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★ Welcome ★

ASCNE is pleased to announce that
Jeri Camputaro
has been voted in as a new member!

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President's Message

I had a good time putting together this "special edition" of the newsletter. It was great sharing all the successes of our club members while in Tennessee. Thank you for sending me your info.

If you haven't gotten it already, you can expect to receive your ballot very shortly. The officer positions are not contested but you'll have to select 2 of 3 candidates as a Director. There is no wrong choice. All 3 are currently on the Board and have served conscientiously and with integrity. Whichever we lose will be sorely missed. I expect that all of them will continue to be active participants in our discussions and at our events.

Next year's schedule promises to be as active as ever but I do want to share one big concern. We've been advertising for some time now for a chairperson for the Colors of Summer conformation trials. So far, no one has stepped forward so I'm making one more plea to fill that position. The current show committee and the Board will offer all of the resources at our disposal but we just aren't qualified to hire the judges or to chair the event. If you want the event to go on please contact a Board member or Lee Prager as soon as possible.

As the holidays approach I want to thank our members. Many of you have become family. I want to offer my sincerest wishes for a joyous, healthy and happy holiday season.

Art Landry



General Membership Meeting Minutes of Sunday, November 1st, 2015

Janotta Household, Raymond, NH – Carol Landry, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 12:43 PM.. Board members present: Arthur Landry, Gull Gullicksen, Carol Landry, Pauli Haggis, Michael Kurdzo & (via phone Kathy Buckley). Members present: Lee Prager, Bill Haggis, Barb Barreiro, Robin Goodman, Jen Chase, Beth Adams. Guests present: None

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lee Prager and seconded by Pauli Haggis to waive the reading of the minutes from September 13th. Motion passed. A motion was made by Robin Goodman and seconded by Mike Kurdzo to accept the minutes as published in the ASCNE newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathie Chouinard was unable to attend (her husband recently suffered a heart attack), but she sent along the information that the only change is a deduction for the \$1100.00 balance due on the facility rental for the November Agility trial. New balance is \$25,155.18.

Affiliate Report: Pauli Haggis presented the Affiliate Report:

I attended the Affiliate meeting at the National Specialty. The ASCA BOD wanted to highlight areas of concern to Affiliate Clubs which largely mirror concerns the ASCNE BOD has been working on over the past year.

First is a review of the appropriate format for handling disputes. The dispute process is published in the ASCA rulebook, and the rulebook is to be present at all ASCA shows and trials. However, it may be prudent to direct all show/trial chairs to that section of the rulebook prior to an event so they are familiar with the proper procedure in handling a dispute. Since any ASCNE officer/BOD member on site may be called on to implement proper procedure, they should also be familiar with the protocol as well as having copies of the ASCA complaint form available for use.

ASCA also provided a checklist for paperwork that needs to be filed within 15 days of the completion of an event with a reminder that Affiliates are responsible for storing copies of all event entries and results for 1 year.

It was also suggested that Affiliates maintain their own insurance and sanctioning packets will include a request for ASCA insurance coverage in the future.

A copy of the conformation Judge's code of ethics and a copy of the Judge's Explanation form for excusing/disqualifying a dog from competition was also provided.

The affiliate representatives present discussed problems they would like ASCA to review and resolve. These included an update of the ASCA judges lists, since several clubs had tried to hire judges who are no longer active and several who have passed away; a source of discomfort for both the show chair and the family of the deceased. There were also a few complaints over multiple Affiliate Clubs being chartered within the same geographical area which is causing some problems with show dates/sanctioning.

The following motions have been voted on by the ASCA BOD:

Agility

1: The Agility committee worked on a format to run an **all-breed ASCA Agility Finals**. The proposal failed to pass the ASCA BOD in its current state with some BOD members encouraging the committee to continue work on the concept. It failed largely because ASCA is a breed/not performance organization. It was of further concern that this would open the door for other performance programs (stock/obedience/rally) to want similar programs

2: The **ATCH invitation to Finals** will be discontinued. All Finals competitors must earn a spot based on points accumulated during ASCA trials from 5/31 to 6/1 of the year preceding the Finals competition. All alternates will be notified of their point ranking and will be invited in order of rank until all slots are filled. They must fill out an entry by July 15th and will be notified if/when they get a spot.

3: **Veteran Handler Division:** the inclusion of a Veteran Handler Division based on age of the Handler was voted down.

4: **Cancelled trial dates.** In the event an ASCA Agility trial is cancelled after being sanctioned but before the trial date, the ASCA office must be notified immediately. Sanctioning fees may be transferred to a future trial date. The responsible club must reimburse a judge for any non-refundable expenses that have been incurred that cannot be transferred to a future date. the ASCA office will notify the judge and course reviewers that the trial has been cancelled.

Rescue Grants:



Grants will be available to rescue organizations that primarily rescue Australian Shepherds in increments of \$5,000.00. The ASCA Foundation Board is to form a committee of 3 ASCA BOD members to review grant applications. The review is to be completed within 60 days. Applications for grants can be obtained from the ASCA Business Office, the Executive Secretary, or on the ASCA website. Once approved the ASCA Business Office will remit the funds to the approved organization. Grants will be limited to one grant per year.

Library Report: Carolyn Rancourt was not present

Newsletter Report: Art Landry stated that submission deadline for the next newsletter is November 15th.

BOD Report: There were no ASCA Board members present

Sunshine Report: Kathleen Chouinard's husband Bob suffered a heart attack Wed, Oct 28th. He was scheduled for a triple bypass on Thursday. A card will be sent. {sent 11/5/2015}

Event Updates:

Event Schedule 2015

November

- 1 – ASCNE General Membership Meeting @ Jean Janotta's
- 7 & 8 – ASCNE O/R – Jo-Ellen Vought
 - 2 Rally Shows on Sat, 2 Obedience Shows on Sunday
 - Jayne Lips is judging all classes
 - Pre-entries closed 10/31/2015
- 14 & 15 - ASCNE Agility (MA) – Joey Mason
 - Entries Open 9/16/2015 & close 11/4/2015
 - Trial has filled
- 14 & 15 - MAASC Agility – confirmed!
- 15 Newsletter deadline

December

- 5 & 6 WASCUNY Agility
- 25 – Christmas

A motion was made by Lee Prager and seconded by Bill Haggis to accept all the Reports. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Members Applications Pending:

Jeri Camputaro, 3084 Old Kings Rd., Catskill, NY 12414 sponsored by Kelly Bowie & Diane Barrett was voted in.

Elections- Pauli Haggis on behalf of the nominating committee (Pauli Haggis, Anne Hubbard, Wendy Richmond) presented the ballot:

Art Landry (President), Gull Gullickson (Vice President), Lee Prager (Treasurer), Carol Landry (Secretary), Pauli Haggis (Affiliate Rep). Two out of three of the nominated Members: Kathy Buckley, Mike Kurdzo, Kathie Chouinard. Art opened nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made and Art closed nominations.

2016 schedule review (See handout) Additional info: Darryl Warren will be judging the COS Agility Trial and Pamela Bryant Weeks will be judging the HMM Agility Trial.

Open positions

- 2016 Colors of Summer Conformation Chairperson
- 2016 Course Director for Harvest Moon
- Newsletter editor

Insurance

Art read through an email he received from Wendy Richmond concerning our club's insurance coverage.



"Hi, I read through the policy and here's my thoughts. It's a pretty standard General Liability policy, with a few changes/additions to tailor it for dog clubs. We've got coverage for 30 "cow panels" and the 2 40x50 pvc obedience rings specifically scheduled, plus the policy states that it offers \$5,000 of "misc equipment", all with a \$250 deductible and "All Risk", Replacement cost. Get to buy same stuff, new -good deal! Misc equip to me means items like the agility boxes and contents, whatever else the club has for small equipment. One thing it does not cover is "missing items" - if we got to Westfield and some of the panels, or ring gates are missing but there's no evidence of a break-in or foul play, the stuff is just gone.

Liability limit is standard, \$1 mil per occurrence, \$2 mil max for the year. It also extends "Insured" status to all club members, volunteers, judges and committee members, as long as in the course of club activities. Executive officers and directors are covered for the scope of duties for the club, but I would recommend getting a quote for Directors and Officers coverage, see what the premium is. This premium is great, Sportsman's Club has been writing for dog clubs for ages so has pretty much everything covered.

If any show location requests to be added as Additional Insured, there is a \$50 fee for each addition. Seems like most places just want to see proof of coverage. That's all I could see, looks like a good solid policy and worth it for the club to keep.

Wendy"

It was decided that we are carrying adequate coverage but we might still explore coverage for Officers and Directors of the club.

New Business:

Member Applications: None



Formation of Nationals Exploratory Committee: A discussion was held on the possibility of ASCNE hosting another Nationals. There is a growing interest among the members to do so. Art Landry made the motion and Kathy Buckley seconded, to set up a Nationals Exploratory Committee with Wendy Richmond as the chair with the authority to appoint new members of the committee at her discretion. Motion passed.

Next Meeting will be held at Canine Mastery in Seekonk, Massachusetts on January 3rd.

Jean Janotta made the motion to adjourn. Lee Prager seconded. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Landry, Secretary



Hi Art,

The 2015 Shelbyville, TN, ASCA National Specialty was our first Aussie Nationals. I attended with both of my dogs, Jacob and Skye. We entered ASCA Rally for the first time at the ASCSFL Preshow and at Nationals. Both dogs qualified with scores of 191 in the morning trial at the preshow. In the afternoon, both dogs earned X qualifying scores with Skye earning a 197 and Jacob earning a 196. At Nationals, they both earned X qualifying scores of 197 and gained their ASCA Rally Novice titles. Both dogs also competed in Agility Nationals, but we had a bit of a rough time due to my sprained ankle. Skye earned a third place qualifying score in Novice Jumpers and a first place qualifying score in Novice A Regular (her first ASCA Agility Qs). We also took a side trip to Cartersville, GA, to compete in USBDN (disc dog) World Finals, where I also judged. I was pleased with how well both dogs handled the extensive travel and competition in the largest venues that they've ever seen. We look forward to our next chance to attend Nationals.

*Thanks,
Ariane Bailey*

2016 TENTATIVE CALENDAR (confirmed events have been noted, changed items have been bolded)

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1 – New Year’s Day							6 & 7 – ASCNE O/R - <i>confirmed</i>							6 – ROM & ASCNE Meeting - <i>confirmed</i>							2, 3 MAASC Agility						
3 – ASCNE Meeting (Seekonk, MA)							15 – Presidents Day							15 - Newsletter Deadline							9 & 10 WASCUNY Agility						
<i>-Date & place confirmed</i>														20 – Winter Thaw Conformation - <i>confirmed</i>							16 & 17 ASCNE Obedience (Seekonk)						
16 & 17 Agility Trials (Paws N Effect, Hamden, CT) – <i>confirmed</i> , Chuck Klein judging														26 & 27 ASCNE Agility (All Dogs’) – <i>confirmed</i> , John Raymond judging							23,24 HONYASC C/O/R						
18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day														27 – Easter							30 – PEN-NY Agility						
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1 – PEN-NY Agility							<u>11 – ASCNE Meeting @ COS – confirmed change</u>							4 – Fourth of July							5,6,7 – HONYASC B/O/R						
1 – ASCA O/R (CT) – <i>date confirmed!</i>							<u>11 & 12 – Colors of Summer – confirmed change</u>							16,17 – WASCUNY B/O/R							<u>6, 7 – ASCNE Stock Trial – Beth Adams/Jen Chase – date confirmed</u>						
8 – Mothers’ Day							18,19 – WASCUNY Agility							30, 31 – ASCNE O/R???							20, 21 – Act-up Agility – <i>event is confirmed pending approval of Act-up as an ASCA agility licensee</i>						
14,15 – ASCNE Agility (CT)							19 – Fathers’ Day																				
14, 15 – Farm Trials (Deerfield, NH) – <i>date confirmed!</i>																											
28,29 – ASCNE Agility (NH)																											
29 – Memorial Day																											
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2,3,4 PEN-NY A/B/R							30 31							5 - ASCNE meeting - location TBD							3,4 – WASCUNY Agility						
10-17 ASCA Nationals Oregon							<u>14, 15 & 16 – Harvest Moon – confirmed change!</u>							<u>12,13 ASCNE O/R</u>							25 – Christmas						
11 – ASCNE Meeting @ Haggis’							10 – Columbus Day							<u>19,20 – ASCNE Agility (MA) – confirmed change</u>													
							22, 23 – PEN-NY Agility							24 - Thanksgiving													





“YEAH!!!

‘We finally got those pesky standard points! Dazzle earned her ATCH on Saturday at the Fall Fling agility trial. She is now:

ATCH Caitland From Out of the Blue STDdc OTDs PT’

– Anne Hubbard



“Razz got 6th in Regular round 1 and 10th in Regular round 2 in Veteran Agility Finals. She placed 8th overall in the vet division.”

– Joey Mason





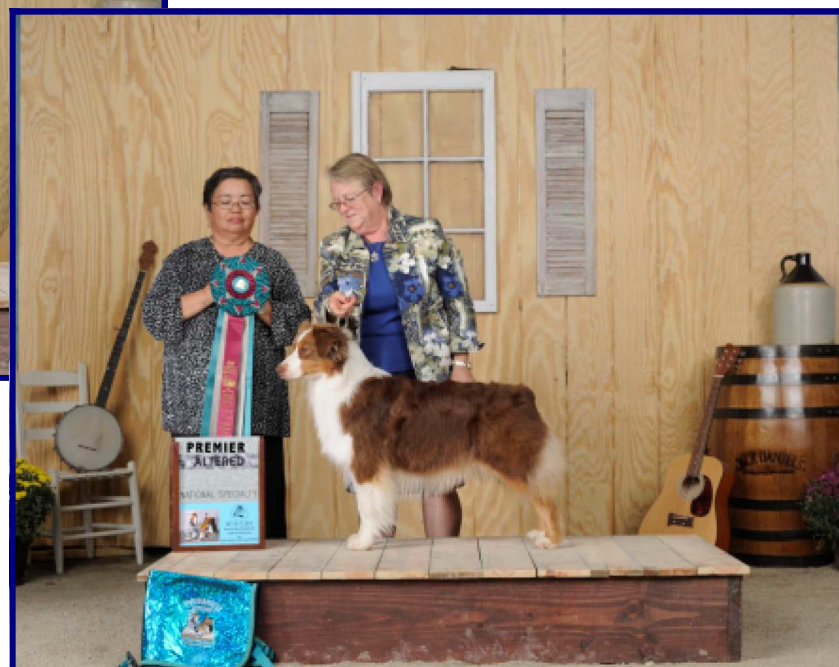
Proud of my girls CH. Buff Cap Forever Amber and Buff Cap Arctic Sunset at pre-shows and Nationals! "Amber" took Altered Premiers and won the only Veteran class she was entered in.



Proud of the wins achieved by CH. Buff Cap Winter Rose (BOS in Veterans and WTCH), Buff Cap Smouldering Rose (Am Bred placements), Buff Cap Here Comes The Sun (Altered Open Win and placements), Buff Cap Laconia Every Little Kiss



"Sunny" placed in 6 – 9 bitch.



.....(Won 12 – 15 Sweeps and placed in 12 – 18), Laconia Buff Cap Jem Appelle Carmel (12 – 18 placed 4th), and Laconia Buff Cap Gypsy Rose (class placements) and their owners at pre-shows and Nationals! - Nancy Gagnon

TENNESSEE 2015

"This was Cicada's first agility trial. At the pre-show she qualified in jumpers - her first ever run - with a 1st place. Things went down hill from there, but she managed to pull off a qualifying gamblers run at Nationals." — Gull



"Alexis and Cicada went in the breed ring where Alexis got 4th place in juniors finals and Cicada got Reserve Winners Bitch in the Nationals."

"...and she got over her fear of the golf cart"





Nationals Sheep
Snip-118
Kat-117

Nationals Cattle
Kat-102

Nationals Ducks
Snip-117
DD-115

HIT Sheep - Snip
HIT Cattle—Kat
High Combined— Kat

- Tenley Dexter



In Tennessee, Chigger had qualifying scores in Masters B & Excellent B in a Rally pre-show and Nationals. We also tried the rally "fast" class, which was a lot of fun. – Gull Gullicksen

Crook:

- ◇ **TN Pre-Trial (1100 entries): 4th regular 16" vets**
- ◇ **Agility Finals: 4th vet Jumpers**
- ◇ **National Agility Trial (1900 entries) 6th Vet Gamblers also a Q and 12th in jumpers**

Red (who was totally stressed by the whole trial):

- ◇ **Agility Finals: 5th Vet Gamblers**
- ◇ **National Agility Trial: 4th Vet Gamblers also a Q and 7th in Jumpers**

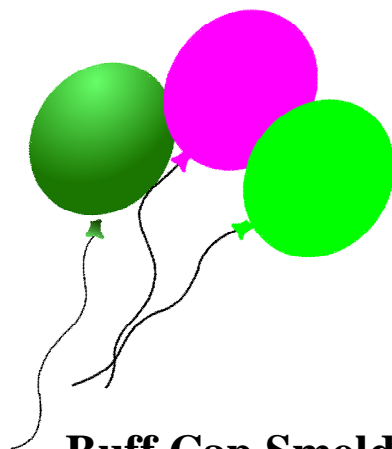


We would like to thank the New England Competitors for their support throughout the Trial week and congratulations to all whether they placed or not for being a classy/enthusiastic group.

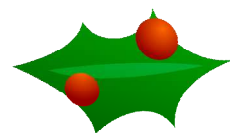
Special thanks and congratulations to Judi Schachte for her great handling of Red under less than stellar conditions and especially for her crown with Summit as National Champs.

- Pauli Haggis

WOW



**Buff Cap Smoldering
Rose "Selena" took
class placements at the
NYASA & Hill Coun-
try ASC pre-shows in
very competitive
groups.**



**Janelle & Buff Cap
Here Comes The
Sun "Flash" took
class placements and
a win at the pre-
shows and won his
class in Nationals.**





"What can I say....our Nationals was pretty special. This was our first ASCA nationals. Summit is a pretty special dog. My first dog!"

- Judi Schachte



ATCH V Summit Dog
National Agility Champion
(High in Elite and High in over all trial)



"Had to include me kissing summit dog before his run. I try do this every run with them. Never know if you'll ever step on that line with them again. " - Judi



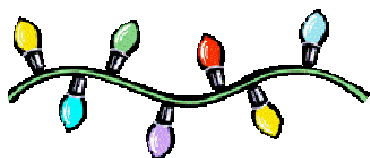
"Lira had a pretty amazing showing for her first nationals too. Finals she finished 21st over-all. Nationals she was clean and placed in gamblers rd 2, regular rd 2 and jumpers 1&2."

- Judi





↑ L to R Rear: Tugboat, Iggy & Meg Landry . Front: Gidget



Tugboat had qualifying scores in Elite Gamblers & Jumpers. He also finished 4th in a large Advanced Rally class. Tug also qualified in the MVA competition coming in 20th overall



Gidget had a spectacular Nationals!

- * She qualified in both agility runs with a 3rd and a 6th
- * Was the 2nd highest stock qualifier of the MVA participants (Iggy was 1st!)
- * Qualified in Advanced Rally
- * **Finished 5th overall in the MVA competition**

Meg got an X qualifying score in Advanced Rally



Iggy had a FANTASTIC Stockdog Finals and Nationals.

In the stock Finals he made it through the elimination rounds in all 3 stock and finished 6th in ducks, 9th in sheep and 12th in cattle.

In Nationals he qualified in ducks and sheep with a 5th place in sheep. Iggy also qualified with a 2nd place in Advanced Rally with a near perfect 199.

Iggy was the highest scoring stock qualifier in the MVA competition and finished 12th overall!

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Reimbursement Policy for Expenses Incurred on Behalf of ASCNE

Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the club (whether for a trial, show, clinic, seminar, or whatever) must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis but the Treasurer must be notified before the 30-day limit is reached, - effective March 2006. (From the ASCNE Policy and Procedures Manual, available on the club web site)

For the complete premium please visit:

http://www.ascne.org/2016Files/ASCNE_Agility_Jan_2016.pdf



ASCA SANCTIONED ALL BREED AGILITY TRIAL (Open to ALL Dogs)

Hosted by

The Australian Shepherd Club of New England
(*Sanctioning pending)

7th Annual Winter Blast Agility Trial

January 16 & 17, 2016

Paws N' Effect

36 Corporate Ridge, Hamden CT

JUDGE:

Chuck Klein, Pittsboro, NC

CLASSES OFFERED:

Regular 2 Runs per day

Jumpers (1 Run Saturday/ 2 Runs Sunday)

Gambler's (2 Runs Saturday, 1 Run Sunday)

Pre-novice (2 runs Saturday)

For Novice, Open, and Elite

Championship STD/VET/JRH and ACE STD/SR Dog Divisions

FEO entries accepted

LIMITED TO 350 Runs per Day

Entry by Postmark Date (not delivery date)

Please be sure that the envelope postmark is legible. Hand stamping by the Post Office is recommended.

NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN November 30, 2015

ENTRIES/MOVE-UPS CLOSE December 31, 2015 @ 9 PM

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA. Exhibitors, through submission of an entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of current ASCA rules and regulations and agree to abide by all rules in effect at the time of this trial, including, but not limited to, the following:

- This trial is open to all dogs being at least eighteen (18) months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting any signs of aggression towards people or other dogs.
- Dogs are not required to have an ASCA Registration, ASCA LEP, or Tracking number to enter this trial. However, to receive ASCA titling certificates, refer to the next bullet. Handlers do not need to be ASCA members. However, no entry will be accepted from anyone not in good standing with ASCA or any dog/handler disqualified from the ASCA agility program.
- Receipt of ASCA Titling Certificates -
 - In order to have ASCA qualifying legs tracked and to receive ASCA titling certificates, each non-ASCA registered dog will be required to have an ASCA Tracking Number. This is a one-time fee of \$10/dog. At the time of applying for the tracking number, the individual owner must also be an ASCA member (minimum membership type of Service). ASCA membership does not need to be maintained in subsequent years. It will be the responsibility of the owner to identify to ASCA the shows and legs earned when applying for a Tracking Number after ASCA qualifying legs have already been earned. The ASCA Membership and Tracking Number Application form is included in this premium. For additional membership information, please go to www.ascn.org.
 - Current jump height table, breed exemption list, description of classes, levels, and divisions can be found at ASCA's web site (ASCA.org).
- THE MANAGEMENT will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any exhibitor whether the result was by accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this event is in the care and custody and control of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Show Committee be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of fees paid will be made and the ASCA office will be informed of the problem.
- Agility obstacles will include: rubberized slatted contact obstacles; (A-Frame, Dog walk), rubberized non-slatted reeder, open tunnels, solid barrel closed tunnel, non-winged jumps, winged jumps, double bar jump, displaceable tire and 24" weave poles
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times.
- No leads, collars, food, toys, other aids or devices will be permitted on the course or within 10 feet of the rings at any time.
- No entry shall be accepted from a handler or for a dog disqualified from the ASCA Agility program, disqualified from all ASCA programs, or anyone not in good standing with ASCA.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- ASCA rules: ASCA Business Office, 6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77808. Web: www.ascn.org; e-mail: activities@ascn.org.

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