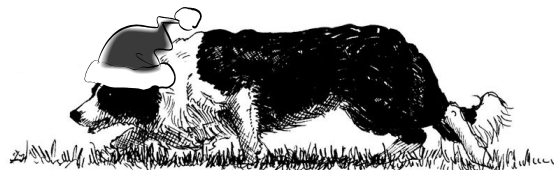


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**Peter VanderCar's Russ at Freyburg Fair SDT, 2007.**

### Editorializing....

As I put together another winter issue of the NEBCA newsletter, (last minute of course!) snow already blankets all our fields and ice has covered our pond. How does summer pass by so quickly?! It seems like only yesterday I was getting ready to compete in the first trial of the season at Old Chatham. Now, training is settling down to the "winter projects" like fixing a flank, developing more confidence in a young dog, or teaching a new skill, like a "look back" in the hopes of someday making it into a Double Lift final...And since the flock is basically in the barn with the ram, training is done on 4 wild cheviot lambs, which, while sometimes making training frustrating, provides a new challenge for the dogs so that the "drilling" is more exciting. Most of us trialing folks here in the Northeast are not full time farmers so make do with what time, sheep and space we have. I am always inspired by handlers such as Warren and Maria Mick, Beverly Lambert and the likes who manage to run first class dogs with what many would call "inferior training set ups". So, make the most of what you have. Never say "I can't", believe in yourself and your dog and have fun! And don't forget to renew your memberships for 2008 !

*Fiona Robertson, Editor*

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### **A NEBCA Mystery - uncovered!!!**

**Photo left of the man we know as Alias “Rob Drummond, NEBCA member and Northeast Sheepdog Tri-aler” taken by Claire Garwood.**

**A NEBCA member (who wishes to remain anonymous) reports: “It was the way he carried that lamb...It reminded me of someone....When I saw this picture of Santa, I knew it was the same person!”**

**Picture at right “Santa Claus” by James Gurney. (Uh...Doctored.)**

#### **2007 Finals Stats: Northeast region handlers / NEBCA members**



**Number of handlers from NEBCA Region - 40; dogs - 71**

**Number of NEBCA Members in Finals - 26; dogs - 47**

**14 handlers from NEBCA region/Not NEBCA members**

# 2007 NEBCA Novice Finals

By Joanne Krause

I would like to thank the NEBCA Novice Finals Committee of Steve Wetmore, Bernie Armata, Joanne Krause, and Joyce Westcott for all of their hard work to make this year's event one to remember. In addition, I would like to thank Peter Vandecar for being such a welcoming and enthusiastic host, and Judge George Northrop for graciously accepting the difficult task of sorting out the runs. Considering that the Novice Finals took place just two short weekends after the National Finals in Gettysburg--and assuming everyone was still recovering from such a mammoth undertaking-- I was amazed at how well organized and well run the Novice Finals were! The committee and the many volunteers worked hard to insure that the novices had a great experience, and it certainly showed.

In short, the food was great, the grounds were beautiful, the sheep were challenging, the crowd was enthusiastic and supportive of one another, and everyone learned a lot. What more could a novice ask for?

Sincerely,  
Lori Mauger

## 2007 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS: RESULTS (COMBINED SCORE OF 2 BEST RUNS OUT OF 3)

### NOVICE-NOVICE —18 DOGS

1 Lori Mauger	Mia 148
2 Linda Comeau	Roy 145
3 Heidi Fuge	Vic 144
4 Jack Cymerman	Dee 144
5 Gwenn LeFever	Mirk 141
6 Liz Sharpe	Gift 141
7 Lori Mauger	Ross 139
8 Jean Barrett	Huca 137
9 Cynthia Schmidt	Jill 132
10 Linda Hotchkiss	Gyp 131

*Long Road Award: Lori Mauger & Mia*

### PRO-NOVICE—23 DOGS

1 Joyce Geier	Jim 152
2 Pat Hammel-Murphy	Bob 148
3 Warren Mick	Nick 147
4 Diane Bauman	Jaq 140
5 Bernie Armata	Roy 138
6 Barb Armata	Gar 138

7 Peter Vandecar	Lief 136
8 Linda Comeau	Nell 134
9 Wendy Pullan	Mr Blue 132
10 Pat Hammel-Murphy	Li 128

*Long Road Award: Joyce Geier & Jim*  
*Alex McKinven Trophy: Diane Bauman & Jaq*

### RANCH—9 DOGS

1 Warren Mick	Dale 162
2 Ian Talbot	Maeve 160
3 Nancy Phillips	Susie 154
4 Liz Phillips	Vicky 153
5 Linda Hotchkiss	Mae 153
6 Warren Mick	Sweep 152
7 Deb Mickey	Annie 148
8 Joanne Murphy	Bess 146
9 Joanne Murphy	Maude 123

*Long Road Award: Warren Mick & Dale*



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or Email to: [george01368@yahoo.com](mailto:george01368@yahoo.com) .



# NEBCA Trial Results



## Brynog Farm Sheepdog Trials, L'Original, ON

Date: Sept. 8—9, 2007

Trial Manager: Bruce Smart, Nathalie Labelle

Submitted by: Bruce Smart

### Saturday Novice (11 dogs)

- 1-Tracy Hinton-Boy 60
- 2-Chris Knowlton- Keane 51
- 3-Linda Comeau-Roy 50
- 4-Shona Talbot-Saede 43
- 5-Helene Dunning-Jack 42
- 6-Chris Knowlton-Amber 37

### Saturday-Pro-Novice (14 dogs)

- 1- Werner Reitbock-Roy 63
- 2- Wendy Pullan-Amber 61
- 3- Bruce Smart- Ken 58
- 4- Wendy Pullan Blue 55
- 5- Bruce Smart Floss 43
- 6- Linda Comeau Nell 39
- 7- Kelly Knowlton-Ben 33
- 8- Paul Garwood -Quin 25

### Saturday Ranch (6 dogs)

- 1-Millie Curtis-Hope 55
- 2- Lena Bailey Hemp 44
- 3-Nancy Phillip Suzie 42
- 4-Sue Schoen-Tyne 41
- 5-Ian Talbot Maeve 25

### Saturday Open (30 dogs)

- 1-Sue Schoen-Brook 83
- 2-Kate Broadbent-Rob 79
- 3-Bruce Smart-Peg 68
- 4-Maria Amodei-Cato 62
- 5-Betty Levin-Kyle 62
- 6-Werner Reitbock-Tara 60
- 7-Carol Guy- Piper 58
- 8- Nathalie Labelle-Jim 58
- 9-Randy Kelly Buff 55
- 10-Bruce Smart-Dolly 55

### Sunday Novice (11 dogs)

- 1-Chris Knowlton- Keane 64
- 2-Helen Dunning- Jess 62
- 3-Linda Comeau Roy 60
- 4- Tracey Hinton Boy 55
- 5-Paul Garwood Taff 30

### Sunday Pro-Novice (14 dogs)

- 1-Werner Reitbock Roy 64
- 2- Bruce Smart Ken 60
- 3-Viki Kidd Merle 59
- 4- Wendy Pullan Blue 56

5-Bruce Smart Floss 46

### Sunday Ranch (6 dogs)

- 1-Ian Talbot Maeve 60
- 2-Sue Schoen Tyne-54
- 3-Millie Curtis Hope 48

### Sunday Open (30 dogs)

- 1-Kate Broadbent-Rob 84
- 2- Carol Guy-Roy 82
- 3- Sue Schoen-Tyne 80
- 4-Sue Schoen Brook 79
- 5-Viki Kidd Cash 79
- 6-Bruce Smart Dolly 78
- 7-Betty Levin Kyle 76
- 8-Wendy Pullan Sara 75
- 9-Randy Kelly Jimmy 75
- 10 Betty Levin Folly 71



## Fryeburg Fair Open Sheepdog Trial, Fryeburg, ME

Date: Sept. 30 2007

Trial Manager: Gabrielle Merrill

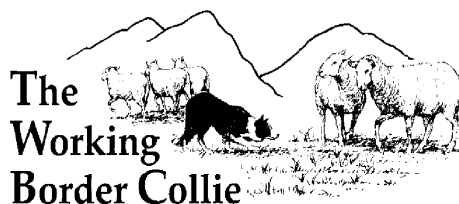
Judge: E.B. Raley; 38 dogs to the post

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Roger Deschambeault & Jet   | 175 |
| 2. Chris Bowen & Jake          | 174 |
| 3. Maria Mick & Doc            | 171 |
| 4. Rob Drummond & Ben          | 169 |
| 5. Fiona Robertson & Tap       | 163 |
| 6. Lynn Deschambeault & Di     | 163 |
| 7. Gabrielle Merrill & Roy     | 154 |
| 8. Peter Van De Car & Russ     | 149 |
| 9. Carlene Eitapence & Anna    | 145 |
| 10. Dave Young & Bryn          | 135 |
| 11. Lynn Deschambeault & Druid | 130 |
| 12. Steve Wetmore & Dart       | 80  |
| 13. Peter Van De Car & Bud     | 74  |
| 14. Carlene Eitapence & Kodi   | 73  |
| 15. Fiona Robertson & Pat      | 73  |



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# NEBCA Trial Results



**Long Shot Farm Sheepdog Trial, Church Hill, MD**

**Date: Nov. 3—4, 2007**

**Trial Manager: Sherry Smith**

**Submitted by: Sherry Smith and Deb Mickey**

The northeast started November with the Long Shot Sheepdog Trial, held at the lovely farm of Sherry and Dave Smith outside of Church Hill, Maryland. We were blessed with cool but dry weather that cleared into sunny skies by afternoon. The sheep were even and fair with the young classes running four ewes and Open running three. We broke each day as the Smith's daughter, her friend and their young daughters served lunch - future entrepreneurs, to be sure!

Thanks to all who either pitched in to help or offered at the trial. Ron McGettigan did a wonderful job both days of judging, Deb Crowder, as always, took great care of the sheep at the top, Sandy Hornung who does the paper work and is Sherry's right hand, Deb Mickey, Suzanne Craddock, Pam Gardner, Sarah Ruckelhaus, Barb Starkey, Dave Sharp, and Carol Lockhart all pitched in. It is such a great bunch of people who come to the trial, they make us feel our efforts in holding trials here are appreciated so Thank you!

## **Novice-Novice 1 (6 dogs)**

1st Gwen LeFever, Mirk 61

## **Pro Nov 1 (6 dogs)**

1st Susan Rhoades, Cub 62

2nd Lori Cunningham, William 58

3rd Pam Gardner, Merit 56

## **Ranch 1 (15 dogs)**

1st Pam Gardner, Rusty 82

2nd Chris Bowen, Ben 78

3rd Darlene Muhly, Jesse 65

4th Sherry Smith, Jill 63

5th Nancy Starkey, Lark 63

6th Lori Cunningham, Dirk 60

## **Open 1 (29 dogs)**

1st Linda Tesdahl, Peg 94

2nd Eve Marschark, Doll 93

3rd Janet Harvey, Scott 92

4th Sherry Smith, Liz 90

5th Nancy Sharp, Cassiopeia 87

6th Barb Levinson, Ginnie 83

7th Nancy Obernier, Ben 83

8th Eve Marschark, Rue 82

9th Barb Levinson, Ryn 81

10th Linda Tesdahl, Ryan 80

## **Novice-Novice 2 (4 dogs)**

1st Gwen LeFever, Mirk 65

## **Pro Nov. 2 (6 dogs)**

1st Sherry Sheldon, Tess 63

2nd Susan Rhoades, Cub 60

3rd Pam Gardner, Rom 59

## **Ranch (12 dogs)**

1st Pam Gardner, Rusty 81

2nd Nancy Starkey, Lark 61

3rd Sandy Hornung, Ozzie 60

4th Chris Bowen, Ben 58

## **Open 2 (24 dogs)**

1st Lori Cunningham, Riff 91

2nd Nancy Obernier, Nick 90

3rd Linda Tesdahl, Peg 88

4th Nancy Sharp, Cassiopeia 88

5th Nancy Obernier, Ben 88

6th Sherry Smith, Edge 84

7th Linda Tesdahl, Ryan 84

8th Sherry Smith, Liz 84

9th Polly Matzinger, James 81

10th Eve Marschark, Rue 81



## **IF I DIDN'T HAVE A DOG OR CAT**

*Submitted by Wendy Warner*

If I Didn't Have a Dog and/or Cat...

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree -- dog bones, stuffed animals, toys, treats nor would I have to explain to people why I wrap them.

I would have money ....and no guilt to go on a real vacation.

I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grandkids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby

gates or barriers.

My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to Spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E

I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading "mud" season.

I would not have to answer the question "Why do you have so many animals?" from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How EMPTY my life would be.





# 2007 Vermont Triple Crown

By Nancy Phillips

In 2006 three trials joined together to offer the Vermont Triple Crown Award - Merck Forest SDT in Rupert; Mad River Valley SDT in Waitsfield; and Vermont State Championships held in Quechee and Strafford. The top score from each of the three open trials were added together to determine the most consistent dog and handler.

The winner this year, Fiona Robertson, from North Hatley, Quebec, Canada, with home bred "Tap", receive a handcrafted trophy in the shape of Vermont to display for the year. Fiona also received a cash award and a jacket. The 2007 Reserve Champion was last year's champion, Peter Van de Carr, from Albany, New York, with veteran competitor, "Bud". Maria Amodei with Cato lead the running until the very last trial, being the 2 day Champion at both Merck Forest and Mad River. Other top contenders were Maria Mick with Kit, Denise Leonard with Kate, Peter Van de Carr with Katie, and Steve Wetmore with Dart.



Once again the three trials offered very different fields and sheep. In order to be in contention for the award the handler and dog needed to maintain scores that were above 80.

Next summer the Vermont Triple Crown will be offered again. Merck Forest SDT will be held in early July; Mad River Valley SDT will be held July 19 and 20 and Vermont State Championship will be in late August. Any open handler may qualify by competing in each trial with the same dog(s). For further information about the Triple Crown, contact Steve Wetmore at [swwet@valley.net](mailto:swwet@valley.net) or call 802-765-4466.



**Steve Wetmore presenting the 2007 trophy to Fiona Robertson and 3 year old Creekside Tap (Fiona Robertson's Imp. Pat x Warren Mick's Glen).**

*Photo by Michael Dathe.*




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**Your Editor thanks you!**





*Photos of Dragonfly Farm taken by Colin Andrews and submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black.*





# NEBCA Classifieds (ONLY \$3 per issue for members! Details on Page 2.)

**BORDER COLLIE STUD SERVICES:** *Glen:* (ABCA 136198, CBCA 471) - 2003 NEBCA Supreme Champion, 7th place 2002 USBCHA National Open, 13th place 2001 USBCHA National Nursery. At the age of 8, Glen has placed in the top 10 of approximately 140 Open trials. CEA/CH genetic test "normal". Grandson of Berhow's "Nick" (3 time USBCHA National Champ). Glen is a very biddable & stylish worker. Eyes clear, hips OFA certified.

**Doc:** (ABCA 214103, CBCA 3846) - 2005 Canadian National Nursery Champion, descendant of Julie Simpson's ## Moss and #Gwen and Stuart Davidson's #Whiterose Kep. A good gathering dog and serious minded worker with a terrific temperament. OFA Good and eyes clear.

**Dale:** (ABCA 227438, CBCA 4515) - 2006 NEBCA Ranch Reserve Champion and Long Road Winner, out of Wetmore's "Gyp" by Mick's "Glen", from Berhow's "Nick" line. A dog that is focused and quick. OFA Excellent, eyes CEA/CH genetic test "normal".

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**Submitted by Janet Lindsay**



## A Dog's Christmas Promises

Christmas is for humans, and I will not ruin the surprises by opening all their presents.

Christmas light bulbs, Christmas ornaments, Christmas stockings, and tinsel from the Christmas tree are not food. I am the alpha dog, therefore I do not need to protect my new Christmas rawhide from the omega dog by taking it outside to eat when the wind chill is -10 F.

I will not demolish the Christmas tree and drag the string of lights out into the backyard through the doggy door.

I will not dive into the Christmas tree to get the candy canes (which I will eat -- paper and all).

I will not eat my Christmas doggie treats until after they're out of the stocking!

I will not even THINK about going underneath the Christmas tree and piddling on the dining room rug.

I will not get into a fight with the bigger dog next door, making my human have to call the vet's at Christmas.

I will not get tangled up in the Christmas tree lights and pull the tree down while trying to get at a cat through the conservatory window.

I will not pee on Grandma's Christmas presents that are under her tree as soon as we enter her house.

I will not pee on the Christmas tree.

I will not steal the neighbor's Christmas light bulbs.

The bowl underneath the Christmas tree is not a dog dish. I will not drink from it. It will make me sick.

From: [http://www.pets-haven.com/dogs\\_christmas\\_promise.htm](http://www.pets-haven.com/dogs_christmas_promise.htm)

## NEBCA AT THE 2007 USBCHA NATIONAL SHEEPDOG FINALS



Serta Sheep take over Bev's  
golf cart!  
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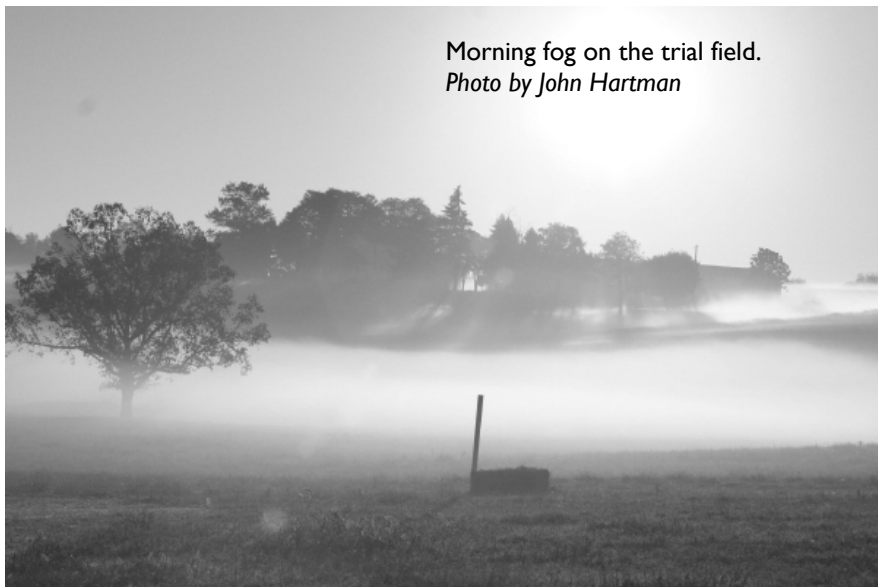
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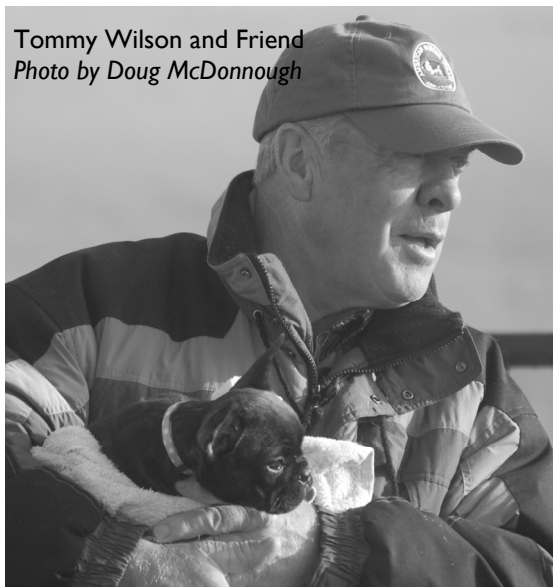
Walt and Kitt. Photo by: Ellen Rusconi-Black

# NEBCA AT THE 2007 USBCHA NATIONAL SHEEPDOG FINALS

Morning fog on the trial field.  
*Photo by John Hartman*



Tommy Wilson and Friend  
*Photo by Doug McDonnough*



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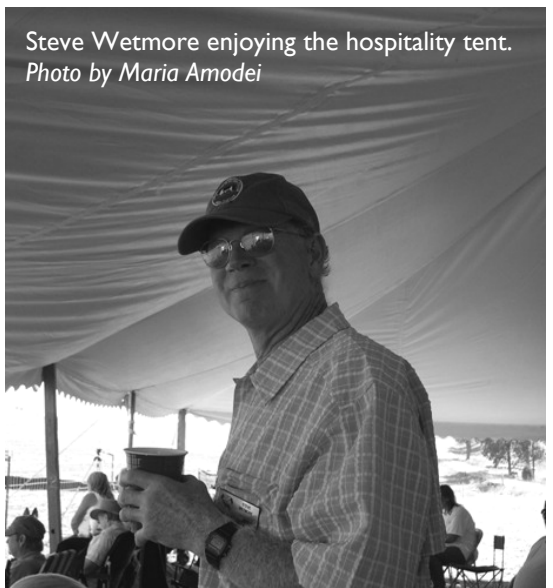
Michael Dathe looking thoughtful...  
*Photo by Maria Amodei*



*Photo by Doug McDonnough*



Steve Wetmore enjoying the hospitality tent.  
*Photo by Maria Amodei*



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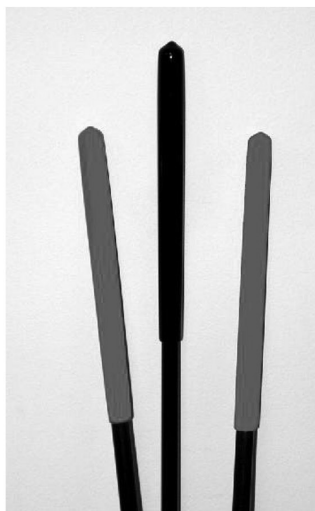
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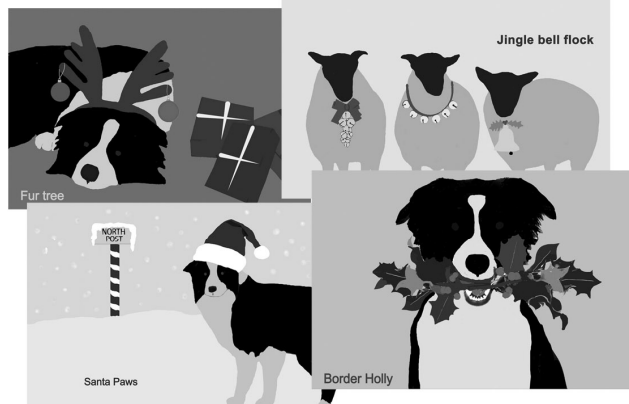
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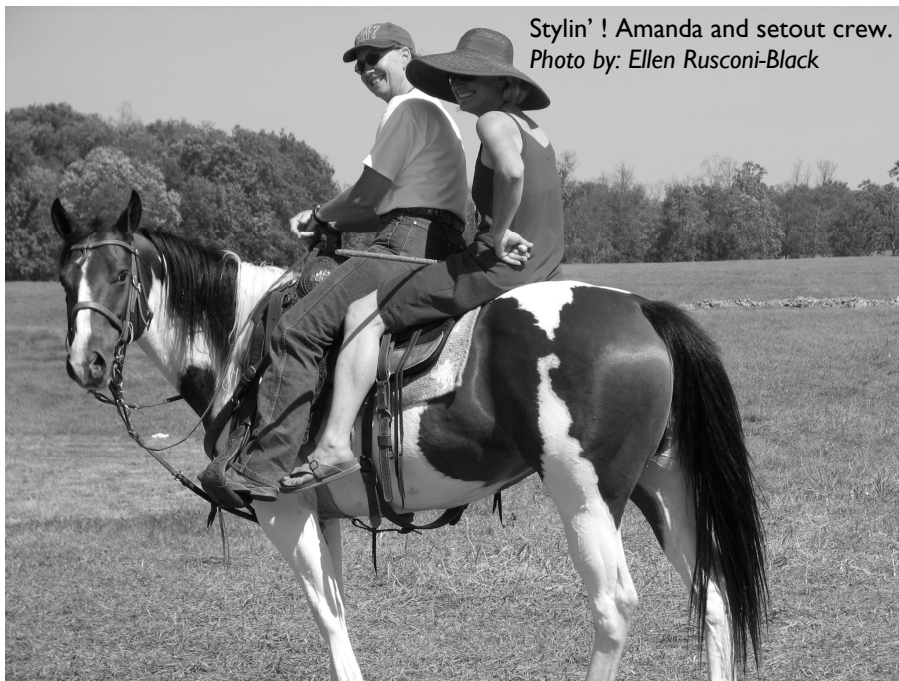


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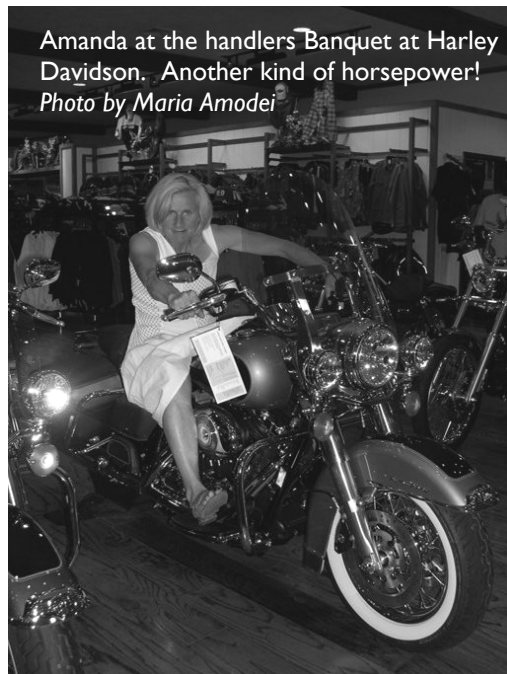
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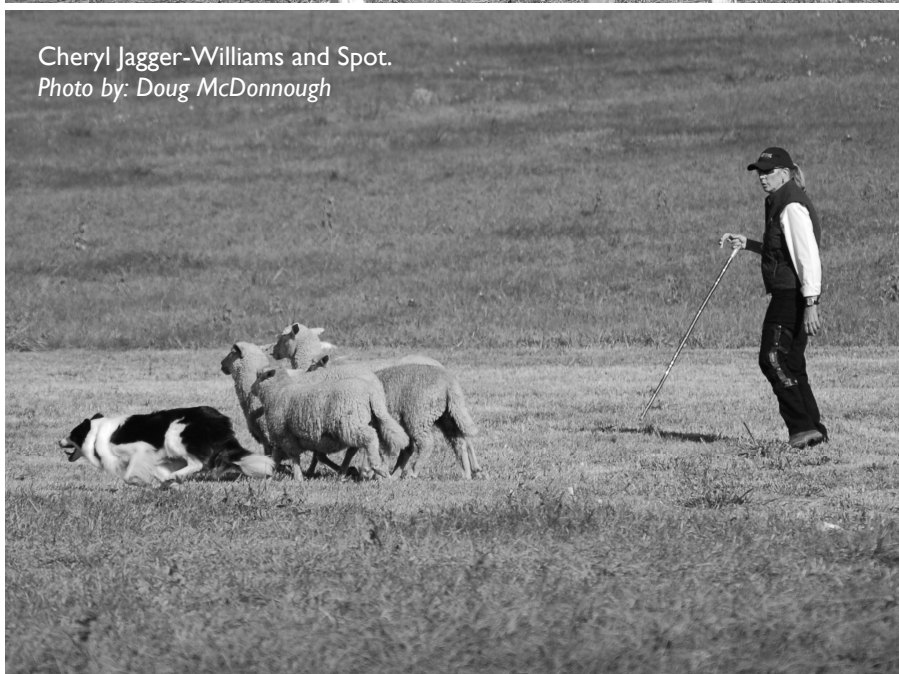
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Stylin' ! Amanda and setout crew.  
Photo by: Ellen Rusconi-Black



Amanda at the handlers Banquet at Harley Davidson. Another kind of horsepower!  
Photo by Maria Amodei



Cheryl Jagger-Williams and Spot.  
Photo by: Doug McDonnough



Volunteers Paul and Claire Garwood lookin' cool !  
Photo by Maria Amodei



Bev Lambert and Pippa in the Double Lift Finals.  
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*Maria Mick and Kit.  
Photo by Doug McDonnough.*



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**Top:** Maria Mick and "Kit" turn the post

**Above Left:** Peter Vander-Car and "Bud"

**Above Right:** Joan Worthington ("Hope" is out of the picture)

**Left:** Polly Matzinger and Beardie/BC "James"

**Right:** Sue Schoen and "Brooke" at the post in the Semi Finals.



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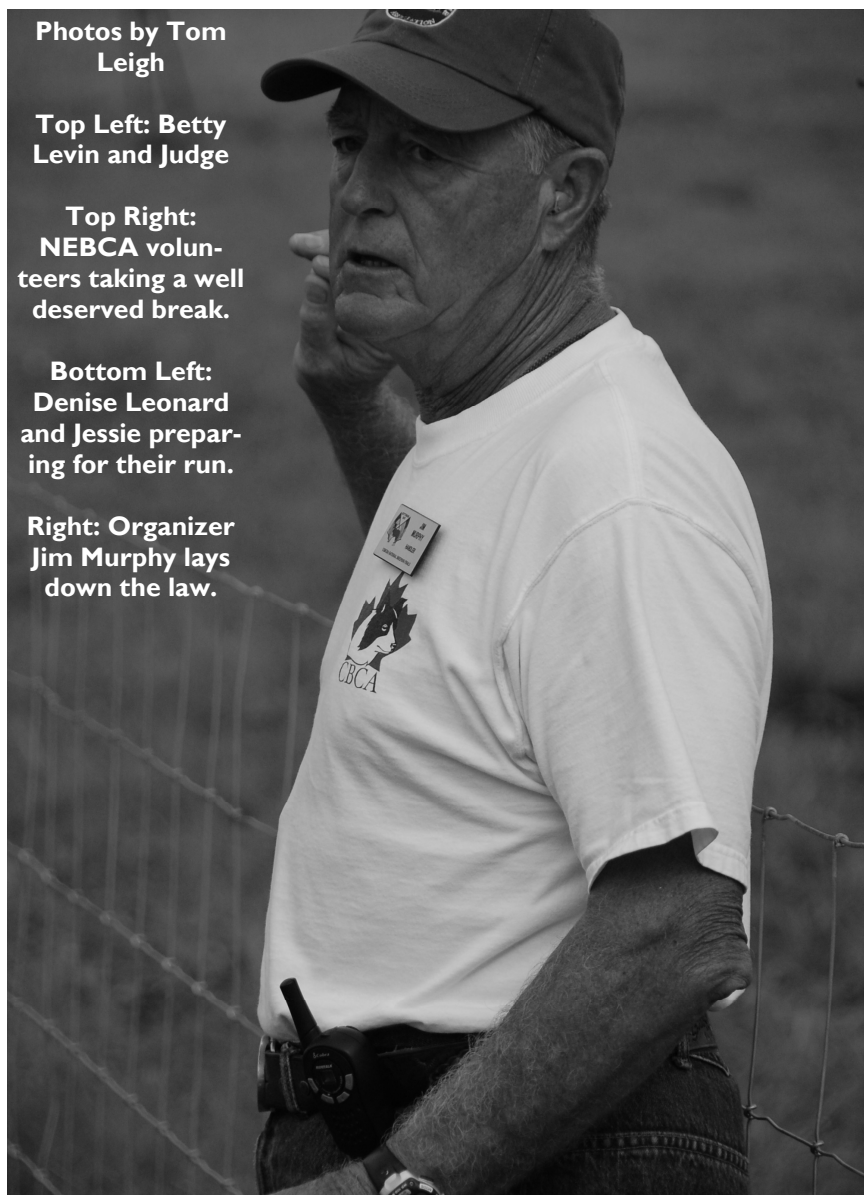
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Top Left: Betty Levin and Judge

Top Right: NEBCA volunteers taking a well deserved break.

Bottom Left: Denise Leonard and Jessie preparing for their run.

Right: Organizer Jim Murphy lays down the law.



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Above: Sue Schoen hitching a ride back to the camping field. Right: NEBCA volunteers Kim Kathan, Lynn Deschambeault and Joanne Krause. Photos by Tom Leigh



Above Left: NEBCA volunteer Sally Lacy as unofficial scorekeeper.  
Above Right: An unidentified Volunteer

Below: Past NEBCA president Warren Mick (with Glen) and current NEBCA president Denise Leonard (with Jessie) at the post.





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Photos by Tom Leigh. Top: Maria Amoedei's Cato; Middle: Carol Guy and Piper; Left: impromptu meeting?



A beautiful view of the field. Photo by Tom Leigh

## In Which Stan and Piggy...

### ..see Music City and become Methodists.

Early November. The children's choir director at Dr. Mary's church decided it might be neat to have one of the shepherds carry a live lamb in the Christmas Play. Mary told the director that December wasn't really lamb time but she'd see what she could do. Because she's a vet, and thus considered the

source of all information even remotely animal related. She asked if I had any lambs that are still pretty little. I said that there were a few that were still fairly small. I was doing surgery at the time and missed some operative words such as "carry" and "sanctuary". For some reason, my brain turned this into "live nativity" and the location into "outdoors". My definition of "small" as regards livestock was also a bit off the

mark. Sheep look much smaller in a barn than in a church. Trust me on this one.

Late November. Mary reminded me about the lamb. We discussed that really two lambs would be better as sheep aren't really into alone time. I decided that it would be a lot easier if they'd walk on a leash and decided I

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# In Which Stan and Piggy...

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should get right on that since their performance was only a week away. At this point Mary was still thinking that the shepherds could carry them in and started considering the sheep sopping ability of various adult diapers. I was still thinking "lambs and outdoors".

Thanksgiving weekend. Stan and Miss Piggy, erstwhile bottle lambs, appeared to be the friendliest of the smallest lambs and were duly elected as the travel squad. Amazingly, they were far easier to leash break than most puppies. Once they found out corn was involved, they were all over the concept of a stroll.

Tuesday 7 am. Temperature 19 degrees, wind chill some heinously low number. Stan and Piggy walked politely out to the Pathfinder and hopped into their hay lined VariKennel. I reflected once again that it's really nice not to have to deal with loading horses in trailers in the freezing cold dark.

Tuesday 9 am. When I left the clinic last week I'd jokingly said to Mary that she ought to put Stan and Piggy on the groomers schedule and not mention they were sheep. Mary is not generally one for practical jokes but for some reason she actually DID it. I later heard that there had been huge conjecture all week about my two "new dogs". The staff couldn't believe I'd gotten new dogs and not mentioned it. And besides, I never make them bathe my animals. They were all atwitter...then I showed up with lambs. Believe it or not, these two lambs stood in the bathtub like they'd been getting bathed weekly since birth. They even turned around when asked. Then, they hung out under the hair dryers eating hay and chewing their cuds. It looked like the beauty shop scene from Steel Magnolias. (Note to self--must name lamb Truvy this year.) The camera phone is now ubiquitous as evidenced by the number of clients calling friends and snapping photos of the lambs' "day of beauty".

Meanwhile, Mary noticed that these guys were way too big to carry. And the diapers just ruined the ambiance. They'd just have walk in on leash. And by the way, had she mentioned that the

church had brand new carpet? I mentally calculated the cost of re-carpeting a sanctuary. Oh, and had she mentioned that the lambs had dress rehearsal that evening? Great, two trips onto the new carpet. Oh, and the lambs were going to be handled by shepherds that in real life were a high school student and a realtor. I contemplated just how very well this was going to go.

Dress rehearsal time. At first the lambs were rather appalled at the people in robes but quickly warmed up when they found corn was in the offering. I found out the lambs were to enter in the dark under a spotlight, climb some steps onto the stage, and look picturesque during the singing. Uh-huh, yes, that's going to work.

Actually it did. With a little boost the lambs made it onto the stage where they appeared quite pleased with O Holy Night, sampled the hay in the manger and then got hustled out when they got restless after when it was noticed that their shepherds had given up their entire corn stash at once.

The overexcited children's choir tried to bolt to see the real lambs but the director held the choir loft door shut and told them to return to their places. Hee!! The lambs were pronounced so gorgeous as to be tear inducing. There was only one small "liquid event". (Mary and I send thanks to our friend Claudia for the green mats). The lambs were totally undisturbed about all this and even did a bit of edging around the church steps on the way out.

Wednesday. I practiced with Stanley and Piggy climbing the clinic steps. They allowed as how if there was corn involved, they could do steps no problem. Preshow Mary and I discussed all the ways things could go horribly awry, for instance the lambs might decide to nibble the Baby Jesus who'd be asleep in the hay. Somehow, no one had mentioned previously that there was a live one month old human infant involved. I conjectured that at worst the lambs might get excited and start bucking. Or leap into the manger with the baby. The choir director paled visibly and murmured "I had no idea lambs could BUCK". Mary and I exchanged knowing veterinary type glances.


Stanley and Piggy awaited their cue in the "green room" which was really more the color of dead Zoysia grass. They nibbled earnestly and appeared totally ready for their big performance. As time drew nigh, they trotted happily up the huge ramp with me to await their cue. I gave the shepherds last minute instructions on never parting with their last corn kernel. I got whacked in the head with one of the shepherds crooks prompting me to suggest some actual herding lessons.

Cue the lambs! I couldn't see any of this as I was backstage, but Mary reported that the lambs appeared to recognize their music, walked directly up the steps onto the stage and hit their marks where they munched a bit of corn while looking fluffy and lamblike. It looked like a lightning storm from all the flashbulbs going off. I got a little worried because they seemed to be out there an awfully long time. I later heard they got to stay though an extra verse because they were being so perfect.

After the performance, Stan and Piggy received the adoring crowd in the churchyard. By now they'd figured out that all these people had CORN!!! There's CORN!!!! Hallelujah!! I tried to keep them from being so overfed they'd explode.

Then they trotted back to the car, got boosted into the carrier and came home. I didn't hear a peep out off them the whole 2 hours. But I hear they're going to be the cover of the church directory this year.

Merry Christmas to all!

Libbye 

*Libbye Miller is a vet who lives in Elizabethtown, KY. She maintains a flock of 75-100 Katahdin and Katahdin cross sheep which she manages with her Belgian Tervurens Quazar and his grandson Buzz.*

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Left: The 2007 National Finals winners

Middle: The judges table

Bottom Left: The prize display

Bottom Middle: Bev Lambert

Bottom Right: Amanda Milliken

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## Sheep Dog Passing

He said, "You needn't wait  
if you'd rather" and called the nurse.  
"It's for the best," He said.

Whose best I'd like to know. It's  
all very well for Him,  
all glass and stainless steel.  
"It will be quick," He said  
and filled the syringe.  
"There will be no pain," He said  
and clipped the hair above the vein.

Holding her, she licked my hand and  
understood: anything would be a piece of  
cake  
after nights of blizzards on the moors  
to pinpoint buried sheep, and rescue lambs  
or, to a whistle, in the noontide heat

outrun, collect and fetch far flocks  
from hills to lush grounds.  
Her eyes reminded me of little things,  
shared  
times to treasure garnered over half a life.

"It's done," He said  
and dropped the needle in the stainless  
bowl.  
At peace she watched me, sighed and slept.

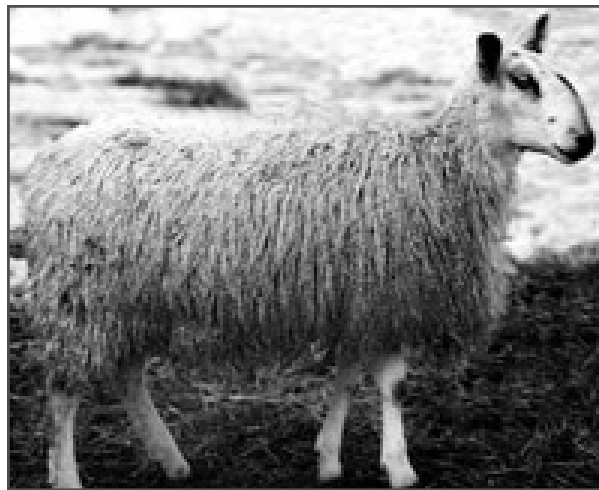
Him in his glass and stainless world  
said there would be no pain;  
but he was wrong.

*R.A. Chesterfield*

*Submitted by Barbara Starkey*

## Report on the "Genetic Lesson from the UK" Lecture By Barbara Starkey

Earlier this year, I attended the Virginia-North Carolina Shepherd's Symposium in Harrisonburg, Virginia. My main reason for attending the symposium was to hear a lecture entitled "Genetic Lessons from the United Kingdom", presented by Dr. Ron Lewis of Virginia Tech. While much of the lecture described the current trend toward producing leaner prime lamb (for consumption), it also thoroughly explained the traditional UK sheep production system. Most North American Blue-faced Leicester enthusiasts are aware of our breed's importance to the sheep industry in the United Kingdom, but I think that Dr. Lewis surprised many in attendance (a mix of US commercial producers and hobbyists) when he touted our breed as the number one crossing sire in the UK. Being the only Bluefaced Leicester producer in the room, I was delighted, of course. Let's hope that our breed will continue to get such terrific "PR" on this side of the Atlantic!



The following is a brief summarization of Dr. Lewis's presentation and an explanation of the UK system of sheep production. Sheep farming in the UK is characterized by tremendous diversity. Differences in climate and topography influence the different systems for producing sheep throughout the UK, and specific breed types are used in the different environments. However, these various systems of production are integrated though a "stratified structure" which is unique to the UK. Hardy hill breeds are used in the mountain regions, where they are maintained as purebred flocks. After these hill ewes produce three of four purebred lamb crops, they are moved to better upland pastures where they are crossed with long-wool rams. Crossbred ewe lambs from the resulting lamb crop are then selected to be mated to "terminal sire" breeds to produce prime lamb for consumption. This system has enabled the

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UK to produce a consistent supply of top-quality lamb for consumers, while allowing UK shepherds to maintain a lucrative life-style.

Even though other longwool breeds are used to sire crossbred ewes (mostly the Border Leicester, which produces several types of “Halfbreds”), the Bluefaced Leicester is the number one crossing sire in the UK, producing various types of “Mules”. These Mule ewes are the most popular commercial ewes in Great Britain. The most widely used BFL crosses are the Scotch Mule, out of Scottish Blackface ewes; the North of England Mule, out of Swaledale or Northumberland ewes; the Welsh Mule, out of Welsh Hill or Mountain ewes; and the Cheviot Mule, out of North Country Cheviot ewes. The BFL sire imparts many fine maternal qualities in his Mule daughters (prolificacy, milkiness, capacity, mothering abilities, etc.), and the Mule ewes are then used to produce prime market lambs (which are sired by UK Suffolks, Texels, etc.).



provement and the sire reference schemes. These two programs are designed for the collection data on the carcass qualities of the lambs and on the ability of various terminal sire breeds to pass on these traits. Ultrasound scanning is widely used to determine the depth of muscle and back fat in the loin area of lambs destined for the consumer. More advanced imaging technology is also utilized, and CT scanning is being used, as well. The data collected is sent to a national center, and it is used to determine the lambs' genetic merit to the industry. The UK's sire reference scheme is similar to the National Sheep Improvement Program here in the US. The data collected on the terminal sire breeds determines which individuals make the greatest genetic contribution to the slaughter lambs, where again the goal is to improve carcass qualities. However, it is essential that the selection for improved carcass qualities does not compromise the hardiness, prolificacy, and mothering abilities of the crossbred ewes flocks. Therefore, the stratified system of production in the UK will continue to include breeds such as the Bluefaced Leicester.



Dr. Lewis's lecture went on to describe the UK's national im-

## NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Date:** January 19, 2008 (snow date: January 26) If you are doubt, please check [www.nebca.net](http://www.nebca.net)! **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** South Deerfield Fire Station in South Deerfield, MA. (Directions below)

**Notes:** Please bring a pot luck dish to share for lunch. Dogs are not allowed in the fire station. If you do bring a dog, please pick up after it. Anything that needs to be placed on the agenda should be emailed to the president, Denise Leonard, [deleonard@schoolph.umass.edu](mailto:deleonard@schoolph.umass.edu)

### Don't forget to bring:

1. Your membership renewal
2. Your prepared ballot (for BOD election) A potluck dish to share

### If you are NOT going to attend the annual meeting:

1. Please arrange proxy votes ahead of time. As we need a quorum, if you will not be attending, please arrange for someone who is to be your proxy!
2. Send in your ballot (for the BOD election) AND your membership renewal prior to January 14, 2008 to NEBCA Secretary, Maria Mick (address located on all forms). For Official NEBCA Ballot and membership renewal form, please see insert included in this newsletter.

### Directions to the Deerfield Firehouse

#### From the South:

Take Interstate 91 North to Exit 24 in South Deerfield. Take a right off the ramp and go north on Rts 5&10 for 5 miles. Turn left at the Sunoco station and the sign for Historic Deerfield. Go about 1/2 mile. The firehouse is on your right.

#### From The North:

Take Interstate 91 south to Exit 26 in Greenfield. Go 1/2 way around the traffic circle for Rt 2A East. Turn right at the 2nd traffic light (Dunkin Donuts) for River Street. Turn Right at the next light onto Rts 5&10 (Deerfield Street) and go 2-3 miles. Turn right at the sign for Historic Deerfield. Go about 1/2 mile. The firehouse is on your right.

The Firehouse is a gray building with red trim, set back from the road across from the Deerfield Inn. Please park to the rear of the building.

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