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NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2012

**COME ONE-- COME ALL TO THE 33rd-Year
GSCA ANNUAL MEETING and AUCTION Sat. Feb. 19!!!**

NOTE DATE CHANGE !!!!!

by Connie Moses

It's that time of year again when horse and carriage lovers get together for fun, socializing, dinner, entertainment and the chance to bid on interesting and useful items! This **ANNUAL MEETING and FUNdraising Auction** is the Club's only fundraiser and is a big hit every year!

Dinner (12 noon) is once again at the **Puritan Backroom**, featuring their widely popular chicken tenders and greek salad, entrees and dessert. GSCA will again cover part of the meal price, so your cost is only \$16 per meal. The Puritan is also famous for their Mudslides, which you may try out during the cocktail hour beginning at 11AM!

We are delighted this year to have **John Greenall** join us from the Greenall Carriage House in West Windsor, Vermont; he is sure to enlighten and entertain us with his wealth of knowledge and experience. For over 40 years John has been involved with pleasure and combined driving and competing all over the U.S., and he judges for both the ADS and USEF. John has traveled internationally for driving clinics and FEI endurance races, and he has competed a tandem for over a decade at every major driving show in the East. He has driven single, pair, tandem, unicorn and four-in-hand using many of the carriages in his collection.

SIGNUP FORM & FLYER ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER for your convenience-- print out and mail your reservation NOW while you're thinking about it! Must be mailed by Feb. 2. Remember, a terrific buffet dinner this year will be partially covered by your Club, so your **MEAL RESERVATION IS ONLY \$16 !**

GSCA AUCTION !!!!

WE INVITE ALL-- PAST MEMBERS, NEW OR WANNABES, FRIENDS and FAMILY-- to join in this GSCA off-season pleasure event!! Our famous AUCTION is always fun and funny and an unparalleled chance to find bargains on various interesting and useful items! These are things you just can't do without! **Please don't forget to bring your own usable items to donate for the Auction, whether they are horse-related or not.** If donating smaller-value items, please bundle or box them together to make a desirable package worth at least \$10, and PLEASE write a short description or list for the auctioneers of what is included.

SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

who continue to run your drives every year-- remember, our drive events are funded by your Club at NO extra cost to you, thanks primarily to this Auction!

Participation in the A.M. and Auction ENSURES THE ONGOING LIVELIHOOD OF YOUR CLUB,

so we can all keep on enjoying unique pleasure drive/ride opportunities and all our other activities! Reply to me or to the Board member nearest you to arrange donating your Auction items if you are sadly unable to attend February 19! THANKS-- AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!!

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AWARDS AND OFFICERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT ANNUAL MEETING:

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2012 as voted (see and complete your BALLOT in this Newsletter)

2011 PARTICIPATION AWARD Determined from the year's release forms who attended the most drives/events in 2011 (No vote by members.) Engraved Participation plaque is perpetual and travels each year to new recipient(s).

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD \$50-- sponsored by Ellet and Shirley Sevey funds Members vote (see BALLOT enclosed) for person who is most supportive & helpful and who makes our events fun for all. (This Award was formerly the Ellet Seavy trophy and Sandra Platts basket of goodies.)
There will also be a drawing for a DOOR PRIZE of \$25.

September 23-27 SHELBURNE FARMS MID-WEEK DRIVE (Sun-Thurs.),

Shelburne, VT. DATES (AND STALL FEE) STILL TENTATIVE! Drivers only; no daily truck-ins. Out-of-state vet certificate + negative Coggins required.

More information on actual registration process at annual meeting and in February newsletter. For more information, contact Lucia and Jim Owen, 207-928-2062, jbolbo@fairpoint.net Vermont contact: Rick Vanderploeg 802-899-3315, rvander@us.ibm.com.



PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS REQUIRED -SPACE LIMITED.

THE PROPOSED DRIVE AT CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS

After being thoroughly researched, it was decided that this drive which was all on pavement with traffic to be dealt with would not draw enough members to be worth scheduling.

WHAT DOES GSCA MEAN TO YOU??

by Connie Moses, President

Have you ever considered what it would be like if you didn't have access to a group of carriage driving friends?? Do you give thought to the different ways people can be involved in the Granite State club? For myself, having discovered the GSCA 11 or 12 years ago, I've had lots of time to see what goes on behind the scenes, and how the Club is kept vital and running as smoothly as possible. Folks care about it-- folks who love horses and doing things with them, and sharing such activities with other people of like mind. There are lots of ways that any member can help their driving club; consider this an invitation to perhaps be a little more involved. Believe me, the result is a great feeling of accomplishment, a deeper sense of connection with horse friends, and a true benefit to your Club. Any effort or input will not go unappreciated, we are all volunteering our efforts! LARGE AND SMALL WAYS MEMBERS HELP THE GSCA:

1. Offer to serve in an official capacity. Anyone is welcome to become a candidate for office! GSCA has a Pres., VP., Sec. and Treasurer, plus three Directors, making a Board of seven who manage the Club. Terms are for two years. Regular Meetings are only four per year, including the Annual Meeting early in the year and the Planning Meeting usually in November. Other business is handled at times through E-mail. The Board of Directors makes policy and financial decisions together through majority vote. (Members are welcome to attend all Board meetings.)

2. Become a Drive Host, or offer your help to one. The life blood of our Club is our drive events. Each drive can only happen through the efforts of dedicated members who plan and stage each drive. The Board of Directors coordinates with the Drive Hosts to schedule the GSCA Event Calendar for the year. We are

always looking for new areas AND HOSTS to hold a drive/ride, and some place you know of may be just the spot!

3. Come to the Annual Meeting, and donate usable items, horsey or otherwise, to the Auction February 19. Our FUNd-raising Auction is the only way we raise money, which allows us to hold our drives free of Club fees. Where else can you attend organized drives or rides free to the membership???

4. Keep your membership current. We can't all make all the drives, and some can't make any of the drives in one year or another-- but for only the small membership fee you can keep the GSCA in your heart, and continue to receive the Newsletter and Calendar of Events, and participate whenever you are able! The Club does need your ongoing support.

5. Send news to the News. canterbrk@aol.com Share your knowledge or personal experiences. Also, any topics of general horse interest you come across, such as on web sites or other newsletters, dates of other events and clinics, your own or others' pictures, blurbs you have written, questions you are looking for answers to, etc. can be forwarded to our dedicated GSCA Newsletter editor, Ginger Laplante. Every month Ginger works hard to dig up information; she will always welcome contributions.

6. Write about and/or take pictures of the events you attend. Each Club drive/ride is celebrated by a description and pictures in the Newsletter; typically the Drive Host submits these, sometimes other attendees. Others' events or clinics are of interest to members too. Be a roving reporter and become recognized as a photographer by contributing your own creative endeavors to show how much fun you have at GSCA and other events! News editor E-mail: canterbrk@aol.com

7. Just come and enjoy! Invite friends to join in! Come to GSCA drive/rides whenever you can. Even if you can't bring a horse, there is plenty of companionship awaiting, assistance needed, and a picnic lunch with other horse folks. Non-members with their horses can participate in our events simply by joining the Club.

8. Give us your ideas! Simply contact anyone on the Board with any suggestions or ideas you may have to help or improve your GSCA!

A NEW WAY TO HELP THE CARRIAGE BARN

Are you looking for a way to help raise funds for Carriage Barn Therapy Programs this year? It's easy with GoodSearch! GoodSearch lets you pick The Carriage Barn Therapy Programs as your preferred charity and then donates money when you use their services, which are free.

Use GoodSearch when you search the internet and they donate a penny per search. Use their GoodShop feature when you shop online and they donate a percentage of every purchase. Plus, they have over 100,000 coupons to help you save money, too!

They also have a program called GoodDining. When you eat at one of thousands of participating restaurants they'll donate part of what you paid for the meal to The Carriage Barn Therapy Programs.

It's really easy, it's free, and it turns simple everyday actions into a way to make the world a better place. You can help support The Carriage Barn Therapy Programs starting today! Go to www.goodsearch.com to get started.

NEW ENGLAND REGION CARRIAGE ASSN. OF AMERICA **ANNUAL CONFERENCE FEB. 3-6**

The New England Region of the Carriage Association of America will hold its annual conference in Bristol and Newport, Rhode Island February 3-6. There will be visits to several notable stables/carriage barns and The Famous "cottage" The Breakers as well as speakers on Servant Life in the mansions, Coaching in the Guilded Age, The Fine Art of Four in Hand Driving, and Choosing Horses for Coaching.

All are welcome! For more information or to make reservations contact Carol VanSchaik (802) 226-7364 or carolvanschaik@hotmail.com.



CARRIAGE FESTIVAL IN AMESBURY, MA. JUNE 30-JULY 1
Seeking antique carriages & Artifacts to display

The Amesbury Carriage Museum (Amesbury, Mass.) will hold its Amesbury Carriage Festival on June 30 and July 1, 2012.

Festival organizers are looking for antique carriages and artifacts to display. June 30 will feature an evening celebration with vehicles on display, a catered dinner, and music. Sunday will feature a beautiful driving experience, including therapeutic drivers and vintage vehicles, as well as a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving. To learn more, call Ann Miles at 603-378-0140 or write to carriage-barn@comcast.net.

From CAA weekly e-mail newsletter

HORSEPOWER NEEDED IN THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Received from Debbie Briscoe of the NH Horse Council

Hello,

My name is John Marunowski and I work for the White Mountain National Forest. I work in the recreation program as the backcountry manager for the Pemigewasset Ranger District. Over the past couple years we've been working on a project in a wilderness area, the Pemigewasset Wilderness Area. In the fall of 2009, we dismantled some aged trail bridges that are quite a ways off the road, nearly 5 miles. The components of these bridges were stacked on the side of the trail and we've been working both summer and winter to haul the components out. Due to Wilderness management practices we are not able to use any form of motorized equipment or mechanical transport within the Wilderness boundaries to haul the components out. So, for the past couple years we've been hauling mostly wood components and metal hardware out of the wilderness by human power. We've almost reached our limit of components we can haul out by human power as the components remaining are fairly heavy.



I am writing to inquire about opportunities horse teams may be looking for which may match our project. Are there teams out there looking for a training opportunity for their animals? Are there existing teams out there looking for a backcountry experience with a little more challenging terrain? I wasn't sure where to start this conversation and when I ran across your website I thought I'd drop you a line. Although we have virtually no funds to pay a team for their services, I'm wondering if the opportunity we can provide will pay for itself in experience. Please let me know your thoughts and if there is more information I can provide. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

John Marunowski, Backcountry / Wilderness Supervisor
Pemigewasset Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest
(603) 536 - 6106

DRIVING COMPANION WANTED

Have Driving horse, Carriage, Truck and Trailer-- Need person to share driving with. Slightly disabled lady seeks assistance to join in carriage driving. Local and organized drives possible. Windham, NH. Please call Marilyn, 603-432-8680.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- JAN. 29 FIRESIDE CHAT ON SCORING. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH. Contact: (603)974-2357 or mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net
- FEB. 4 ANTIQUA SLEIGH RALLY. Old Sturbridge Village. Sturbridge, MA. Contact: 1-800-SEE-1830 <http://www.osv.org/museum/contact.html?ID=8>
- FEB. 4 SKYLINE FARM 13TH ANNUAL SLEIGH DAY. North Yarmouth, ME. Contact: Lynn Young (207) 899-5837, or Pamela Ames (207) 829-5708 or visit www.skylinefarm.org.
- FEB.11-12 SKIJORING COMPETITION. Newport Winter Carnival, Parlin Field Airport, Newport, NH. <http://www.newportrec.com/documents/WinterCarnival2012scheduleofevents.pdf>
- FEB. 12 FIRESIDE CHAT ON MARATHON TIMING/NAVIGATION. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH. Contact: (603)974-2357 or mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net
- FEB. 18-19 SKIJORING COMPETITION. Monadnock Park, Claremont, NH. Contact: Deebee Behta, Sec, NE Skijoring Assn. Deebee@nesja.com
- FEB. 19 GSCA ANNUAL MEETING. THE PURITAN BACK ROOM, 245 Hooksett Rd. Manchester, NH. Contact: Connie Moses (603) 528-1531.**
- MAR. 4 JERRY TRAPANI & THE CAA PROFICIENCY PROGRAM & FLEA MARKET. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH. Contact: (603)974-2357 or mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net
- MAR. 17 SKIJORING DEMONSTRATION. RAGGED MOUNTAIN, DANBURY, NH. Contact: Deebee Behta, Sec, NE Skijoring Assn. Deebee@nesja.com
- MAR. 24 STONEWALL FARM ANNUAL SAP GATHERING CONTEST. KEENE, NH. Contact: (603) 357-7278 for information.
- JULY 6-8 HORSEMANSHIP CLINICS WITH JACK BRAINARD. Kokonini Farm, Wentworth, NH.
JULY 11-13 Contact: chris@rstours or (603) 764-5905
- JULY 14-15 SUZY STAFFORD DRIVING CLINIC. Sponsored by the Maine Driving Club at Camelot Hills Farm, Dover Foxcroft, ME. Contact: Beth Steinke ionaskye@aol.com.
- JULY 17-19 HORSEMANSHIP CLINICS WITH EITAN BETH-HALACHMY. Kokonini Farm, Wentworth, NH.
JULY 22-24 Contact: chris@rstours or (603) 764-5905

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A PLEASURE DRIVING CLUB
DRIVE WITH US JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT
 (Riders Welcome)
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: _____ Address: _____

_____ State _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ New Membership ____ Renewal ____

Any Changes from last listing? Yes No What? _____

Annual Membership Single or Family \$20.00.
 For more info. call: Treasurer Marilyn Williams (603) 594-0987
 Please make checks payable to: GSCA
 Mail to: Marilyn Williams, 54 Pilgrim Drive, Litchfield, NH 03052



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Granite State Carriage Association
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING & AUCTION

Sunday, February 19, 2012

PURITAN BACKROOM

245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, NH 03103

603-669-6890

- 11:00 am **Cocktails/appetizers -- Cash Bar ! LIFT YOUR SPIRITS & socialize with horse people!**
- 12:00 pm **DELICIOUS BUFFET DINNER** PARTIALLY subsidized by GSCA, including Puritan Backroom's highly-touted chicken tenders! Full buffet plus dessert!
- 12:45 pm **SPEAKER** John Greenall of Greenall Carriage House, West Windsor VT. Website www.vermontel.net/~greenall John is a world-renowned driver/competitor/judge/carriage professional with years of experience to share-- don't miss this opportunity to meet him!
- 1:30 pm **Brief Business Meeting, new Officers welcomed, Awards.**
- 2:00 pm **FUNd-raising AUCTION - BARGAINS you can't resist-- EVERYONE BRINGS AUCTION ITEMS!** Our only FUNd-raiser so let's show our support, so we can continue all the great events on our Calendar each year!

Directions to Puritan Backroom

FROM THE SOUTH OR NORTH: Take I-93 to exit 9S in Manchester, NH and merge onto the Daniel Webster Highway; the Puritan Backroom is located 1 mi. on the left.

QUESTIONS?

Connie Moses (603) 528-1531 or connie@PortraitsWithHorses.com

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Reservation & Dues Form

I wish to make _____ DINNER RESERVATIONS at \$16.00 each all inclusive (cost partially paid by club). I am/am not also

sending \$20 for 2012 DUES. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Please make all checks payable to The Granite State Carriage Association and mail to:
Marilyn Williams, Treasurer, 54 Pilgrim Drive, Litchfield, N.H. 03052

Member Name [optional]:

GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

2012 Ballot for Officers -- All Members please cast your vote!

COMPLETED BALLOT SHOULD BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2
(or delivered to Claudia Libis at the Annual Meeting on February 19, 2012)

MAIL BALLOT TO:

Claudia Libis, 16 MAPLE AVENUE, DEERFIELD, NH 03037

Please vote by placing a check in the box next to your choice:

PRESIDENT (vote for one)

two year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2014

Connie Moses

_____ (write in)

VICE PRESIDENT -- INTERIM (vote for one)

**one year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2013, to serve second year vacancy
of Bob Townsend's term (resigned)**

Catherine Mcleod

_____ (write in)

SECRETARY (vote for one) two year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2014

Dave Herrick

_____ (write in)

BOARD DIRECTOR (vote for one) two year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2014

Laurie Goodwin

_____ (write in)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD,

in memory of and sponsored by Ellet and Shirley Seavey funds

Please write in the name of a GSCA member you feel was the most helpful and supportive during the 2011 year and why:
