As I write this, Christmas has not yet arrived but I am looking at all the things left to be done and don’t know where to start! The tree is up and decorated and waiting for Labrador tails and puppies to begin demolishing the non-breakable ornaments on the lower third of the tree! The packages that are wrapped will not be under the tree until Christmas Eve late—if something smells good these Lubberliners will investigate thoroughly, all the way through the wrapping and boxes!

Typical of Michigan we are having rain today, ice tonight, and snow tomorrow. And all the Labradors here love the rain since the pond is frozen. Snow on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and gone by New Year’s Eve is my dream since I do not relish driving in it or shoveling it or plowing it, and because I do not ski and gave up ice skating when there was no real way to have warm feet!

See you all in the New Year at our General Membership Meeting on Friday January 9, 2004, at the Hartland Community Education Building!

A joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year to all!
February Membership Meeting — February 13th
at Michigan Group Realtors

The February Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, February 13th, at 7:30 pm, at the Michigan Group Realtors office in Brighton. Join us for a presentation by Cindy Cooke, of Anstamm Kennels, on “Sales Contracts for Dog Breeders”.

6870 Grand River Ave.
Brighton, MI 48114
(517)548-4037

Directions:

From North/South: US-23 to I-96. I-96 west to Grand River Ave. west.

From East: I-96 west to Grand River Ave. exit. Follow Grand River Ave west to Michigan Group Realtors.

From West: I-96 east to Grand River Ave. exit. Follow Grand River Ave west to Michigan Group Realtors.

Club Meeting Schedule... Mark Your Calendars

Membership Meetings begin at 7:30 pm., Board Meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

February 13—General Membership Meeting
Michigan Group Realtors, Brighton
** Presentation by Cindy Cooke on "Legal Contracts" **
what should and should not be in puppy/dog contract

February 13—Board Meeting at 7:00pm
Michigan Group Realtors, Brighton

March 12—Board and General Membership
Hartland Community Education Building.

April 2—General Membership Meeting & Elections
Hartland Community Education Building.

April 20—Board Meeting
Valley Family Restaurant (Miller and Linden Roads. in Flint)

May 14—General Membership Meeting
Hartland Community Education Building.

May 20—Board Meeting
Held at Cindy Skiba’s Home

Update time . . . Mark Your Membership Books!

The following members have recently forwarded a change in their contact information. Please mark these changes in your Membership Directory.

Email Address, Phone & Name Change:
Gary Cooper tradesmanlabs@sbcglobal.net

Address Change:
Gary Cooper 8587 Lange Road.
Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-223-7131
Disclaimer Clause: This list is for litters of our members that are in good standing with our Club and the American Kennel Club and has been made available for your assistance in finding a new puppy. But: The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., makes no warranties, expressed or implied as to the condition of any dogs being offered for sale, standards or practices of any breeder, the quality of their animals or the accuracy of any of the information contained within the HRLRC, Inc., newsletter listing, or within the HRLRC, Inc., website or any links from the website. HRLRC, Inc., does not endorse, recommend, or guarantee any kennel, breeder or dog listed.

Reminder: Send $5 litter ad fee per month/per ad to Al Reich, 5558 Sunkist, Oxford, MI 48371. Please indicated in memo section of check the month that you are paying for. These litter ad fees go towards the HRLRC Rescue Account. Please call (248)969-6998 or email laura@lor-allabs.com to renew or update your ad. Deadline is the 15th of the month. NEW POLICY: No litter ad will be published without receipt of the fee. Also beginning July 1, 2001, for ACTIVE MEMBERS fee remains the same ($5 per month/per ad). NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS fee will be $100 per month/per ad. Refer to the Minutes in the March 2001 newsletter for detailed explanation of ACTIVE and NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Epoch Edward of BonaVenture
BonaVenture Lubberline Viscount
Classiques Count on Me
X
Dickendall Davaron Anslo
Banners Chestnuts Roasting
Banners Refried Beans

Due: Jan 21st all chocolates
Nancy Chargo 810-686-0967

Hunt Club Clayview Funny Bear
Ch Lubberline Martingale
Ch Hennings Mill Lubberline Jib
X
Ch Hennings Mill Talimar Martin
Lor-al’s La-Dee-Dah
Ch. Lor-al’s Jobie J WC CGC

Born: January 1 Yellows
Laura Reich (989) 969-6998
Email: laura@lor-allabs.com
Web: www.lor-allabs.com

Epoch Edward of BonaVenture
BonaVenture Lubberline Viscount
Classiques Count on Me
X
Windfall’s Braveheart
Forsythe’s Toot, Toot, Tootsie
Oakley of Forsythe

Due: February 19 Blacks & Chocolates
Michelle VeuCasovic (734) 728-8889
Email: michelle@infinitylabradors.com
Web: www.infinitylabradors.com

Whelping Waggin’, submitted by Laura Reich

The Labrador Retriever, the most popular breed, 14 years in a row!

For the 14th consecutive year, the Labrador Retriever is the most popular purebred dog in America, according to registration figures released on January 18th, 2004, by the American Kennel Club. The top 10 most popular dogs according to 2003 AKC registrations are:

1. Labrador Retriever (144,934)
2. Golden Retriever (52,530)
3. Beagle (45,033)
4. German Shepherd (43,950)
5. Dachshund (39,473)
6. Yorkshire Terrier (38,256)
7. Boxer (34,136)
8. Poodle (32,176)
9. Shih Tzu (26,935)
10. Chihuahua (24,930)
Members in attendance were: Pauline Mortier, Gary Cooper, Al Reich, Michelle VeuCasovic, Patty Wayne, Pam Nichols, Jeanine Asch, Nancy Chargo and Kim Bryson.

Guests: Judy Matice, Dan Matice, Juanita Pyles, Nancy Anderson

Meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by president Pauline Mortier.

The minutes from the November general membership meeting were read. As there was not a quorum at the meeting, a motion could not be made to approve the minutes.

President’s Report: If anyone has suggestions for 2005 DKC judges, please suggest them to Erik Bergishagen.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report—Regarding the fine imposed by AKC for the fall 2003 specialty obedience judge, Pauline stated the fine was reduced from $250 to $100. The fine has been paid so we are returned to good standing with AKC. Michelle reported she received information from Potomac regarding placing an ad in their catalog for our fall specialty.

Treasurer’s Report—Monroe Kennel Club sent us a check for $291 for supported entries. All outstanding specialty bills have been paid. We made a profit $2208.87! A big thanks goes to Nancy Chargo for working so hard to secure trophy donations. The books need to be audited. Michelle, Kim and Al will meet to do this. Al mentioned the insurance bill for liability insurance is due. We need to decide if we want to include the $140 to cover holding hunt tests/firearms. Al will inquire if it will cost more to remove it and then add it on again as a rider or if we would be better off leaving the policy as it currently is.

Membership—No news to report.

Fall Specialty—Gail Shearer has been trying to contact members of Monroe KC. Debbie Reece, the 2004 Monroe KC show chair, stated there are some issues that need to be resolved regarding the fall show. Gail has been unable to secure a judge because she has no commitment from MKC to share judges’ expenses. A false promise had been made to Monroe regarding how many 2003 Saturday entries would be “guaranteed.” Debbie Reece said she would have a hard time getting MKC to agree to a judge that can only do Labradors since the entries are not sufficient to justify the expense if MKC is expected to pay all the expenses. Pauline mentioned we would like to have Labradors in the rings behind the buildings. Debbie made sure to mention that there would be STRICT parking rules if this were to happen. Pauline has corresponded with Gail to see if MKC can agree on what expenses they will cover. Would anyone be willing to pick up the judges, Winnie and Betty and sweeps judges up from the airport and drive them to the show site? What judges can do breeds other than Labs? What about June Sasaki? This needs to be discussed further with MKC. Tuesday Jan 27 will be the combined specialties meeting in Monroe by the Horizon Outlet Center. Does anyone else have suggestions that MKC might agree to so that they will pay part of the expense and we will pay the other part? Let Pauline know.

Obedience—We are requesting that MKC should hire the obedience judge and HRLRC would pay a percentage of the obedience entries. i.e. If 2 of 10 were labs, 20% of the cost should be ours.

The possibility of a back to back specialty was brought up. It doesn’t appear that there are any suitable dates in September. Would it be possible to move the dates to January or February? What would possible sites be? Nancy Chargo is going to check into a Genesee County site. Anyone have any ideas for dates/locations?

Field Report—No news to report.

New Business Newsletter: Michelle reported that the last newsletter had an article that had to be removed because the article’s author did not give her approval to reprint it. If you send in submissions for the newsletter, please be sure it is permissible to use the article.

Legislation: Michelle received a postcard that we can use as an example postcard to be used to send to our representatives. The wording would have to be modified in order for us to use it to state our stance on such issues as the Puppy Protection Act and other similar proposed legislation. Several members reported they have already written letters to representatives.

GCKC Supported Entry: Nancy reported it will cost us $86 to support GCKC May 15-16. Judges are still undetermined. Nancy will check into who the judges are.

Kim Bryson reported Mark Edwards is putting on a hunt test seminar through Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club.

Discussion ensued regarding making a donation to canine non-profit groups. We are considering donating to Paws With a Cause. Does anyone else have suggestions on other groups we could donate to? How about having a breeding program director come to one of our meetings such as Paws With a Cause?

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary
Board Meeting Minutes—January 20, 2004

Members in attendance were: Jeanine Asch, Mary MacLean, Kim Bryson, Mike Merians, and Cathy Culpert

The minutes of the November Board meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer’s Report: No new report since January general membership meeting.

Membership: No report at this time.

Specialty: The board decided to combine the February board and general membership meetings on February 13. The board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. preceding the regular meeting at 7:30. The March board and general membership meetings will also be held on the same day with the board meeting at 7 and the general membership meeting at 7:30 March 12.

Pauline, Cathy and Sheila are on the nominating committee and are working on securing the slate for the upcoming year.

Pauline reported she has been corresponding with Judy Trevino and Gail Shearer regarding arrangements with Monroe Kennel Club. If June Sasaki is not available as a Saturday judge for the

Then, we would be able to promote that there would be two trials for Labradors that day. We still need to make arrangements for an obedience judge. MKC already has secured Michael Carlucci for their obedience. We are trying to work with the Schnauzer and possibly Poodle people.

Mike mentioned we consider having a fun hunt in conjunction with the July fun match. Kim stated if she was available that she would bring some of her advanced dogs and demonstrate dogs working at the Junior, Senior and Master levels. In addition to a fun hunt, we might want to consider doing a “parts” match as has been done in the past. Cathy and Sheila are working on the 2004 match. Judge suggestions are Barb Paveglio and Linda Bednarzki.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary

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Wins - n - Grins

Yellow Dawg Krypto Doughboy
Nancy Manning
Livingston Co Agility Trial — 1st Leg Novice Standard

Infinity’s Mustang Sally
Michelle VeuCasovic
Livingston County KC— Winners Bitch, BOS, 3pt. Major

Can. Ch, UCD, GRCH Lubberline Endeavor Binnacle WC
CD CGC
Jeanine Asche & Pauline Mortier
Jaxon KC — Novice B qualifying score, 2nd leg
Ingham KC — Novice B qualifying score, 3rd leg
Ingham KC — 3rd Open Yellow
New CD obedience Title!
K9 Fanciers of Michigan
Show 1: BOB, Group IV
Show 2: BOB
#1 Ranked UKC Labrador nationwide for 2003!
Elgin County KC Saturday— 1st Open, WB, and BOS
Elgin County KC Sunday— 1st Open, WB, BOW, BOS
New Canadian Champion!

SHELTER DOGS: AMERICA UNDERCOVER

Televised on HBO Channels

Every year, more than five million dogs are brought to U.S. animal shelters; many of them never find homes. For two years, filmmaker Cynthia Wade was given unprecedented access to Rondout Valley Kennels and its controversial owner Sue Sternberg. The result is this thought-provoking film about ethics and choices in a morally ambiguous world as Sternberg and her staff delight in finding homes for some canines—while considering euthanasia for “unadoptable” dogs that pose a threat. The following are show times on HBO East. Check your local viewing guide for show times on other HBO channels.

1/27/04—7:30pm
1/28/04—2:45pm
1/31/04—2:45pm
2/4/04—8:30am
2/8/04—10:45am
The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. proudly recognizes its members and their dogs for the titles they earned in 2003

**U-CD U-GRCH** Lubberline Endeavor Binnacle, **CD, WC, CGC** - Jeanine Asch & Pauline Mortier

**U-CH** Infinity's Dalwhinnie Endeavor, **CGC** - Jeanine Asch & Michelle VeuCasovic

**U-GRCH** Lake View Rhapsody at Endevor, **CGC** - Jeanine Asch & Juanita Pyles

**Am/Can CH** Windfall’s Pipe Major - Annie & Ron Cogo

Mar-Jo's On The Bank, **WC** - Mike & Judy Merians

**U-CH** Woodhaven Two For Roughing, **CGC, CD, WC** - Laura Michaels

**U-CH** Woodhaven Irish Gold - Laura Michaels

**Am/Can CH** Alegra Sabo's Top Gun - Matthew Pius and Judy Trevino

Kreekside King Eddie at Cory, **WC, CD** - Delores Richards

**Can CH** BonaVenture's Ernesto - Tom & Gail Shearer, Liz Gingell and Phyllis Sanderson

**CH** BonaVenture's Glory Bound - Tom & Gail Shearer and Liz Gann-Martin

**CH** Epoch's Brown Baggin' – Cindy Skiba

Kreekside Ducks In A Row, **WC** - Pam Smith

Linray's Raptor, **WC** - Pam Smith

**CH** Windfall’s Be-Boppin’ Bobbi Socks, CD, **NA, NAJ** - Michelle VeuCasovic

**U-GRCH U-CH** Jalin Wayne's Famous Affair, **WC** - Patty & Richard Wayne

U-GRCH SHR Waynes Candy Victorian Angel, WC, JH, **CGC** - Patty Wayne

**U-GRCH** Oakhaven's Waynes Autumn Myst, **WC, CGC** - Patty Wayne & Pam Nichols

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**New All-Purpose Labrador Awards**

U-CD, U-GRCH, Lubberline Endeavor Binnacle, CD, WC, CGC — Jeanine Asch & Pauline Mortier

U-CH Woodhaven Two For Roughing, CGC, CD, WC— Laura Michaels
LRCSC and OptiGEN are sponsoring a "20/20 OptiGEN Clinic" on April 23 & 24 at our Spring Specialty. Participate at our clinic and receive a 20% discount on any OptiGEN test. If you submit your form via the www.optigen.com website, receive an additional 5% for a total savings of 25% off any OPTIGEN test. A minimal veterinary fee will be charge at the clinic for the drawing of blood.

If you cannot make the clinic, you may still take advantage of these discounts by participating in the LRCSC "Satellite" 20/20 Clinic April 26-31, 2004. Satellite clinics allow a larger number of participants since they are able to have their dog's sample drawn closer to home. . . at their own vet's! "Satellite" participants MUST treat and ship samples according to Optigen's specifications by April 31, 2004 (see optigen website for more info). Test requests can be either entered online or printed from the website.

In order to participate, you must reserve a spot by contacting Ron Morelos at: can8tive@aol.com. For additional information, please contact Ron or visit the optigen website at: www.optigen.com

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