



President's Notes – June 2026

Summer is here and preparations are in high gear for our National and Regional Specialties! Our National is August 21 and the Regional is August 20th in Topeka, Kansas. We will have a regional and supported entries that weekend as well. Tabs Dvorak is the Show Chair and Onofrio is the superintendent. Tabs and Laura Johnson are working the awards for the show. Rebekah Rivera is working the show sponsorships and tracking things and running a Facebook page for the National. If you haven't set to follow the page, it's a good place to keep up with the news as we get closer. Please consider sponsoring a class or award and thank you to those who have already done so. We've also planned a stud showcase that weekend and Pam Cox and I are coordinating that. Bring your boys for the folks who are planning upcoming breedings to see and go over and discuss.

Please see the attached information for our annual banquet. Looking forward to good food and a good time with our members to celebrate the many achievements.

And if you want to donate a raffle basket – that would be awesome! The schedule of events is attached to these notes.

Regional ATFTC shows coming up are:

- Sept 2026 – Designated Specialty at Somerset Hills, NJ
- December 2026 – Orlando Regional Specialty
- April 2027 – ATFTC National Specialty and Regional Specialty Perry, GA

We've had some sad news recently. ATFTC members Cheryl Bohannen and Sheryl Irwin both recently passed. We will cherish their memories and honor their contributions to our breed and the ATFTC.

Recently, there have been rumors we've established a committee to update the standard. That is false. The Board initiated a Constitution and By Laws committee. There are some small corrections that need to be made, we need to update/broaden what events we support (currently obedience and tracking are the only performance sports listed) and we strongly feel we should add a membership category for our members who are aging out of the sport but who we'd like to see stay a part of our club. Laura Johnson has volunteered to

lead the committee, and information will be coming out later this summer with the changes the committee proposes for your review.

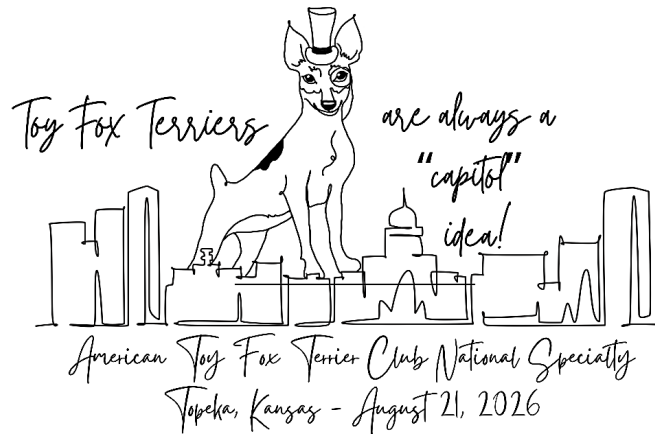
Chris Bowker is preparing the next edition of Fox Tales. Please consider putting in an ad. And don't forget if you got a versatility award to send a photo of your pup to Chris – those brags are welcomed and free! Send ads and newsletter materials to bowmanor@bellsouth.net And a reminder, redacted copies of the newsletter are at the club website so not just members will see your ads!

Once again, we'd like to ask where you'd like upcoming Nationals to be held. Clusters are preferred, easily accessible from an airport for those flying in, decent restaurants in the area, and since most of our dogs dislike showing in the rain and our exhibitors hate to be hot and sweaty, the preferred venues are indoors. Please send your suggestions to the board email address, atftc_board@atftc.com

We appreciate all you do to promote and support our wonderful breed. If you have any ideas of things you'd like the club to consider adding to our agenda or being involved in just reach out to any officer or board member. Please consider being involved in one or more of our events or committees. As they say, it takes a village for us to do all we do and you are our village. Again, thank you to everyone for all you do for our breed. You rock!

See you at the shows!

Susan Thibodeaux
President



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Manhattan Kansas Kennel Club (Regional Specialty (Designated), obedience & rally)

Judges Education

Friday, August 21, 2026

National Specialty (Separate (Concurrent) show)

Topeka Kennel Club, Inc. (All breed, BPUP, obedience & rally)

NOHS Regional

Annual Banquet and Awards - Blind Tiger Brewery & Restaurant

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Manhattan Kansas Kennel Club (All breed, BPUP, obedience & rally)

Stud Showcase

General Membership Meeting

BBQ hosted by the Cluster

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Topeka Kennel Club, Inc. (All breed, obedience & rally)

**The Cluster will also have Barn Hunt, Dock Diving and
Scentwork trials**