



President's Notes – August 2026

We are home and I have been thinking about what a great weekend we had in Topeka! 70 Toy Fox Terrier entries at our National! 21 states and Canada were represented. Amazing! The Banquet had 47 attendees – and if you missed Darlene Teter auctioning off the wine basket, the TFT puppy painting and other items – you missed a treat! When she said she was a professional auctioneer – she was not kidding – she was fabulous! Thank you Darlene for being a highlight of the evening. The banquet room was decorated in the Wizard of Oz courtesy of Denise Monette and a huge thank you to Pam and Tony Cox and Carolyn and Rick Lichty who assembled everything Denise sent – even the flying monkeys and the glittery ruby slippers. We missed you Denise but your presence was felt!

Laura Johnson and Mary Lathlean put surprise boxes at each person's seat and they had neat prizes for each! We also had tons of door prizes for everyone.

A special thank you to Pam Cox for arranging the banquet and making sure we all had good food, libations and a good time!

Congratulations to everyone who received an award:

2025 Top Dog Breed and All Breed: GCHG CH Dynasty Topfox Sugar N Spice
(A Halsey/L Waters/J Threlfall/T Topham)

2025 TOP NOHS: GCHS CH Stone Lea Say You Love Me (Rebecca La Rue Katherine La Rue)

2025 Top Junior Handler Alessandra Wagner

Allie has also volunteered to take over the ATFTC Junior Coordinator position! Thank you Allie!

Special Awards - As President, I also made two special presentations. Appreciation Plaques were presented to Carolyn and Rick Lichty and Chris Bowker for their decades of work and support to the club. Whether asked to be officers, show chairs, award chairs, show trophy chairs, newsletter editors, mentors - the list of what these three

have done for the ATFTC over the years is lengthy and so greatly appreciated. Thank you again Carolyn, Rick and Chris!

2025 Top Twenty:

- 1 GCHG CH Dynasty Topfox Sugar N Spice A Halsey/L Waters/J Threlfall/T Topham
- 2 GCHS CH Fritzfox Made To Fly L Boles
- 3 GCHS CH Kallmee The Space Cowboy S Thibodeaux
- 4 GCHS CH La Isla Once Upon A Dream At Modistee S Peter/A Cuzzolino/J McCloud
- 5 GCHG CH M L Patriot's Black In Fashion BCAT S Peter/I Burg/J Burg/E Criqui
- 6 GCHG CH TnTs Mind Your Own Biscuits CGC T Dvorak/A Wagner/K Sunnenberg/T Dvorak
- 7 GCH CH Accolade Charisma Adventure C Lichty/P Cox/A Cox
- 8 GCH CH Azalea Bay Watch Me Fly S Thibodeaux/S Thibodeaux
- 9 GCHS CH Stone Lea Say You Love Me R La Rue/K La Rue
- 10 CH Valcopy Tayfield Shoot Out T Cowan/M Newell/D Plonkey
- 11 GCH CH Valcopy Tayfield Hearts On The Line At Threefields C Penwarden/M Newell/D Plonkey
- 12 GCHB CH Barvida Starfox Ch-Ch-Changes J Barlet/T Vida/S Irwin
- 13 GCH CH Dynasty Threlfall's You Bet Jurassic J Threlfall/M Threlfall
- 14 GCH CH Fritzfox Good Golly Miss Molly L Boles/T Boles
- 15 CH Stormin's Dark Moon Rising M Stenberg
- 16 GCH CH Westgate Great Expectations FDC BCAT RATN CGC TKN FITB FT N Baerresen
- 16 GCH CH Greenjeans Believe In Taking A Chance In Life C Fortney/M Shields/M Gaffney/M Bowlan
- 18 CH C Lyn's Valcopy Top Gun L McKee/D Plonkey
- 19 GCH CH Valcopy Tylaur's Diamonds R A Girl's Best Friend BCAT J Houchins/M Ryan
- 20 GCHS CH Hurricanedeck Super Bass S Weaver
- 20 GCH CH Janus Fritzfox Steal My Heart J Barlet/T Vida/P Lasswell/R Shailer

If you weren't at the banquet, we'll be mailing your Certificate and Rosette next week. The certificates of achievement for titles won in 2025 will also be mailed next week. We printed 144 certificates. That just for Toy Foxes that ATFTC members own. You blew me away with your achievements – getting out there and doing things with your marvelous Toy Fox Terriers. Congratulations to all of you!

We also had a very special award presentation. Last spring we asked you for nominations for the ATFTC's Annual AKC Sportsmanship Award. AKC sent me the medallion last spring and I've been waiting to present it at the Annual Banquet. Unfortunately, the recipient wasn't able to attend. Congratulations to **LILA FAST** on the well deserved award and a huge thank you to her friend who helped me to Facetime Lila with everyone at the banquet so we could give her the applause and recognition for this award. I have mailed the

medallion to her and she should receive it soon. We all wish her a speedy recovery from her accident!

And the raffle. Oh, my goodness. I asked Mary Bowlan for her help, and she showed up the day before the show with enough stuff to cover an entire table and then some. And then as you all arrived so did your baskets. We had two full long tables of raffle items and baskets. And the contents? A beautiful quilt made by Rebekah Rivera, pecans and other goodies from Arlene Irby's farm, a Minnesota breakfast from Carolyn and Rick Lickty that you could only put tickets in for the basket if you were over 21, and on and on. So many lovely things to win and I can't even list them all. Laura Johnson put out sunflower tablecloths (Kansas state flower), Steve Thibodeaux made signs and put them up at all the doors, and then he worked the table for two days. Steve, Gail Flynn, Tabs and Troy Dvorak, Allie Wagner, Mary Bowlan, Chris Bowker and the list goes on of everyone who sold tickets and watched the tables. We made \$1400!!!

And some of you were in performance. First – thank you Mary Bowlan and Chris Bowker for making bags for the performance exhibitors. Lovely goodies for great memories. Some of you did scent work, barn hunt and rally. A huge congratulations to Chris Bowker on her title in Rally and with two perfect scores!

The Judges Education Seminar was well attended with 13 attendees. Thank you Lea Ann and Tracy Boles, Tabs and Troy Dvorak, Steve Thibodeaux and Allie Wagner for bringing dogs for the hands on and Steve for setting up the electronics. Also, earlier in August we did a webinar for TFTs for the Kennel Club of South Africa and they had 47 attendees from across Africa and the United Kingdom.

Congratulations to the winners of the National and Regional Specialties. Results will be in the next newsletter and can also be found on the Onofrio site.

A huge thank you and shout out for the show committee. They started planning over a year ago and all the success is due to their hard work.

Show Chair - Tabitha Dvorak

Trophies and exhibitor bags - Laura Johnson

Sponsors and Logo - Rebekah Rivera

Banquet Chair - Pam Cox

Driver for judges- Troy Dvorak

Treasurer - LeaAnn Boles

And to our sponsors and everyone who donated to the gift bags, the door prizes, the raffle, the trophies, loaned dogs to juniors, volunteered their time and most of all to you the breeders and exhibitors

THANK YOU!

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
- CFTFTC Designated Specialties Brooksville, FL 1/18/27 & 1/24/27

Chris Bowker is preparing the next edition of Fox Tales. If you won at one of the specialties – you should put an ad in! 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!

We're at that time of year again for the election cycle. The nomination list and the form to run from the floor were mailed out on 8/31. Thank you to the Nomination Committee – Steve Thibodeaux, Mary Bowlan and Pam Cox for your work and diligence.

Offices for this election cycle and the nominees are:

Vice President: Denise Monette (Incumbent)(California)

Secretary: Rebekah Rivera (Wyoming)

Board Member: Chris Bowker (Incumbent) (Georgia)

Board Member: Tabitha Dvorak (Nebraska)

Board Member: Laura Johnson (Incumbent) (Connecticut)

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