and Karen Harker and husband, Scott and grandchildren, Madeleine and Chloe Mathis.

Rod will be missed by his friends in the DFW Tracking Club.

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**Next Meeting**  
**Date: October 25, 2015**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Firehouse Subs**  
(on the north side of Western Center Blvd,  
just west of I-35W)  
**2901 Western Center Blvd.**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76131**  
**(817) 232-4000**

DFW TRACKING CLUB

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## *President's Message*

With this edition of *Tracks* we start a new Club Year. Thanks to all who have and will serve as Board members. We wouldn't be able to provide tests without you! Our new officers are myself as President, Tracy Freeling as Vice President, Laurel Hoevker as Secretary, Charlene Dunn as Treasurer and Pam Joyce as Board Member.

Also with this edition of *Tracks* the DFW Tracking Club starts a new decade. The Club was incorporated in August of 2005. By my count, over the last ten years we have held 6 seminars, 4 TD Certification Matches, 1 TDX/VST match, 6 TD's, 2 TDX's, 4 Combined TD/TDX's and 6 VST Tests, and numerous tracking classes. I really feel like we have given the local tracking community many opportunities they would not have had otherwise.

And finally, with this edition of *Tracks* we have a new Editor - Laurel Hoevker. Many thanks to Jean-Maria Higginbotham for the work she has done as Editor over the last several years, and thanks to Laurel for taking the job on.

2015 has been a difficult year for us. We've lost members Kirk Kirkland and Rod Barclay. In addition, as a result of Kirk's death, we are searching for a new site for our TD/TDX tests. We may have found one in the LBJ Grasslands just north of Decatur, TX.

We will be having a Practice Day at Unit 49 of the LBJ National Grasslands on Sunday, October 25, followed by our next meeting. Practice Day will be a one-day affair. We are planning on having 3 TDX tracks and 3 TD tracks available, with exchanges if land is available.

There is no entry fee for this event (I will hold a draw if necessary), and certifications are available. Contact me if you'd like to enter and/or help. If we are to have blind tracks, we will need tracklayers, cross-tracklayers and pole carriers.

One more event to put on your calendars - Susan Norvell has once again agreed to host our Christmas Party at her home in Red Oak. We plan on starting at 2pm on Saturday, December 12. Details will follow as we get closer to the date. Thanks, Susan!

Sarah

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## Tracking Classes

Fall Tracking Classes are going well. Beginners level is filled to overflowing with six registered - a Bloodhound, Cocker, German Shepherd, Hound Mix and two Newfoundlands. There are three in the intermediate class. David Bull and Charlene Dunn are the instructors with assistance from Pam Joyce and Jean-Maria Higginbotham who is also enrolled with her cocker, Davy, in the beginners' class.



Instructors and dates for the Winter Tracking Classes are not yet confirmed. Registration is planned to begin the first day of December.

**Sunday, October 25, 2015**  
***(Now Limited)* Practice Day at**  
**Unit 49 of the LBJ Grasslands**

**Club Meeting at 2:00 p.m.**

**Firehouse Subs**

(on the north side of Western Center Blvd, just west of I-35W)

**2901 Western Center Blvd.**

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Due to adverse weather conditions and the unknown parking situation at this new location, the scope of Practice Day has been reduced to attendance by the tracking teams, Charlene Dunn (the judge) and Sarah Helber (Club President). This limited attendance allows the participants to park outside the gate if the wet conditions don't allow parking within Unit 49 without the very real possibility of vehicles getting stuck in the mud. Thank you to all those who had volunteered to help.

The October 25, 2015, DFWTC Club Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Firehouse Subs as noted above.



# OCTOBER, 2015

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## EVENTS

October 18: TD, TDX  
Littleton, CO - Closes Oct. 8  
Ellen O'Connell,  
oconnel4@ix.netcom.com

October 18: TD, VST  
Sullivan, MO - Closes Oct. 8  
Sandi Thompson  
gatewaytracking@yahoo.com

**October 25: DFWTC PRACTICE DAY - Unit 47 of the LBJ Grasslands. Meeting to follow.**

November 1: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - Closes Oct. 22  
Debbie McHenry  
mmc530@aol.com

November 1: TD  
Littleton, CO - Closes Oct. 14  
Diane Thompson  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

November 1: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - Closes Oct.22  
Glenda Robbins  
bwdogs@sbcglobal.net

November 8: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - Closes Oct. 29  
Jan Winner  
tracknhounds@aol.com

November 14: TDX  
Littleton, CO - Closes Oct. 28  
Patti Pigeon  
ppigeon105@aol.com

November 15: TDU  
Fort Worth, TX - Closes Nov. 5  
Wayne Jackson  
jjblitzit@hotmail.com

November 15: TDU, VST  
Columbia, MO - Closes Nov. 5  
Kathy Echols  
krechois@aol.com

November 15: TD, TDX  
Fort Worth, TX - Closes Nov. 5  
Wayne Jackson  
jjblitzit@hotmail.com


November 29: VST  
Houston, TX - Closes Nov. 19  
Sally Elkins  
sallyjelkins@aol.com

November 29: VST  
Albuquerque, NM - Closes Nov. 18  
Estelle Metz  
udcorgis@comcast.net

# DECEMBER, 2015

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## EVENTS

December 6: TD, TDX  
Bellvue, CO - Closes Nov. 23  
Karen Bever  
bever@colorado.edu

December 6: TDX  
Sullivan, MO - Closes Nov. 24  
Patricia Thayer  
conobtra@gmail.com

December 6: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - Closes November 26  
Cynthia Krohn  
krohncentral.com  
cynkrohn@gmail.com

**December 12 at 2:00 p.m.  
DFWTC Christmas Party  
Home of Susan Norvell**

December 27: VST  
Houston, TX - Closes December 17  
Cynthia Krohn  
cynkrohn@gmail.com

January 10, 2016: VST  
Las Cruces, NM - Closes Dec. 15  
Norma Rust  
njrust@aol.com

January 10: TD  
Placitas, NM - Closes Dec. 31  
Ann Newsted  
505-681-8090

January 10: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - Closes Dec. 31  
Kathy Daniel  
vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 17: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - Closes Jan. 7  
Chris S. Kimerer  
chris@tesofkc.net

**January 17: VST  
DFW TRACKING CLUB  
Bedford, TX - Closes Jan. 7  
Charlene Dunn  
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

January 31: TD  
Fort Bliss, TX - Closes Jan. 12  
Sandra Hill  
seranadehill@aol.com

# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved

## Minutes of the August 22, 2015 DFW Tracking Club Meeting

La Madeleine Restaurant, 900 TX-114, Grapevine, TX 76051

Charlene, President, called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

In attendance were members Horst and Jane Bungarz, Carla Coggins, Charlene Dunn, Tracy Freeling, Sarah Helber, Laurel Hoevker, Pam Joyce, Susan Norvell, and Cindi Todd.

Minutes of the June 13 meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group.

### President's Report

Flowers were sent for Rod Barclay's service and to Benita Zapata, in the hospital following an automobile accident. Another bear was sent to Gillian Salling with the club's best wishes.

### Secretary's Report

Tracy Freeling reported that the Dachshund Club would hold upcoming events in honor of Rod Barclay. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dedicate an upcoming DFWTC test in honor of Rod Barclay. Mention will be included in the test premium.

Treasurer's Report – passed around for review

### Report of Committees:

#### Judges Committee

Mitzi Young and Jean Hilbig have been hired for the 2016 VST  
Judges have not yet been contracted for the March 12-13, 2016 Test  
John and Darlene Barnard will be asked

#### Budget Committee

A copy of the proposed budget including the years 2013-2014-2015-2016-2017 was circulated  
The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the budget as presented

#### Seminar Committee

The motion was made, seconded and passed to disband the Seminar Committee

### Election of Officers and Board Members

There being no nominations from the floor at the June 13, 2015 meeting, the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was accepted as follows:

President – Sarah Helber  
Vice-President – Tracy Freeling  
Treasurer – Charlene Dunn  
Secretary – Laurel Hoevker  
Board Member at Large – Pam Joyce

### Unfinished Business

Newsletter – Jean-Maria Higginbotham will post the Q1 newsletter and forward information for future newsletters to Laurel Hoevker who will publish the newsletters going forward

Fall Classes – David Bull will be the instructor

David needs an assistant and helpers

Charlene will contact David to see if an 8 week course, October 3 through November 21, will work for him

Cindi Todd, Charlene Dunn, Laurel Hoevker offered to help though they would not be able to present the full 8 weeks

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# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved ~ continued

## Step Seminar

Tracy Dulock had expressed interest in having a Step Seminar presented by Charlene Dunn on December 12-13, 2015

Charlene asked if DFWTC wanted to sponsor the seminar

Discussion followed and the consensus of opinion was that the club did not want to sponsor a seminar this year

Charlene will talk with Tracy

## Fall Test, November 7 and 8, 2015

Sarah Helber mentioned that the weekend of our test was the opening of hunting season and that there would be hunters on the LBJ Grasslands

Discussion followed concerning other possible locations but none are considered ideal

The motion was made, seconded and carried to cancel our November Test

Sarah thanked those members and friends who had already volunteered to help with the test

Sarah will notify the AKC and Marc Pons of the US Forest Service whom she has dealt with concerning use of the LBJ Grasslands

## Practice Day and October Meeting

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that we would have a Practice Day at the LBJ Grasslands Unit 49 site on October 25, 2015, in anticipation of using the land for our March 2016 Test. DFWTC Meeting will follow.

Sarah Helber will talk with Marc Pons about the Practice Day and possible March 2016 Test

Charlene Dunn noted the following:

There will be no fee for those participating in Practice Day

There will be no Port-a-Potty

There will be food for the workers and participants

All participants and workers are encouraged to wear ORANGE as there may be hunters (it's always open season on rabbits and squirrels)

## New Business:

Carla Coggins inquired about DFWTC T-Shirts and other apparel

There have been logo T-Shirts in the past

Carla will research the cost and present her findings at the next meeting

Charlene will forward the logo to her

Suggested colors were ash, heather grey and lime green

## Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Norvell

Bring a White Elephant gift for the gift exchange, value of \$25 or less

Bring a side dish

Club will provide the meat

## January Class

Sarah will talk with Marian Beck Edwards and report at the next meeting

## VST, January 16-17, 2016

Site – Sarah is confirming sites. She hopes to have responses from the Hospital and TCC NE next week.

Judges - Mitzi Young and Jean Hilbig

Hospitality – Nancy Barclay will be asked if she's interested

Carla Coggins offered to help

Charlene will contact last year's track layers and committee members

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Hoevker  
DFWTC Secretary

## *Note from the Editor*

As I work on this, my first *Tracks* as editor, my appreciation for Jean-Maria grows. Putting this publication together requires knowledge of the DFWTC's activities, its members, tracking in general and a great amount of time. Thank you, Jean-Maria, for working as our Editor since September of 2012!

I agreed to take on this job because I love the formatting of information into a publication. I produced a weekly newsletter for the senior adults at Park Cities Baptist Church for the 15 years before my retirement. Note that I said I love the "formatting". I am not a writer. So the success of *Tracks*, going forward, is really up to YOU. I am counting on you to submit articles (with pictures, of course) about your tracking experiences and any other information you think would be a valuable addition to this quarterly publication.

My goal is to post each *Tracks* on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group by the middle of the month following the quarter. Q1 covers the first quarter of January, February, and March so I hope to have Q1 posted by mid-April; Q2 posted by mid-July; Q3 mid-October; Q4 mid-January. Yes, I'm already behind with this Q3 but... I'm new and I'll try to do better.

Please send me any information you have for *Tracks* by the first week of the month of publication. That is, I'd like to have articles for our next Q4 *Tracks* the first week of January 2016. Even earlier would be nice. My email address is [ljh604@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljh604@sbcglobal.net).

Thanking you, in advance, for your help in making *Tracks* an informative, timely publication.

Happy Tracking! Laurel



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

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DFW Tracking Club was founded in the summer of 2005 by members of the tracking community who wished to offer tests, teach classes, and serve the tracking needs in the DFW area.

The mission of the DFW Tracking Club is to provide a need to the tracking community for tracking tests, tracking classes, and tracking education.

DFW Tracking Club has instructors who can service all levels of tracking from the novice to the advanced tracker. Our classes are structured to teach dogs and their humans to track for an AKC tracking test.

DFW Tracking Club is an AKC recognized club, and a 501( c ) tax exempt organization.

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, check out our website at <http://www.dfwtc.org> or email the club secretary at

[info@dfwtc.org](mailto:info@dfwtc.org)



To All Judges for Agility, Rally & Tracking:

At the September 10, 2015 AKC Board of Directors meeting, the AKC Board approved a recommendation to allow deaf dogs to participate in AKC agility, rally and tracking events.

This change is effective for all trials held on or after **October 1, 2015**.

The following regulations will be modified to reflect this change:

*Regulations for Agility Trials*

Chapter 1 – Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs . (Change to paragraph 7)

*Rally Regulations*

Chapter 1 – Section 15. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (Change to Paragraph 2)

*Tracking Regulations*

Chapter 1 – Section 13. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (Change to Paragraph 2)

Comments may be sent to [agility@akc.org](mailto:agility@akc.org).

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton, Director