



# Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital, 1645 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA

### Club Officers:

President:	Lou Norman
Vice-President:	Marilyn Flower
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary:	Aleta Ross
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Croft
Board of Directors:	Amy Barney
	Elaine Smith
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Betsy Olson
	Sally Shilling
	Janet Norman

### ***Club News***

The upcoming obedience classes will be as follows:  
Spring session: March 25, April 1,8,15,22,29, May 6,13,20, 2010

The next meeting will be March 9, 2010 at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital.

The AKC will now provide newly registered dogs with regional club information. It's important our website is current and informative. Please let Janet Norman know if you have anything to add to the website.

### ***Upcoming Events***

The Canine Good Citizen Test will be offered on June 5, 2010 at Ann Gehrlein's place.  
More details to follow.

The Clarion Canine Obedience Club will have Obedience and Rally Run-Thrus on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the CCOC Training Facility in Knox, PA. Obedience (novice followed by open and utility) run thru will start at 11AM and Rally (novice course followed by advanced and excellent) at 1 PM. The cost is \$5 first run/ \$3 additional run, same dog. Contact Shelley Malone at 814-673-1708 or [luvmykaiser@yahoo.com](mailto:luvmykaiser@yahoo.com) for more information.

2010 Run-thru Schedule from January to July held by the All Breed Training Club of Akron is available on line at [www.abtca.org](http://www.abtca.org). Obedience, rally, agility and conformation are offered. Questions call 330-630-0418 or email [info@abtca.org](mailto:info@abtca.org). ABTCA's building is located on the Summit County Fairgrounds property in Tallmadge, OH.

*Poem for the Month*

Dogs in Our Lives

We aren't house proud.  
If we were, we wouldn't abide the scratches on the door frame, the holes in the screen, the darkened shine  
of worn spots on the chair.  
We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes.  
We don't.  
If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our  
friends than in immaculate sofas.  
Shoes can be replaced, but heroic retrievers are timeless.  
Without dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things.  
Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presence.  
They wake us, greet us, protect us, and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history.  
On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts defined by the all-too-short lives of our dogs.

Paul Fersen