

**Region 13
Lee Ann Heldt**

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: The Arkansas Valley club members held their quarterly meeting to talk about the bookkeeping, the successes from the summer, areas on which to improve, assignments for the upcoming test in July of 2009...then we all go our separate ways, consumed by the busy lifestyle constraining so many of us.

I sat listening during the club meeting, thinking all the while about the other things I must do when I leave. I went to go buy groceries all the while thinking about what I will be doing next...making dinner, cleaning out the garage for the winter, getting the kids to their next activity, always looking ahead to the next moment that will consume my time.

And then I realized we are spending every moment looking to the next, and missing out on the now.

So I leave you with this thought:

Take TIME to enjoy the moment we are living in.

As the hunt test season winds to a close and the cool weather rolls in, with all the beauty, splendor, wonder and valor beholding the winter months ahead.... Take time to enjoy the moment of one more hunting season given with our hunting buddy. Take time to enjoy the moment of sitting by your partner just watching the evening news. Take time to enjoy the moment of waking up yet another morning to peace and quiet before you get out of bed. Take time to find whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable...and take the time to enjoy each and every moment.

Until the next report...Enjoy every moment....

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com: The weather is finally cooling down and the hunting seasons are opening. Many of our members have been busy hunting all the way from South Dakota to Kansas. So far the year is looking to be a good one.

We are already working on our Back to Back Upland hunt on March 7th and 8th. We are having the test at the same site as last year which seemed to be convenient for everyone. This is a great chance to get an upland title in one weekend and of course it is a great time for all. Hope to see you there.

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader, keithspader@hotmail.com, Blair, NE, romans2@telebeep.com: Members of EVHRC have been busy hunting, duck hunting, goose hunting, deer hunting, elk hunting, pheasant hunting, hunting everything we can. We are also working on our spring hunt test. This year, we are going to host an upland test in Feb/March and host a regular hunt test in August. We are excited about this as we are hoping to help spread out the regular tests in the region and give a few more people the opportunity to attend our hunt test with some more time to work with their dogs. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and good hunting.

Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE. jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net: Great Plains HRC is gearing up for hunting season; we are all getting our dogs ready for the season. We are proud to have a GHRCH in our Club. Congratulations to Gary Henning, Chris Jobman and Jake for a great accomplishment. Jake also placed 2nd in the regional Super Retriever Series in Grand Island, NE this summer. If you get a chance to see Jake in action he has great style and a lot of enthusiasm. We will be gearing up for our Spring Hunt in a few months. We will be having it on the same grounds as last year at Wood River. Please mark the first week-end in May and watch for us on Entry Express. We hope to see you there. Have a great season and let the dogs have as much fun as you.



Jake at the SRS in Nebraska handled by Chris Jobman!

Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com: Hidden Pines report, we had a fun training day upland hunt in early October with a good turnout. WE furnished dogs for The Pheasant Forever youth day hunt, so most of our members and their dogs should be tuned up for the upcoming hunting season. We are preparing for our annual game feed and auction next spring and looking forward to our third year with HRC. Our numbers have continued to grow and we would like to thank the other clubs in the region for your tremendous support. Good hunting to all.

Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com: Laramie Peak HRC members are back in the field hunting with their dogs after a good summer of testing and training. The duck and goose seasons have gotten off to a slow start with some teal still being shot in early November. Once the weather turns, our four-legged companions should have plenty of work to do for their owners.

Back in September, some of our club members put on dog demonstrations at the Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo in Casper, WY. The event spanned three days and was a great chance for folks to see some of the trained dogs in action. It was also a chance for the dogs to enjoy a weekend of being spoiled with numerous fun bumpers tossed by local students on their field trips! We're hoping for some new members as a result of this event and looking forward to participating again next year. A big thanks to Jason Thompson and Cory McDonald for their help in making this a great weekend event.

We will be holding our annual meeting in December to put the upcoming year's calendar of events in place. These will hopefully include a number of training days and seminars as well as some club sponsored hunts for the members and their families. We will also begin piecing together our Spring 2009 hunt test. With some changes to the calendar, we're hoping for a better turnout than what we had last year. For those who didn't come last year, you missed a chance to run your dogs in the snow and cold with the likes of turkeys, deer and antelope roaming through the test grounds. It was entertaining to say the least and I'd expect nothing less at this coming year's test.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and successful hunting season. Be safe and enjoy the time with your family and friends. And, of course, your dogs!!

Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com: Not much going on with the members of the Panhandle club this time of year. Everyone is out hunting and enjoying their dogs. Speaking of hunting I hope all of you are getting out and enjoying some time outdoors with your four legged friends. We do not have them long enough so enjoy them. The pheasant hunting has been nothing less than spectacular here in South Dakota this year. We just had our first big blizzard of the year the first part of November so that means

the hunting will get even better. I was out during the storm up in the North Eastern part of the state and got to witness one heck of a migration so hopefully the Nebraska folks will get to take advantage of this. Hopefully we will get some of the big geese to stay around for a while. I have been trying to get my young Tripp dog going on the pheasants and it has been a lot of fun watching him figure out what he supposed to be doing. I think the light is get brighter, maybe he will figure it out before the end of the year. We will be having our first meeting of the year in January to elect new officers and will start to get ready for our spring hunt in June. The members of Panhandle wish everyone happy holidays and enjoy the time with family and friends.



Tracy Todd running his golden retriever, Emma at the Platte Valley test in August!

Platte River HRC – President, Jim Ellett, North Platte, NE, jellett@msn.com: No. Report Submitted
Platte Valley HRC – President, Don Williams, Loveland, CO, willid@lpbroadband.net: www.PVHRC.com:

With the end of the hunt test season most members have settled into full on hunt mode. I have actually heard some reports of good early season duck harvests thought you couldn't prove it by me. The club enjoyed a great year holding two back to back hunts that were well attended. August was special for us because Andy French and Boo hit a milestone running our test. We had a nice ceremony for him and sent Boo home with the largest retrieving bumper ever signed by all the PVHRC members. Tom Herman and Griets got their GRHRCH and now Tom's son Dean just wins his age group in duck calling. Rich Carpenter continues to pile on the points with Roux and lots of members earned titles at all levels. I guess you could say the year went exactly like it is supposed to.

The future is looking good. Our Annual General Membership meeting will be January 19th with election of officers and planning of hunt tests and training days. Generally, this all will begin in February around here because of weather. Members are starting new pups including Rich Carpenter who brought Gunga Din home to terrorize Roux. It seems like only yesterday that Roux was 8 pounds of teeth and fur. Let's hope Din listens to the old man, (I mean Roux not Rich). We have gained several new members recently from a variety of sources. That is always good to see.



Joe Olson provoking Sunny to do some unusual retrieving at Platte Valley's Annual Picnic and Auction!

I want to close with special recognition for David Heldt. We have watched Dave struggle more and more over the last couple of years with degenerative arthritis in his ankles. Even so he judged a lot and was always there to help set up tests and supervise the sorry excuse of a Platte Valley President. He is having surgery in November and will have a long recovery. Good luck Dave!



Rich Carpenter, David Heldt and Tom Waskowski in deep discussion at Platte Valley's Fall Hunt Test!



Don Williams presenting a ribbon to Barb Newsome's pup at the Puppy Stakes!



Three in a row! Waiting to get the bucket of water for their HR titles!



Two more take the traditional bucket of water for their HR titles, Jeanine Schwan and Dennis Long happily provide by Mike Schwan

Roadrunner HRC – President, Bill Archer, Los Alamos, NM, darcher123@comcast.net: No Report Submitted.

Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, troyb@averyoutdoors.com : Hunt test season has turned to hunting season in our part of the world. Early teal and resident goose season into the beginning of the regular duck season. As I write this the weather is turning to what I call ducky weather, cold northwest wind with a little moisture in the air. The last couple days have been pretty decent and I've enjoyed the dog work immensely, the payoff to all the hard work and what this game is all about.

The hunt test season culminated for SVHRC members at the Kansas City HRC test in October. RJ Campbell and I finally got a chance to judge together, putting together a challenging seasoned test. Dale Taylor joined the HRC ranks by passing two separate dogs named Lexi in seasoned both days and Taylor Bailey ran one more started test.

Plans are already in motion for the spring 2009 hunt test. We are looking at April 4th and 5th, moving back a week to hopefully give our neighbors to the north a little more time to train in the frozen water. Wagontrain Lake and surrounding fields will be home once again. We are putting together another pre-test raffle with four prizes - a shotgun, duck and goose calls, e-collar and dog food - make sure you get your ticket.

Taylor Bailey conducted a hunting retriever demonstration for her 5th grade Ag class. Kids and the teacher had a great time watching the dogs and getting to throw bumpers and send the dogs.

HRC members from three separate clubs came together in Lincoln, NE in October for the Nebraska/Missouri football game. Matt Gideon and his boys joined my family in hosting Jason Zerrer and friends. Jason was fully clad in his Tiger yellow and gold. Though he was thoroughly impressed with the Husker Nation experience, his Tigers ruled the day. He's hosting us in Columbia next fall and hopefully we'll see a reversal in the score.

Good luck to everyone this fall and winter chasing the birds around. Have a safe hunting season and we'll see you all on the hunt test trail next spring



Payton Campbell takes a moment to smile before getting back to watching her dad, RJ, running finished at the Kansas City HRC hunt test.



Taylor Bailey and Tank posing at the Kansas City HRC hunt test.



Troy Bailey of SVHRC and Jason Zerrer of Midway HRC at the Hazelwood, MO Cabelas putting on a retriever demonstration.

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Faron Eddy, Pueblo, CO, mibandito181@yahoo.com: We are finishing up with the big game seasons in southern Colorado, and our members have seen varied success. Some of the members have traveled as far as Oregon and Minnesota in pursuit of big game. Those of us who are done with the big game are gearing up for the early duck seasons and the pheasant and quail seasons. We had our 2nd annual "Fun Hunt" at Dr. Bedards Indian Bend Ranch on Oct.. 25th, and despite a small turnout, fun was had by all. Eight of the members collected about 30 pheasants.

We have also begun planning for the upcoming year. We are looking at a new and exciting property to hold our hunt test, and will possibly be moving the date to later in the year. We will be sure to keep you all posted. We have also started planning for our training days for next year. We will keep the same format as last year, and are hoping to add to our membership.

We would also like to congratulate John Klomp, Pete Spangler, and Ron Ross as they embark on the journey to train new puppies. They have been and continue to be a vital asset to our club and the HRC in general, and we wish them the best of luck.

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com: Hope this finds everyone enjoying their hunting season and your hunting dogs. The big news from our club is that two of our members participated in the Fall Grand in Iowa, Rick Hunter and Jim McLaughlin. Congratulations on your achievements this year and we are very fortunate as a club to have these gentlemen as members and mentors.

We are planning to have a fun hunt Upland Day at Broken Spoke Game Ranch later this fall, these folks have been very supportive of our club and we appreciate their generosity with letting us have club functions at their ranch.

We hope to have another Chris Jobman Seminar (flatlanderkennels.com) next Spring and encourage everyone in Region 13 to watch for the dates and sign up early. It will fill up fast! Chris's Seminar this year was a big help to several of our members and a very enjoyable weekend.

Be safe and have fun with your dogs!



WCHRC volunteers and dogs pose with the Wounded Warriors (veterans group). We supply handlers and dogs for the group at their annual tower shoot. The event is held at Broken Spoke Game Ranch each year around Veterans Day, in honor of our wounded veterans.