



*Ruffed Grouse Society  
Inaugural Gun Dog  
Training Seminar  
Sponsored By Purina*



**Saturday May 2, 2009**  
**The MacMaster's Farm**  
**10068 Cemetary Rd**  
**Alden, MI 49612**

\$150.00 Value from Purina  
**Cost: Special Value Price Of \$75.00**

**Limited to 25 Participants**

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Group Seminar: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Lunch (Included): Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Personal Instruction & Field Work:

1:00 – 4:30 p.m. (Wrap-up)

**One Day Gun Dog Training Seminar with Purina's Pro Trainer Steve Grossman, specializing in pointing Breeds & Assisted By Mike Frederick Specializing in Flushing Breeds**

**Participants are encouraged to bring their dogs. (prefer ages of 6 months and up).**

**Visit Steve's Website for information on his program. Website: [www.littlemoran.com](http://www.littlemoran.com)**

**"This Program will get You & Your Dog working together as a Hunting Team with group & One on One training tailored to Your Dog's Needs"**



You Must Register By April 28, 2009  
To Register, Please Contact:  
Mac McDonald: 231-838-7765  
Full Payment Due Upon Registration



## **Ruffed Grouse Society 2008 Michigan Projects**

### **Hiawatha National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements, Chippewa and Mackinac Counties, Michigan**

An additional \$5,000 was provided for the ongoing Cost Share Partnership Program between the US Forest Service and the Ruffed Grouse Society. Funds contributed are being matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. Funds in 2008 would continue the development of the Little Bear Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Management Area on the St. Ignace Ranger District and begin habitat improvements on the Birch Farm Management Area near Rapid River.

### **LeGrande Management Area Project, Cheboygan County, Michigan**

The project area is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is located approximately six miles north of Afton, Michigan. Funds would be used to support ongoing ruffed grouse habitat work being conducted on the Pigeon River Wildlife Area. Work for 2008 includes the rehabilitation of approximately 12 acres of wildlife openings.

### **Michigan Private Landowner Education**

RGS funds in 2008 were used to support an early successional forest educational workshop at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Michigan Ornithological Conference to increase the awareness of this important habitat component to local and migratory songbirds. Funds were also used to support two regional workshops for Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society Chapter representatives. Funds would be used for logistical support for these events.

### **Michigan Technological University Research Project**

RGS provided \$6,000 for a two year research project entitled; "*Optimizing Both Habitat Quality for Conservation-Concern Bird Species and Tree Productivity in Aspen Forests in the Great Lakes Region*". With future prospects of using forest resources for cellulosic ethanol production, additional pressure most likely will fall on this regionally declining forest resource. This research is timely and will evaluate potential tradeoffs between biomass production and wildlife habitat management objectives in aspen stands and develop recommendations for managing aspen forests to meet quality-oriented standards.

### **Huron/Manistee National Forest Non-Commercial Aspen Regeneration, Cadillac Ranger District, Lake and Wexford Counties, Michigan**

This project is a continuation of work that was initiated in 2007. Funds are being used to regenerate non-commercial aspen habitat on sites inaccessible for commercial harvests. This important habitat management activity would not occur without outside funding support. The cost to conduct the work is estimated to be \$300/acre.