

Region 10, Ken McDaniel:

Finally the long hot summer is showing signs of coming to an end down south. We have had a few mild cool fronts that have at least afforded some cool mornings for training.

It sure is a great time to be a part of HRC in Louisiana with so many clubs celebrating their 25th anniversaries. If you have not attended one of these (and even if you have) you still have two more opportunities; Cajun in November and Lake Charles next February.

I received exiting news from the Bayou club's new president, Billy Chaisson. Billy informs me that they have chosen test grounds and are making plans for a hunt test next May. I hope you will go out and support them.

I pray you each have a safe and successful hunt test and hunting season! See ya around the bucket real soon!

Amite River HRC, www.arhrc.org/President, Mark Evans mevans@mindspring.com

Our club continues to hold training days on the third Saturday of each month. Joel Danehower has chaired each one so far, while Mark Evans, Pam Flotte, and Kevin Norman prepared the food for the July and August sessions. The days have been well attended and appreciated by all who have joined us.

We were asked to man a booth and perform retriever demonstrations at the Bass Pro Shops "Wildlife Extravaganza" on August 15th and 16th. Thanks to Pam Flotte, Sue Muffoletta, Bert Wintz, Carl Bellemin, Rob deVeer, and Mark Evans for helping and thanks to Chancy Alexander and Mark Evans for the demos.

We continue to prepare for the Spring Grand. The local Grand committee has been appointed and we have had great response from our members who have committed to working. Hope to see you in the Spring!!!!

We helped out at the Ducks Unlimited Greenwings day on August 29th. The event was held at Steve and Kim Riggins' place. Thanks to Bert Wintz, Pam Flotte, Carl Bellemin, Charlie Wyble, and Joel Danehower for all their help.

Bayou HRC. President, Billy Chaisson., pchiasson@mobiletel.com

Fall will be in the air by the time this report is published. Members are working hard getting their blinds ready for the upcoming hunting season. New members that have joined the club have been attending the training days looking forward to putting all of their hard training to work. We have been having monthly meetings with fair to good attendance. Training days have been going well also. We have been having at least one training day per month, usually the week following our monthly meeting.

Bayou members are going to be working hard to have a hunt test in the spring of 2010. Dates have not been set yet but we have permission to use the golden ranch plantation in Gheens, La. for the test site. Dates will be known in the near future. At our August meeting the club elected new officers: Billy Chiasson - President, Anthony Prest - Vice President, Wesley Doucet - Secretary and Denise Saucier - Treasurer. Everyone is working well together with a goal of Bayou HRC to begin having hunt tests in the future.

Cajun HRC, www.cajunhrc.com, President Reese Borill Jr., rborilljr@aol.com

Cajun HRC in conjunction with the Gueydan Duck Festival puts on a dog trial each year. This year it was held on August 29th. The trial consists of a Started, Seasoned and Finished land test. Places are awarded to first through fourth place; however every participant receives a ribbon for their participation. Each participant also received a 2 lb. bag of dog food and a 2 lb. bag of dog bone/treats. The winners received a 40lb bag of dog food. Cajun would like to thank Purina Pro Plan for this generous donation. The trial is great fun for the entire family and attracts large crowds of hunting and dog enthusiasts alike. This year we had a total of ninety-eight dogs. All the judges commented on the excellence of the dog work. This is a great opportunity to show people just what a good hunting companion can do and it is also a great way for Cajun and HRC to attract new members and no better place to do it than at the festival for duck hunters at the duck capital of the world! Congratulations to the 2009 Dog Trials Winners! Starter: 1st - Jan Meche & Cali, 2nd - Robert Authement & Jack, 3rd - Mark Briley & Allie, 4th - Tommy Landers & Annie. Season: 1st - Ernie Istre & Bear, 2nd - Ernie Istre & Lucy, 3rd - George Fontenot & Camie, 4th - Lloyd Courville & Marrisona. Finished: 1st - Lloyd Courville & Dixie, 2nd - Ray McManus & Ivy, 3rd - Dale Johnson & Star, 4th - Dale Johnson & Zulu.

Cajun is also working hard to prepare for our 25th anniversary hunt to be held on November 7th and 8th. We will also be having a youth handler challenge and seminar on Saturday afternoon. Participants can sign up at the hunt on Saturday. This is to encourage young people to run dogs and help them to get that needed experience. We hope that the young handlers will come and enjoy this event. As usual we will have great food and companionship to celebrate Cajun's 25 years of Canards et Chiens Toujours (Ducks and Dogs Forever). We hope to see you there.

Central La. Retriever Club, President Ken McDaniel, kenmc@cebridge.net

The Central Louisiana Retriever Club was honored to have many friends old and new to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary. Retriever owners and handlers from all around the state as well as many from our neighboring states, despite the August heat and humidity, came out to the piney woods of Camp Beauregard WMA to run their dogs in six near full flights. The tailgate supper/ribbon award ceremony was highlighted by the presence of four of Central's founding members: A.D. & Nell Wiggins and Bob & Linda Region. Even the Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard, Major General Bennett C. Landreneau stopped by to congratulate us. To sweeten up the evening Mary Anne Sayer & Janet Mc cut and served the special 25th anniversary cake that Mary Anne prepared. I want to thank all the entrants that ran our test, all the judges that set up and judged our test, and all the Central members for their hard work to make our test a success. I also want to thank my friend David Carrington and Avery, Purina, and all of our local sponsors that gave so generously to our raffle. Very special thanks go to Tommy Crooks and Central V.P. Robbie Andries for donating the handcrafted 25th anniversary duck call that they made for our auction. No hunt test would be complete without the puppy run. Congrats to all the handlers and their puppies and THANK YOU Mr. Lloyd Courville for coordinating and judging the puppies!

In an effort to recruit new members, Mary Anne Sayer and Jennifer Chambers have designed a club flyer for distribution in our area and at local Delta Waterfowl & DU

banquets. Jennifer & her husband Heath and Mary Anne and her husband Tommy have been attending functions to introduce the club to area hunters. Thanks Mary Anne, Tommy, Jennifer, and Heath for giving your time to be such great ambassadors of our club.

Central is still having monthly training days on the Saturday following our Thursday monthly meeting. I have already sent emails to the other clubs in our area to let them know they have an open invitation to come out and train with us but if you didn't get the word – the invitation is still open. Thanks to club member Jon McPherson, Central La. now has access to the best technical ponds in the state.

Hope you all have a safe, successful, and FUN hunt test and hunting season!

Lake Charles Retriever Club, www.lakecharlesretrieverclub.com, President Vince Liggio, vliggio@pumpelly.com.

The fall hunt test season is kicking off and everyone is getting back to training. The weather has permitted a little more training but it is still HOT! It is hard to believe that Teal season will be upon us soon. Training day coordinator, Greg Hock, has had some great training days set up for our monthly club training day. He has some great technical ponds that are deep and allow us to train and keep the dogs cool. We have had great turn outs and even cooked lunch for the attendees. Thanks Vince and Greg for the hotdogs and sausage. A good meal to go along with a great training day!

Our fall hunt will again be the 1st weekend in October (3-4th). Hunt Marshal, Murray Reed, is putting on the final touches for the hunt. It looks to be another great one. Our hunt will be 3 weeks before the Grand. Just in time to run that final test before leaving for Tennessee. Look forward to seeing everyone at a hunt soon.

Report submitted by Club Reporter Chris Fontenot.

North La. HRC, President Otis Gordy, dogordy@hotmail.com

Happy Labor Day. Well, it's Labor Day as I am writing this. Hunting season started this weekend in Louisiana. Dove season started Saturday and teal season will start next Saturday. I heard from several people that had a good weekend and harvested their limits.

Hunt test season is in full swing also. Congratulations go to Central La HRC for celebrating 25 years. They had a real good attendance. This coming weekend will be West Miss, then South Ark, North La , and Lake Charles. Hope that you can attend one of these hunts.

We had several fun days over the last couple of months, since the weather has been so nice. Thanks to those for helping and bringing in the new members.

We are looking forward to our Hunt, September 26 & 27. It will be held once again at Dugdale Farms in Downsville. We will have our Saturday night tailgate along with the raffle and ribbon ceremony. Hope that you all can make it.

Good luck to the members that will be running in the Tennessee Grand in October.

Happy Hunt Testing and hope that you have good luck!!!

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Pontchartrain HRC, President Elmore Bauer,

Ponchartrain HRC has been having club training days once a month. We meet very early and only get to train for a few hours with this heat. After training we have a club

meeting and lunch is served. The hunt test and hunting season is gearing up so good luck to everyone this fall. PHRC will be holding their fall AKC hunt on Oct 16, 17, & 18 in the Bonnet Carre' Spillway. IT is the same weekend as the Grand is starting, but if you can't make the Grand come out and run with us. Congratulations go out to Mickey and Karen Klotthor on their new grandbaby, Lily.
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