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Missouri Deer Classic

The Missouri Deer Classic is going to be held on March 3rd and 4th, 2012 at the Boone County Fairgrounds just north of Columbia. Although the MTA is not a sponsor a few of our members have shown interest in attending and setting up their own booths. Ron Roper, Classic manager, told Doug that any MTA member who wants a booth can get one for \$100.00. If interested contact Doug so he can let Ron know how many will be attending and setting up a booth. The MTA will have its own booth at the Classic. This decision was made during the January meeting to keep the Association in the public eye. Any members present are asked to help. (There will be no seminar or meeting held at the Classic.)

March Workshop/Meeting

Date unknown, members will be notified with a memo as soon as it is decided upon.

1st Annual MO-KAN Live Mounting Contest

The live mounting contest will be held on May 19th, 2012 at Second Creation Taxidermy shop located at 11501 Riverview Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. The Missouri Taxidermist Association and the Kansas Association of Taxidermists have joined together for what should be a fun event. This is a live mounting competition, which means the mounts must be mounted on-site. Those that choose to compete will have 4 hours to work, and those that just choose to watch will have the option of moving from station to station learning how to do what they do. If there are 12 competitors, it will be like 12 seminars going on at one time. Observers are welcome to move around and watch everyone work. This should be a really fun event full of laughs and learning. Following the mounting portion lunch will be served and there will be an awards ceremony. Winners will be voted on by all in attendance. Space is limited, so anyone wanting to compete needs to contact Cole Cruickshank at 816-724-0271 or Cindy Cunningham at 913-422-3111 to register. All members of the MTA and the KAT are invited to attend at no charge. Come watch several taxidermist share tips, tell stories and their thing, then enjoy a free lunch and see who will be crowned the 1st MO-KAN Champion! Directions from MO: Take I-70 West to the 110th Street exit, turn left then right on Riverview Avenue, the shop is approximately one mile on the left. From KS: Take I-70 East to 110th Street exit, turn left then right on Riverview Avenue and the shop is one mile on your left.

Rules are as follows:

- 1) The actual mounting of the specimen must occur on site and no form preparation can occur in advance, form alterations are allowed, but must occur on-site during the four hour period.
- 2) Cape/skin preparations may be done in advance.
- 3) Any animal can be mounted, such as birds, mammals, reptiles or game heads.
- 4) Contestants are responsible for supplying the specimens, and all of the required tools, manikin, and stand to mount it.

2012 MTA Competition and Convention

This year's convention will be held on August 3rd-5th, 2012 at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at Lake of the Ozarks. Judges for the 2012 competition are as follows: Whitetails-Larry Schumaker, Mammals/Gameheads-Mitch Webb, Birds and Fish-Dan and Carmen Helmer, Amateur-Randy Pike. More information will be announced in the next newsletter.

The winter seminar/business meeting was held on January 14th, 2012, at Curt Shahan's shop. Cole Cruickshank gave an informative seminar on making molds, and it is to be continued at the convention with the actual casting process; so everyone needs to prep the molds beforehand to save time at the show. More than 20 members attended and I am certain each of you learned something new. Thanks to Matuska and Research for their donations of supplies for the seminar. Thanks to Cole for giving the seminar and as always a big thanks to Curt for the use of his shop.

MTA Business Meeting Minutes January 14th, 2012

Doug began the meeting with the announcement that the minutes from the last meeting would not be read since the Sec/Treas was unable to attend. Doug started with the discussion about the World Show score sheets, James Graham suggested we adopt for our state show. Garland had been in contact with Larry Bloomquist and received a sample of one score sheet as well as the specifics on cost, etc... There is an initial fee of \$450.00 for the first three years' use of and accompanying drawings. There will be an additional \$150.00 charge every three years for any additions and updates. After some discussion, a vote was taken, and it was decided to begin use of this scoring system at this year's competition if they are available. Doug will be contacting Larry soon. Debbie Cross, Scholarship Committee Chairman, officially acknowledged Garland Lessley as replacement for Russ Pendergraft who is no longer a member, and after learning that Jeri Lou Zimmerman is no longer involved with the organization, Debbie asked Bill Zimmerman to finish out Jeri's term. Bill accepted; so the three committee members are: Debbie Cross, Garland Lessley, and Bill Zimmerman. It was decided to give three scholarships again this year. Doug asked Dewayne for an update on seminars planned for this year's convention. Dewayne said he is working on a couple and had just received the judge's information to contact them about what they would be doing. He should know more by the next meeting. The status of the Missouri Deer Classic is unclear at present. Doug or Lee will be in contact with the sponsor to find out more information. Cindy Cunningham invites everyone to join her and other taxidermists from Kansas and Missouri at the upcoming MOKAN competition scheduled for May 19th, 2012 at Cindy's shop in Kansas City. For more information go online to www.missouritaxidermist.org or Facebook. Meeting Adjourned.

