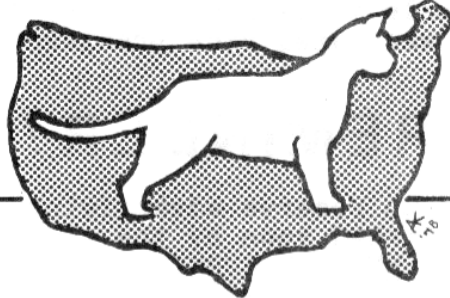


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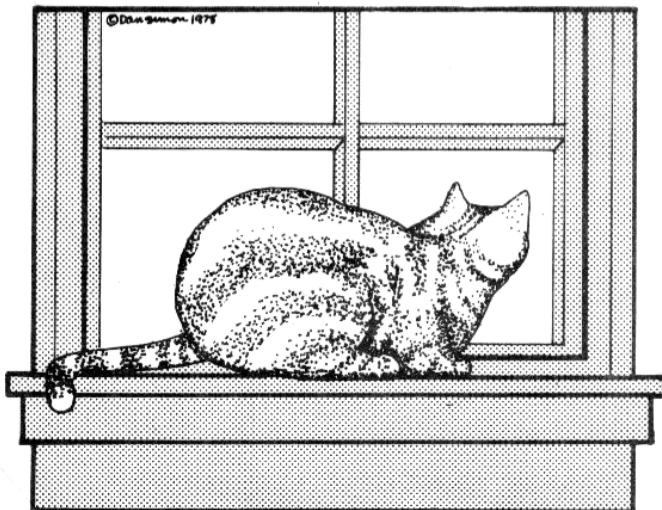
This is our first "extra" edition of our club's newsletter. Besides showing off our new name and masthead -- designed by Allan Kienzle -- there are several important matters to bring to your attention. First of all, a big CONGRATULATIONS to the club's national winners for 1977-78!

NATIONAL TOP TEN

1. Gr Ch Adam's Rib Chicago Fire, Adam Frecowski (deceased) and Stanley Barnaby (114 Best of Breed wins).
2. Gr Ch Shanx Ebonair, John and Dianna Glennon (70).
3. Gr Ch Saren-Del's Star Spangled Girl, Mary McIntyre (46).
4. Gr Ch Soledad's Samson, Olen Wilford (38).
5. Gr Ch Tsu-Kee-Ah-Kee Jive Turkey, Bob and Pat Zenda (37).
6. Gr Ch Millcreek's Cymbe of Portrait, D. Dale and Margot Williams (30).
7. Gr Ch Honey Dew, Chet Plucinski (23).
8. Gr Ch Miribu's X Marks the Spot (deceased), Margot Mellies (20).
9. Gr Ch Silver Myne's Filigree, Rhonda Hanson (18).
10. Gr Ch Garja's Nina of Saint, Myrna Ford (15).

TRIBUTE TO ADAM FRECOWSKI - By Allan Kienzle

Words can hardly express the stunned pain we shared upon hearing of the premature death of our president Adam Frecowski. Adam was the founder of this club and devoted over 20 years to breeding and exhibiting American Shorthairs.



During the years that I had the privilege of knowing Adam I cannot recall hearing him say an unkind word about an individual or make an unconstructive remark about another breeder's cat. He was proud of the American Shorthair and it gave him as much pleasure to judge a fine cat as to exhibit one of his own.

As we dry our own tears we extend our sympathy to his mother Mary Ann Frecowski. And as we continue on, what more fitting memorial to Adam could we display than our own attitudes to one another and our continued efforts to improve and promote the American Shorthair.

A LOSS TO US ALL

Adam Frecowski died April 7 of a heart attack while in his car, at the age of 37. The club sent \$50 to Adam's mother Mary Ann Frecowski, half of which came from our treasury and the rest from a generous club member who asked to be anonymous. In accord with our by-laws, the officers named vice president Allan Kienzle to replace Adam as club president. Ellin Dunsworth of Minneapolis was named vice president.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

NOW - TODAY - is the time to reserve advertising space in the new, high-quality booklet to be published soon by the club. PLEASE NOTE: AT LEAST HALF OF THE COST OF THE AD MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1. Dan Simon will finalize the design during June based on paid reservations in hand. The final deadline for copy and completion of payment is July 1.

Don't end up feeling left out! This is an ambitious project aimed at winning friends for the breed, promoting our club and catteries and helping us sell our kittens. We are counting on advertising from club members to pay for the printing costs, which are considerable. Since this will be the prestigious "Who's Who" of the ASH world, can you afford not to have your message included? Especially at these very reasonable rates:

One page (4" x 9").....\$17.50

Half page (4" x 4½").....\$10.00

Plus add \$7.50 for each photo, unless you can send a halftone or screened print from a previous ad that will fit in the space. All ad copy should be typed or carefully printed. You are welcome to send camera-ready copy.

Send half or all of payment with reservation (and copy if it's ready) by June 1 to Rosemary Kendrick.

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Our club's delegate to the CFA annual meeting in San Francisco June 23-24 will be Mary McIntyre. Allan Kienzle will be the alternate.

Deadline for the July 1 newsletter (finals, for sale, etc.) is June 14.

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