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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - 2019



I joined STCC because my mentor told me to. I had started to show my girl, Abby, via a professional handler. She started winning, and my mentor, Cindy Cooke, told me to join STCC and STCA. I did what she told me to do because of the great respect I have for who she is, what she knows, what she has accomplished, and what she has done for the breed. I remained a member because I am in love with Scotties and want to see them flourish.

The number of Scotties registered with the AKC decreases every year. There are some who predict that the Scottish Terrier is in danger of becoming extinct. I cannot imagine a world without Scotties.

I breed Scottish Terriers because I love puppies and because I want to do my part to put more beautiful Scotties into the world. Breeding is not just putting a dog and a bitch together and hoping for beautiful puppies. There is a lot of planning and research that goes into it. It all starts with the Breed Standard. That is the set of characteristics and measurements that has been established that make the perfect dog. The reason I have my dogs shown in Conformation Shows is because the Judge uses the Breed Standard to see which dog/bitch is closest to being perfect. That Scottie will win. If you would like to witness this process, I welcome you to our Specialty Show which is held the middle of every June. There is no perfect Scottie. I then critically look at the defects in my dog or bitch, study pedigrees, evaluate other Scotties in the show ring to find a dog or bitch that best compliments mine. The goal is always to breed that perfect Scottish Terrier. This is not a process I do by myself. I consult my mentor, talk to Judges, and other breeders I respect for advice. It is a lot of work and study, but so worth it. For me, there is no greater high than watching/helping puppies being born and grow through the stages of crawling, standing, walking, weaning, and starting to play. They all have Scottietude, most from the beginning.

STCC is made up of people who love Scotties and want to preserve and protect them. We encourage members and future members to get their Scotties involved in activities. They are too smart and get bored too easily. We have programs that expose our Scots to Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Barn Hunt and other events to see what might interest them. We offer programs on grooming, behavior, nutrition, genetics, health issues and more, that concern the Scottie.

*Thank you,
Kathy Hufnagle,
President, STCC*



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IN MEMORY: CARYL ALTEN

STCC sends our sympathies to Caryl's family, friends, and Scottie colleagues.

Caryl Alten was a former member of STCC and filled many leadership roles during her membership. The following is what we know from the various obituaries posted on-line. Posts on social media speak to her advice, her compassion for animals, her life devoted to Scottish Terriers, and her advocacy, along with being a contributor to the health and good breeding of Scottish Terriers. She is known as a legend and is known for her passion and wealth of knowledge.

Obituary:

"Caryl Ruth Alten, 82, of Marion, passed away peacefully at her home, at 7:48 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. She was surrounded by her loved ones.

Caryl was born July 12, 1936 in Blue Island, Illinois to Leslie and Ruth (Andersen) Damm. She married Hans Alten who preceded her in death.

Caryl graduated from Northwestern University in 1958. She was retired having been a nursing instructor with the Chicago Public School System for over 20 years before moving to Marion. She attended Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion.

Caryl loved and bred Scottish Terriers. While living in Chicago she helped start the Chicago Scottish Terrier Rescue Group.

Caryl is survived by a brother David Damm; one niece and several nephews. She is also survived by several close friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers Charles and Robert.

In accordance with her wishes she was cremated and private services will be held at a later date."

WHAT STCC MEMBERSHIP MEANS TO ME ..

"As a breeder/owner/handler of Scottish Terriers, I feel it is important to be a member of the regional club network of the Scottish Terrier Club of America in order to support the breed and standard by which the breed is judged. Therefore, I have been a member of the Chicago club for nearly 25 years, ever since I started showing my first boy. It is through the Specialties that these clubs sponsor that I get the chance to see potential breeding opportunities for my dogs and to talk with others in the fancy. These people have become lifelong friends, mentors, and resources for my ongoing questions and concerns about the Scottish Terrier."

Richard C. Bumstead



"I am a lifelong Scottish Terrier fan. I became a member because I wanted to interact with other people who are Scottie lovers in order to learn more about the breed I love, how best to care for my Scots, and give them the best life I could. Our club meetings provide health information, as well as training tips and fun dog activities."

I am a big fan of doing more with my dogs and want to share my experiences, as well as learn about new activities. I love the dog friendly meetings of the club and believe each new experience and social interaction enriches my dogs' lives."

Beryl Gersch, with Bijou and Klara

"I have been a member of the STCC for over a decade and can truly say I have met some wonderful people as a result. I once had a broken ankle and could not walk my dogs, and a member stepped up to take them for over a month while I recuperated. Also, the members truly care about learning more about the breed specific health issues of Scottie's and we have had very knowledgeable and interesting speakers at our meetings."

Michele Harland



"I made the decision to join STCC to support the existence of the 2nd oldest Scottish Terrier Club in America and to contribute ideas to providing a more visible avenue for Scottie families in the Chicago/Northern Illinois and Wisconsin area to convene for mentorship, socialization, and preservation of our breed. I have been one of those people who swore for the past thirty-two years I would "NEVER" breed and would leave that to the professionals." After representing the companion Scottie owner perspective at an ad hoc STCA committee in 2017, my eyes were opened regarding the decline in our registered numbers, and perhaps just as important the average age, health, and pending retirement of many of our well regarded breeders. It is critical that each of us STOP spaying/neutering at such young ages, and we become ambassadors for our breed in any way that we can. And, although it is a 7 hour round trip drive for me to get to a meeting, I will call in to participate when my health precludes me from hopping into my Prius."

Michele Geiger-Bronsky,

Founder & President, Door County Scottie Rally

“Because of our love for our Scotties and our concern over being the best Scottie parents we can be, it seemed essential to gather with those who share our passion for this breed. And so we became members of this very enjoyable group! Scotties are currently low in number across the world, and our organization helps educate us to breed responsibly and carefully, while providing answers to questions and resources we need to educate others. From barn hunts, grooming, agility, conformation, diet and obedience, the STCC helps us fulfill the privilege of owning a Scottish Terrier. What better reason to join an organization?”

John and Mary Ellen Kanthack



“As a longtime member of the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago, I was asked why I joined the Club. It took me a minute, but I know exactly why I joined. The love of the breed. I am a companion pet owner and the Club offers an opportunity to learn about this spunky breed. There are educational programs on the care of your Scottie both young and old with information on nutrition, illness, obedience and breeding. If you love the breed and want to meet people with the same passion, come and join us as a member of the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago.”

Barbara Wicks

“As a card-carrying member of STCC since 2008, I wanted for years to find a niche where I could help Club. In 2013 I was offered the opportunity to be the editor for *The Plaid Piper*, and for a couple years I got to enjoy that honor a great deal. I learned so VERY much about this breed, and I also got to know the members of STCC. After a hiatus, I was happy to sign on again to this role, and I continue with the same passion today that I had then. It is ALL about the Scotties. As most of you know, I have now been “arm-twisted” into more roles and challenges as a part of STCC! LOL. I am learning. I look at it this way. I have been blessed to have loved eight Scottish Terriers; two currently - Ruler and Belle. I need to give back. STCC needs those of us who have passion. Join us. Offer your help. Show your talents. We ALL have gifts to share and this breed needs every one of us. I’m proud to be a companion. I’m proud to be a part of STCC.”

Marilyn Flanagan



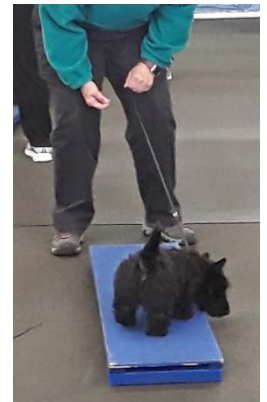
THE “NEW” STCC WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that we have a new and improved website!! We can still be found at www.STCCChicago.org. But, this new website is easier to update, cheaper!, and allows us options such as PayPal (which will shortly be coming to our Facebook page, too!). Please take a minute to check it out!!

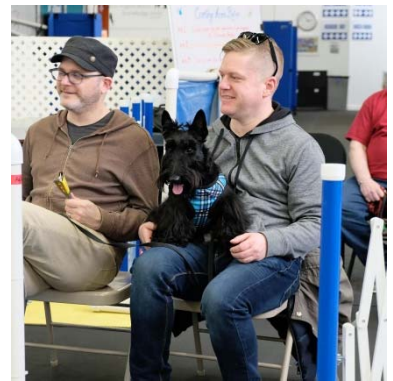
For starters, there are many issues of *The Plaid Piper* available in PDF format. Newer editions will be posted as soon as they become available. There is also a link to the Membership Application packet that is ready for download. It outlines the requirements for membership, and includes the application itself, as well as the STCC Code of Ethics. Please share this packet - and OFTEN! And the link to PayPal allows for payment of membership dues, luncheon fees, and even donations for trophies and fundraisers.

We have plans for additional pages and more information being made available. So check back often to see our future updates. Very soon, you may see a page of Scottie collectibles!! We plan on transferring as much of the old, wonderful website as is possible on this new platform, all while accepting that we as Scottie Club are manning this site ourselves, without a middle man. Cheaper? Yes. But, now volunteer driven. But, we are very excited about the possibilities. So, please give us your feedback.

PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL MEETING - AGILITY IN PRACTICE !!



SCOTTIES AND HUMANS ALL HAD A GREAT TIME!!
SMILES!
NEW FRIENDS!
CHALLENGES!
LEARNING!
Aaahh !!



Our Scotties were energetic and in motion. We human photographers tried to keep up with their Scottietude. Excuse the blurs, please!



AGILITY - An Introduction

The following is taken from the American Kennel Club (AKC) website:

Imagine a look of determination on your dog's face as he runs hard, nimbly making each turn. He keeps his eye on you while scampering through tunnels, jumping over hurdles, and beaming with pride. The crowds in the stands cheer as you move together in perfect harmony. That's the sport of Agility. It can be quite a rush - and one of the best ways to create an even deeper connection between you and your dog.

Agility is a growing dog sport in the United States, with over 1 million entries to the ADK's Agility Program each year. Dogs race against a clock as they navigate an obstacle course with strong concentration and speed. Whether you just want to have fun exercising with your dog, or want to go further and enter an Agility competition, get ready for a fast-paced, rewarding experience that will get you and your dog in the best shape of your lives!

Understanding the Basics

Dog agility is a sport where you direct your dog through a pre-set obstacle course within a certain time limit. Courses typically have between 14-20 obstacles, which can include tunnels, weave poles, tire jumps, seesaws, and pause tables where the dog must stop for a set amount of time. At each trial you and your dog will race around the unique courses designed for that day. All of this is done with your dog relying solely on the cues and body language you use to direct them on course.



Other Scottie friendly activities include:

Tricks, Barn Hunt, Nose Work, and more.....



SPECIALTY LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN US!!

Our luncheon at "Specialty 2019" will again be a potluck out by the RV!! Membership, please contact Sue with what you can bring. Exhibitors and guests - please join us. The hospitality RV will have refreshments and Scottie friendship available throughout the day!!

SCOTTIE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR (GCHP Woburn Barbary Iron Man) is now on TOP. He has become the most winning Grand Champion Scottish Terrier. AKC rankings through April 2019, show JUNIOR has attained his Platinum GCH title and ranks #1 with 829 GCH points lifetime. He is only the second Scottish Terrier in the United States to attain the Platinum Grand Champion title. His grandfather, DARBY (GCHP Woburn Camelot Unbridled Spirit), was the first.



Owners Ron & Maurine McConnell and Steve & Debi Russell are very proud of this boy and very thankful for the job Geoff Dawson has done handling JUNIOR to Platinum.



“FUN”RAISING: SCOTTIE COLLECTIBLES

STCC has been blessed to have received some very nice donations of Scottie collectables recently. Here is a small sample of what we have. We would like to use these in auctions on Facebook or other similar ideas. We are thinking of having a “store page” on our website. Volunteers to help us in these efforts are needed.



Notes from our “Fun”raising Committee on these items:

Metal Tray (circa 1980). Treat Jar. Place setting of mugs and plates for four. Three piece canister set. Covered casserole dish. Santa covered candy dish. Antique pair of book ends (circa 1930-1940).



“STCC Welcomes Our Newest Litters and Rising Champions.”
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 5 DAY CLUSTER OF SHOWS TO START THE SUMMER !!

It will be **“Scotties of all Ages!”** at the STCC Specialty Show and Sweepstakes in conjunction with The Great Lakes All Terrier Association, Inc. (GLATA)

Roy Jones Dog Shows, Superintendent at www.royjonesdogshows.com

Entries close: May 29, 2019 at noon

Join us on June 15, 2019 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL

Judges:

Regular Classes: Betty-Anne Stenmark

Sweepstakes: Lisa Hills

Please go to www.STCChicago.org for further details or updates to the above.

THE SPECIALTY: IN THE RING - What is sparring ?

Are those dogs

FIGHTING?

The purpose of a dog show is to help breeders select future breeding stock. Dog show judges use a written standard that describes the characteristics of each individual breed. Judges are not just evaluating the dogs' appearance—they are also checking to be sure each dog has the temperament that is appropriate for its breed.

Many Terrier breeds are supposed to have quite dominant personalities. Our breed standard says:

The Scottish Terrier should be alert and spirited but also stable and steady-going. He is a determined and thoughtful dog whose "heads up, tails up" attitude in the ring should convey both fire and control. The Scottish Terrier, while loving and gentle with people, can be aggressive with other dogs. He should exude ruggedness and power, living up to his nickname, the "Diehard."



To assess temperament at a dog show, the judge watches the reaction of the dogs when brought out to face other strange dogs, usually of the same sex. This is called "sparring." It is not intended to degenerate into a dog fight. Rather, the purpose is to see the dogs stand up on their toes, tails quivering, on alert as they stare down the other dogs. Young or inexperienced dogs will sometimes lunge or snarl at their competitors, but the handlers of such dogs are expected to quickly bring them back into control.

If you are considering a Scottish Terrier as a pet, it is important that you consider this aspect of their personality before you decide to buy one. This does not mean that Scotties can't get along with other dogs. Most Scottie breeders keep a number of dogs together without problems. However, Scotties are inclined to dislike strange dogs and will stand their ground even when the other dog is significantly bigger. Scotties may have a "cute" appearance, but they consider themselves as tough, workmanlike animals who prefer that strange dogs stay out of their territory.

If you have other questions about sparring, ask one of the Scottish Terrier exhibitors when their classes are over.

INTRODUCING MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS**Ben Myers and Steve Johnson**

We live in the Edgewater area of Chicago with Wallace, our first Scottish Terrier. It took us a while to finally decide to get a puppy. We always enjoyed having dogs, but living in the city and renting didn't seem like the right time or environment for a dog. When we finally purchased our home we decided it was time to start looking. Both of us had dogs growing up. Ben had a St Bernard and Steve had American Staffordshire Terrier. While both were great dogs, we wanted a breed that was quite a bit smaller, but with no less character.

Scottish Terriers seemed to fit that description. We were drawn to their reputations as feisty, independent dogs full of character and heart. After many books, articles and YouTube videos about Scotties we were ready to start looking for a puppy. With the help of the STCC, we were able to reach out to breeders. Finally, after a few months we got the word that a breeder had a male puppy that wasn't spoken for. Now as you know Scottie puppies are fairly hard to find, so nervously, we agreed to take him after only a few pictures. That began a long twelve-week wait before we would meet him and bring him home. On a rainy April day we picked him up and haven't looked back since.

We've had Wallace for over a year now and he has become the heart and soul of our family. He has grown into a friendly, curious, yet well-behaved young Scotty. He loves city living. There are always more people to meet and squirrels to chase. Eventually we want to have a second Scotty to keep Wallace company. The breed has really grown on us and eventually we might consider becoming breeders. We are excited to join the STCC and are always willing to lend a hand wherever it is needed.

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL TIME**

Renewal notifications will be going out in May via a an email reminder notice to club members who we have email addresses for, as well as a hard-copy notice snail mailed to all members. This issue of *The Plaid Piper* mailed to each member will also constitute as notification that annual membership dues are required at this time.

Renewals are due by **July 1st**. Non-renewed memberships will lapse July 31st per our Bylaws.

Send renewals to Matt Lubeck, Treasurer. Alternatively, you can renew your dues via PayPal off of the STCC website. There is a processing fee added to the membership renewal to cover the cost PayPal charges us for using credit cards.

By mail: \$35 Individual Membership
 \$45 Family Membership

PayPal: \$36.35 Individual Membership
 \$46.65 Family Membership

**POST SPECIALTY DINNER
PLEASE JOIN US !!**

This year, STCC is making the Saturday soiree for exhibitors, Club members, and others a FORMAL Specialty function.

When: Saturday, June 15, 2019
Time: When everyone arrives!!
Where: Saluto's Pizza and Pasta
 7681 Grand Avenue
 Gurnee, IL 60031
 Phone: (847) 356-6900

We have reserved a room just for us. The menu is a buffet that will include Fettuccine Alfredo, Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce, and Spaghetti with Marinara. House salad, fresh baked rolls and a soft drink are included. We are asking that you prepay either by sending a check to our treasurer, Matt Lubeck, for \$25.00, or via PayPal at about \$25.92 with fee. Tax and gratuity are included. If any special accommodations are needed, just reach out to our show chair, Marilyn Flanagan.

We look forward to celebrating together!!

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING AND AWARDS

DATE: August 18, 2019
 EVENT: Annual Luncheon Buffet:
 Great Food; Great Company
 Award Presentations and...
 PRESENTER: Cindy Cooke
 TOPIC: **SCOTTIE INFORMATION
 EXCHANGE**
 TIME: 1 - 4 pm; Presentation follows lunch
 LOCATION: The Westwood Tavern
 1385 N. Meacham Rd.
 Schaumburg, IL 60173
 (847) 969-9500
www.WestwoodTavern.com
 REMINDER: Humans only.
 Board Meeting follows Club meeting

COST: \$35.00 per person, includes tax & gratuity
 REMIT: Check to STCC, mail to Sue Grant
 PayPal via STCC website \$36.29 (incl. fee)
 (Must be received by August 9, 2019)

MEAL CHOICE: Entrée choices are:
 * Champaign Salmon
 * Chicken Piccata

**Advance selection of entrée choice above
 required with payment. Cost includes entrée and:**

- * Starters: Hummus & Pita / Chicken Wings
- * Fresh Field Greens House Salad (Ranch & Balsamic)
- * Sides: Steamed Broccoli & Carrots / Baked Mostaccioli
- * Dessert: Ice Cream Sundae
- * Soft Drinks, Iced-Tea, Herbal Teas, Coffee
 (Cash bar available)

STCC MEETING NOTES: March 24, 2019

*(These notes are provided as an overview of the business conducted during both the Club and Board meetings.
 Please read the official minutes for full details. The Editors.)*

Club Meeting
 (12:15pm to 1:05pm)

President: (Kathy) Kathy Hufnagle explained that the meeting change was made to give members more say in the Club Meetings.

Committee Reports:

Specialty: (Marilyn) Specialty is on schedule.

Hospitality: (Bob/Sue Grant) Sue will reserve the Westwood Tavern. Cindy Cooke to be guest speaker.

Membership: (Kathy) Beryl Gersh will be accepted into the club today. She has been active in Obedience and Agility and will be an asset to the Club.

Communication:

Website (Matt) New website is online. PayPal is in place for members to pay dues or for contributions.

Social Media (Michele) She has requested that the club designate one or two members to take pictures during meetings/events for the website and Facebook.

Education: (Barb S.) April meeting will be an Agility program with member and Scottie participation.

Fundraising: (Via Kathy) She asked for help with this committee, especially someone who can coordinate actions on the internet using PayPal. We have acquired some collectibles through donations. Barbara Wicks will assist in pricing the items and said today there will be a 50/50 auction.

Old Business:

Sweepstakes Judge 2020: Barbara Wicks stated Christine O'Brien has accepted.

New Business:

Scottie Information Exchange: Cindy Cooke is looking for people who are interested in breeding and perpetuating the Scottish Terrier line. She will discuss this program at our STCC Annual Luncheon.

Board Meeting
 (1:05pm to 1:10pm)

Vice-Presidents Report: (Marilyn) Stated a vote was needed to reimburse Kathy Hufnagle and herself for expenses, to do a full-page GLATA catalog ad for \$50, and to pay our annual general liability and bonding insurance payments. A motion was made and seconded.

Hospitality: Sue Grant has approval to enter into an agreement with Westwood Tavern for the Annual Luncheon on August 18, 2019.

Old Business:

Sweepstakes Judge 2020: Barb Wicks has approval to send Christine O'Brien a contract.

Next Board meeting will be April 28th, immediately following the STCC Club Meeting.

STCC MEETING NOTES: April 24, 2019

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Club Meeting

(12:05pm to 1:05pm)

President: (Kathy) She welcomed everyone. Stated we have an excellent Agility program today.

Vice President: (Marilyn) She and Matt completed our needed insurance applications.

Secretary: (Barb W.) She was asked by STCA for our officer changes. She will inform them of changes again after our luncheon with new slate elected.

Treasurer: (Matt) Marilyn reported for Matt that our bank balance is \$4,056.51.

Committee Reports:

Specialty: (Marilyn) Marilyn said the trophy sculptures are completed, artwork trophies are in process, and we are on budget. Sue Grant led a conversation about restaurant requirements for this years Saturday exhibitor dinner, future exhibitor dinners, and the 2021 Rotating. She said Saluto's in Gurney needs a \$100 deposit for this years Saturday exhibitor dinner (due by 5/1). Michele Geiger-Bronsky suggested using PayPal for pre-payment to get attendance count. Marilyn asked members for help and needed volunteers for the Specialty.

Hospitality: (Bob/Sue Grant) Sue reported that the Westwood Tavern needs a \$200 deposit for the annual luncheon. Members discussed the menu; Salmon will be one of this years selections.

Membership: (Kathy) She stated we need to make STCC recognized at the Door County Scottie Rally. She will be attending and will have a table to recruit new members. A brochure will be available. She requested the members participate. She stated we need someone to take pictures at meetings.

Communication:

Website (Matt) Marilyn reported the website is current in its "information only" format. Pictures are requested. PayPal is available for dues and donations.
Social Media (Michele-via phone) She is requesting pictures to post. She wants to generate more interest so that people return to our Facebook page.

Fundraising: (Barb W.) She suggested a "store" on the website where members or non-members could purchase an item and use PayPal. She said someone will have to manage a database, and the packing and shipping that will be paid for by the purchaser.

Education: (Barb S.) Kathy thanked her for the excellent program today. She stated that the Specialty is June 15th, the luncheon August 15th, and that Barb S. is looking for a veterinarian nutritionist for the October 20th meeting.

Old Business: Kathy reminded members to notify her with awards won by their Scottie by June 1st. CGC qualifies for an award.

New Business: Kathy reminded everyone that the Door Country Scottie Rally in on May 18th. She encouraged members to attend and support our Scotties and Michele Geiger-Bronsky. "You won't be disappointed" she said!!

Nominating Committee: Kathy said the Board will be getting a chair and committee together for the nomination of officers and directors for the next year.

Next Club meeting will be June 15th, at our annual Specialty (during lunch outside at the RV!).

Board Meeting

(1:05pm to 1:10pm)

Vice-President: Marilyn was granted permission by the Board to pursue ongoing insurance questions.

Secretary: Board agreed to Christine O'Brien for our 2020 Sweepstakes judge. Contract has been sent.

Specialty: Marilyn submitted a breakdown of expected expenses for the 2019 Specialty. It was decided not to have the Golf Cart this year which is a savings of \$160. The Board approved the list of expenses as submitted (less the Golf Cart).

Hospitality: Bob and Sue Grant were given the Board's approval to give Westwood Tavern a \$200 deposit for the annual luncheon on August 19th.

Next Board meeting will be August 19th, immediately following the STCC Club Meeting. Board meeting will include newly elected slate. Priority will be a photo of the new board for use on web and Facebook.

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The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago

The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago was founded in 1930 by T.E. Weible and Mrs. M.F. Hills. On September 17, 1979, we were formally incorporated as a Not For Profit in the State of Illinois.

Our club is the 2nd oldest Scottish Terrier club in the nation. (California being the oldest club.) It is interesting to note that in 1959 there were still only eleven regional clubs. However, today, STCC is proud to be one of twenty Scottish Terrier regional clubs recognized by the Scottish Terrier Club of America.

STCC held its first Specialty show in November, 1930. Today, our Specialty shows are held annually the third Saturday of June at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL.

Across the years our club has changed leadership and direction, as has every regional club. The allure of the Scottish Terrier has decreased, and nationally there is a strong conversation as to how to rebuild the breed, and our clubs. At our height we had 80 members. Although our membership declined, our current initiative is to expand our clubs footprint, and we are reaching out full force to add new members and, thus new energy and ideas. Today we boast 57 members and counting.

Most of our tenured members have served this club in a leadership capacity - at least once. And, there is a strong knowledge base across our club, focused on our mission. Breeders, exhibitors, and those with companion Scotties have come together with determination to improve the lives and futures of our Scotties.

In recent years, successes have been made for our breed. A test is available for Cushings Syndrome through Dr. Zimmerman and UTenn. Studies at Purdue University have increased our knowledge of bladder cancer. A home collection kit, made possible by Dr. Breen, allows owners to send in urine samples for diagnosis.

If this is the first (or 100th) time reading *The Plaid Piper*, you may have a strong, personal interest in our breed you would like to share. If not already, please consider joining as a member of STCC. Thank you.