

# Vince Ramirez

## Variable Surface Tracking Seminar

*presented by Southwest Tracking Association of  
Metropolitan Houston*

University of Houston Campus, Houston, TX

September 4 -5, 2010 (Saturday & Sunday)

Working Slots \$150.00 (limited to 20)\*

Auditor Slots: \$75.00

One-day Auditor Slots: \$40.00



STA is proud to present this two-day seminar designed for those working toward their Variable Surface Tracking title. While this is a VST seminar, the training principals presented by Vince will relate to all levels of tracking and trackers of all experience levels will find the information useful and applicable. The seminar will address building motivation, starts, surface transitions, turns, articles, line handling, the effect of buildings, pedestrians and vehicular traffic on VST tracks and other challenges unique to tracking in an urban environment.

The seminar is limited to 20 working teams who are able to attend the entire seminar, both days. Previous VST training is not required. Auditor slots are unlimited and available for the entire weekend or just one day. **\*PLEASE** — if you are only able to attend one day **DO NOT** take one of the limited working slots.

**About the Instructor:** Vince Ramirez, of Bucyrus, Kansas and his dogs have earned multiple TD's, TDX's and three VST/CT to date. He continues to train dogs in all three venues and trained a Delaney Top Five ranked Belgian Sheepdog in obedience (Turbo UDTDX) and trained and titled in UKC Agility, before the advent of AKC Agility. He has put Herding Instinct Certifications on his dogs and shown in the breed ring. Vince trained with FEMA USAR Task Force NETF-1 and graduated from the FEMA Canine Search Specialist Course 9/14/01 with his Belgian Tervuren, CT Twister HIC. He has also train for Wilderness Searches.

**To register,** fill out the attached form and return it with a check payable to STA to: Kathleen Milford, 20918 Hamlet Ridge Lane, Katy, TX 77449. Your entry will be confirmed via email.

A limited amount of indoor crating space will be available for the working dogs. Dogs **MUST BE CRATED** except when working. While we understand that it is sometimes necessary to bring your dogs when travelling to out of town seminars, **STA reserves the right to limit the presence of un-entered dogs** at this event. Please contact Kathleen Milford at [kmilford@flash.net](mailto:kmilford@flash.net) before planning to bring an un-entered dog.

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**Auditor Slot:**  \$75.00 Entire weekend  \$40.00 (Saturday only)  \$40.00 (Sunday only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your tracking experience so we can get an idea of who you are and a sense of your needs from this and future seminars or workshops.

**Training / Titling:** have trained a dog at the following levels

I have handled dogs to these titles:  TD  TDX  VST

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I haven't earned a title, yet, but have laid practice tracks for others at these levels:

TD  TDX  VST

I'm a novice tracker – have taken a class or attended a seminar/workshop

I'm a beginner – little or no experience with the sport

I need help:  need a training partner  interested in classes

**Tracklayer:** have served as the following at AKC Tests or Matches

TD  TDX  VST  Crosstrack layer

**Deadline for registration is Saturday, August 28, 2010**

**Mail application and check/money order payable to STA to:**

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