

Great Lakes Region

AROUND THE LAKES

Regional Newsletter

Notes from the St. Louis Annual

July 2003



The Midwest Region hosted a fun filled annual at the Adams Mark in St. Louis.

The banquet had a Christmas theme in celebration of the Christopher Radko ornament "Purrfect Holiday" designed especially for CFA. This was the brain child of Linda Berg & Brad Nitschke & hopefully it will become a CFA tradition.



The ornament can be purchased at: <http://www.cfainc.org/catalog/radko.html>

The GLR was well represented in the National standings:

Championship

GC, NW Abizaq Sydney
GC, BW, NW Stedam's Silversmith
GC, BW, NW Mittsnpaws Maxa-Million of Karactorz
GC, NW Rampageous Ziggy Stardust

Kittens

GC, NW Myrlyn Wrapped in Legend of Kamage

Premiership

GP, NW Jeannel AppleJack of Krimpurrs
GP, NW Austriana Tanzia of Lapis
GP, NW Angtini Okee-Dokee
GP, NW Cylin's Julia of Cking
GC, GP, BW, NW Mistysprings Checkmate
GP, NW Zehnder's P.B. Max

The delegate meeting ran very smoothly & was over on Friday. The following were elected to the Director-at-Large seats:

Stan Barnaby
JoAnn Cummings
Jody Garrison
Joan Miller
Darrell Newkirk
Gary Veach
Annette Wilson

There were 479 delegates seated. The only resolution that passed with a favorable recommendation was # 3--transfer of CH/PR to GC/GP on Sunday. All others either failed, were out of order or withdrawn. A resolution from the floor also received a favorable recommendation--judges will be paid according to their status at the time of the show rather than their status at the time of signing the contract.



On Saturday afternoon the Judges' Association sponsored a reception for retiring judges Edna Field & Miriam Faulkner. These judges have been mainstays in the GLR & their presence behind the table will be deeply missed. Richard Gebhardt's 50 years as a CFA judge was celebrated--a distinction not soon to be duplicated.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL CLUBS:

The following clubs were accepted into membership: Domestic--Almost Heaven Cat Club (4), Friends & Family (3), Shenandoah Valley Cat Fanciers (7); International--Hong Kong Cat Club, & Portugal Cat Club.

JUDGING PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Deaths--Wayne Park was recognized for his years of service to CFA.

Illnesses--*Paula Boroff continues to battle cancer. *(I have since received word that Paula passed away on July 23, 2003. Our deepest sympathy goes to Gene & her family.)

Retirements--Marion Butler retired after a 5 year medical leave.

Judges' Advancements:

To Trainee--Barbara Jaeger (LH) , Sharon Powell (LH), Aki Tamura (SH)

To Apprentice--Ed Davis (LH), Yoshiko Sada (SH), Iris Tanner (LH), Ayumi Ueda (SH)

To Approval Pending--Gloria Hoover (LH),

Wakako Nagayama (AB), Tracy Petty (LH), Jan Stevens (AB)

To Approved--Rick Hoskinson (SH), Hisako Komota (SH), Laura McIntyre (AB), Karen Talbert (SH), Zeri Zottoli (AB)

Congratulations to all & especially our Region 4 judges.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

- 4th/5th weekend of month--the question was raised whether a club using the 4th or "last" weekend has the option of switching from the 4th to the 5th or vice versa. It was decided that if a club switches, it will need the permission of the regional director to move again.
- Breeder Directory Qualifications--all breed council members will be included in the directory. Non breed council members must have bred & registered one (1) CFA litter within the 24 months immediately preceding the request for inclusion.
- Clarification of cattery inspections--in the past, a mandatory cattery inspection was required for any cattery that registered 75+ kittens within a single year. This led to some debate & it was decided than the criteria should "born" rather than "registered" within a calendar yar.
- Cats Ancestral Tracking Service (CATS) is moving forward. A committee will be formed to set parameters.

Other committee reports were given during the delegate meeting & can be read in the CFA secretary's report.

The new BOD met on Sunday & adopted the budget for 2003-2004. A request from Tom Dent for monies to upgrade the computer system was approved. This will result in more on line services. President Don Williams announced committee chairs--this, too, will be in the Board minutes.

**GREAT LAKES
REGIONAL SHOW AND BANQUET**

Many thanks to Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers' for hosting the show & banquet. The banquet was held at the Doubletree in Novi, MI. Anne Mathis was chair for this & it was indeed a "mini" annual. Wilma VanScoyk again chose lovely trophies & rosettes to celebrate our regional winners. We are known for having some of the nicest--all thanks to Wilma. Gail Moser & Sandy Douglas did the Grand presentation that ran during dinner--lots of work but well appreciated. Marianne Harris & her committee put together the Regional awards booklet, On the Road again presentation, & the slide presentation of the regional winners--a huge job done to perfection. Michael Hiemstra & Garrett Field provided the cocktail hour jazz music on the sax & guitar respectively--many thanks to them for giving of their time & talents. Marianne Harris & Linda Komar were the recipients of the "Spirit of the Great Lakes" award & Nancy Grandison was named "Clerk of the Year." Congratulations & many thanks for all the hard work these ladies give back to the region & CFA. This year the Region celebrated 24 Distinguished Merit cats--a true dedication to excellence. Thanks to our presenters--Evelyn Prather, Norm Auspitz, Gene Darrah, Rachel Anger & Tom & Loretta Baugh for continued amusement in pronunciation of the winners. It is almost the highlight of the event. Thanks to the Planning Committee, a DJ played great music & many stayed to the end.

Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make this a night to remember.

The show itself was great & Nancy Miketa & her crew did a super job with the raffle. It netted the region nearly \$2000!!! Way to go! The members of Midwest Persian put on a wonderful show & the region thanks them for their willingness to take on an additional show so close to their July show.

**2008 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Great Lakes Region
"Run for the Roses"**

The 2008 annual will be in Louisville, KY. Jo Ann Cummings has graciously agreed to chair the event & in her true fashion has dug in & started to organize. Annuals have become increasingly expensive to put on. The past annual in St. Louis ran approximately \$65,000. The Great Lakes treasury has a reserve of approximately \$30,000 for our 2008 annual. It is clear that we need to mount a regional effort at fundraising. Here is why:

- Our regional trophies & rosettes cost approx. \$7,000
- The surcharge we get back from CFA is about \$6,000 a year
- Regional raffles held at the regional show & qualifier (now known as the regional fundraiser) bring in some money which is usually used by the planning committee.
- Unless we make money at the fundraiser show & at the regional show our profits are on a flatline -- i.e. we spend what we make.
- The best case scenario is that we stay where we financially stay where we are; worst case is that we begin a downward slide.

It is only a small step from the above list to see that the region must enhance its coffers. To that end, the following fundraising ideas have been suggested:

- Lucky 13--an item a month will be added to this large raffle which will take place during a show year with the drawing for the items to be held at the regional banquet. Items will be posted on the website. Jo Ann Cummings is in charge of this & it is her hope that this raffle can continue until the Annual. If each club donated one large item that would give her enough to keep it going through June 2008.
- 50/50 raffles
- Power 50/50 raffles--tickets would be sold at several shows with the drawing at the end of a specified time frame, say 3 months. Size of raffle would be

announced at each show with the hope that as the pot grows so does the buying.

- Take your chance--upon checking in for a show you will be asked if you would

like to donate \$1.00 on the hope that your cat's number is drawn. One number will be drawn during the show. If you bought a ticket for that number you will get 50% of the monies with the other going to the region. If you didn't buy a ticket & your number is drawn, all monies go to the region.

- We have permission from the CFA logo chair to use the CFA logo on "for sale items". These could be shirts, hats, bumper stickers, mugs, etc.
- 5th weekend shows--sponsor a fundraiser show on those open 5th weekends. This has been done in the Southern region with great success.
- Booklets much like the entertainment booklets that are sold in various cities. It would include money off coupons for restaurants in show towns, could also include money off entries, grooming spaces, etc. Booklet would be good for 1 year. This idea is in the thinking stage as we would need donations in order to pay for money off entry coupons.

These are a few of the things we have thought of & we are looking for more ideas & people to help implement them. We have 4 ½ years to bring our treasury up to what we need to put on a great annual.

<http://www.cfagreatlakes.org/fundraiser-ballot.html>

- Show schedule for 2004 is included showing traditional dates. Please remember that if you are going to change either the date or location of the show you need to have the regional director sign off on your license. Dawn Skupin is the regional scheduler.
- A suggestion was made that flyers for up & coming GLR shows be included in show catalogs. A parameter of the shows within 2 months of the current show catalog could be included. This would save clubs from having to put flyers on the cages.
- **Clubs accepting new members**--it was recently brought to my attention that many exhibitors have no idea how to go about joining a club. If your club is accepting new members, please announce it in the show catalog along with a contact person. We can then get those clubs up on the Regional website. Many want to be participating members of CFA & the only way they have membership is through clubs.
- Wilma still has a couple of trophies that haven't been picked up yet from the awards banquet. Please contact her at either 937-845-8156 or lacattique@siscom.net

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL BUSINESS

- **After much discussion with the Regional Treasurer concerning cost cutting, it has been decided to no longer send out the newsletters in hard copy. It will be available on the regional website** – <http://www.CFAGreatlakes.org/regional-meetings.html>.
- **Financial reports will not be online. They will be disseminated at regional meetings or contact Ed Bodnovich with questions & concerns.**
- Ballots are online to vote on the judges for the 2005 regional show & fundraiser show. Please print and return these to Liz Watson, 2620 N. River Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609 no later than October 15, 2003. The ballot is at:

Great Lakes Region Show Calendar

TRADITIONAL DATES 2004

JANUARY

Jan. 3-4 **Open weekend**
Toledo, OH

Jan. 10-11 MMCF
Toledo/Maumee, OH

Jan. 17-18 Cleveland Persian Society
Strongsville, OH

Jan. 24-25 Midwest Persian Tabby
Dearborn, MI

Jan. 31/1 **Open weekend**

FEBRUARY

Feb. 7-8 Ohio State Persians
Columbus, OH

Feb. 14-15 MMCF
Lansing, MI

Feb. 21 Kittyhawk Felines
Dayton, OH

Feb. 21-22 Royal Canadian CC
Toronto, ON Canada

Feb. 28-29 Cincinnati Cat Club
Cincinnati, OH

MARCH

March 6-7 North Coast CF
Lorain, OH

March 13-14 GLAD
Stow, OH

March 20-21 Western PA CF
Pittsburgh, PA

March 27-28 MMCF
Novi, MI

APRIL

April 3-4 Mid-Ohio CF
Mansfield, OH

April 10-11 Just Cat-In Around
Inkster, MI

April 17-18 MMCF
South Bend, IN

April 24-25 Cat Nation Fanciers
Erie, PA

MAY

May 1-2 Genesee CF
Rochester, NY

May 8-9 Anthony Wayne CF
Ann Arbor, MI

May 15-16 MMCF
Allen Park, MI

May 22-23 **Open weekend**

May 29-30 Golden Triangle CF
Kitchener, ON Canada

JUNE

June 5-6 **Open Weekend**

June 12-13 GL Regional Show
Toledo, OH

June 19-20 MMCF
Grand Rapids, MI

June 22-25 CFA Annual
Orlando, FL

June 29-30 **Open weekend**

JULY

July 3-4 Sternwheel CF
Columbus, OH

July 10-11 **Open Weekend**

July 17-18 MMCF
Monroe, MI

July 24-25 Canusa CC
Windsor, ON Canada

July 31/1 **Open Weekend**

AUGUST

Aug. 7-8 Si-Sawat
Zanesville, OH

Aug. 14-15 Exotic Breeders
Columbus, OH

Aug. 21-22 **Open weekend**

Aug. 28-29 Sacred Cat of Burma
Medina, OH

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4-5 Peace Bridge Aby Fanciers
Medina, NY

Sept. 4-5 MMCF
Birch Run, MI

Sept. 11-12 Western PA
Pittsburgh, PA

Sept 18-19 Thumbs Up
Wayne, MI

Sept. 25-26 Queen City CC
Cincinnati, OH

OCTOBER

Oct. 2-3 MMCF
Auburn Hills, MI

Oct. 9-10 GLR Fundraiser
Oct. 16 Roses for Felines
Shepherdsville, KY

Oct. 23-24 Cleveland Persian Society
Cleveland, OH

Oct. 30-31 **Open Weekend**

NOVEMBER

Nov. 6-7 MMCF
Kalamazoo, MI

Nov. 13-14 Dayton Cat Fanciers
Dayton, OH

Nov. 13-14 Toronto Cat Fanciers
Toronto, ON Canada

Nov. 19-20 International Cat Show
Houston, TX

Nov. 27-28 Buffalo Cat Fanciers
Buffalo, NY

DECEMBER

Dec. 4-5 Ohio State Persian
Columbus, OH

Dec. 11-12 Just Cat-In Around
Lansing, MI

Dec. 18-19 **Open Weekend**

Dec. 25-26 **Open Weekend**