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Fall Field Trial

The Alabama Quail Hunters Fall fieldtrial will be held on October 30th. Please be sure to thank Gates for hosting the fieldtrial and his willingness to share his property!

If you would like to register your dog please contact Bob Carr (205-424-1381) or Frank Harris (after business hours 205-595-0203). Please register by Thursday night (11/28) at the latest.

Registration fees:

- Puppy Class up to 12 months old - \$35.00
- Derby Class any dog up to 36 months old, \$40.00
- Gun Dog Class is open to any dog, \$45.00
- Senior Dog Class only open to dogs over 8 years old, \$45.00

Directions to Gates Shaw's Farm

- Take I-65 and Exit at the Montevallo & Calera Exit onto AL Hwy 25.
- Go South on AL Hwy 25 through Calera, Montevallo & Wilton about 13 miles total to Bibb Co. Hwy 65. (about 7 miles from Wilton)
- Turn Right onto Bibb Co. Hwy 65 and go about 1 mile to Carlton Pass.
- Turn Right onto Carlton Pass and go to the dead end.
- The gate at the dead end is the entrance into Gates Shaw's Farm.
- Go through the gate to the designated parking area.



Federal Land Grab by U S Fish & Wildlife Service Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge

By: Ben Black

The public hearing held in Brent, AL on September 2, 2010 was an overwhelming ANTI... NO...WE DON'T WANT...expansion of this proposed 280,000 acres refuge in central Alabama.

The hearing was scheduled for 5:00pm to 7:00pm...I arrived just before 5:00 and the crowd was overflowing, with hardly any standing room. I left at 8:00pm and they were still going strong. I only heard one or two people comment that they would approve it.

The Alabama Forrest Owners Association calculates this acquisition would cost Alabama 702 jobs, \$22.8 million in annual payroll contributions, \$778,958 yearly in state tax contributions, \$67 million in annual sales and \$26 million in annual Gross Domestic Product.

The Federal government already owns about ONE-THIRD of the land in the U.S. In March this year, Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina made news of a memo from the Dept. of Interior revealing plans for the federal government to seize more than 10 million acres from Montana to New Mexico.

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Obama could enact the plans in this memo with the stroke of a pen, without any input from the communities affected by it, just by designating them as "monuments" under the 1906 Antiquities Act. Jimmy Carter seized almost 50 million acres under the same act while he was president.

This Cahaba land-grab was so under-handed to begin with. The Alabama Forestry Commission, the State Forester, and most of land owners who would be impacted were not even notified. When the proposal was made public the deadline for comments was only a few days later. After the UP-RISING of concerned citizens the comment period was extended to December 6. After the comment period, the service will either draft a new proposal or move forward with the conservation and preservation plan in place.

I urge you to send your comments to: Ms. Kimberly Eldridge, 1875 Century Blvd., Suite 420, Atlanta, GA 30345. Also, I sent letters to SHELBY, SESSIONS, BACHUS and STEVE MILLER, Wildlife official.

Every "NO" they receive does make an impact overall.

More details? Log on to: www.fws.gov/cahabariver.

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Tom Bergob from Birmingham

Lee DuBois from Birmingham

Jacob Marsh from Birmingham

Jimmy Pittman from Birmingham

Billy Pounds from Irondale

Red Robinson from Columbiana

HEY FOLKS

HEY FOLKS,

On September 2, AQH members, potential members and guests enjoyed an afternoon and evening of shooting skeet and five-stand at Southern Skeet and Trap Club (SSTC) located off John Rogers Parkway in Irondale. Participants began arriving about 3 PM for early registration, shooting began around 4 PM and some were still firing when I left at 9 PM. Participants included men, women and families. Some children got their first lessons in gun handling and safety from experts along with their parents. Our dinner was catered by the Cajun Steamer. The menu included Cajun sausage and chicken jambalaya, gumbo, catfish, chicken fingers, slaw, bread, brownies and Milo's tea. About 100 people attended the event. It was a good opportunity to meet other bird hunters and to visit with long-time AQH members. Scott Gilpin and his wife, Susan co-chaired the committee to organize Shoot 'N Shout. Scott recently received a new work assignment that will be headquartered in Tyler, Texas but he and Susan will continue to reside in Vestavia. I want to thank the Gilpins and their committee for all their hard work on Shoot 'N Shout.

The Manager of SSTC, Billy Pounds was an excellent host. He stated that shooting is a sport that you can only improve if you practice. Their goal is to provide a shooting facility that is safe and economical. I recommend that you call Southern Skeet & Trap Club at 205-956-6800 and make plans to shoot some rounds to improve your shooting skills.

Please arrive at our monthly meetings before 6:20 PM so we can be served our dinners prior to the start of our program to prevent interrupting our speakers.

Watch for the announcement of our AQH Fall Field Trial to be held October 31st. Select a few excellent photos this hunting season and send them to Chris McDaniel for our website and newsletters. Thanks for your time.

Frank Harris, President

Treasurer's Desk

Please check your AQH Newsletter mailing label. If "12-10" does not follow your name, my records show that you have not yet paid your 2010 dues payable to all AQH members on January 1st. Please mail me your check made out to AL Quail Hunters, 1901 Morgan Road SE, Bessemer, AL 35022.

Your annual \$15.00 dues are income tax deductible. If I have made an error, email me at coalcarr@bham.rr.com or call me during office hours at (205) 424-1381.

Thank you,
Bob Carr,

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