



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You asked, and we listened. Members have been asking for more current information and updates from their club. It will soon be coming your way via a new STCA Bulletin Board with regular postings of notices which will come to your email inbox. At this time, it will be set up through Yahoo, which delivers messages at no cost to the club. In future, we look forward to moving the feature to our own website. Meanwhile, look for an invitation from Yahoo coming to your inbox to sign up for the list called The STCA Bulletin Board. The instructions will be on that email. Should you have a problem with the invitation, a quick email to the moderators Liz Heywood [Liz@starbarrack.net](mailto:Liz@starbarrack.net) or Charla Hill [charthill@aol.com](mailto:charthill@aol.com), and they will be able to add your email address so that you begin receiving posts.

Montgomery weekend is always a highlight of the year when friends come together to celebrate this beloved breed with fun and competition. If you aren't showing, please come and watch Agility at Kimberton, Obedience and Sweepstakes at the Lulu Temple, watch the sun rise at Montgomery on Sunday, and last but not least on Monday the Earthdog trials at Crosswicks, NJ. Scottish Terriers in all aspects of the sport will perform for your enjoyment. See you there!  
Connie Smith, STCA President



### **Montgomery County Weekend October 7-10**

Your packet of information will be on the way before the end of the month. Thursday Oct 7 is the Morris and Essex show, held every five years and will take the place of Thursday of the Hatboro days. Hatboro will hold their show on Friday Oct 8, and we asked for an early showtime so you can get to Sweeps in the afternoon. We will again be hosting Obedience and Sweepstakes at Lulu Temple. Our Annual Meeting and Banquet is to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting which is once again the STCA Host Hotel. It is a beautiful hotel, with a fridge and microwave in suite rooms at a great price. Ask for Scottish Terrier block when making reservations. 610-834-8300



### **STCA Reception and Social, Thursday Evening October 7**

A new event has been added to the social calendar for Montgomery Weekend. Thursday evening at the Doubletree, Regional Club Chair, Lori Kelly will hostess a reception for all members and their guests. Details will be in the Information packet to be sent within a few weeks. I hope you all can come and have a great evening meeting with friends.



### **STCA Treasurer**

Sadly, Jerry Burge has stepped down from the Treasurer's post due to personal family responsibilities, and Ron McConnell has taken the reins and the bank accounts to Michigan. It has taken a bit of time to transition all the materials and accounts. For this reason, there was not a profit/loss statement in the recent Bagpiper. The STCA is sound financially, but like everyone in this economy, trying to keep costs down. There has not been a dues increase since 1993. No one wants to raise dues, so we look for ways to keep the costs as low as possible with the same budget we have had for the last 18 years. The Board is committed to watching expenses and spending wisely. There will also be a P & L statement for 2009 in the next Bagpiper. You can find an abbreviated version below: As of 10/05/09, the audit of the Treasurer's books shows a cash balance of \$51,503.64, which does not include the amounts we hold in CDs and the Stalter Trust account.



### **Judge's Education**

Barb Casey has asked that members should be aware that there will be mentoring ringside at Montgomery on Sunday. Please contact Barb (casiscotsor@yahoo.com ) if you wish to be involved with this activity or know someone who is interested in learning about our breed, particularly those who may be going to apply for judging.



### **Legislation Red Alert!**

Our congress critters and senate are at it again! P.U.P.S. Federal Breeder Bill # SB3424 This is a **federal bill** so it will affect us all as breeders. This bill is a broad brush approach to breeders of all stripes- commercial/ puppy mills and small individual reputable breeders with no distinction between the two. Feel free to contact the STCA legislation team: Charlene Gann at [cdgann@gallica.us](mailto:cdgann@gallica.us) or Lisa Hills at [Kinross@comcast.net](mailto:Kinross@comcast.net) or Elaine Wallace at [reole@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reole@sbcglobal.net) for the links to our legislation summary report, other articles of interest and the bill itself, and we will send it right out to you.



### **Earthdog Montgomery Weekend Go to ground!**

Curious about Earthdog and if your Scottie has that natural instinct for hunting vermin like he was bred to do? In some counties like in Scandinavia and others your dog cannot receive his CH or equivalent unless he shows he has true hunting instinct. If you want to learn more and meet a fantastic terrier community come to Ms. JoAnn Frier-Murza's Village Green Farm Earthdog Center 131 Bordentown-Crosswicks Rd., Crosswicks, NJ on Monday Oct. 11 for the trials. It's the day after Montgomery. JoAnn is one of the world's leading experts on Earthdog trials and hunting with terriers. The sponsor this year is the Westie club, and further information is at their website <http://www.westieclubamerica.com/> Entries close Sat. Sept. 25 at 6:00pm. Event Secretary is Wanda Stare, 717-266-5087. [wstare@comcast.net](mailto:wstare@comcast.net) There are 4 classes offered: Earthdog intro to Quarry, Earthdog Junior, Earthdog Senior, and Earthdog Master. More information for this event can be found at <http://www.earthdog.info/> Also in July there are 3 tests days in Colorado starting Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the AWTA "American Working Terrier Association" tests. JoAnn Frier-Murza will be flying out from Crosswicks N.J. to give a seminar on Earthdog-ing. To learn more about Earthdog go to <http://www.rmearthdog.org/> Now, Fetch 'em up!