



# NEWSLETTER

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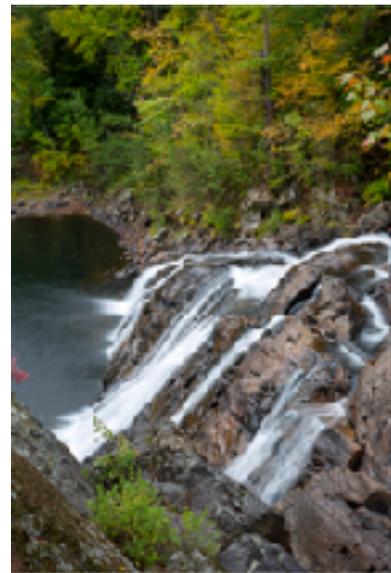
## PROFILE FALLS & OLD HILL VILLAGE OUTING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1

Come join us for a spectacular drive/ride along the Smith and Pemigewasset Rivers. An approximate 6+ mile dirt road meanders through the woods and across brooks which feed into the two rivers that become the Merrimack River in Franklin, NH.

The area is wonderfully maintained by The Army Corps of Engineers and NH Fish and Game. Along the way, you will view the rivers, open meadows and home sites of the former Old Hill Village, which was moved to higher ground after numerous floods.

Bring your own lunch for afterwards, and perhaps something to share with your fellow GSCA members. We will offer light refreshments too.

Ride out time is 10 AM. **Confirmation via email that you are coming will be appreciated.** Leslie Baxter [lakevue100@comcast.net](mailto:lakevue100@comcast.net) or Sandy Sims [angelmeadowsfarm@myfairpoint.net](mailto:angelmeadowsfarm@myfairpoint.net). All the details are in the attached flyer.



## MILES STANDISH MEETUP, JUNE 14-16

For folks who are interested in joining the Myles Standish State Park meetup on June 14-16, you need to reserve a camp site via <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/myles-standish-state-forest/MA/32614/overview>. Also, for trail riders, not only do you have an opportunity to enjoy the many dirt/sand roads and trails of Myles Standish but you have access to the Maple Springs Wildlife Area. This area contains scenic dirt roads that meander through cranberry bogs and around an old reservoir.

## **IF YOU ARE GOING OR WANT TO GO TO CHOCOURA PLEASE NOTE**

The Look To The Mountain event is FULL! However, if you want to be put on the waiting list, check the GSCA's website for information for this event.

For everyone who has pre-registered or is on the waiting list, please don't forget that you still need to send proof for the west Nile vaccination. Also, there may be a change in the Coggins requirement so please make sure you do get a Coggins for your horse(s) and send that to Cindy as well.

You can take pictures of both and send them to [cindy.schlener@charter.net](mailto:cindy.schlener@charter.net) or send copies to Cindy Schlener, 147 Williamsville Rd, Hubbardston MA, 01452.

**If you have pre-registered but can not attend, please let Cindy know ASAP** so someone on the waiting list can attend. There are several people waiting to attend and would appreciate a chance to go to Chocorua.



### **WITH AN EARLY SPRING DRIVING SEASON UPON US PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE COURTEOUS WHEN DRIVING**

As riders and horses of all ages and degrees of experience come to our drives, and cars share the road, it is important to remember the rules of driving and riding courtesy.

- 1 - Arrive at the scheduled time - don't mess up the drive organizer's plans for a briefing, group lunch etc. by being late. IF you ARE arriving late because it can't be helped, PLEASE CALL your drive host to advise!
- 2 - Check in with the drive organizers and fill out your release form. Better yet bring it with you already filled out to give to the organizer.
- 3 - Please leave ample room when parking next to another trailer. Keep in mind that horse(s) will be tied there--even though they might not be there when you pull in.
- 4 - Be sure to have a slow vehicle triangle on the back of your carriage.
- 5 - Stay as far to the right on the road as possible except when passing.
- 6 - Always pass on the left.
- 7 - Check for cars coming from behind before pulling out to pass.
- 8 - Stop and look both ways at all intersections before entering.
- 9 - No tailgating.
- 10 - Never pass another horse or carriage without requesting and receiving permission.
- 11 - Walk past ridden horses if possible. Do not trot by without asking & receiving permission. They may not be used to seeing carriages.
- 12 - If someone is having trouble with a horse, always stop & wait until it is under control before passing from either direction
- 13 - If someone is hitching or entering a carriage or mounting a horse, wait until they are in the carriage or on the horse and in control before asking to pass.
- 14 - NEVER PASS ANYONE AT SPEED. You could cause a serious accident!

## **IFYOUHAVEAGOSENECKTRAILERBESURETOCHECKFOR**

### **BIRD'S NESTS**

That nicely sheltered gooseneck looks like a wonderful place to place a nest, safe from predators and bad weather. BUT not so as the trailer travels! One year two trailers arrived at Acadia with nests and nestlings aboard. So be sure to keep birds from nesting on your gooseneck and don't travel without checking to see that birds have not set up housekeeping when you were not looking.

### **DOT ROURKE TAKES OVER PUBLICITY**

Long-time member Dot Rouke volunteered to take over "Publicity." At our Annual Meeting in March, Dot officially took the reins for Publicity from Past Secretary, Renee Wormell, who had graciously managed this task while serving as Secretary for two terms. With Renee's direction, Dot will glean relevant news from our newsletters and members' input and submit them to three outside publications; ie., The Pedlar/Equine Journal, Horses Maine & New Hampshire, and the Carriage Association of America. This is great publicity for GSCA and helps attract new members to our organization as well as by our FB presence.



Dot is an avid pony/mini driver and has been active with GSCA for many years. She is another great addition to our all-volunteer organization that has stood us well for 41 years.

### **NORTHWOOD MEADOWS STATE PARK TRAILS**

Please take a moment to read, digest and disseminate to users of The Meadows:

Northwoods Meadows State Park Report-Water Crossings & Garden Damage

From our NHHHC equine contact, a member of the Friends of Northwood Meadows State Park

It has been a while since I've given you a report.

We had a clean-up day yesterday and found the park and trails to be in fairly good condition after the winter. However, a few issues need to be addressed relative to equestrian use. We noted that the caution signs at the stream crossings have been removed. Could you please remind riders to NOT ride horses over the bridges? As we have mentioned before, the bridges were constructed for foot traffic and snowmobiles and are not safe for horse use. One is long and narrow with a rocky drop off, none have side railings, and all are very slippery when wet or

damp. Approach areas have been cleared for fording, although the stream bed area on the Huckins Orchard Trail (Blue) was still quite wet yesterday when we checked it so, it might be wise to avoid this trail until the ground dries up a bit. We are in the process of re-printing the horse crossing signs.

Also, someone rode (or led) a horse through the Parking Area Friendship Garden (middle of parking lot) and left 6" deep holes in the garden. This garden has been a "labor of love" by the Friends, and contributes to the overall beauty and enjoyment of the park. As everyone knows, it has been a very wet spring. Riders are asked to PLEASE use good judgement in accessing areas that are still wet and soft. We've worked hard to keep this park open for equestrian use – the equestrian community can show its appreciation by being respectful and responsible users and stewards.

Happy Trails, NHHC Trails Committee

### **Mustangs Stand Out and Show Off at Extreme Mustang Makeover in Ocala, Florida.**

*Craig Moore and Hay There Delilah claimed the adult Championship, while youth competitor Katie Morris led Changing Destiny to the youth Championship.*

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS – The excitement was high as the first Extreme Mustang Makeover event for 2019 took over Ocala, Florida. With approximately 100 days of bonding, gentling and natural horsemanship, mustangs and their trainers headed to Florida for the chance to win \$25,000 in cash and prizes. The event was held May 10-11 and brought together 15 talented adult competitors and 13 skilled youth trainers.

Granger, Texas, native Craig Moore and his 4-year-old mustang Hay There Delilah stole the show in the Freestyle Finals, which secured them the adult Championship, a \$4,000 check and the Fan Favorite award. Although Moore has competed in a few Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) Challenges, this was only his second Extreme Mustang Makeover.

"In 2016, I did a colt starting challenge and they used mustangs. While I was there I heard about the EMM's and noticed that there was one in Queen Creek, Arizona, a couple months later. I went to watch and I was hooked," said Moore. "I just knew I had to do one. Now I'm not sure it's hit me yet that I am a winner because it's been something I've wanted for a while. It just feels pretty surreal."

Moore really let his personality shine while he performed tricks with Delilah and showed off his dance moves. Delilah listened to Moore's cues and proved that she was a very gentle mustang. The crowd enjoyed his Freestyle Finals performance so much, they dubbed him to be the Fan Favorite.

Moore garnered a \$4,000 check, a Cut Above belt buckle, a Yeti cooler and a Resistol hat certificate for his championship. He also took home a Cut Above belt buckle for being the Fan Favorite. Although Moore is excited about his awards, he is equally as thrilled to have purchased Delilah back at the auction and can't wait to get her back to Texas. All adult horses were available for purchase via public competitive bid. All 15 adult horses were placed into adoptive homes for an average price of \$3,500, with the highest selling mustang going for \$9,000. Complete event and auction results can be viewed at <https://extrememustangmakeover.com/events/florida/>.

Katie Morris, of Lithia, Florida, didn't let the first-time EMM nerves or vibrant atmosphere get in the way of earning the Youth Championship with her mustang, Changing Destiny. Morris and Destiny were tied with Cat Zimmerman and Little Miss Sunshine heading into the freestyles, and she knew she needed to secure the title with a flawless freestyle. Morris had a rainbow themed freestyle where she showcased Destiny's many talents and tricks without any hesitation or mishaps.

"This was my first EMM and it just feels really amazing to win," said Morris who just turned 18 years old. "I've spent a lot of time outside every single day working with her doing all the things I thought would be in the show or things that I felt like I needed to prepare for. But my favorite part is planning the freestyle. Once you've got a theme and you put it all together it really comes to life, which I love. I also love the tricks."

Morris has only been working with Destiny for about 100 days, and admits she was not always the easiest to train at first, but once she earned Destiny's trust, everything came together, including their freestyle.

"She's super sweet and spunky, she's very energetic and loves to play around and have fun. She really just always wants to please me," said Morris. "When it came to time to teach her the freestyle, it was pretty easy teaching her tricks because she is so smart. There were a few that were hard, but then other tricks she actually showed me she wanted to do and she picked up on them really fast." Morris took home a \$1,000 check, a Cut Above belt buckle and a Resistol Hat.

The mustangs that competed in the Extreme Mustang Makeover for adults were wild mares 3-6 years old that have been living in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) off-range corrals. Youth trainers worked with yearling mares and geldings for the competition and are randomly paired with their mustang approximately 100 days prior to the competition.

At the competition, the adult horse-and-rider duos compete in a handling and conditioning class, a pattern class and a trail class. The Top 10 adult competitors then compete in a Freestyle Finals performance, and all youth perform in a freestyle class as well.

### **DENISE ANNOUNCES A NEW BABY!!**

Hi I had a foal born it's a pinto colt he is half gypsy and half paint should mature into a nice ride and drive 15 hand fella.

I also have a new Gypsy mare that I've started training to drive as a pair.

I have my first competition ADT on May 19th.

Hope everyone is getting out either riding or driving seeing everything turning green and trees leafing.

Take care. Regards Denise Reed Gagnon



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## OUR GUIDE TO HORSE CARE

So you finally plunged into adulthood and bought a horse. Before you bring your new equine friend home, follow these tips to make the transition for you (and your new BFF) as breezy as possible. Giddyup!

- \* Give your horse a dry, clean sheltered place to sleep.
- \* Stock up on high quality hay for feeding.
- \* Invest in hay stocks to become financially **stable**.
- \* Prepare trough of Sprite for your thirsty thirsty horse.
- \* If your horse has any outstanding parking tickets, pay them online or in person at the DMV (dept of mare violations)
- \* Remember to change your horse's litter box. Last time we looked there were cats in there.
- \* Don't forget to put the saddle back on your horse after failing to ride the dog.
- \* If your horse is actually a pony, but you've already called it a horse to its' face, you've got an uphill battle ahead of you.
- \* Show your horse who's boss. HE is and don't you forget it!
- \* If you bought a show horse, make sure to send its' measurement to a tailor so work can begin on your horse's tuxedo
- \* . For the last time stop using your horse's tail as hair extensions. from Cindy about Chocoura
- \* If you need to check your oft horse's mouth, hire a professional.
- \* Your horse can and will save your marriage, but you have to be patient.

sent in by Linda Wilking



## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- May 19 SPRING BEAR BEOOK BENEFT RIDE. DerryTrail Riders.  
Contact: Julia Webb [rainboarabian@comcast.net](mailto:rainboarabian@comcast.net) 603-315-9990  
<http://www.derrytrailriders.com/>
- May 22 ROBIN CUFFY CLINIC ON CONES. Windsor Fair,82 Ridge Rd. Windsor, ME, Tickets: [mainedrivingclub.org](http://mainedrivingclub.org)
- June 1 GSCA PROFILE FALLS OUTING.Old Hill Village, Bristol,NH. Contact: Leslie Baxter [lakevue100@comcast.net](mailto:lakevue100@comcast.net) (603) 860-6487 or Sandy Sims [angelmeadowsfarm@myfairpoint.net](mailto:angelmeadowsfarm@myfairpoint.net) (603) 732-3506**
- June 8 MAINE DRIVING CLUB ADT. Contact: [Mainedrivingclub.org](http://Mainedrivingclub.org)
- June 14-16 GSCA MILES STANDISH MEETUP See Friends & Partners on GSCA website.**
- June 29 LESSONS WITH LARRY POULIN. 9AM-5PM.Maine Driving Club. Upper Pond Stables, Upper Pond Rd. Litchfield, ME. 04350. Contact: email [dleavitt@uninets.net](mailto:dleavitt@uninets.net) Entry forms located at <http://mainedrivingclub.org/calendar.html>
- June 30 CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW Brookfield Riding & Driving Assn.Madison County Fairgrounds, 1968 Fairgrounds Rd. Brookfield,NY 13314. Contact:<http://brda.us/shows-events.htm>

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**Any Changes from last listing?** Yes No What? \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership Single or Family \$25.00 up to 2 adults & children under 18.**

Please make checks payable to: GSCA. Mail to: Neil Harvey 145 North Rd. Deerfield,  
NH 03037

For more info. call 603-731-2761 or  
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**Car? Carriage? Definitely creative. Sent in by Dave Herrick**

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