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President's message

As I write this, I am thinking of all that I need to take with me to Denver for the Board meeting and ACoD. But most of all I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Since our deadline for completing the Communiqué is during the ACoD, we will distribute this issue on its regular publication date, April 1st with some highlights from the ACoD. There will be a "special edition" to be distributed in the middle of April with more details from the ACoD.

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- Region 10..... Keith Hicks

Highlights of the 2013 ACoD

This year's Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) was a great one!

Forty-three delegates representing thirty-one clubs across the country gathered in at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites near the airport in Denver Colorado over the weekend of March 23-24. A freak winter storm dumped an unexpected 8+ inches of snow on us, making this the first

ACoD convened in snow.

One of the goals of the ACoD is to share ideas and I'm happy to say that definitely happened. Contact your delegate to hear about the specific items we covered that

might affect your own club.

Here are a few of the key highlights of the convention.

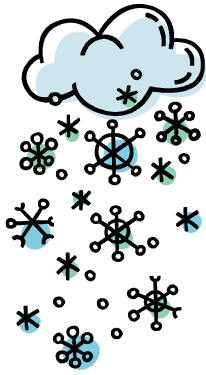
- ◆ Jeff Lipps, the ASFA CFO, reported that – despite declining entries – we are in a strong cash position for moving forward with investing in our initiatives. He is confident we are right-sized now and budgeted for stability.
- ◆ Russ Jacobs read an account of the very first ASFA trial to the delegates. Written by Ruth Reynolds, it is one of the gems contained in the ASFA Archives. We'll try to make it available on the website soon.

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Delegates

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Clubs



Highlights of the 2013 ACoD

◆ Our new class of Regional Directors met several times to prepare for an active two years helping the clubs in their regions. There is a strong sense of collaboration and sharing

among the new RDs under the leadership of Josie Haumont.

- ◆ During the discussions we focused on ideas for helping clubs to increase entries in the next years. Some key areas include:
 - ◇ Developing public relations and outreach programs to people who are not coursing but could be;
 - ◇ Improving our trials by running them more efficiently and making sure that new participants have the help they

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◇ Improving the quality of our trials by ensuring new field committee members have solid training so they can perform their roles well.

◆ A long-range project to develop an infrastructure to allow ASFA to take advantage of modern digital technolo-

gies was announced. It will impact nearly every aspect of how we conduct business, from the way we keep our trial and hound records to the way participants submit entries, to the way our trials are conducted.

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We will provide more details in an ACoD Special Edition to be distributed in mid-April, but suffice it to say that cooperation was very positive and ACoD delegates left with a sense of excitement.

Old FAN Magazines

Want to be a contributor to ASFA's history? We are looking for FANs prior to 1990. We want these so that they can be digitized and made available to everyone via the ASFA website. If you have any of these FANs and you are willing to donate them

to the ASFA, please contact Marilyn Standerford by e-mail to webmaster@asfa.org. She will then let you know if we have the issues you are willing to donate. Thanks! After digitizing, these magazines will go into the ASFA Archives to complete our set.

New Member Club

The Board has approved the International Silken Windhound Society's application to be a full member club of ASFA. Lori Silvestri is their delegate. We

look forward to their continued participation in ASFA field trials.

Regional Director Elections

The ballots for Region 7 are in. Dale Parks is the new Regional Director for Region 7. Congratulations; we look forward to great things in Region 7.

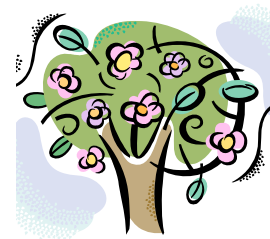
Region 4 has nominated Donna Murphy for Regional Director. Ballots for that election must be

postmarked by March 30, 2013, and the results will be tallied and announced on April 7th.

Rich Whritenour is serving as the Interim Regional Director for Region 9.

2013 II – April 13th & 14th, Muncie, Indiana

The plans for the II are in their final stages and it promises to be a wonderful II. As of today the entry is over 250 hounds with entries still coming in. Keep checking the ASFA web site and 2013 ASFA II Facebook page as new information becomes available. LKC, MGA and TSSC are looking forward to seeing you there.



2014 II

While we are thinking of the II, clubs in the East need to be considering hosting the 2014 II. If your club or group of clubs is contemplating hosting the II in 2014, start working on a proposal. If you need

any help or have questions, please contact Bill Bowlus-Root (CorresSecy@asfa.org) for the International Invitationals Guidelines and the format for the proposal.

2013 Committees

Thank you to everyone who wrote of their interest in participating in the committees of ASFA. We really appreciate your willingness to devote time to the growth of ASFA. We will post the complete committee list and committee members in the

“special edition” Communiqué. By the same token if you have any ideas, please email Ping (president@asfa.org) so that it can be directed to the appropriate committee. The best ideas come from experience.

Premium Lists for the Web Site

The Board has approved a new operational Policy, SCHED20: “If a club wishes to link its approved premium list to its published club date(s) on the ASFA website Trial Schedule, the premium list must be sent in a single ready-to-post PDF document to

asfa.premiums@gmail.com for inclusion on the site.” The purpose of having a policy to this effect is to be sure that everyone has this information available to them rather than relying on word-of-mouth.

It's very important that you distribute the “Communiqué” to your club's members so they can keep informed.

Last month we were hoping Punxsutawney Phil was correct with his prediction of an early spring. In our area he was very wrong.

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