



NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

<http://www.GraniteStateCarriage.org>

AUGUST 2016

SHELBURNE DRIVE AND RIDE EVENT SEPTEMBER 17-22

This year the event will be at two adjacent locations, the *[Shelburne Farms](#) and the *[Meach Cove Farms](#). The two properties abut each other making easy access to both sites. The Coach barn at Shelburne Farms has 8 stalls available. With miles of dirt roads, Shelburne Farms is open to carriage driving only. Meach Cove Farms has 12 stalls, offers several miles of roads for driving, and also welcomes riding. Riding trails go all the way into Charlotte, VT. * Check out the link provided to a Topo Map of the area.

There is limited space for camping and the space will be assigned as I receive the registration forms. **Advance registration is required.**

There are regular scheduled activities at both locations, something for everyone. The area surrounding Shelburne and Burlington VT offer many unique activities. GSCA members, friends and family are welcome to attend. Whether you come for a day, two or more, with or without an equine.

All the details are in the flyer which you should already have received. An additional copy is attached to this newsletter.

GSCA HANCOCK CANCELLATION NOTICE--

I'm sorry to have to announce that both the Hancock Drive Outing and the Hancock BBQ have been cancelled. We apologize to those who already paid, and your money will be refunded promptly. The number of signups has not been sufficient to host the weekend.

Sorry for any inconvenience. If you have any question regarding your refund method, please contact Eric Wilking, Treasurer at eevsw@gmail.com (603) 731-0513

SUCCESSFUL AUGUST 14 RAIL TRAIL OUTING IN ANDOVER, NH

The GSCA outing at Potter Place, after a rescheduling to avoid an unanticipated conflict, finally had a very fine day in its third year (not rainy and not freezing)! Enjoying long level Rail Trail footing and peaceful dirt roads, carriage drivers and riders alike went out for up to 9 miles or more of fun.

The Northern Rail Trail parking area proved roomy even with 12 rigs parked. Generous local members Faith and Don Clendenen (local residents) donated refreshments of pastries, coffee, water and orange juice. THANK YOU!



15 participants found that the previous heat spell was damped down by overnight rains, also that the the Rail Trail was mostly shaded. They also soon realized that Rail Trail footing in this area is second to none, better than most of Acadia and level too! And along both sides it was freshly-mowed as well.

Several riders paired up: Annie Schneider and Mick Cummins, newly-joining GSCA, appeared early to ride their horses. Nancie Jarvis and Laura Robertson also rode out together.



The Roemers (Ohio residents, marathon competitors and horse club participants who take some of their summer in Sunapee) drove their Fjord out with Jon as whip and Nancy as navigator. We had a solo carriage excursion too — Hilary DeAngelis drove Frodo, an experienced and

steady haflinger, the full 9 miles into Danbury and back.



One carriage went out with riders accompanying: Denise Reed Gagnon in her cart took along Annie Kennedy and Megan Mele on horseback, both new members joining for this outing. They took a loop off the Rail Trail on dirt roads.



And Corin Brennan rode solo on Remy, making short work of the long loop route. Folks had the option to check out the covered bridge and Rail Trail railroad bridge in the Andover direction.



Faith Clendenen rode her gray fox trotter and her husband Don drove their gray standardbred, heading out with hosts Connie and Rick Moses driving their pair around midday. The Moses' drove out on the long loop, which offered the best variety; about a mile out they left the Rail Trail onto a 4 mile quiet dirt road route, passing a lovely pond and with a few gently rolling hills.

Don Clenden's gray STB trots out. Thanks to Don & Faith for contributing to the Andover outing!

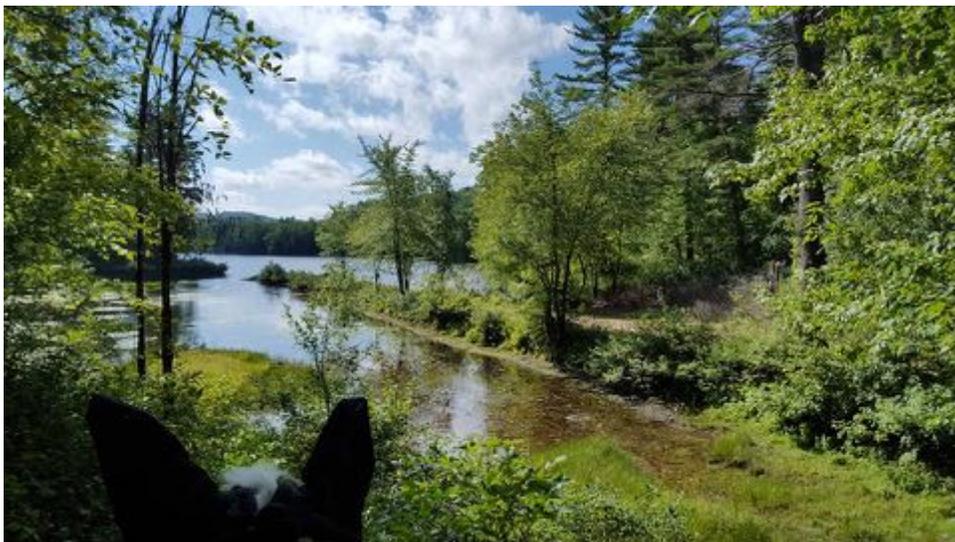
The most scenic part of this road loop had lovely fields and hillside views before connecting back into the Rail Trail for a 4 mile return. Rick and Connie shut the Trail gates on their way back in, after a brief visit with a friend who lives right beside the Trail in Wilmot. All in all, a satisfying day; and a big GSCA

Welcome to our four new members signing up!



SANBORNTON PEMIGEWASSET RIVER TRAIL DAY OUTING

Sunday, August 21, 2016



The first event in Sanbornton riding and driving along the Pemigewasset floodplain on the Sanbornton side was a resounding success with members from three states attending. We had

fantastic weather, and the slight breeze kept the bugs at bay! Riders and Drivers got an early start to beat the heat. I wouldn't have been able to get all the trail markers done without the help of my neighbor JoAnne Bousquet, who also was instrumental in getting GSCA paperwork done and getting the attendees on their way.

Drivers heading out

Members from three states who attended were:

Beth Chapman (NH), Ann & Greg Cuffy (ME), Alison Fellows (MA), Denise Reed Gagnon (NH), Macy Gotthardt (NH), Jean Harvey (NH), Kathy Mercurio (MA), Holly Saari (MA), Cindy Schlener (MA), Linda Stebbins (NH). There was a special appearance made by Anne Paquin, sans horse who had a slight case of being under the weather when she got to the barn. (Nothing serious!)



Looks like the riders took advantage of splashing around in the river at the end of the boat launch.



We also were fortunate enough to sign up 10 new members:

Patricia Abraham (NH), Felicity Beech (FL), Teresa Boldwin (NH), Melissa Every (NH), Robin Gilman (NH),



Dena Kirkman (ME), Sarai Kramer (NH), Sue Smith (NH), Ann Marie Trench (NH) and Bonnie Wolfe (NH)

We had great co-operation from the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Town of Sanbornton and special thanks to police Chief Steve Hankard for sending out a special announcement regarding our event to the town residents to proceed with special care around riders and drivers.

The river trails were quiet and lovely, they are open to riders all seasons, but bear in mind that as of October 1, pheasant hunting begins and it is one of the few release areas. Springtime the area is flooded, so a call to the Franklin Falls Dam station would be a good idea in spring.

Look forward to hosting again next year – already cooking up some new ideas for an even better experience!

Laurie Graham



New friends were made!

TOUCHSTONE FARM TO HOST ADS NORTHEAST REGIONAL DRIVE OCT 7-9

We are hosting the ADS Northeast Regional Recreational Drive here at Touchstone over Columbus Day Weekend. (Oct. 7,8,9th). We are going to have a great time I think..Clinicians are Scott Monroe, Marc Johnson, Sue Rogers and Mary Gray. Jerry Trapani is going to be here to offer CAA evaluations for the Driver Proficiency Program...Level 1 or 2 are both available as we have just become a CAA Education Site for NEngland...We are so excited! Great driving all over the farm, banquet dinner on Sat. night at Timberdoodle, and fun BBQ on Friday night. I would love to have some GSCA members come. Boo Maetin Contact: ADS Website or Leona lanastasi@charter.net.

LAFAYETTE BROOK AQUISITION PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Lafayette Brook Tract Acquisition - comment period

Written comments are being accepted on recreation and trails. With this being flatter terrain let NHHCTrails@aol.com and DRED know your interest.

<http://www.nhstateparks.org/news-and-events/press-release-details.aspx?newsid=10210>

(Concord, NH) The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation held a public information session in August to discuss the proposed acquisition of approximately 400 acres of undeveloped land on Profile Road in Franconia. The Lafayette Brook property directly abuts Franconia Notch State Park and the White

Mountain National Forest. The session was held at 6 pm Thursday August 11, 2016, at Franconia Notch State Park Headquarters on I-93 Exit 34 B.

The Division is interested in acquiring the property for the following reasons:

- 1 To protect the view shed from the Cannon Mountain and Mittersill ridges.
- 2 Maintenance and potential expansion of the existing trail use on the property and to potentially connect it to the trails in Franconia Notch State Park and the White Mountain National Forest.
- 3 Future state park recreational development on the flatter terrain to compliment the more mountainous terrain in the rest of the park and expand existing services.
- 4 To protect the forested area located on the lower slopes of Lafayette Brook.
- 5 Wildlife habitat management and protection.
- 6 Demonstrate sustainable forest management.

Short-term plans at the property include constructing a small parking area for the public to access the parcel, maintenance of the existing trail network, installation of an informational kiosk, and installing of a pit toilet.

Written comments on the acquisition and short-term public use plan can be emailed to LafayetteBrookComments@dred.nh.gov, or mailed to the Department of Resources & Economic Development, Lafayette Brook Comments, 172 Pembroke Rd, Concord, NH 03301. The deadline for written comment is 4 pm on September 11, 2016.

For more information, visit our [Lafayette Brook Tract Acquisition webpage](http://www.nhstateparks.org/news-and-events/projects/lafayette-brook-acquisition.aspx).
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FOR SALE



Bellcrown 'Badger' suitable for animals between 14.2 and 15.2. (Horse in photo is 15.2.)

The carriage is 4 1/2 years old and has had easy use as well as excellent maintenance. Pneumatic tires make it exceptionally comfortable! Torsion bar suspension (really!) makes the ride even smoother.

Also has detachable shafts with covers, a stand for use without the shafts, adjustable seat, under-seat basket, assorted wrenches and repair items. Wheels are burgundy.

PRICE: \$3,000 firm.

Contact Lucia Owen 207-928-2062 or

jbolbo@fairpoint.net. Deliverable within reason.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- SEPT 9-11 GMHA FALL DRIVING CLASSIC. Woodstock, VT. Contact: Karey Waters
(802) 457-1509 ext. 203 or karey@gmha.org
- SEPT.6-13 GSCA ACADIA MEETUP. Seal Harbor, Maine. Contact: Connie Moses**
cmoses@metrocast.net (603) 490-9694
- SEPT. 17 NATURAL HOOF CARE PRESENTATION FUNDRAISER. Gerda's Animal Aid
Townsend Vt. Contact: Christina Krueger 570-460-3731 or
chriskrueger14@gmail.com
- SEPT 17-22 GSCA SHELBURNE/MEACH COVE FARMS OUTING. Shelburne,VT.**
Contact:Jean Harvey. jharvey@cli-usa.com (603) 667-1880
- SEPT 18 GSCA BRANCH HILL DRIVE. Milton Mills, NH. Contact: Susan & John**
Booth. mustangsofnh@yahoo.com (603) 502-2538
- OCT 2 GSCA WATERWORKS DAY DRIVE/RIDE. Auburn,NH. Contact: Eric/
Linda Wilking ewlsw@gmail.com (603) 235-8459(Eric) (603) 731-0513
(Linda)**
- Oct. 7-9 ADS NORTHEAST REGIONAL DRIVE.Touchstone Farm, Temple,NH.
Contact: ADS Website or Leona lanastasi@charter.net.

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A PLEASURE DRIVING CLUB

DRIVE WITH US JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT (Riders Welcome)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name (include all family members): _____

Address: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Facebook username or e-mail _____ New Membership _____

Renewal _____

Add \$1.00 for Maine Driving Club Associate Membership? _____

TOTAL SENT _____

Any Changes from last listing? Yes No What? _____

Annual Membership Single or Family \$25.00.

Please make checks payable to: GSCA. For more info. call: Treasurer Eric Wilking
(603) 731-0513

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Hummingbird???

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