



Newsletter

April, 2005 Winter, 5th Ed.



Northstar Newfoundland Club Board of Directors and Officers:

OFFICERS: (2003-2005 term)

President: Judy Soder 218-624-4728
Vice-President Rhonda Kern 763-434-4330
Secretary: Shirley Lintner 218-829-3601
Treasurer: Mary Beth Zieglmeier 320-253-5774

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Meredith Cairns-Mellen 612-827-7196
Priscilla Zeller 715-531-1333
Kathi DeJohn 507-645-4198

Ex-Officio Member (Immediate Past President, 2001-2003)

Sandy Donnay 320-764-7555

Membership: Ted Mittelstadt 507-451-7946

Northstar's Web site: www.northstarnewfclub.com

Upcoming Dates & Events

May 21-22nd-IACBA Dog show
Hutchinson, MN

May 28-29th-Key City Kennel
Club dog show, St. Peter, MN

June 3-4-5th-Fargo/Moorhead
dog show, Fargo, MN

June 23-26th-Anoka/Cambridge
dog show, Cambridge

July 15-17th-Duluth dog show

July 30th-Water Fun Day-Ham
Lake

Newf Web Sites to try:

dogworks.com-cart equipment
fidogear.com - cart equipment
newfdogclub.org

nordkyn.com - cart equipment
cartingwithyourdog.com
freespiritoutfitters.com
dogcarts.com



North Star Members:

Northstar Newfoundland Club is looking for a few good people....

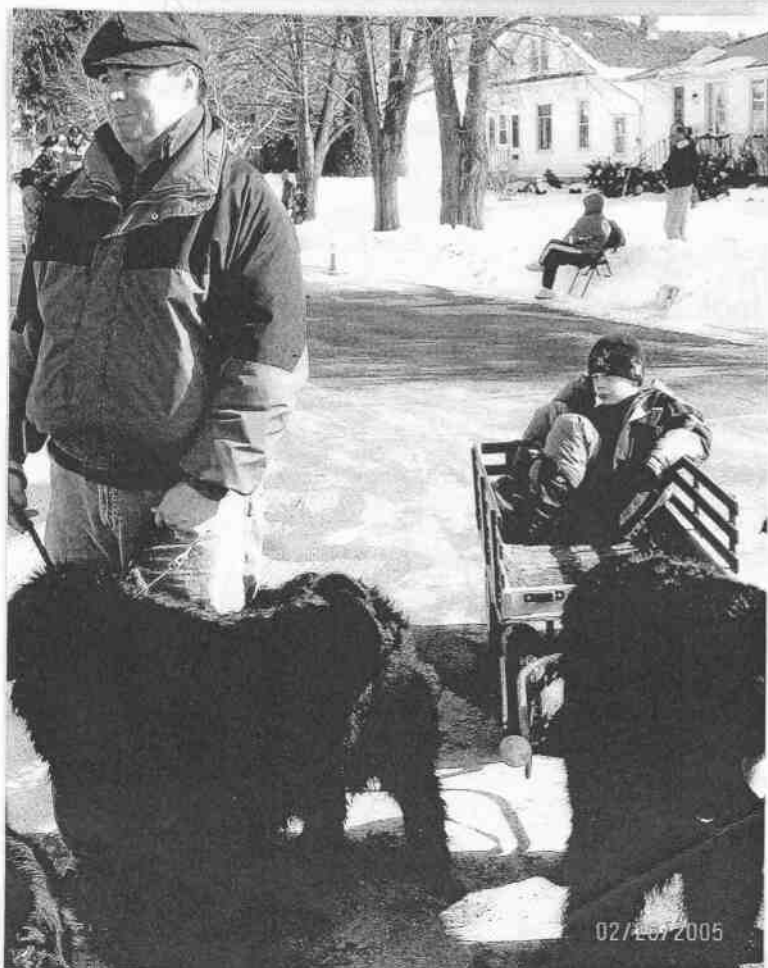
At this time I am asking for volunteers to help foster and transport dogs in need of rescuing. I will be putting together a list of foster homes and transporters so as dogs come in to our program we will be ready for them and be able to act quickly.

If you are interested in helping please send me an e mail or call.

I am also starting a list of people who would be interested in possibly adopting a rescue dog. So if you know if anyone they can contact me. Thanks in advance for your help. Meredith Cairns-Mellen 651-777-9093 newfrescueinmn@yahoo.com

25th Annual Don Knopf Memorial Carriage and Cutter Parade

Saturday, February 26th, 2005 at Kenyon, Minnesota



The Northstar Newfoundland Club was invited, for the 11th time, to participate in the Annual Carriage and Cutter Parade. this year we were sponsored again by the Veterinary Clinic. there was carting and standing around for petting from 10:30am to 12:30pm. The parade started at 1:30pm.

We were a big hit with the crowd and once again were the only non-horse unit (as in the past) out of 91 units. The weather was a sunny 35°.



25th Annual Don Knopf Memorial Carriage and Cutter Parade

Participating this year were: Tom and Donna Bretl with Callie, Kathi and Bill DeJohn with Chance and Sophie, Shirley Lintner with Albert, Priscilla Zeller, her son, Andre, & granddaughter Francesca with RJ, Bobbi Jarel with Kendal Dante, Ted Mittelstadt with Ben, Lloyd & Mary Zieglmeier with Venus, Hogan, & Sapphire, Vicki Hartman & Bill Meyer with Tallie & Tess. Vicki and Bill also brought a beautiful Fresian horse with carriage to the parade. We had some visitors/perspective members also: Steve Iraci & Elizabeth Amad with Crosby. We ate at the little nearby cafe afterwards. Ted Mittelstadt, Parade Chairman.

Northstar Newfoundland Club Meeting Minutes:

Northstar Newfoundland Club - General Meeting, March 19, 2005

Izaak Walton Environmental Center, Owatonna, MN

Vice President Rhonda Kern called the meeting to order.

Members present: Kathi DeJohn, Shirley Lintner, Bobbi Jarel, Meredith Mellen/Cairns, Ann LaPeyre, Andre LaPeyre, Daryl Anderson, Andrea Anderson, Ted Mittelstadt, Bill DeJohn, Sarah, Sydney, and Brian Spongberg. Having to leave earlier than the meeting were Judy Soder and Mary Zieglmeier.

Guests: Robin Olson, Nancy Levenhagen.

New Business:

Next General Meeting will be at the Anoka/Cambridge Dog Show June 18th at noon with a potluck lunch on the bandstand. There will be election results of new officers. If you have a candidate for nomination of any of all four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please let Larry Lintner know as he is the nominating chairman. Ted Mittelstadt then will send ballots to all members to vote on candidates and ballots will be counted and results announced at the Cambridge meeting. There also will be a Board of Director's meeting 1/2 hour before the General meeting.

A **BIG THANK-YOU** goes to Andre and Ann LaPeyre for their dedication to the training of our Newfoundlands in the carting department. Their excellence and patience and breakdown of the toughest parts of training are tops! The gentle step-by-step procedures they use are to the point but firm and the dogs are happily rewarded. Thanks so much again for showing up on one of the snowiest days of Minnesota this year!

Meredith Mellen/Cairns reported on rescue. She is not able to foster Newfs, but has established a website: newfrescueinmn@yahoo.com.

New applications for membership: Robin Olson and Nancy Levenhagen.

Treasurer's Report by Mary Zieglmeier: Checking account = \$10,524. Rescue: \$917.70, Working Dog: \$65.00, Health & Rescue: \$353.00, Larry Scott's fund: \$5,373.08, National Specialty: \$20.00.

Meeting adjourned by Bobbi Jarel, seconded by Kathi DeJohn.

Nominating Chairperson, Larry Lintner reports the following candidates for office:

President: Judy Soder, Rhonda Kern

Vice Presiden: Meridith Mellen/Cairns, Shirley Lintner

Secretary: None have been nominated or volunteered Treasurer: Lloyd Zieglmeier



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Crosslake, Minnesota

Saturday, March 12, 2005

We participated for the 2nd time in this St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is a rather fitting event for Newfoundland dogs due to the strong Irish heritage of the province of Newfoundland. It was a pretty nice day for this time of year in the North Country - sunny and 20 degrees. We met at the Dairy Queen at noon, had lunch, and waited. Next year, we could be there at 1:30 and still be okay for time. Parade length from start to finish was one mile long and of course, it's that far back to walk to where we started. So next year we will park a few cars at the end to give rides back to our start. There were no assigned unit numbers so we just fell in behind the color guard

In attendance were Judy Soder and Ebony; Daryl & Andrea Andersen with Bella, Bill & Kathi DeJohn with Bob, Duncan, Sophie, & Chance; Rhonda Kerns, Meridith Mellen/Cairns with Billy & Oliver; Shirley Lintner with Albert. The club did not bring any carts. A potluck supper was held at Larry and Shirley Lintner's. We did not have a meeting. Guests were Lois Jensen (Shirley's sister) and Gloria Thomas. Hopefully, next year we will have some carts and more dogs! And we had a really good time!



A Day in the Life of a Newf.....



4 Newfs on a romp in the swamp!



Afterwards - a bath!



I can't believe I was THIS dirty!!

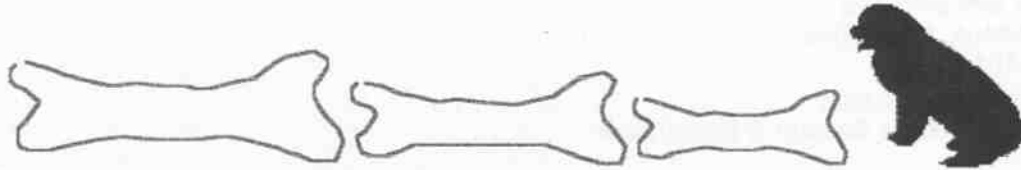


45 minutes of blow-dry time!

Well, Dog-Gone!

A man takes his Newfy to the vet and says, "My dog's cross-eyed, is there any thing you can do?" "Let's have a look at him." says the vet. So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes. Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down."

"Just because he's cross-eyed?" asks the man. "No, because he's really heavy," says the vet.



Obedience Run-Throughs:

Tails Up Dog Training (located in Lakeville, in Cedar 70 Business park on SW corner of Cedar Ave. & Co.Rd.70, 4 miles east of I-35 on Co.Rd.70) has obedience run-throughs on Thursdays 6-9 PM. Call ahead at 651-308-5540.

St. Paul Dog Training Club (219 13th Ave., South; Southview Shopping Plaza - between Snyder's & Knowlan's; South St. Paul) has obedience run-throughs on Friday nights. Call ahead at 612-455-2431 or 612-227-0023.

Bloomington Obedience Training Club (8127 Pleasant Ave., South; Bloomington - approx. 3 blocks east of Lyndale and 82nd St., behind the Toro Co.) has run-throughs on Mondays, starting at 6:30 PM, novice - utility. Call ahead at 612-888-4998.

A-1 Training Club (8857 Xylon; Brooklyn Park) has run throughs on Tuesday evenings. Call 612-424-5811.

C & E Dog Training Center (7600 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley). Call 763-546-9339

The Northstar Newfoundland club Newsletter is published four times a year - in January, April, July and October. The deadline for information to be included is the first day of the month that it is published (i.e. deadline for the January issue is January 1st), unless otherwise noted. The editor's goal is to have the newsletter in the mail by the 15th of the month. If you have any information that you would like included in the newsletter, call Shirley Lintner (218-829-3601); send it to her at 11180 Easy St., Brainerd, MN 56401; or e-mail it to her at slintner@charter.net. If you have information on matches, seminars, workshops, etc., please let Shirley know so that the information can be shared with other club members.

Prepaid Advertising: Payment and copy should be submitted to the editor by the next submission deadline. Member rates for each insertion/issue: Full page @ \$10.00 and Half page @ \$5.00 (US Dollars). Nonmember rates for each insertion/issue: Full Page @ \$15.00 and Half page at \$7.50 (US Dollars). Advertisement for other NCA or AKC Club's activities is at Member rates.

For Membership Applications for the Newfoundland Club of America contact Bob Rogers, PO Bo 5858 Deerwood, MD 20855; 301-948-8025; e-mail: storageguy@mindspring.com. Additional information about the Newfoundland Club of America is available from the club's website: www.newfdogclub.org.

Applications for Membership

Applications are posted in the newsletter and if there are no objections from the membership for a period of 30 days the applicants are granted membership. If there are any objections the applicants are voted on at the next meeting.

Robin & Derek Olson
2349 SW 24th Ave
Owatonna, MN 55060
507-451-8351

rpeople@yahoo.com

Sponsors: Kathi DeJohn & Bobbi Jarel

Welcome New Members

Brian & Cindy Spongberg
Sarah
1811 Susquehanna
Superior, WI 54880
715-392-6094
Dog's name: Jack

Tom & Donna Bretl
2400 Garland Lane N
Plymouth, MN 55447-2255
763-473-5331
dbrettie@blakeschool.org
tcbretl@mac.com
Dog's name: Callie

Please update your directory.

Anyone interested in membership, please contact Ted Mittelstadt, Membership Chair, 507-451-7946 or tjm88@charter.net

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I lost my sweet Tug Feb 1st, 2005. He was almost 13 years old, and we got him as a rescue when he was 7.5 yrs.

Also, I'd like to adopt a new friend - would it be appropriate to use the newsletter to spread that message? Word-of-mouth can be more effective sometimes (that's how Tug found us and it was a match made in heaven), but I don't know if it's tacky to do that.

All advice is welcome - thanks for your help. Andrea Cochran - 612-827-7196
tugsmom@earthlink.net

Jim & Julianne Moore lost their sweet Isabelle, age 12, on April 23, 2005, Isabelle was their last Newfie in the household.

Jim & Julianne Moore, 1205 Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057 juliannejim@msn.com

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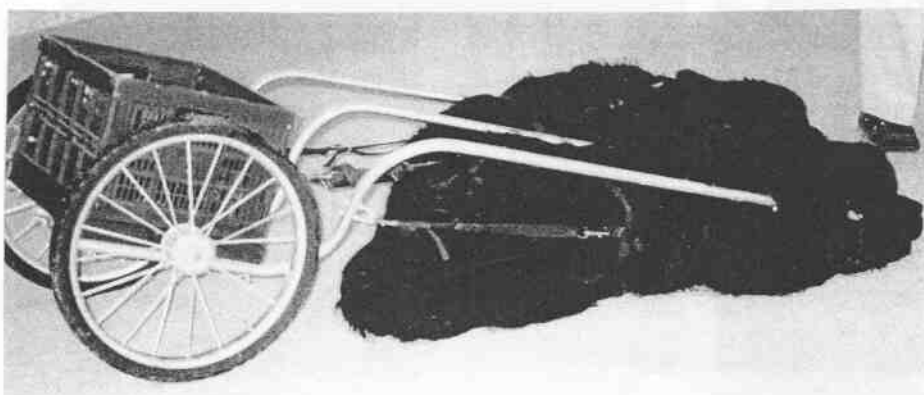


Presented by Andre & Ann LaPeyre
Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the
Albert F. Reding Environmental Center

Northstar Newfoundland Club Draft Workshop



Even the biggest snowstorm of the year the day before didn't stop the draft workshop. This group is as dedicated as the U.S. Mail! The topics covered were: Equipment review - the LaPeyre's covered their equipment and others shared what they had. Control for the draft work included basic obedience, as well as things that are specific to draft work. The Newfoundland Club of America's basic draft test exercises were reviewed: basic harnessing and hitching and the freight haul. Andre hitched up both Zack and Easy in a team harness to show us the possibilities of not only one dog, but two in harness and how to adapt the cart for two. Easy and Zack demonstrated stand, sit, and down-stay. They were so cute and well-behaved!





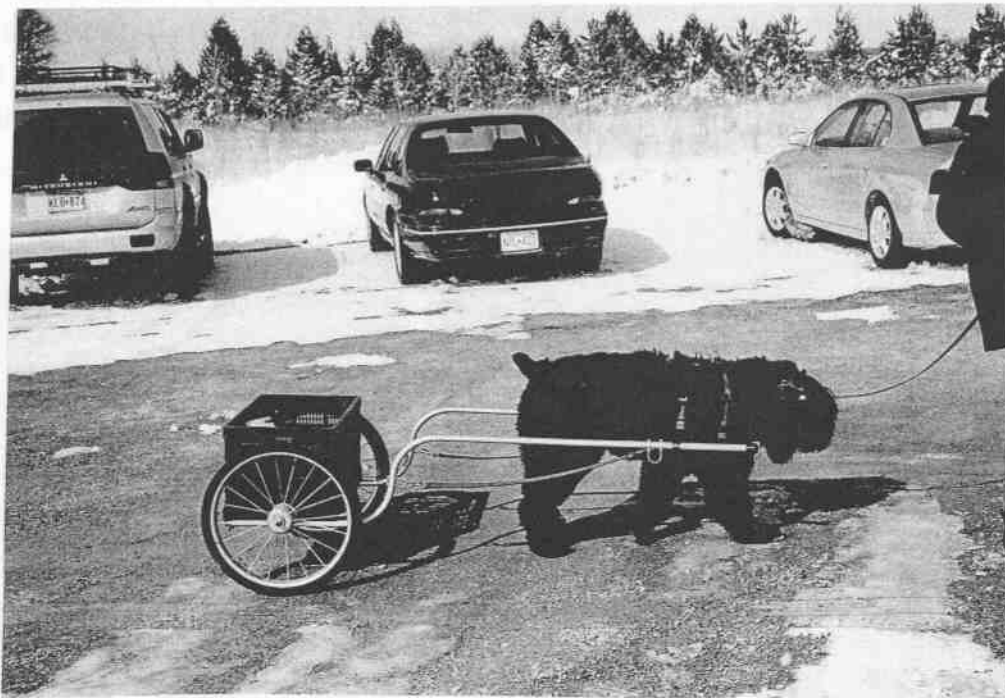
Albert and Bella enjoyed romping in the snow! Inside the dogs got basic obedience training and new commands for carting. Outside, handlers and dogs got a chance for a break and a visit.

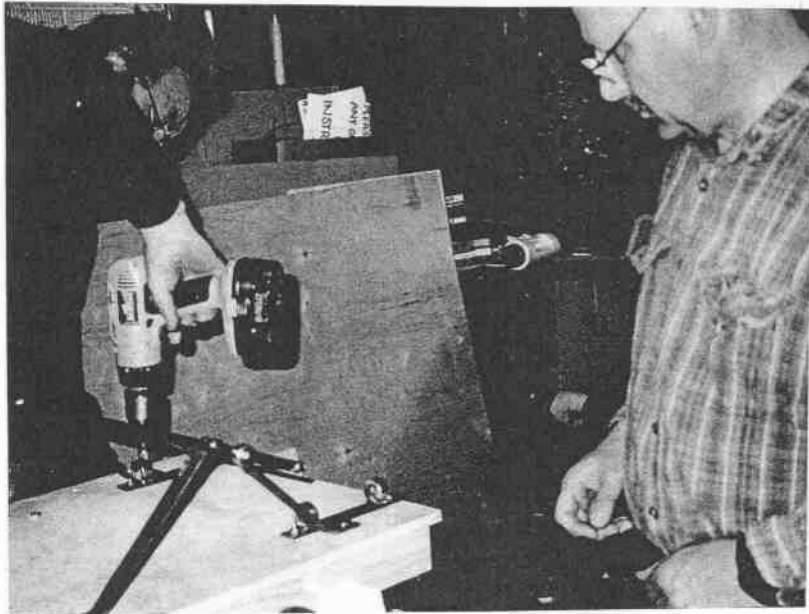
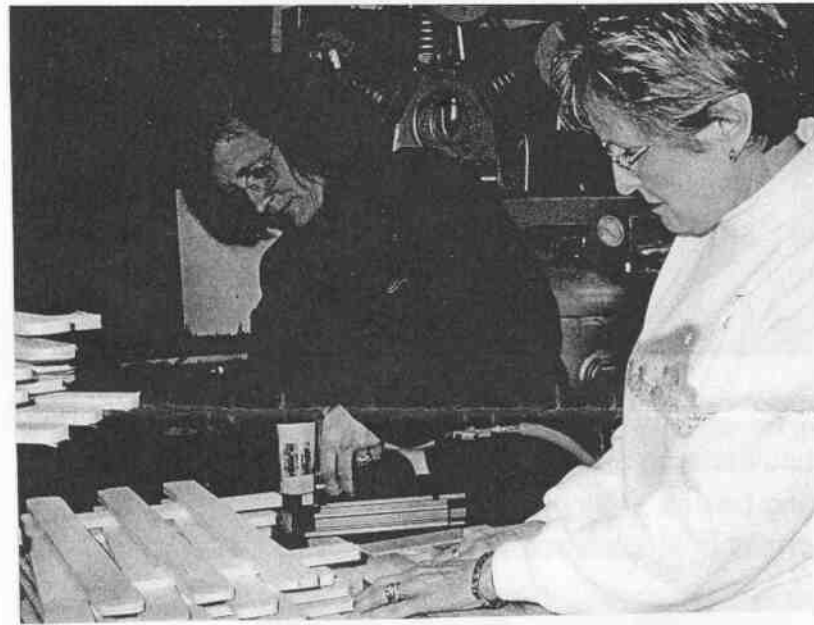


Rhonda and Easy bonding on carting obedience.
Who's teaching who?!



Nancy Levenhagen's bouvier who already shows
a great start in carting basics. (Nancy taught
our CGC class before Christmas in Maplewood for our Newfs.)





NNC Cart Building Day

Organized and prepared by Ted Mittelstadt at his house
Sunday, March 20, 2005, Owatonna, MN

A group of hard-working members met at Ted Mittelstadt's house/garage to assemble and build 2-wheel carts. Ted had most of the wood parts cut and the metal pieces fabricated. All that was left to do was some drilling of holes, sanding, and assembly. 13 carts were built that day. All participants had a hand in building some portion of the project.

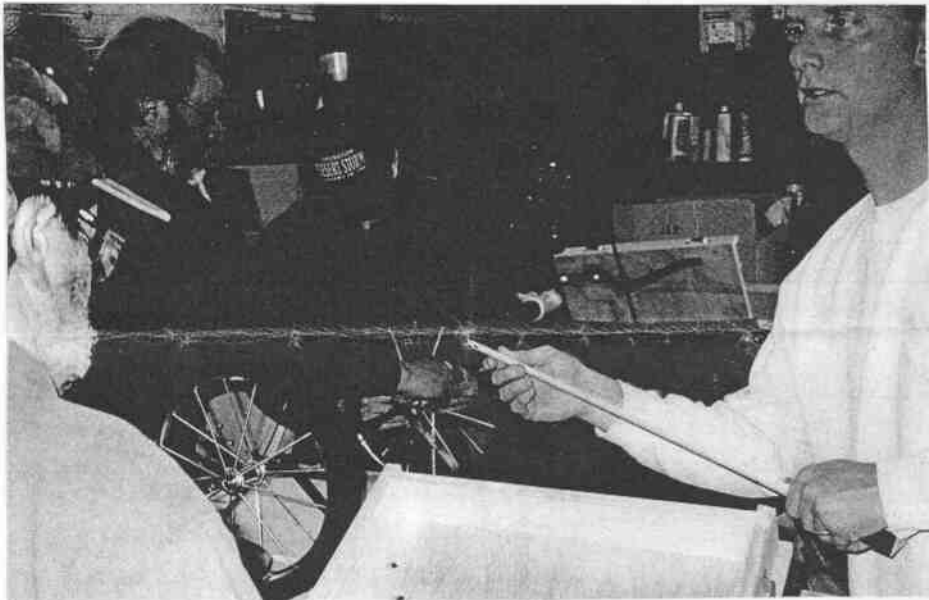
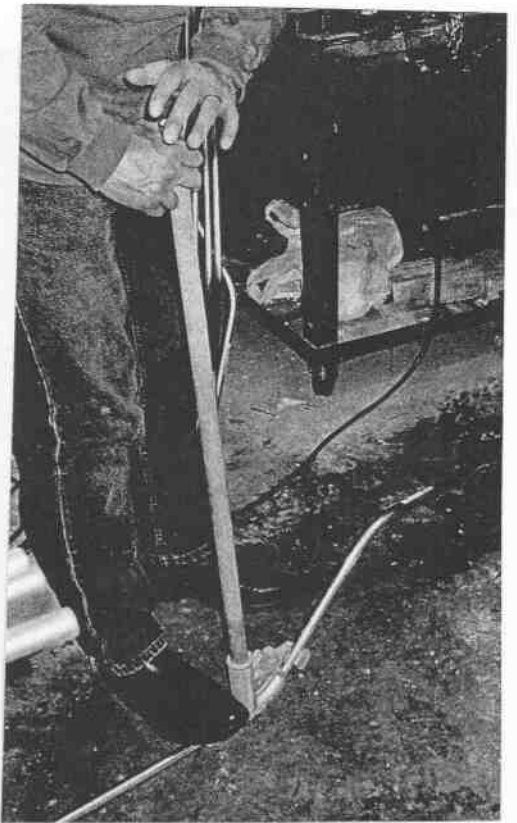
Nancy said our crew was pretty handy for non-union workers as she expertly ran the belt sander. Cindy and Kathi did a great job of stapling the side gates for the carts with a little help with 'master' gluer, Sarah!

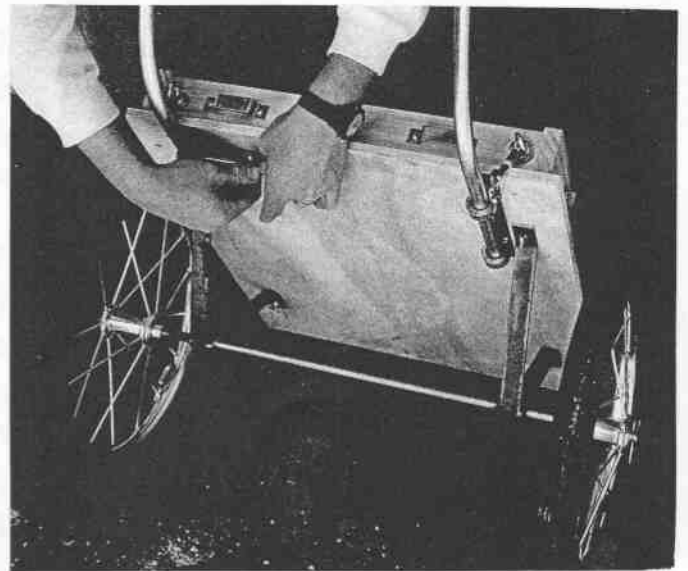
Bill and Clayton did some fine-tooling on the bottom side of the cart where the axels attached. And Kathi wants Bill (her hubby) to see this picture of her 'bossin' the drill!



The 'Straw Bosses'
Bobbi, Andrea, Cindy,
& Sarah soon found
work to do!

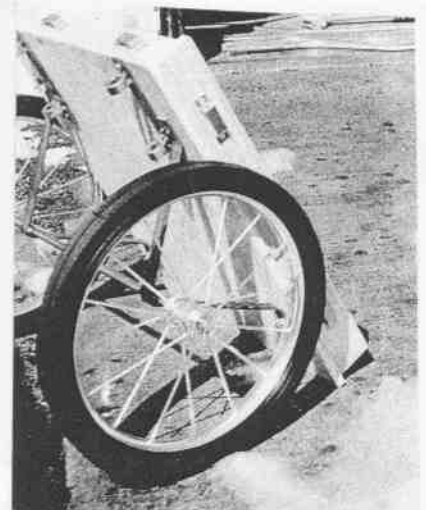
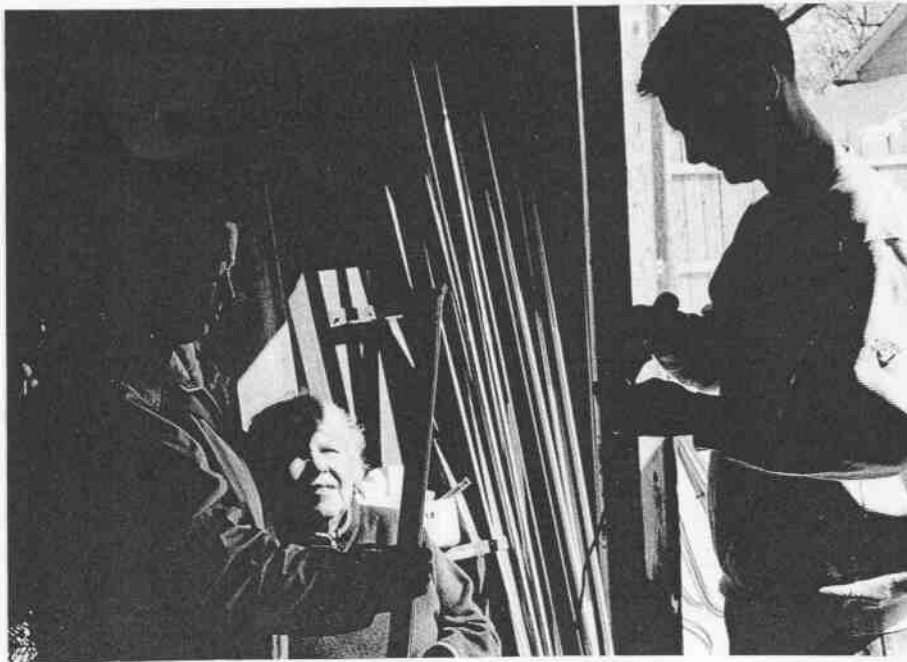
This was really a
fun and productive
cart-making
project-thanks to
many hours of
planning on Ted's
part!



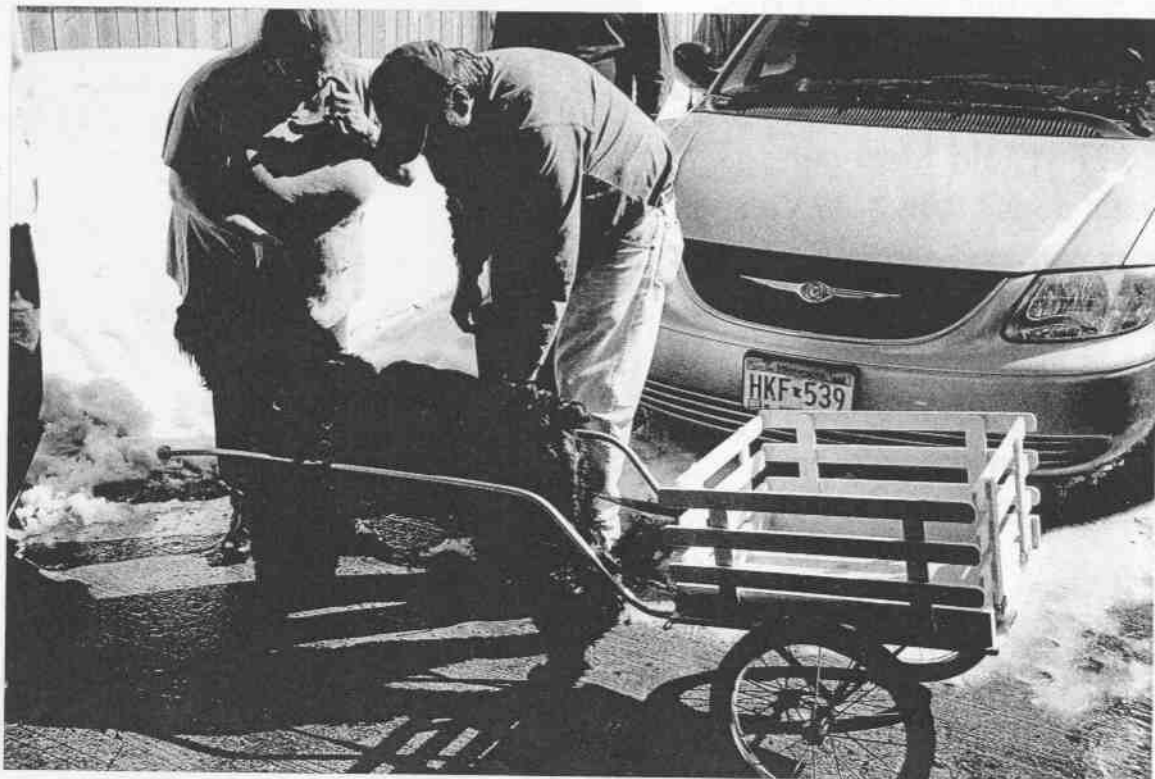


Those building carts were Ted, Kathi DeJohn, Nancy Levinhagen, Robin Olson, Shirley Lintner, Bobbi Jarel, Daryl & Andrea Anderson, Brian & Cindy & Sarah Spongberg, Vicki Hartman, Bill Meyer, and Clayton & Yvonne Breimon.

The cart was made of high-quality parts and we eagerly followed Ted's directions. We had an excellent time.....pizza, potluck, and 13 carts!!



Proud builders of 13 new lightweight, competition carts all set for refinishing and now - dog training in the next several months.



Gait Training for the show ring.....



Ma & Pa Kettle & the 'Kids'



Judy Soder has had good success running her dogs with a lawn tractor. Or you could rent a 17 yr. old teenager to run your dogs! Why? If your dog has a short, choppy gait, this opens up the stride and makes it more smooth and even-flowing in the show ring. Kathi DeJohn knows it pays off! Here's Chance who just won!



WATER FUN and GROOMING DAY

WHEN: Saturday, July 30, 2005

WHERE: Gary and Rhonda Kern's
1739 Island Drive NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

TIME: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHAT SHOULD WE BRING:

Grooming: Bring whatever grooming equipment you currently use

Water: Humans, please bring your own lifejacket and water shoes.

Pupsters, please bring your favorite toys (both those that float and those that can be used for land) and tell the humans to bring your favorite food item(s)

Other: Chair and crate for your dog

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Grooming demonstration by Bobbi Jarel

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Time for questions and help with grooming your dog

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. LUNCH

Provided by the Club; donations will be taken at the time

12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Open swim time

A boat with a platform for the pupster to jump off, a pontoon, a canoe, and a paddleboat are all available for human/pupster use

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Skills training for water (work on land and water will be done).

Some skills to be covered include retrieve (take, hold and give), attention, building a relationship with your dog, and any other items that are of interest to the group.

Brad and Sue Kliewer will be leading this skills training.

ABOUT THE SITE: The City of Ham Lake is a northern suburb of the Twin Cities area. The lake (also called Ham Lake) is located just off the northbound lane of 65 (Central Avenue). The site is on an island (accessible via footbridge) and has over 100 feet of sandy shoreline. Morning shuttle service from the parking area to the Kerns' home will be available 8:30 am–9:00 am on Saturday.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Coffee, pop, and bottled water will be provided throughout the day. Dogs of all ages and experience levels may participate. A nylon or cotton web leash and collar are useful in the water. (Leather is slippery when wet and stiff when it dries!) Anyone planning to get in the water MUST have their own approved Coast Guard life jacket and protective footwear to wear in the water.

If you have questions, contact Rhonda Kern at 763-434-4330.

WATER FUN and GROOMING DAY FORM

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2005 - HAM LAKE, MN

****Complete the following form and return by July 25th****

This form should be sent to: Rhonda Kern; 1739 Island Drive NE; Ham Lake, MN 55304. Questions?
Please call Rhonda Kern by phone at 763-434-4330.

Northstar's Safety Policy:

- all dogs must be on leash or in crates at all times
- leashes must be no longer than 6 feet and may not be retractable
- when on leash, dogs must be under control at all times
- dogs displaying uncontrolled or aggressive behavior may be asked to leave the event by the chairperson or any club official
- a current rabies certificate must be furnished upon request of the event chairperson
- failure to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action

There will be occasions when the event chairperson will permit dogs off lease or on a retractable leash.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Number of dogs attending: _____

Number of people attending: _____

In the space below, please include any particular items you would like addressed during the day.

Grooming

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Water

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Northstar Newfoundland Club Water Training Maps and Directions

Temperance Island is in Ham Lake (it is literally IN the lake, it is an island, after all), on the north side of the Twin Cities. Access to the test site (1759 Island Dr. NE, Ham Lake, MN) is from northbound Hwy 65.



Directions to Temperance Island

From I-694: Take Hwy 65 (Central Ave) North to Island Dr. NE. Turn right onto Island Dr. NE.

From Cambridge: Take Hwy 65 South to 153rd Ave. Turn back onto Hwy 65 going north and get into the right hand lane immediately.

From I-35W North: exit onto US Hwy 10 (exit #30). Exit at Hwy 65 (Central Ave) going north. Turn right onto Island Dr. NE.

NOTE: Island Drive NE is 2/10 of a mile after 153rd Ave. After passing 153rd Ave, pull over onto the shoulder and turn right onto Island Drive NE. Island Dr NE is only accessible from the northbound lane of Hwy 65. If you miss it, get into the left hand lane and turn back onto Hwy 65 South at the 157th Ave sign. Go south on Hwy 65 to 153rd Ave and turn back on to Hwy 65 North. Ham Lake cannot be seen from Hwy 65. Go all the way to end of Island Drive NE. Park in the area with the garages (you cannot drive all the way to the test site), BEING CAREFUL NOT TO BLOCK THE MAILBOXES!

