



## NAHRA at 2011 Pheasant's Fest

NAHRA and the Central Region once again made a splash at Pheasant Forever's annual winter convention 28-30 January and from all accounts, the event was a tremendous success. Central Region Director, Dan Tongen said, "During the Pheasant Fest held in Omaha, NE, NAHRA had a booth to help promote the program. We were able to meet some new folks who would be interested in starting a NAHRA club around the Omaha area. We were able to get 55 names of folks interested in a new club, I will contact all those people to generate some interest for a club. We also gave away a 1yr membership to NAHRA for a new member. It is a great event and every year we have a booth, the vendors and people involved in the event become more aware of who we are. Next year's Pheasant Fest will be held in Kansas City, so make plans to try to attend or to help out with the booth." Dan reports that the booth was manned this year by: FPRC members, Dan Hove, Dick Ofstedal, Chris Lambert, Troy Callanan, Dan Tongen, Midwest Retriever Club members, Bob Riggs, Fritz Baier, Dean Downer and Skunk River Hunting Retriever Association members, Jim Reeves and Jim Boscard. NAHRA Treasurer and FPRC member, Dan Hove, presented several well attended seminars.



NAHRA booth picture courtesy of Dan Tongen

## ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET

A big thank you to Patsy Hove for once again putting together an awesome banquet. The food was great and the camaraderie was even better. Patsy assembled an outstanding slide show that will be hard to top next year. Thanks much to all that attended. Many folks commented that they are already looking forward to next year's banquet. Special awards presented at this year's banquet included: Troy Callanan and John Giudice - Outstanding Contribution, Jeremy Pederson—Outstanding New Member and Dan and Patsy Hove—Lifetime Achievement Awards. Hats off to you all!!



Patsy Hove and GMHR-I Grace

# 2011 NAHRA CENTRAL REGION NEWS

2011 will be another exciting and busy year in the Central Region. Regional Director, Dan Tongen, reports the following summer schedule of NAHRA Field Tests:

- 30-31 April—Skunk River Hunting Retriever Association
- 6-8 May—Four Points Retriever Club,  
Horse & Hunt Club, Prior Lake, MN
- 21-22 May—Midwest Retriever Club,  
Ankeny, IA
- 6-10 June, 2011 NAHRA Invitational,  
Chichaqua Bottoms, Ankeny, IA
- 25-26 June—Okoboji Retriever Club,  
Spirit Lake, IA
- 9-10 July—Midwest Retriever Club  
Ankeny, IA
- 13-14 August—2011 Central Regional hosted by Skunk River  
Hunting Retriever Association
- 10-11 September—Four Points Retriever Club, Clear  
Lake, WI

The above events are listed as being confirmed at time of press of this issue. Other events may be added at a later date.

*Minot Retriever Club has unfortunately cancelled their test for 2011. They are planning to offer another test in 2012.*

## CLUB APPRECIATION HUNT - 2 APRIL

Due to the early and heavy winter we received this year, our annual club appreciation hunt had to be rescheduled from our normal late January date to the first Saturday in April. This year, the pheasant hunt will be held at Major Avenue Hunt Club near Glencoe, MN. Hunting will start at 9AM. There will be a pot-luck lunch at noon followed by more hunting in the afternoon. Club members that have met the work requirements for 2010 will be given 2 free birds. Additional birds will be available via pre-order for \$16.00/ea. Mike Matson will be coordinating this event. Please contact Mike at [mikematson@tds.net](mailto:mikematson@tds.net) to get signed up by 17 March (coincidentally, the date of the next club meeting).



### - NOTICE -

**Be sure to get signed up for the Evan Graham Seminar that will be held 15-16 April at TNT Kennels near Hastings, MN. Further info can be found on the club website and by contacting Darin Westphal at : [darinwestphal@gmail.com](mailto:darinwestphal@gmail.com)**

**Next Club Meeting  
Thursday 17 March at 6 PM  
Gander Mountain Eden Prairie**



Mike and Beau relaxing between hunts.