

NORTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

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REGIONAL, IA PHOTOS NEEDED

All Top 20 Regional Winners need to submit TWO PHOTOS for the Regional Awards Program.

1. **Send a picture for the Powerpoint presentation.** Please email them to joneyton@comcast.net or mail them to Jo Newton, 1359 Michelle Drive, Eagan, MN 55123.
2. **Send a second 3 1/2 x 5 picture for the actual award.** (The first place cat, kitten, alter, and both HHPs with perfect scores [50.00] need an 8 x 10 picture.) Please send your cat's picture to Abbie Krawski, 114 Regent Drive, Gilberts, IL 60136.

Not sure if your photos were sent or received? We're keeping a running tally on the North Central Regional website at: www.acfanorthcentralregion.org/ Click on "Regional Awards" and you'll see if we have your photo.

While you're there, be sure to check out the rest of the site. This is only in preliminary stages. We intend to have a wealth of information at your fingertips soon, including this newsletter. Keep checking!

InterAmerican Awards

Remember, ACFA needs photos of Top 10 Regional winners, plus the new Grands, Supremes, etc. for the Parade of Royalty. You've received the info, so please submit those photos.

Black Tie & Blue Jeans, Business at 2004 ACFA Annual

Western hospitality was on display at the 2004 ACFA Annual. Hosted by **Cat Club of the Yellowstone**, participants were treated to plenty of good food, fellowship, and great fun! Board members were especially thankful for what some called their "*Montana Cruise*," because of the constant supply of food!

Participants also received a **preview of the 2005 Annual** with host **Gopher State Cat Club serving up a taste of Minnesota** one night in the Hospitality Room. Treats featured Spam, Minnesota wines, Swedish meatballs, and a variety of Minnesota tourism information and cookbooks. The 2005 Annual will be ACFA's 50th Anniversary in Rochester, MN.

The board meetings **included** a lot of **discussion** on proposals for the future, **but NO APPROVAL**. These included:

- **An entire reorganization of ALL ACFA REGIONS.** A committee was appointed to further study the issue.
- Discussion of "**breeder division**" to show registered cats which are not eligible to be shown in the NBC or Championship divisions. This category could include straight-haired Selkirks, prick-eared Scottish Folds, etc.
- **Master Breeder/Exhibitor Program** - This program was first started in the mid-90's by an independent cat publication attempting to educate breeders and exhibitors about health, nutrition, showing, ethics, housing, breeds, etc. The program didn't come to fruition, so ACFA has formed a committee to look at adopting this program for our members.
- **Judges opening a cat's mouth** - Should a judge open the mouth or not? After much debate, this issue was voted down.
- Jerry Braun is drafting **guidelines for entry clerks**. Entry clerks with ideas should contact Jerry.

A number of **changes in show rules and bylaws were proposed** and will be presented to the membership for approval. You'll see more about those in the ACFA Bulletin.

The Board meets again February 18-20 in Orlando, Florida.



REGIONAL SHOW/BANQUET HOSTED BY BIG SIOUX

The North Central Regional show and banquet will be held October 30-31 under one roof at The Oaks in Sioux Falls, SD. The show will feature many Halloween-themed activities, including a cat costume contest, but the **banquet will be a semi-formal gathering (non-Halloween)** to honor the top winning cats, kittens, alters, HHPs and breeders from the 2003-04 show season.

This is a great time to see your friends, salute previous winners, and try to earn points towards your own regional award for 2005.



AMERICAN BOBTAILS, OTHER ISSUES PASSED AT ANNUAL

The moratorium on new breeds was modified by the Board and **American Bobtails** in both short and longhair were **approved for Championship status effective May 1, 2005**. The Bobtail breeders made a big red, white and blue splash at the Annual, including a flashing entrance into the banquet. (Ask someone who was there for details!) *If you're working with a new breed and want to see how to make them eligible, check the Bulletin.*

The Board voted **allow kitten pre-registration**. This offers the breeders the **option** of pre-paying individual registrations at the time the litter form is submitted. The breeder must pre-register all kittens in the litter.

Appeals - The Board agreed on a **three week deadline for appealing final end-of-year placements**. The final appeal date will be noted when notifications are sent to members. **THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS, REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Animal Welfare Committee—The Board voted that the action of any ACFA committee member acting outside of the committee is that individual's action - not an action of ACFA.

Jerry Braun was thanked for his stewardship of the ACFA Website. Jerry is retiring from that position and Lisa Rowe from Ohio is stepping in as the new Webmaster.

Clubs and members were encouraged to **advertise in the Parade of Royalty**. Send the ads and money directly to Carol Barbee.

Central Office announced they have a 1-2 day turnaround on registrations. Confirmations may take longer, depending on how quickly the judges and clubs get the final information to Central Office for processing. Central Office must have that information before doing confirmations. **If you have paperwork to do, now's the time to get it in!**

Fall sale on membership - Join ACFA now and receive membership for the remainder of 2004 and all of 2005 for the \$50 dues. Member discounts apply for registrations, etc., but you can not vote in the 2004 election.

REGIONAL WEBSITE ONLINE

Jo and Glen Newton have developed a Web site to keep our members up to date of "what's going on" in our region at: www.acfanorthcentralregion.org/

This is just in the beginning stages, but you'll still see all sorts of useful information, especially about the shows. This is also a great place for show managers or entry clerks to list information that might not have been printed on the show flyer. If you have a club site, ask to have the regional site linked to you.

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS for the website, please contact Jo, Glen, or Regional Director Jim Nelson.

RYANT, BEDDIE RAFFLE WINNERS

Roger Ryant, Crystal, MN, won the ACFA pearl necklace and earrings. The jewelry raffle was used to raise money to pay off ACFA's outstanding loans. Well over \$1,000 was raised.

Bill Beddie, Eagan, MN, won the \$1,000 cash raffle from the 2004 Annual Raffle. Raffle proceeds were used to produce the Annual.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and congratulations to the winners!

JR. ACFA

Need more information? Contact Camille Rogers at:
[jraca@frontiernet.net](mailto:jracfa@frontiernet.net)

REGIONAL JUDGES NEWS

Sandy Antcliff was advanced to Breed Training Judge for Exotic Shorthairs and Longhair Exotics.

Norma Anderson and Lil Borg passed their tests and were licensed as HHP Judges. Pete Smith's HHP judging license was reinstated.

CONCERNED ABOUT LEGISLATION?

LeAnn Harner was named Legislative Chair for ACFA. She's looking for volunteers to help watch state and local legislation. Please contact LeAnn at: capcats@starband.net or 701-667-5737 if you'd like to volunteer.

Support your North Central ACFA Cat Shows

2004

September 11-12 Fox River Valley Cat Club, Neenah, WI

October 2-3 Cat-N-Around Cat Club, Des Moines, IA

October 9 Central Wisconsin Cat Club (HHP Only Show), Wausau, WI

October 16-17 Friendly Kat Fanciers of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, IA

October 30-31 Big Sioux Cat Fanciers, Sioux Falls, SD - North Central Regional Awards Banquet

November 6 Janesville Allbreed Cat Club, Janesville, WI

November 13 ACFA BENEFIT SHOW hosted by Genesis Allbreed Cat Club, Crown Point, IN - All proceeds go to ACFA.

November 27-28 Le Dairy-Aire Cat Fanciers, Oak Creek, WI

December 4-5 Illinois & Iowa Cat Fanciers, Davenport, IA

December 11 TIMACS, Crown Point, IN

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February 5-6 Rock Valley Cat Club, Rockford, IL

March 19-20 Central Wisconsin Cat Club, Wausau, WI

April 2-3 Minn-Kota Feline Club, West Fargo, ND

April 23-24 Gopher State Cat Club, Farmington, MN

May 14-15 Cat Tales Cat Fanciers Inc., Maple Grove, MN

July 16-17 Madison Cat Club, Middleton, WI

August 6-7 Coulee Region Cat Club, Onalaska, MN

August 16-21 ACFA's 50th ANNUAL, hosted by Gopher State Cat Club, Rochester, MN