



Zubie TDX

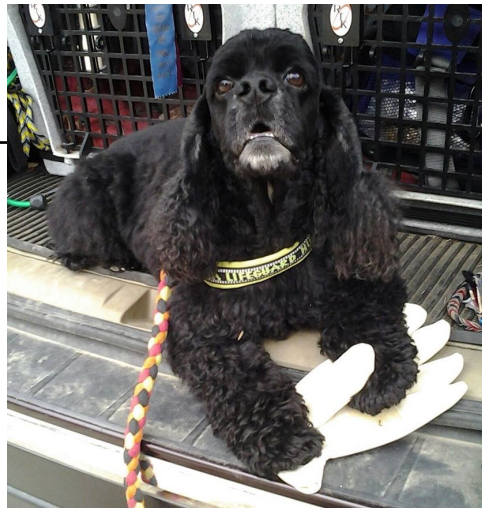
We interrupt this note to bring you... Zubie TDX!

I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of my tracker Zubie. We learned to track together and he figured it out a whole lot faster than his handler did. Thankfully he is resilient and stuck with me through 9, yes NINE TDX tests.

I double entered the first weekend in February; one test in Sullivan, MO and another in Nashville, TN. We got into both. There were alternates for the Sullivan test but no alternates for Nashville. I was debating which test to do, trying to guess the weather and roads, when a cocker spaniel friend in Tennessee said "I see you are entered in the TDX test. I'm entered too. Would you like to stay with me that weekend?" So even though it was a longer drive and unfamiliar terrain, I pulled from Sullivan and off we went to Tennessee.

It was a very long drive, a total of 1,418 miles and we were only gone from home for 39 hours. Having a place to stay with a yard made a huge difference for Zubie. He was able to run around and

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DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Meeting

Date: June 13, 2015

Time: 1pm.

Location:

Olive Garden—Irving

1809 Hwy 121,

Bedford, TX 76021

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President's Message

What a start to the 2015 season! We have full classes in both our Winter and Spring (in fact we had to bring in extra instructors to handle the spring load).

For the first time both our VST and combined TD/TDX test filled to over capacity! Special thanks to Peggy and Kirk Kirkland for going above and beyond to get us an extra ATV for the test and open up more land for us to use.

Please take time to thank the club members who have stepped up to help at these events. Remember all of us are volunteers and we all need to share the load.

Happy Tracking,
Charlene Dunn

Zubie TDX (continued)

explore when we arrived on Saturday and again early Sunday morning before we headed out to the test. The day was overcast with temps in the 50s. I was very thankful for the cloud cover since Zubie heats up really fast in the sun.

We drew first track out of three entries so very quickly it was time to follow our judges to the start of our track. The test is held in a state park with a lot of woods, gravel roads, and vegetation about waist high. The park is used by hunters and there were ATV and vehicle tracks throughout the fields. I gave Zubie a minute to sniff, a little water he didn't want, and then he drug me to the start flag and slapped the start article. I quickly stowed the sock and hurried to keep up with Zubie because he was on a mission. 110 yards, then an open right turn and Zubie stopped and slapped a wash cloth.

Then we entered the brambles as they were labeled on the map. Zubie tracks with his nose right on the ground and thanks to the plotting day footsteps, he was soon stuck underneath a tight mess of stickery brambles. He couldn't move at all. I had to cut him free before we could continue. Then step over a log and down I went as Zubie got stuck again. So get myself up, cut Zubie free again and thankfully we emerged from that evil obstacle.

Zubie was working so fast I was almost running and I couldn't see him on the track because of the tall vegetation. All I could do was feel the line and follow. Zubie made a right, then two lefts and then another right and the line stopped moving so I worked my way up to find him standing at a bandana. Zubie was looking tired and we were both feeling the humidity so I stowed the bandana and gave him a quick drink of water and one last time asked him to "find me another". 65 yards later, Zubie took an open right turn and then started working left and right along a tree line. My heart was pounding, wondering why he wasn't on the track and then he stopped and slapped the glove. The judges didn't want the track to go into the woods and they needed more yardage so they meandered to the finish.

Happy Tracking Everyone!

Jean-Maria & Zubie TDX



APRIL, 2015

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EVENTS

- April 05: TD/VST-Sullivan, MO closes
March 26 Sandi Thompson
gatewaytracking@yahoo.com
- April 12: VST-Champaign, IL closes April
02 Lisa Ochoa lmowhippet@hotmail.com
- April 12: VST-Lincolnshire, IL closes April
02 Teresa Higgins teehiggs@aol.com
- April 19: TD/TDU/TDX-Houston, TX closes
April 09 Ms. Pat Sayles
saylesbeagles@yahoo.com
- April 19: VST-Golden, CO closes April 01
Martha Rosner martharosner@gmail.com
- April 21: TD/TDX-Gray Summit, MO closes
April 01 Donna Garske
glenoaksrot@gmail.com
- April 26: TD/TDX-Hoffman Estates, IL
closes April 15 Mr. David M Crawford
tinibubbles1@hotmail.com

MAY, 2015

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- May 03: TD-Skiatook, OK closes April 22
Sue Young
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- May 12: TD-Gray Summit, MO closes April
30 Jamie Sieveking
cavecreekweims@socket.net
- May 12: TDX-Gray Summit, MO closes
April 30 Jamie Sieveking
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- May 12: VST-Gray Summit, MO closes April
30 Jamie Sieveking
cavecreekweims@socket.net
- May 17: VST-Golden, CO closes April 29
Martha Rosner martharosner@gmail.com

JUNE, 2015

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EVENTS

June 06: VST-De Kalb, IL closes May 18
 Ms. Kelly Smolen kmo204@yahoo.com
 June 14: VST-Greeley, CO closes June 04
 Mrs. Linda Gruver bvkc.grover@gmail.com

JULY, 2015

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July 19: TDU-Greeley, CO closes July 09
 Elaine Verdill (970) 686-1077

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Approved

Minutes of January 11, 2015 DFW Tracking Club Meeting

Holiday Inn, Bedford, TX

President Charlene Dunn called the meeting to order at 2:21 pm. In attendance were members Nancy Barclay, Rod Barclay, Horst Bungarz, Charlene Dunn, Tracy Freeling, Sarah Helber, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoeveker, Pam Joyce, Cindi Todd, Jeanine Wilson, and Karen Yates. Guests present were Linda Baschnagel, Stephanie Crawford, and Carla Coggins.

Motion made to approve December minutes. Seconded and motion passed.

Vice-President's Report – No report.

Secretary's Report – No report.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Committee – No report.

Judges Committee – No report.

Seminar Committee – No report.

Spring Classes – Start March 14th.

March 2015 TD / TDX tests – March 8th. Committee consists of Jean-Maria, Tracy, Natasha, Peggy, Laurel, and Pam.

NEW BUSINESS

New Membership Applications – 2nd reading for Carla Coggins. Carla's application for regular membership was approved by secret ballot of members present.

Next Meeting – Sunday, March 14th at Fossil Ridge Ranch after TD/TDX tests. A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Meeting concluded at 2:38 pm.

Tracy Freeling,

Secretary

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Un-Approved

Minutes of March 8, 2015 DFW Tracking Club Meeting

Fossil Ridge, Valley View, TX

President Charlene Dunn called the meeting to order at 3 pm. In attendance were members Marian Beck-Edwards, Carla Coggins, Charlene Dunn, Tracy Dulock, Tracy Freeling, Sarah Helber, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoeveker, Pam Joyce, Kirk Kirkland, Peggy Kirkland, Cindi Todd, and Jeanine Wilson. Guests present were Sue Boyd and Jack Sappenfield.

Motion made to amend the January minutes to correct the next meeting date from March 14th to March 8th. Seconded and motion passed. Motion made to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded and motion passed.

President's Report – Charlene reminded members that volunteers are required to put on our events.

Vice-President's Report – No report.

Secretary's Report – No report.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

2015 VST TEST

For the past several years, our test had failed to fill. This year we were lucky to have a full test and offer an alternate. Our judges were Linda Baschnagel of Missouri and Stephanie Crawford of New York. On Plotting day they plotted 8 very well thought out and passable tracks utilizing both the Texas Health Resources Hospital and the Tarrant County College North East Campus.



On test day the weather was cold and rainy. We had several dogs attempt, but the rain and cold did them in. The lone team to earn their CT was Jeff Shafer with CH Blackwood Driving Miss Daisy TDX. We had 2 heartbreaks of the day. Cindi Todd and DC Laci's Seamus Harper MW had to retire due to the rain, and Cindi Todd and CH EZ Goins Mr Deeks at Laci MW pulled off missed the last corner on the alternate track.

After the test we retired to Holiday Inn to get warm, dry and be treated to the wonderful cooking of Nancy Barclay.

Many thanks to all the members who helped at the test: Nancy and Rod Barclay, Jean-Maria Higginbotham, David and Marla Bull, Tracy Freeling, Horst Bungarz, Laurel Hoeveker, and Karen Yates. We also had help from Freda Burks who came out in the dark to lay track.

Until next year!

TD/TDX TEST

FOSSIL RIDGE RANCH

VALLEY VIEW, TX

Never mind X marks the spot, X was the test to enter this spring. We had 2 TD entries and 9, yes I said NINE TDX entries. Guess the word was out about our great test site.

All in all things went very well ... One TD dog passed. Look for Tracy Dulock's story in the second quarter Tracks.

Judges Sue Boyd from Florida and Jack Sappenfield from North Carolina did a terrific job. For the first time at this site, we were able to offer an alternate track so we ended up giving 5 dogs their chance to earn their TDX. Chief tracklayer Natasha Decker kept everything organized on both Saturday and Sunday. Hospitality chair Carla Coggins supplied lots of good stuff to eat with desserts from Marian Beck-Edwards.

A big thanks to our tracklayers (Cindi Todd, Marian Beck-Edwards, Tracy Freeling) and cross-track layers (Pam Joyce, Laurel Hoevker, Diane Brundage, Carla Coggins). Without them, this event would not have been possible.

Last but certainly not least ... the club was extremely fortunate to once again enjoy the hospitality and generosity of Peggy & Kirk. The Kirklands allowed us to use their lovely ranch for our tests yet again. They put a lot of work into making their property as track-friendly as possible. With all the rain and snow, they even managed to get an extra ATV on loan from Red River Motorsports. Peggy & Kirk spent two long days shuttling judges, tracklayers and exhibitors around the ranch in their vehicles.

Thanks one last time to Peggy & Kirk and all our volunteers!

Maddie Dunn TD TDU VST

VST - HARDEST FIRST?

Indian Nations Tracking Club VST test is a challenge. In March, in Oklahoma, it can be 80 degrees or 30 degrees. The test itself is held on 2 separate college campuses that have their different challenges. At OU, it can be the dogs in the backyards that surround the site, the fast moving traffic on the 2 roads that border the campus, or the Frisbee golf course that covers the campus. On the TU campus, it is a bustling campus with sorority and fraternity parties, landscaping, and construction noises. Needless to say you need to be prepared for anything. Even things not associated with tracking per say...

Ok so not the start one wants for a test weekend: 1 injured dog, 1 sick handler on top of a road trip. After spending Friday night and all day Saturday in a hotel room eating crackers and 7-up, I was exhausted before we even started the test. Vegas was on crate rest due to an agility injury the weekend before, and Maddie was perfectly happy staying in bed, but we got up, packed the bags, and headed for the draw site.

As luck would have it, we drew the first track, best chance at an even remotely cool track given the temperatures they were predicting. I informed the judges we would be wearing a cool coat while we discussed the issues of getting us to our track. The track began right off a busy road and the club preferred the entrant cross at the light. I lecture all the time about "do what is right for your dog" and I took the stand that I was not walking my sound sensitive dog across a busy road.

I opted to have myself dropped at the start, where the judges watched us put on our coat. With coat on, harness attached, and poison water, we were off. Despite having the first leg littered with sweet gum balls (those prickly balls that fall from trees), Maddie was off at a good clip. She indicated the first turn, but went up to the sidewalk. As she paralleled the 2nd leg all of sudden her head came up and pointed up past a flower bed to an article. We backed up and she ran up the stairs to indicate her plastic article. We then moved into the parking lot for our Moment of Truth turn where we struggled as cars came in and out of campus. One car parked very close to us and Maddie started running for it. I looked up to see my mother parked with her window down (oh crap!). About this time the judges noticed her too, and asked her to leave... quickly!

After water and a re-scent, Maddie continued down the sidewalk where the car had been stopping at every car along the way. Not wanting to be one of "those" handlers, I bent down and looked under the cars; finally I said "no one hid an article there!" She made a left hand turn and was quickly rewarded with a metal article. We made it to the next turn and she indicated the right, but wouldn't take it. There was a tall metal flag pole with the chain flapping in the wind. She fussed at this corner, and ventured out into the parking lot to another car. The owner of said car came out and asked if we were training, I said "yes" and called Maddie back to me, as the car left, I asked Maddie to "find it". She went hesitantly around the flag and then straightened out, back on the original path, but then veered off to investigate in the grass by some trees. I re-wet her cool coat, watered her and re-scented. We cast back and forth down a side walk until finally she stopped at a leather glove! I collapsed into the grass and thought to myself...

Yep, hardest test first!



Active Member Report

As noted in the DFWTC Standing Rules:

Regular members must participate in three (3) Club activities a year, one of which must be a Club meeting.

Activities are:

- a) Teach a class
- b) Assist with teaching a class
- c) Serve as tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- d) Serve as chief tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- e) Serve as club photographer at matches and/or tests
- f) Editor for the club newsletter
- g) Hospitality (bring food for matches and/or tests, pick judges up from airport, etc.)
- h) Serve as an officer
- i) Attend a club function A club function may include, but is not limited to, hosting a club meeting or event.

Class instructors or assistants who taught a class session will be credited with two (2) activities. Substitute instructors who substitute for one (1) class will be credited with one (1) activity.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all activities of regular members, taken from club meeting minutes, classes, and events.

The activities of members will be published in the 1st quarter newsletter, if regular membership is not met, the member will automatically be made an associate member.

New members will be given a full year of membership to fulfill regular member status, based on the club's fiscal calendar year.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>2014</u>
Stephanie	Ayers	Associate	0
Nancy	Barclay	Associate	2
Rod	Barclay	Associate	2
Marian	Beck-Edwards	Active	7
John David	Bull	Associate	2
Marla	Bull	Associate	0
Horst	Bungarz	Active	3
Jane	Bungarz	Active	2
Carla	Coggins	Active	0
Natasha	Decker	Active	5
Debra	Duncan	Honorary	0
Charlene	Dunn	Active	15
Tracy	Dulock	Associate	0
Tracy	Freeling	Active	10
Sarah	Helber	Active	13
Jean-Maria	Higginbotham	Active	8
Laurel	Hoevker	Active	4
Pam	Joyce	Active	3
Kirk	Kirkland	Active	2
Peggy	Kirkland	Active	2
Debbie	Ligon	Associate	0
Ronna	Miller	Active	0
Cindy	Morrow	Associate	1
Marsha	Muse	Active	1
Susan	Norvell	Active	3
Gillian	Salling	Honorary	0
Cindi	Todd	Active	8
Betsy	Watkins	Active	2
Jeanine	Wilson	Active	5
Karen	Yates	Associate	1
Benita	Zapata	Active	3

As you can see from the report on the right, we have several members who pay for active status and who are not currently "active" per the club's rules. We have repeatedly called for volunteers at tests, play day's, etc. Please look at the list and see how a few members are doing most of the work. **If you are an active member of the club, we need you active.**

If you don't feel you can lay track,; lay cross-tracks, help with hospitality, but **PLEASE HELP!**



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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

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Un-Approved (continued)

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Committee – New budget is forthcoming.

Judges Committee – Discussed options for fall judges.

Seminar Committee – No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Classes – 8-week class will begin 1st week of September. 4-week class will begin 1st week of October.

Next Meeting – June date to be announced.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Meeting concluded at 3:11 pm.

Tracy Freeling,

Secretary