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Greenville Kennel Club News

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Greenville Kennel Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Comfort Inn Millennium, 2756 Laurens Rd at I-85.

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A Message from our President

Blake Roulette



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

This is the time of year for family and friends but we should not forget those less fortunate than we are and never forget the reason for this season.

May each of you be blessed beyond your greatest desire. Let each of your dogs feel the love of this time now and always. May your trips around the ring

bring the ribbon you need and want.

Our Christmas party is near a lot of work went into it and I truly pray that we have the best turnout ever.

Please be present and enjoy this special time of year with all your fellow members.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years.

Until Tuesday, be blessed and safe.

Blake

Sunshine Committee

Becky Ward



Happy 70th Anniversary to Lifetime members Carroll and Mary James. Congratulations and Best Wishes for being so blessed in achieving this great milestone!!! The members extend their prayers and best wishes to both of you for a very healthy, happy New Year and many more years together!!!

Sending some sunshine to Linda Knorr in hopes that she is feeling better from pneumonia.

Sending cheery thoughts to Tracy Iffland and Demi Osborne in hopes they are recovering and feeling much better!

Merry Christmas to all and hope to see most of you at the Christmas Celebration!!!!

Sincerely, Becky Ward. Sunshine Committee

If you hear of a Member that is ill or just in need of a kind word of support, please contact Becky at (864) 288-6206 or email at wardbk50@yahoo.com. Remember, a simple word spoken in kindness can make a world of difference for a friend in need.

Details from Your Delegate

Linda Knorr



With permission from [Showsight Magazine](#), I would like to share with you an article I wrote in December, 1994 about two of our most treasured Lifetime Honorary Members, Carroll and Mary James as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on December 16!

Lines From Linda

Timing Is Everything
The T. Carroll James Family

Reprint of article starts on page 5



February, 1979.....**Carroll and Mary James** presenting trophy and flowers for Best In Show to Ch. Lennis Tar Lacy Foxfire handled by Susan Fisher for Edward B. Jenner. At the time Carroll was serving for one of his seven terms as President of the Greenville Kennel Club. The judge is All Breed Judge **Roy L. Ayers, Sr.**, the father of our current AKC Delegate **Linda Ayers Turner Knorr**.

Show Chair Report

Kris Harner

Merry Christmas all!

I love this time of the year it is a special time. Sorry I missed the last meeting, just couldn't make it. In the meantime, your Show chair and many of the committees have been working hard for next year's show.

It has been a blessing that Piedmont Kennel club really wants to be involved and share the workload to put this show together. Obviously, the distance does complicate what all they can do, so we have come up with many items that as a cluster are not local needs for them to be in charge. At the same time, they are willing to come down and do some of the jobs that are local here to do. A very refreshing partnership.

So far we have changes to the show. The Dog Obedience Club of Greenville will be joining us! What does that mean, we will be holding 4 days of obedience and 4 days of rally. They will be doing the performance shows during the Piedmont Kennel club days. So that means we only have to do 2 days of finding stewards. So please keep in mind helping out. PKC will also be in charge of health clinics. It looks like they will be working with a couple of clubs to handle all the clinics. We already have 1 club that will be the main club taking on the clinics, but we found last year that the health clinics had to turn people away, so maybe we have a need for 2 days' worth of clinics.

We are also offering owner handled series for all 4 days. So we will be having owner handler groups. We also plan to have a Jrs seminar for 2 days. We will be having a discussion day first (hopefully will have judges, conditioning, and structure discussions) and a hands on day the second day. The Piedmont kennel club will be organizing this for the cluster. The plan is for PKC and GKC to sponsor a day, but will be organized by a PKC member. So hopefully, we will have GKC members stepping up to help PKC with this adventure.

The Judges Committee has worked hard with our specialty coordinator, Sue Dwelly, to bring in judges that will hopefully help draw entries for them, but keeping our club members request at the top of the list. This brings me to a very important comment. The only people allowed to contact judges for our shows are the Judges' Committee members. That also means none of the supported entries are allowed to contact a judge to hire. The only exception are the specialties that are holding an independent specialty or a concurrent specialty. These specialties are hiring a judge and are responsible for the judges' expenses and fees. Supported entries only are allowed to hire a sweepstakes judge if they plan to have sweeps. One other change that we are making, all supported and specialties must contact the specialty coordinator and we will not accept any requests after March 1, 2015. Hope anyone who is involved with a specialty will work with their club and hopefully be a part of the cluster.

Trophies, well I know many of you are busy shopping for the holiday, but I encourage you to think about supporting our shows. You can find a trophy on your own or work with what our Trophy Chair, Dawn. We will need to know by March 1 2015, what trophies you plan to support, don't forget, owner handler classes and groups. It would be wonderful, if we could get our club members to support the owner handler group trophies. Of course don't forget to support your breed in the performance classes too. All we need to know on March 1, is if you are going to support a trophy, you don't have to have it in hand or pay out for it until the show. If you want to provide your own, all you have to do is say if it is breed related, that will give you time to shop around for the perfect trophy.

As you can see, the show committee is constantly working on the show. If it isn't closing out the previous show, its working on hiring judges, arranging for hotels, doing paper work, or finding out what else we can do to improve this show. There is always something going on behind the scene. I hope each of you who have ideas, suggestions or just comments about the show, you will certainly feel comfortable talking to me or anyone working on the show. It is easy to get in a rut and not see other ideas. So please drop me a note, I am always happy to discuss your ideas.

Kris

Members' Brags

Fran Marron

MarLord has a new champion. She is Ch MarLord's Pursuit of Happiness, aka Lexi! Next day, first time out as a Special Select bitch!

Charles my little man was ED for 2 points. Alabama was good to us! We are on our way to TN next month and then Ladson, SC.

Ingrid Christensen

Senta Odi et Amo Native Son Elessar finished his championship from Bred - by class at the Forsyth Kennel Club show December 7th.

Thecla Tyner

GCH Ky's Wynn'N Fantasy Maker Owned and Bred by Thecla Tyner, occasionally handled by Thecla Tyner or Kacie Davis, has accomplished so much this year! I am so proud of my girl Maker! Beginning with the Winston Salem Shows Last December she began working on her Grand Championship by going Best of Breed the 1st day, and Best of Op the next two days there! Finishing her Grand Championship in only 8 days of showing! An accomplishment indeed. She continued to show this year and to date she has earned 93 Grand Championship Points towards her Bronze GCH level! The moto here is you have to be in the ring to win! And Win she did! In 35 times in the ring, (from 12/06/13 until 12/07/14) she received 5 group placements, (a 2nd, 2-3rds and 2-4ths), 11 times she received BOB, 13 OP and 5 Select! A couple more shows and she would have finished her Bronze level Grand! We have had loads of fun competing with this girl! I can't wait to see what she produces in 2015! Thanks to all my dog friend peeps for supporting and encouraging me! Also thanks to my wonderful Husband for supporting my dreams! I hope each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous year in 2015!

CH Ky's Wynnsome Annie Oakley, bred and owned by Thecla Tyner and Co-owned by Tara Bakker. 2014 began in January at the Clemson KC shows she got her 1st point. And then didn't show again until June where she received RW to the majors both days in Asheville NC. After that, and a little training, she went on to finish very quickly with 3 majors and 2 shows of 2 points each one dog shy of majors at both of them! All of her points from the BBE class! Finishing my 2nd Bred by Exhibitor Champion! 2015 goal is to begin and finish her Grand Championship! Wish us luck!

Lisa Jumper

My Pointer, Malmason Alyder Shine On You Crazy Diamond (Floyd), took Reserve Winners Dog at the Savannah Kennel Club Shows. At the Beaufort Kennel Club Shows, he also was Best of Winners & Best of Opposite Sex for a 3 points major both days to finish his Championship. He was the 7th dog to finish out of a litter of 9.



Lines from Linda

by Linda Ayers Turner Knorr



Timing Is Everthing The T. Carroll James Family

"The great fall tree" MUST be decorated and in place on the first day of October. "Ozzie" the scarecrow is perched on top of bales of straw surrounded by pumpkins, yellow mums and Indian corn. This long time "Ayers Family Tradition" gives me another excuse for stopping by the home of Mary and Carroll James. I will drive the pickup truck my daddy bought me, because I thought of shopping for a farm. He said, "Linda, you can't have a farm unless you own a pickup truck." (My dad always gave me everything I ever even dreamed about owning.) I miss him!

The triangle at Fork Shoals Road and Holcome Road is a welcome sight. A sign reading T. Carroll James & Son, Inc. is on the front of a large building surrounded by huge farm equipment, grain thrashers (gleaners), and tractors (so many pieces of machinery I cannot name). Not far behind the business is the James' home.

My trip will be to purchase straw for my holiday decorations. If I time it just right, and I always do, Mary will insist that I join them for one of her southern home cooked meals. First I will sit in front of the stone wall fireplace. It is just like the one in my parents' old home in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where I grew up and we had our Conrad Collie Kennels. Mary will serve tall glasses of iced tea. She makes the world's best. It reminds me of my mother's. Mother grows her own mint and puts it in the pitcher. All of a sudden, out comes a feast of fresh vegetables; corn, green beans, okra, potatoes, peas and tomatoes. Then there's the chicken,

cantaloupe and always fresh South Carolina peaches. Mary James' refrigerator is just like my mother's. Did I mention the homemade biscuits, cornbread and always cake of some kind. So you can understand why Timing is everything!



Tommy, their son, almost always stops by when I'm there. He's like Roy Jr., a brother to me. Tommy and I will hop in the pickup truck and head off to the hay barn to get the bales of straw for my scarecrow. If the timing is right, some of the cattle will come up to visit with us. The view is magnificent! What a life! When we get back to the house, I get hugs and kisses from Carroll and Mary. Somehow I feel like I've been home to Georgia to see my own mother and daddy. Carroll and Mary James are my Greenville family.

The day begins before sunrise for Thomas Carroll James. He joins his neighborhood buddies at the Greenville Fire Department for early morning coffee. He only has to walk up the street for the traditional gathering as the fire department building is

built on the James family property. Looking in any direction as far as the eye can see, the view is all land belonging to Carroll and Mary James. Local dog fanciers have long benefitted from this abundance of acreage as the James have

welcomed them for club picnics, puppy matches and training classes.

You know them as professionals in the show ring. In Greenville, South Carolina, the James' are mainstays of the community. The family business is run by Carroll and Tommy. They sell and repair farm equipment. It is fas-

inating to browse through his shop. If you ask him, Carroll James will tell you he's a farmer. He is much more than that! Growing up on a dairy farm, Carroll started milking cows when he was six years old. His mother died that same year, leaving his father with nine children. The elder James was very strict. He taught the children old fashioned southern values and ethics. The older sisters in the family helped to raise the younger children. As a little boy, Carroll always loved dogs. His father would not let him have a pet. Every animal on the James' farm had to produce. The family did have some rabbit hunting dogs for which his father paid eight dollars a pair.

The James and Ray (Mary's maiden name) families lived in the same community. They attended the same high school

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Mr. Alexander told him of a Toy Manchester kennel selling all of their dogs. He even took Carroll to see them. Falling in love with the breed, Carroll bought all the dogs and built a small kennel of his own. This was a dream come true for a young man who had no pets as a child. One of the dogs had some points and Carroll hired a handler to take it on the Virginia-Carolina circuit. On show day in Charlotte Carroll decided to go and watch. As it happens many times, Carroll's handler faced a conflict. He could not get to Carroll's dogs on time. Carroll told the handler he had been watching and believed he could show the dog himself.

and church, the Reedy Fork Baptist Church where they are still active today. In fact, I happen to know that when anonymous donations are made for sending children to camp, missions, or various different important causes, Carroll James always steps in and sees that the money needed is there. He never takes credit as he prefers to be in the background anonymously enjoying the benefits of his generosity.

During World War II, Carroll enlisted in the Army and served three years. Combat duty took him through France, Belgium, Germany and into Czechoslovakia. His group, the 89th Infantry Division, was attached to General George Patton's army.

While on furlough on December 16, 1944, Mary and Carroll were married. He was assigned to Camp Butner in Durham, North Carolina where Mary joined him. After his World War II duty ended in 1947, Carroll went into business with his older brother, opening a garage and farming business.

At the same time, salesmen called on the business to sell auto parts. One such salesman was Mr. T. C. Alexander, who was a breeder of Toy Manchesters. Knowing of Carroll's love for animals,

And do you know he took the dog in the ring and won! From that time on the fever for showing dogs was there. Eventually, he quit breeding and showing Manchesters and became interested in Basset Hounds, a breed he bred and showed for many years.

In the beginning, Carroll would go off for weekends to dog shows and show his friends' dogs for free. The entries handled by the young James increased in number.

Billy Lang, the AKC Representative at that time, advised Carroll to apply for a license as a professional handler. That he did and his love of showing dogs as a professional has continued for forty-seven years.

Carroll and Mary have been long time active members of the Greenville Kennel Club. Carroll served as President on seven

different occasions, the first being in 1960. This month he relented and was elected First Vice President. It seems the club cannot do without his leadership. In 1976, Carroll's older brother and business partner passed away, Carroll then



*Above: Carroll at age 7, with his father's hunting dogs which cost \$4.00 each
Below: Granddaughter Shelby Bert pictured with sister Nikki and brother Eric*



increased his business to include dealing with tractors and farm machinery. On his farm he raises grain, hay, and beef cattle. Mary and Carroll have two children, a son and a daughter. Thomas "Tommy" James is Carroll's business partner. His wife, Judy Taylor, is the principle of Bryson Middle School in Simpsonville, South Carolina. Tommy's

sister, Diane James Bert, teaches at Kings Mountain High School in North Carolina where she also coaches tennis and track. Four grandchildren: John, a twenty-two year old paramedic; Shelby Bert, a twenty-one year old junior at the University of South Carolina; Nikki Bert, a seventeen year old high school student in Shelby, North Carolina; and thirteen year old Eric



Above: Mary with Ivanwold Chinatown Express and judge Toddie Clark
Below: One of 28 Best In Show wins for Ch. Lord Timothy Scott, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scott of Florence, South Carolina. The judge is Mary Nelson Stephenson



Bert, an eighth grader, are considered by Carroll and Mary to be their greatest assets.

In 1979, Thomas Carroll James II was five years old. He had chicken pox, which developed into Reye's Syndrome from which he did not recover. He was the son of Tommy and Judy. Losing this grandchild was the great heartbreak in the life of this family. Proudly displayed in the

living room of the James' home in the center of a bookcase, enclosed in glass is a tiny spaceship. It was the favorite toy of their young grandson. While their children were growing and involved in school activities, Mary stayed home and was full time chauffeur. With Tommy playing trumpet in the band, and Diane a majorette, high school football games were important. Family life is the center of the James' marriage.

When their children were grown and away from home, Mary joined the dog show game, traveling with and helping Carroll as the world's best assistant. During my most recent visit to their home, Mary and I sat in front of the fire-

place looking at family scrapbooks. Behind a creased page was "A Farmer's Creed." I asked Mary if I could borrow a copy. To her it describes her husband best of all.

A Farmer's Creed

I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character. I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring. I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgement.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all things possible.

I have borrowed photos from their albums picturing some of my favorite dog people: my daddy, of course; J. J. Duncan; Marie Meyer; Percy Roberts; Maxwell Riddle; Phil Marsh; Virgil Johnson; E. W. Tipton; Frank Foster Davis; Ed Stevenson; a special photo of Carroll bringing a miniature horse into the ring and showing it; Carroll riding his Best in Show St. Bernard. The James' enjoy our game! Wow!

If we time it just right... Jim and I will find ourselves in front of the fireplace just in time for a fresh crop of turnip greens and sweet potatoes. Hey, if you're not southern... you may not be at the right place at the right time!

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**The next meeting of the GKC
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