



## Secretary's Corner

The June 7, 2016 meetings will be held at the home of Mary Lee and Fred McDavid 62 Pine Top Rd., Ft. Defiance, Va. 540-363-2419, 540-292-9634 The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 8:00 PM by the Membership.

As always, please feel free to bring snacks.  
Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary

## Calendar of Events

June 7 - Glenmore meetings  
June 11 - Trailride at Hoppin Fox Farm  
June 25 - Murder Mystery Ride  
July 23 - Foxhunting Clinic

## From the President

We've had a very wet spring which has prevented us from enjoying our horses as much as we'd like. Hopefully that will soon change as we move into June. We have two scheduled events. The June trailride has been moved to Saturday, June 11th. **Tricia Black** and I are working on the trailride leaving from Hoppin Fox Farm followed by a barn party social. It is a scheduled Social event and we currently do not have a social chair so it will be a potluck tailgate. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a comfy chair to sit in.

We also have the Murder Mystery Ride on June 25<sup>th</sup> which I will be coordinating. Look for details on social media, emails and voice mail as I will be calling members to help. If you would like to volunteer please let me know. This promises to be a great fundraiser.

Get out and enjoy the sunshine when it decides to show up!!

*Mary Lee McDavid, President*

## Master's Corner

Taking in retired foxhounds has been a rewarding experience for many of our club members. We have joked about **Jewell Phelps** hunting her "pack" from the Gator around her acreage. You may have met "Johnny Walker" who lounges on the easy chair in **Hugh Sproul's** house. **Linette Coaker** partnered with TopGun to run a 5K before Emily was born. My girls aren't good for much, but they love affection and attention and seem to really have enjoyed their retirement living on the farm rather than in the kennels. They patrol the property and alert me with wags and howls every time a big black bird is in the sky. They are really quite ridiculous. I love them.

Those who attended the Hound Social at the kennels were privileged to meet our 2 new hound puppies, recent draftees from Dr. Todd Addis, Warwick Village Hounds and currently being socialized and cared for by member **Brenda Weintraub**. Thank you, **Brenda!** We are hoping to have names chosen soon from the naming contest.

A reminder as well, we still have opportunities for hound sponsorship. An annual sponsorship of \$100 comes with a framed photo with pedigree and a gold charm engraved with hound name and year. Please consider helping offset our hound-related expenses by sponsoring or renewing your sponsorship this year. You will be rewarded by watching "your" hound in the field during the coming season!

*Cindy Kiser, MFH*

## Glenmore Puppy Naming Opportunity

The Glenmore Hunt Club has two puppies that are about twelve weeks old and in need of a better identity! They are currently being referred to as Puppy A and Puppy B; we met them at the Hound and Horn Social and called them H & R to identify them by their mothers. The puppies are half-sisters with different mothers. The puppy on **Margo Clegg's** right needs a name that begins with the letter H and the puppy on Margo's left needs a name that begins with the letter R. Typically good hound names are a couple of syllables and not proper names.



**Margo Clegg** with eight week old puppies at the Hound and Horn Social

If you would like to participate and suggest hound names for “bragging rights”, submit suggested Puppy Names to **Joe Manning** with a \$25 check made out to the Glenmore Hunt before June 4, 2016. Your submission should include a **combination of no more than five** suggested names with your entry that begin with the letters H and R.

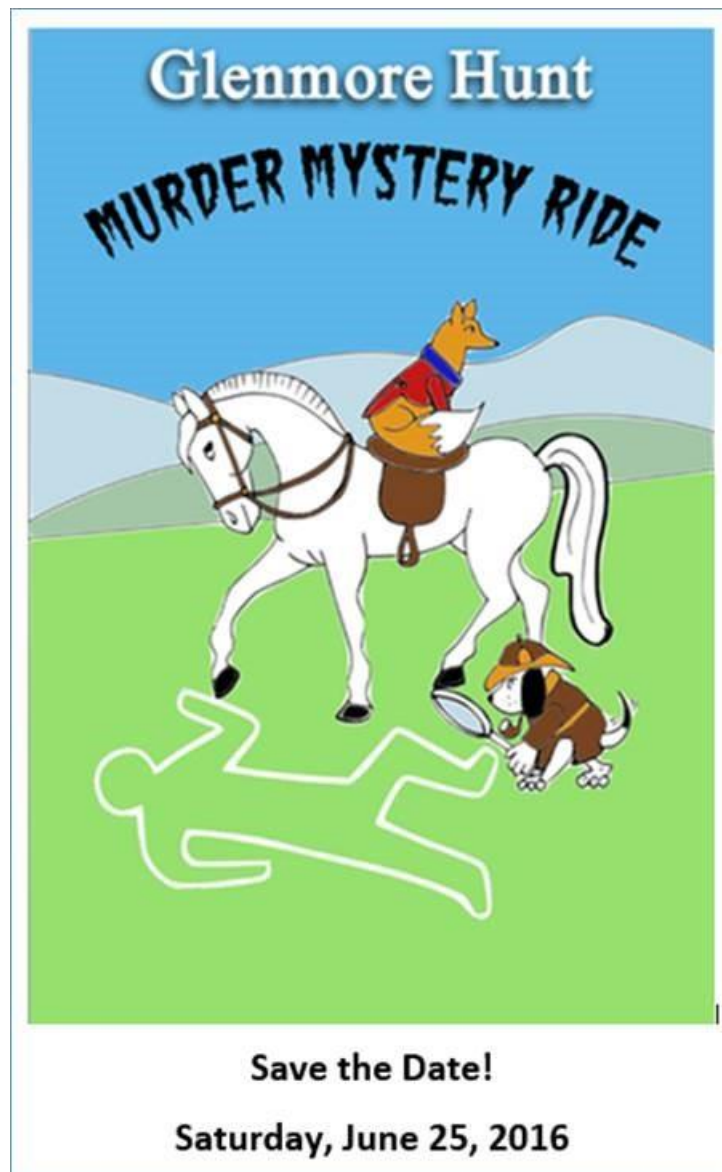
Collective names will be presented to **Dan Jones, MFH** for consideration. **Joe** will present the collected names to **Dan** for consideration in alphabetical order as a **blind submission** – **Dan** will not know who submitted the entries. **Dan** will select hound names that are appropriate, easy to pronounce (yell if necessary), and would complement the traditions of foxhunting. **Naming Rights** of the puppies includes the Right of First Refusal for **Hound Sponsorship**.

Please direct all questions to **Joe Manning** (540) 290-2423 or [manninjp@jmu.edu](mailto:manninjp@jmu.edu)

## Socially Speaking

Glenmore Hunt's next social occasion will be the traditional June trailride to be held this year at **Mary Lee** and **Fred McDavid's** Hoppin Fox Farm near Fort Defiance, Virginia. This will be a potluck barn party social, so bring a dish to share and a chair. At the time of this writing, details were still up in the air, but watch for more information from **Mary Lee** or **Tricia Black**, organizers. This will be a good opportunity to invite people interested in Glenmore to come out for a ride, get to know our members and enjoy Glenmore's hospitality and wonderful food.

## COMING EVENT TO BE HELD AT BONNIE DOON



## A DIFFERENT HUNTING DOG

Three years ago **Mo Blyth** pup-sat a cute little Fox Red Labrador Retriever in her truck while Whipper-in **Jan Jones** went about her duties assisting with the Glenmore pack of hounds. Scout has become a certified airscenting search and rescue (SAR) dog with Blue and Gray Search and Rescue Dogs in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Choosing and training an airscenting dog is similar to training a foxhound. The handler must develop the puppy's drive. Drive is the dog's motivation or desire to perform different types of behavior: the play drive, the prey drive; the pack drive; the food drive; and the mating drive. Sometimes more than one drive may motivate a dog at the same time, such as when a hound pup wants to be with the pack and chase a fox. The puppy that has the most drive is the best candidate for foxhunting and for SAR work.

While foxhounds have been bred for centuries to chase fox, SAR dogs have usually been bred for different purposes, although there are more breeders now breeding for SAR. All breeds of dogs are used for SAR, even French poodles! An airscenting dog searches for airborne human scent, as opposed to scent on the ground such as the track a subject may leave. Hounds out hunting may be seen to raise their heads and scent the air; this is just what an airscenting dog does. As with fox scent, human scent can stay airborne and be carried by the wind over long distances. The airscent SAR dog is not scent-discriminatory, which means that the dog will alert on any human scent in the area. This makes them ideal for work in wilderness areas, although they may "find" a hiker resting on a rock and then have to go back to work searching for the truly lost person.

One difference between foxhounds and SAR dogs is that the SAR dog does not usually give tongue when it finds. The dogs are trained to search an area off leash, ranging out from the handler, just as the hounds leave the huntsman at the cast. Once a person is located the SAR dog returns quickly to its handler and indicates. The indication can be a bark, a jump, lying down, etc., whatever the handler has taught the dog to do. Once the dog has alerted the handler says "Show me!" and the dog races back to the subject. This sequence is critical because the subject may not be able to call for help and only the dog knows where he is. If the subject is a long distance away the dog may have to return to the handler more than once before the handler gets to the subject.

It usually takes two years or more to train a SAR dog. This compares to foxhounds, which may enter the pack at six months of age and be considered steady after a season's hunting. The hound has the advantage of being in a pack, essentially "following the leader" to find and chase fox, while the SAR dog works individually in concert with the handler. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management Search and Rescue Program has set standards for certification of air scent search dog teams. These include dog handler knowledge and performance expectations for: SAR operations, survival, scent theory, land navigation, first aid (including K9), search skills, etc. The dog is also evaluated on behavior (non-aggression), obedience, agility, search skills, the alert and the indication.

A background in foxhunting is a tremendous help in recognizing various canine behaviors, understanding scent and scenting conditions, reading topography (the hills are much easier on a horse!) and field communications by radio. **Mo** has been an incredible assistant in training Scout, always willing to go sit in the woods and wait to be found. Training is ongoing and Scout would be happy to practice searching for anyone who might want to volunteer an hour or so to hide for her!

*Jan Jones*

**Did You Know?** The first show for foxhounds only was held September 8, 1859 at Redcar in the North Riding of Yorkshire, England, organized by Thomas Parrington, Master of the Sinnington Hunt, who later helped to found the show at Peterborough, still Britain's premier hound show. From "Foxhunting in North America" by Alexander Mackay-Smith.

## FOXHUNTING BOOK CLUB

The Masters of Foxhounds at Rockbridge Hunt, Cindy Morton and **Hugh Brown**, have organized a book club for those interested in reading books about foxhunting. The first book the club members read was “Some Experiences of an Irish R.M.” by Somerville and Ross. The discussion about the book was very interesting, as different readers interpreted various characters, and their actions in the book, differently. The group is now reading “A Long Way to Go” by Marigold Armitage. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. You do not have to be a Rockbridge Hunt member, or even a foxhunter, to join in this group, anyone is welcome. Our local contact, **Hugh Brown**, can be reached at [brownhh@jmu.edu](mailto:brownhh@jmu.edu). He is willing to answer any questions and let you know the location of the next meeting.

## FOXHUNTING CLINIC COMING UP

Glenmore Hunt’s Foxhunting Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2016. **Gale Struble** is the organizer and is busily preparing for the clinic. Volunteers will be needed to make this clinic a success, so when Gale calls please be generous with your time. Pass the date on to riders who may be interested in foxhunting. This is also a good time to introduce a new horse to the sport. Past participants have enjoyed the day and learned a lot. Watch for more details in next month’s newsletter.

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