
THE SCOOPER



THE LONG GRAY LINE

“The long gray line” is a phrase that refers to the continuum of all graduates and cadets of the United States Military Academy at West Point. For more than 200 years, West Point has provided the education and training for the future leaders of our Nation’s Army. Cadets at West Point wear gray uniforms, hence the reference to gray. The phrase refers to the unique ties that bind every West Point graduate to all the others who have come before and all those who will come after. The long gray line is not just a phrase. It encompasses a feeling, an emotion, a philosophy. It recognizes that while an institution is a collection of individuals, it stands for something that is larger than any one individual or any single group of individuals. Individuals come and go but the institution will endure as long as it serves a sound purpose. And as individuals come and go, they form a continuum, a long gray line, with shared purpose, shared experiences and shared concerns.

So what does the long gray line have to do with MOC and why is this article in The Scooper? Well, MOC has a long gray line of its own. The Club has been in existence for more than 50 years. Over that period of time, countless Members have come and gone. We current Members are part of a continuum. Over time, we will also go and others will take our places. As a part of this continuum that is called MOC, each of us has certain obligations to those who have come before us, to those who are sharing this journey with us, and to those who will come after us. We owe one another respect. We owe one another encouragement and support. We owe one another gratitude. We have a responsibility to share our knowledge with each other and to pass it on to the future. When one leaves a position, our responsibilities are not over until we have made sure that the torch has been passed on to the next member of the long gray line.

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The following tribute touches on much of this. The article was submitted on an unsolicited basis, and served as the catalyst for these reflections on the long gray line. Carol Clark served our Club as Equipment Wrangler during a particularly challenging time. Her dedication to the purchase and design of not only one, but two new agility trailers was extraordinary. The countless hours that she devoted as Equipment Wrangler deserves both our recognition and our gratitude. Carol is truly a part of MOC's long gray line.

A TRIBUTE TO RANDY REED

by Carol Clark

When I took over the position of Equipment Wrangler, I was overwhelmed. I really didn't know all the things Randy did behind the scenes, and of course, had no way to find out. The obvious parts –towing and maintaining the trailers were just about all I knew. I didn't foresee the responsibility of being 100% available at trials, the other things he did during trials, several trips to my house for various reasons and all the other details I learned along the way.



THE OLD

The purchase and design of the new trailer was an ominous task looming ahead, but Randy kept me going. I was determined to make it something he would have been proud to see. The many trips to the factory, working with the welder over several weekends, transferring the equipment from the old to the new, Randy was always there, guiding me in spirit.

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THE NEW

Needless to say, I was devastated when it was discovered that this trailer was stolen! I had put my heart and soul (and some of Randy's) into it. I had no choice but to carry on and start over, so that's what I did. My only disappointment was that the new jumps didn't hang like the old jumps, not only because they were an inch larger in diameter, but because they came apart when hung upside down. This minor detail was negated by my thrill of getting all the new equipment out of the garage, and giving my car her house back, so all was good! The MOC logo on the sides was improved by enlarging it. It was a learning process.



Thank you, Randy, for your work ethic, integrity and never ending dedication to Miami Obedience Club. I hope I came close to walking in your shoes.

Carol

MOC's Equipment Wranglers

As far as The Scooper knows, there has never been a designated Equipment Wrangler for MOC's Obedience Trials. So you might say that Tracy Hanna was MOC's first unofficial Equipment Wrangler when the group involved in the "Traveling Circus" began making its own agility equipment, moving it around Miami from place to place and storing it with whoever had some spare space.

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As MOC's involvement in agility grew, and AKC's agility equipment requirements evolved, the equipment demands and storage requirements also grew. At some point Randy Reed stepped in and began storing the equipment in his warehouse. Randy was instrumental in the process of MOC's purchase of its first agility trailer. When Randy's health began to decline, Keith Staub stepped in to lend his support. When Keith resigned from MOC, Carol Clark took over. And when Carol resigned, Mike Lieb came forward. Somewhere along the way, the position of Equipment Wrangler moved from an unofficial, informal role to a more formal, official position. But the line of succession - from Tracy to Randy to Keith to Carol to Mike - continues on.

Jill Sidran shared the following link highlighting the benefits of getting into motion with your dog.

http://www.woofipedia.com/articles/reasons-why-you-should-run-with-your-dog?utm_source=WTNur&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=WTnur&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRojv6%2FAZKXonjHpfsX67OouWaCg3843iUFwdcjKPmjrIYQCRcFoaPyQAgobGp5I5FENQ7jYTaxmt6QLWQ%03D%03D

WELCOME TO THE PACK



Meet Debbie Russell's new puppy Keegan.

Keegan came from a horse, cattle, sheep, and surely some other critters, ranch in Missouri. He was living outside for two weeks prior to his coming to me. All his near and far relatives are WTCH stockdogs.

He is a tough little guy. But I don't think any tougher than mine were, when they were his age. Of course, could be, I'm so much older, I just can't remember!

And there is the breeder benefit of them being born unto you, the alpha of all dogs in the household!

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He is a very intelligent little guy, which can also be a challenge in the early days, but such a blessing later on. Up until the past few days not a barker at all, and I was so pleased. Hopefully, his new barking voice, is just a test, that will end quickly!!

Keegan is attending puppy class at Paws In Motion and has started puppy class with MOC at Tropical Park.

Last week he got to sit in 'the chair' at Paws In Motion. This is the equivalent, for us oldies that can remember these things, of having been naughty. Maybe we should just call it, as Barbara Ilardi said, 'the naughty chair.' The deal is, he apparently prefers to be the demo dog, not to watch the demo dog. Hmmmmmmm.....

Needless to say, he is going to keep me very busy and I will have to stay on my toes, to keep on top of him, and raise him to be a good, and well-behaved little boy!

Oh yea. He just loves to meet people, just loves everybody he meets, and is an absolute angel! - Debbie Russell

WELCOME TO THE PACK

Dinah Willey would like to introduce her new brother, LUKE!

“Luke is a sweet, fun loving boy from American Belgian Malinois rescue who joined our family on June 14. He is doing great so far and we are in love!”

Debbie Willey



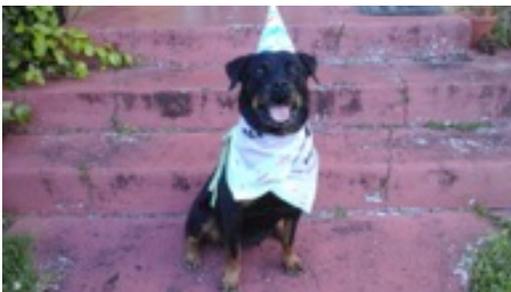
Luke is enrolled in the MOC
Obedience Training Program
Level I class that started a new
session on June 22. GOOD
BOY!

BRAGS

Jackie Kurzban reports, “Damon (American Cattle Dog), on day one provided much entertainment in the Open ring playing keep away with the dumbbell and landing on toys in Rally, but he did good by getting his final leg for his RAE (Rally Agility Excellent) and 1st Leg in OPEN A with a Third Place.”



In 2014 Damon, along with his AKC awards, earned the following FLYBALL Titles - FD (Flyball Dog), FDCH (Flyball Dog Champion), and FDCH-S (Flyball Dog Champion - Silver).



Jackie also reports, “Gala (Rottweiler), the star! She earned 2 more legs towards her RAE2 (Rally Agility Excellent) with scores of 97, 99, and 100’s and earning twice high scoring Rally dog. One day she shared the honors with Dinah (Debbie Willey) and a nice working new dog.”

Debbie Russell reports, “ Caelin and Hailey both got 1st Place in the year end awards of the USASA in Agility FAST, in their jump heights, and both will get their picture and accomplishments published in the upcoming USASA Journal.”



(L - R) Caelin and Hailey

2015 Obedience/Rally Trial Results

Results for MOC members - Obedience Classes

Cecilia Armesto

PERI - *Gerentry's Lunar Eclipse* (Boxer)

Novice B - 2 Legs, 3rd Place and TITLE

**CLUB AWARD - HIGHEST
SCORING MOC MEMBER
CONGRATULATIONS**

Trina Chicvara

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STEVIE - CH. *Tropical's Bringing Down The House* (Toy Poodle)

Graduate Novice - 1 Leg, 1st Place and TITLE

Jackie Kurzban

DAMON - CH *Tailwynd's Night Stalker Targons* (Cattledog)

Open A - 1 Leg, 3rd Place

Lorraine Leal

Gracie - *Reece's Razzle Dazzle* (GWP)

Novice B - 1 Leg, 2nd Place

Denise Thompson

JACK - *Dachshund*

Open A - 1 Leg, 1st Place



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Results for MOC Members - Wild Card Classes

Jill Sidran

MOLLY - *Saddlehill Miss Molly* (Lab)

WC Utility - 1st & 2nd Place

Denise Thompson

BONNIE - *Sunshine And Bonnie Blue Skies* (Dachshund)

WC Novice - 2nd Place



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Results for MOC Members - Rally Classes

Diane Cort

LUNA - *Cort's Luna Belle* (Doberman)

Novice B - 1 Leg, 4th Place & TITLE

Jackie Kurzban

DAMON - CH. *Tailwinds Night Stalker Targons* (Cattledog)

Advanced B - 2 Legs

Excellent B 2 Legs

GALA - CH. *Targon's Abstract Dreams* (Rottie)

Advanced B - 2 Legs, 2 - 1st Places

Excellent B - 2 Legs

Lorraine Leal

GRACIE- *Reece's Razzle Dazzle* (GWP)

Advanced B - 1 Leg

Debbie Willey

DINAH - 7 - *Sticks of Dinah Might* (Malinois)

Advanced B - 4 Legs, 2 - 1st Places, 2 - 2nd Places

Excellent B - 4 Legs

Laurie Zisman

DANIEL - *Cornerstone's Daniel* (Lab)

Advanced B - 4 Legs, 3 - 4th Places & TITLE

SHEILD - **G.CH.** *Cornerstone's Big Game James* (Lab)

Advanced B - 4 Legs, 1 - 2nd Place, 1 - 4th Place & TITLE



Results for Non-Member MOC Obedience Training Program Participants

At the time of the Obedience/Rally Trials both “Teams” were students of the Level II class taught by Barbara Ilardi.

Fulvia Bartoli - Balbera

MEGHAN - *Dazlin -N - Sefirot Bodacious* (Cocker Spaniel)

Rally Novice A - 2 Legs

Grisselle Oreijo - Cantrell

ALONDRA - (Russian Toy Terrier)

Rally Novice - 1- 2nd Place, 1-3rd Place, 1- 4th Place & TITLE



**Grisselle
and
Alondra**

**Fulvia
and
Meghan**

Thanks to Phil Sidran for the photos of the Obedience/Rally Trials.

CRUMBS IN MY POCKET



by Mike Smith

In the past few years, I've had the opportunity to do a lot of thinking about what makes people truly happy. There are a number of very interesting reflections on this subject available on the internet and I won't delve into them in depth here. The long and short of it is that for most people the path to genuine happiness is by doing something for others.

When I train my dog, I feel that I am trying to help her achieve her potential. I find the repetition involved in training to be boring and the concentration required in the training process to be taxing, but I still manage to find the experience to be a joyful one.

When I am at a trial, I get a lot of enjoyment out of helping out, both in and out of the ring. I still haven't figured out the right balance between socializing, helping the trial, and paying attention to my own dog, but I am working on it. Some of my best trialing memories have nothing to do with my dog being in the ring.

I don't know an awful lot of things. Here's one thing that I have learned. If you want to hear genuinely grateful people thank you, all you need to do is grab a rake and smooth out the ruts in the dirt around the weave poles while the small dog handlers are walking their next agility course. It will make you happy!

DACOF 2015

As The Scooper goes to press, MOC's 2015 DACOF team members are on their way to Orlando. We wish them all the best!



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Members
born in July

Carola Di Perna
Tracy Hanna
Annalane Harris
Barbara Ilardi
Melisa Peacock



Next MOC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, JULY 1
7:30 P.M.

DENNY'S
8503 SW 40th ST. (Bird Road)
Miami

SUNSHINE

Several members have recently lost loved ones. Keep the following members and their families in your thoughts; Jill Sidran, whose brother passed away recently, and Mylene Arza, whose Mom lost her battle with cancer. We send our sympathy

Our dog community mourns the loss of Cecilia Armesto's Aussie, Aimie. We are thinking of you.

A WORD ABOUT THE SCOOPER

If you have anything that you would like to include in a future edition, please let The Scooper know. You need not do the writing yourself. Just send in the information and The Scooper will take it from there.

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