

VTA Membership Secretary's Report- Kurt Butler

Hello everyone. By the time you read this your fur shed will be a busy place.. I went to the District 1 Roundezvous in Bland this year and had a great time. Those boys put on a good event. Roy Wood was there with the VTA 50th Anniversary bear trap.It's a real thing of beauty. At \$3/ per ticket how can you not take a chance? We'll also have belt buckles commemerating the 50th anniversay for sale, thanks to Francis Richards hard work. Be thinking about and planning on attending the big event next July. How can you help? What are your suggestions for making this a great event? District 9 is hosting again and suggestions/comments can be sent directly to me,Kurt Butler.

I was sorry I had to leave Bland early, I missed the Saturday demos. Thanks to John Guillion for signing up memberships for me so I could just enjoy meeting folks. If you have another one next year, I can recommend to everyone to make the trip through the tunnel, I know I will be back.

I recently undertook mailing out membership forms to all our expired members. The current membership roll had fallen into the 470's from about 600. I know with lower fur prices it's going to happen. But, I'd really like to thank those of you who have kept up your memberships and those who have come back to the fold (25 so far in response to the mailing). We are curruntly at 497 paid up current members. Thanks to those of you who signed up for 2 years and even 1 became a lifetime member (thanks Miss Linda). I do have a few returned letters. If you know where E.B. Steele (Goochland), Katelyn Huffman (LOvingston), Gene Carine (Arlington),or Mike Brookover (Stafford) are currently, please let me know. Some could have moved and some may be deceased (Hope not). Please think about staying with us when you receive your renewal notices.

Maybe I'll see you in the swamps or at the fur sale. Until then have a safe and enjoyable season, Kurt