

# Paws for Tails A Waggin'

## Great New Meeting Location



*Is he the Vice-President or a locksmith? Vic got us out of a jam at Gayle's church by fixing the door locking mechanism.*

Thank you, Gayle (and the St. Andrews Episcopal Church), for allowing us to conduct our meetings at the church! We were in a great space, with lots of room and a dog-friendly environment.

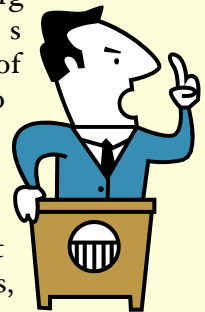
It was fun for those attending to meet "Theo," the Katrina victim whom Vic and Shannon will be reuniting with his owner in a few weeks.



### From the President

Greetings Everyone! Well, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this month (on the day of our last meeting, in fact), but you'd be hard pressed to convince me that we have much more winter weather ahead of us. What a bust!

Speaking of busts... our meeting last month was rather poorly attended! Not much got done since we didn't have many members there and people didn't want to make big decisions without more of the club membership represented.



To excerpt from last month's address, I'd like to revive some of our club committees. At the March meeting please be prepared to sign up for something related to training, trial planning, community outreach, membership, or policies and procedures.

Best wishes,

- Nancy Chanover

## Meeting Date/Location & Reminders



We will have a general membership meeting on **Thursday March 2** at 6:30 pm at The Pepper Mill restaurant

(141 Roadrunner Pkwy, Suite 115, 522-7300).

At the February meeting we decided that we would alternate between dog-friendly meeting locations (e.g. Gayle's church or a park) and restaurant meetings. Thus, check the newsletters or the club web page for the most up-to-date location information for our monthly meetings.

Agility classes are currently scheduled to begin on **Wednesday March 8.**

### Reminders

**March 2, 7:00 pm**

General Membership meeting, The Pepper Mill restaurant.

**March 8, 7:00 pm**

Agility classes begin.

**March 27, 6:00 pm**

Registration for Spring 2006 class session, Branigan Library.

**Every weekend in March:**

NADAC Agility trials at Park Place, San Miguel.

## Policies and Procedures Being Distributed

All new members are supposed to receive a copy of the club bylaws and Policies and Procedures upon joining the club. I expect that even many of our long-time club members would have difficulty locating their copies. Thus, we will be mailing copies of these documents to **all** club members very shortly.

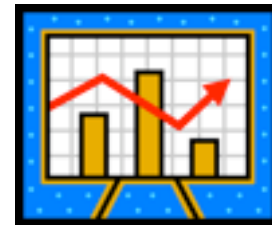
These documents have not been looked at by a committee since the Spring of 2001, so it is probably time that we revisit them and verify that they still embody the general operating procedures of the club. Vice President Vic Villalobos will be heading the committee that will

initiate these efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, I would encourage you to bring them to Vic's attention, and more importantly, *join the committee.*

I also have new rosters for 2006, which I will email to all members this month; hard copies were distributed at the February meeting.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this important process.

- Nancy



**MINUTES OF THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB  
OF LAS CRUCES MEETING**

February 2, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Nancy Chanover, Vice-President Vic Villalobos, Secretary Marjorie A. Henson, Treasurer Charlene Curry;  
**OTHERS:** Julie Goodrich, Shannon Murray, Gayle Treakle; **VISITORS:** Sandy Bourdet

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Chanover at 7:05.

Vic Villalobos moved and Julie Goodrich seconded that the minutes be approved as presented in the newsletter. Motion passed.

The mail was presented. There will be a Rally Seminar in Silver City on Saturday, April 8.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was made by Charlene Curry. The club spent more money in January than was brought in. A breakdown of the 2005 expenses & income was presented. The club had a loss in 2005. It was suggested that a way to raise money would be to sell refreshments at the Obedience & Agility Trials. The City has certain criteria for items being sold at the places we use for show grounds. Charlene Curry will check over the data of our profit & loss statements over a few years to see if this is a trend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership Committee:** The chairman was not here so there was no report.

**Policies & Procedures:** The chairman Vic Villalobos did not have a report. The president Nancy Chanover had planned on giving everyone new copies of the current Policies & Procedures

but didn't have the final copy. She will get some made for the March meeting.

**OBEDIENCE TRIAL:** The obedience dates probably can not be changed this year as our judges may not be free for a date in November. If we had rally could we have it the Friday evening & Saturday evening? Could we start the trial at 7:30 or 8:00 to hopefully finish the trial before it gets too hot. We should probably have a practice match for obedience or rally the month before the trial.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DOGS & THE FARMER'S MARKET:** The city didn't ban dogs from the Farmer's Market. A concern was voiced at the meeting about possibility of child being mauled or hurt by dog. The club needs to work on education people on how to have children approach dogs.

**OBEDIENCE CLASSES:** We have very full classes. The beginning classes have over 20 dogs in both classes. Nick & Erica Voges will teach the Monday night class with Julie Goodrich assisting, while Vic Villalobos & Steve Stochaj will teach the Tuesday night beginning class with Paul Westbrook as the apprentice. Shannon Murray will teach the puppy class which still has room for more students. An e-mail will be sent to the Humane Society to see if they have anyone who would like to apprentice the session of classes. The next classes will start April 10 & 11 with sign up March 27. Flyers will need to be out the beginning of March. They will be at the March meeting so they can be gotten out early

**AGILITY CLASSES:** There was no update.

**RALLY OBEDIENCE CLASSES:**

Charlene Curry has volunteered to teach a beginning class at the next set of classes. She will get prices for rally signs and present the prices to the board.

**SKEETER VAC:** Vic Villalobos has not

bought this yet.

SURVEY: The survey was discussed. As presented in the newsletter. Everyone is in the club because they love dogs. The emphasis was spread out. The meetings at restaurants were fine but want alternate.

The next meeting will be a restaurant meeting at the Pepper Mill with La Posta as a back up.

The meeting was adjourned



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