



Civil Air Patrol Tracking Demonstration

by Charlene Dunn

On July 17, 2021, several members of the DFW Tracking Club gave the Civil Air Patrol a tracking demonstration. If you are not familiar with the Civil Air Patrol, they are an auxiliary for the US Air Force. They were founded in 1941 to mobilize civilian aviation resources for national defense. They carry out emergency service missions in the air and on the ground. You can learn more about them at

<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/>.

On the ground is where we, DFWTC, come into the picture. Not only are the people of CAP trained pilots but they are also trained to find and navigate to areas on the ground using compass skills and other survival training. They want to use search dogs and were interested to see how to start training a search dog. Happy to introduce anyone to the sport of tracking, and having a few members who have done search and rescue, we were eager to demonstrate how to start a dog.



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DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Meeting
Sunday, November 14
following the TDU/VST
(no earlier than 12-noon)

Hurst Fire Station
2100 Precinct Line Road
Hurst, TX 76054
Just northeast of the
TCC-NE campus

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President's Message

This Summer wasn't as bad as some have been in the past and the hot temperatures seem to be behind us. With the cooler weather approaching, training for the upcoming tracking tests can resume. I personally stop training at the end of May and don't start back up until October 1st. Fall training classes began on 9/25/21 and continue on Saturdays through 11/6/21, break for the Club's 11/13-14/21 TDU/VST test, and end up on 11/20/21.

As usual we will be looking for tracklayers for the November TDU/VST test and hopefully entries from those of you who are ready from within the Club's membership. The closing date of November 4th is fast approaching. The next Club meeting will be held at the Firehouse HQ following the conclusion of the test. See you all there.

Tom Hacholski

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We had two teams who demo'd. John and Pandora Galbraith with Groot and Mayhem. This gave the observers a view of two very distinct working dogs. In SAR, Bloodhounds, Labs, and GSD, are very prevalent in the working dogs. Dogs need to have stamina to search for long periods of time. We showed the CAP observers how we start surface neutral with the article game, and how we maintain for competition with our 60/50/50 tracks. The great thing was, with tracks down, a team doing their compass work walked directly over a track (cross-tracks!) and the observers got to watch the dogs work that scent situation out.

CAP was so impressed with the training at DFWTC, they have invited us back for their remaining training days this year, including an overnight stay at Lake Ray Roberts in November.

I'd like to thank John and Pandora for coming out to work their dogs. If you are interested in one of these demonstrations, please let me or Cindi Todd know.



Fall Tracking Classes....

started on September 25, 2021. We have 3 dogs in certification (a new class we are offering for folks who want to certify their dogs for tests). The certification class alternates between TD and TDU type tracks with teams getting pointers at the end of each track. We have 4 dogs in intermediate (and if they continue to perform the way they did Saturday, they will be booted to certification as well!) and we have 2 dogs in beginners. Fall instructors are David Bull, Tom Hacholski, Charlene Dunn, and Dori Page assisting.



DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 14, 2021 - continued

- b. CD will send both judges email about college and change AKC site to 4/4
- c. AKC application submitted/approved. Judging panel submitted/ approved
- d. Firehouse will be HQ
- e. Committee CT, JW, J-M, JG, CD
3. March 12 & 13, 2022 TD/TDX
 - a. AKC application submitted and approved
 - b. Judges - (Sharon Jolly & Sue Boyd) contracts received
 - c. Site - Grasslands - Sarah filed in June - will not hear back until December
 - d. 2TD/5TDX
 - e. Will use units 49/71 with headquarters on 71
4. Constitution & By-laws
 - a. AKC approval? Not as of the meeting. CD will send to AKC again
 - b. IRS 501(c)4 Charlene sent Post Card to the State
5. Hats/Visors
 - a. Cindi suggested VistaPrint
 - b. Pam suggested
 - c. Checked with CafePress who we had our signs done through. Since it had been awhile since our order they closed our account and the artwork loaded for the signs is lost.
 - d. DFW Ink is who we use for our t-shirts. DFW Ink no longer does hats so that is not an option
 - e. Jeanine said she uses Up North Imagewear – we would incur a digital fee. Jeanine will send contact information
6. Summer Check-in Schedule
 - a. August 28th - THR HEB Professional Bldg 3 - Behind Whataburger/China Dragon - 251 W Westpark Way - 6:30 am – CXLD; however, it's supposed to be nice tomorrow so will see who wants to meet on the college campus on the 15th.
 - b. September 11th - Mallard Cove Park - 375 Shadow Grass Ave. - 6:30 am probably canceled but will play by ear and look for cool weekend.

New Business:

1. 7/17/21 Civil Air Patrol Tracking Demonstration report – Charlene gave the report. They asked us back in Aug, September and November. November is a “overnight” at Lake Ray Roberts. They would like for us to pack in with them. Jeanine volunteered.
2. Springer Spaniel National - Request to purchase some of DFWTC scent work boxes. Jeanine made a motion to sell several boxes to the springers at current price + 10% but stay below ULINE prices. Shari seconded. Motion passed.
3. May 2022 Scent Work Trial
 - a. Keep May date or go back to June. CD made a motion to stick with May. CT seconded. Motion passed
 - b. Stay at Camp Carter or look for another site. Jeanine made a motion to stay at Camp Carter for 2022. Pam seconded. Motion passed.
 - c. Last years' SW judges committee will choose the judges based off RFI input
 - d. CD will execute the contract for Camp Carter for 5/21-5/22/2022
 - e. CD will send CT sample contracts from DFWTC and other venues
4. Fall Classes - Begin 9/25/21- 10/2 - 10/9 - 10/16 - 10/22- 10/23 - 10/30 - 11/6 - DFW Test (11/13-14/21) - last class 11/20. Tentative for TCCSE 4/4/4. Park hill will be used for certifications.
5. Meet the Breed will be 8/21-8/22 \$15/park, \$28/entry
6. NTX Nosework Club will have seminar at Camp Carter with Kara on 9/18-9/19. It will be UKC scentwork

Next Regular Meeting: November 14, 2021- After the conclusion of the TDU/VST Test. Fire Station

Time Adjournment 9:30am

More Upcoming Tests

December 5: TD
Bellvue, CO -closes Nov 24
Donna Dolezal
d2srj@lpbroadband.net

December 12: TD, TDX
Houston, TX- closes Dec 2
Cynthia Krohn
events@hotdogclub.org

December 19: TDX
El Paso, TX - closes Dec 9
Michele Mauldin
mauldinm@msn.com

January 9: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes Dec 30
Kathy Daniel
vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 9, 2022 - VST
Las Cruces, NM -
closes Dec 30
Michele Mauldin
mauldinm@msn.com

**January 16: TDU, VST
DFWTC
Bedford, TX -
closes Jan 6
Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

January 30: TD, VST
Fort Worth, TX -
closes Jan 20
Judy Jackson
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

January 30: TD
El Paso, TX - closes Jan 20
Michele Mauldin
mauldinm@msn.com

**March 13: TD, TX
DFWTC
Decatur, TX -
closes Mar 3
Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

CH CT Tilbury's Tomorrow's Another Day of Pal 2/27/12 - 9/5/21

On April 26, 2012, Donna and I drove to Baldwin City, KS, to pick up a puppy bitch. The Cramer's had sent us pictures of two bitches. One was smaller but the one they felt was pick bitch and the other was a larger girl. Both were very nice but we knew we had to lay hands on them and see how each would interact with us and the other pups in the litter. We spent the night mulling over the pros and cons of each. The next morning after breakfast it was difficult but a decision was made. I reached into the ex-pen and picked up the larger girl and told her that she was going with us to Texas. As it turned out it was a win win for both parties. The Cramers, even though they allowed us first pick, really wanted to keep the smaller girl. On the drive home we named our new girl Tilbury's Tomorrow's Another Day of Pal - **Scarlett**.



Scarlett easily fit in with our other two Pal Dal bred dogs - Seeker and Sydney - and Kali, our liver bitch. I immediately started training her for tracking but in the Fall it became evident that Scarlett had potential to be a show dog. We sent her off on the show circuit with Collette Livingston. Unfortunately during the first few months out there were no Dalmatian bitch entries to compete against. Finally in Minnesota she won her first points and continued on to earn her Championship in March of 2013.

Back to tracking we went and I felt it was time to start on the road to tracking titles. Scarlett was the first of my dogs to NOT certify on the first try - nor the second - but finally on our third attempt. Then on to the TD tests and the same routine occurred - it took three tries. After that things changed. The tension of the handler had been alleviated and everything clicked and kicked in. After the usual alternate game was played she earned her TDX and 19 days later passed her VST to become a Champion

Tracker. She became a loving pet and couch dog - my bad for not doing Scent Work with her.

About five years later I decided to see how she'd do on a track so while aging a 800 yard 3-1/2 hour old track for Dove I laid her a 500 yard TD track aging it just an hour and a half. After I got her out of the vehicle she dragged me the 100 yards to the blind start flag. I put her harness on and off we went and less than five minutes later we were at the final article. She duplicated this same scenario about two months later and at that final article Charlene asked me if I felt I could keep up with her if we were drawn as one of the lucky 12 for the NTI. I said no way - that I'd have to have someone younger like Charlene handle her. They never forget how to do something they really love and that's to track. She went from a two time certification and TD test failure to become a dynamic tracking dog.

She was a beautiful, loyal and loving companion and we miss her dearly. Our original Pal Dal pack of Seeker, Sydney and Scarlett are together again. Be patient - Mom and I will join you in time.



Tribute by Tom Hacholski

DFW Tracking Club Membership dues

for the 2022 year are due by January 1.

Please forward your payment to Charlene Dunn (Club Treasurer)
before the end of this year.

Yearly dues are:

Associate \$15

Regular \$20

Household \$30 (both individuals are regular members)

Mail your dues to Charlene Dunn at 8425 Whistling Duck, Fort Worth, TX 76118

OR

give your payment to Charlene at our TDU/VST Test or Club Meeting on November 14th.

Make your check payable to DFWTC.



Contact information:

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DFW Tracking Club (DFWTC) was founded in August 2005.

The DFW Tracking Club encourages the training and competition of all breeds of canine companion animals for scent related activities, whether it is for fun, competition or for the potential life-saving value. It is the goal of the DFW Tracking Club to educate the dog-owning public about scent related activities for all breeds, and to encourage sportsmanlike behavior at all times, making the safety of the dogs, trainers, and handlers a priority. The DFW Tracking Club encourages dog owners to spend quality time with their dog(s) and to make friends with people who have similar interests.

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

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, see the contact information to the left.