Throughout this learning period the membership had shown an interest in becoming a local Specialty Club.

Our application was sent to the AKC in 1974, was approved, and we, in the meantime, had made our plans to have our first Sanctioned Specialty at the Great Lakes Terrier Show in June of that year.

Our first judge was Winifred Heckman and the first BB Australian Terrier was Ch. Sprite Lea Dylan, owned and bred by Gene and Katharine Barnes. Of the 35 charter members there are four that still belong to the Club. This tenth anniversary was dedicated to the memory of Gene H. Barnes, a staunch Australian Terrier supported and distinguished breeder who held several offices and was one of the founders of the ATCGCA.

The tenth Specialty weekend on June 16, 1984, had arrived after another year of planning and we hoped we were prepared! Thursday night delegates for the Great Lakes Terrier Association helped set the scene for the specialties on Saturday. They cleaned out the building, hung banners of each club and the Great Lakes Terrier Association logo banners.

Friday proved to be perfect for showing at Skokie Valley KC with Judge Robert Graham. BW was Crestwoods Cinder, owned by Marge Reignier. While BOS was Ch. Wismiss Olivia, owned by Carol Sazama, and BB Ch. Crestwoods Crackerjack, owned by Marge Reignier. Second in Group.

Saturday the ATCGCA held a brunch at the motorhome that Bridgit Gierhan and Jennie Worthing had for the weekend. Many wonderful Australian Terrier fanciers attended.

Sweepstakes: 16 entries
Judge: Roland Taub

Regular classes: 43 entries
Judge: Dr. M. Josephine Deubler
BW: Sprite Lea Deanna, owner Katharine Barnes. BOS Ch. Regency Lady Begorrah, owners Ida Ellen Weinstock and Alice Ann Wight. BB CH Crestwood Crackerjack, owner Margaret Reignier. Crackerjack was handled by Jane Tenor and went second in group.

Sunday, at Chain ‘O Lakes, which ATCGCA supported, there were 25 entries. The judge, Mrs. Carson, chose BW Ridge Park Chadwick, owned by Marjorie Lehtinen. BOS Ch. Wismiss Olivia, owned by Carol Sazama. BB Ch. Crestwoods Crackerjack and he went fourth in group.