

Message from SE Regional Director

by Mike Grimes

The meeting this past weekend was a huge success. A Solms was held on Friday with 5 dogs. All were very good but unfortunately 2 failed on critical parts but all were very nice dogs. We had great participation and one of the handlers is a 13-year-old. She handled her dog very well. A Zuchtschau was conducted on Saturday afternoon with a true showcase of “V” dogs. It was quite something to so many exquisite animals together. We also had tremendous family involvement making this a true “Family Event”. The kids were great and very well mannered, a joy to be around. We had some extremely well-presented seminars and information. Detailed information on filling out Entry Forms, explanation of the Ahnentafel, Litter Registration and Predator trapping (what to look for and how to get your dog released from a trap to reduce injury). Perhaps the most intriguing talk was an explanation of the term “Kurzhaar Kulture”. Tyler Smith did a very good job explaining the importance of maintaining the utmost integrity, honesty and good sportsmanship throughout the process of relating to others in our DK world. We are blessed to have a membership and Board of Directors committed to doing things right. Jim Deppen conducted a hands-on demonstration on how to “show” your dog in a Zuchtschau that was incredibly informative and entertaining. It must have been taken to heart by the participants because there were more V ratings than SG. The Raffle drawing was held, and Michael Floyd of Macon was a big winner.

One topic discussed was our need for Judges. We need Judges that are first and foremost “Hunters” and understand hunting dogs. I encourage you to get a dog through a VGP and begin your journey to becoming a Judge. You’ll see some very good dogs and build relationships with people around this country doing so. If interested, reach out for more information.

Ultimately, our goal is to continue to improve the DK through breeding, testing and hunting. WE have a good group of folks here in the Southeast. I am looking forward to some training days with each of you soon. Best of luck to you in your fall tests and have a great hunting season.

If any of you are interested in serving as the Region Director or would like to nominate someone, please contact me by the end of October. It is time for us to develop our list of officers and get better organized. We should be getting some training days published in January and February in preparation for the Spring tests.