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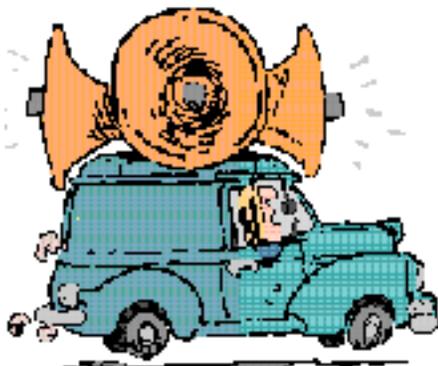
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## **ANNUAL MEETING & AUCTION COMING** **FEBRUARY 13TH!!**

**SPECIAL-PRICE GSCA DINNER and Annual Meeting/  
AUCTION! Save the Date!!**



DEAR VALUED GSCA MEMBER! As a most important SHOW OF SUPPORT and special social occasion... Please mark your Calendar for SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13 for the Granite State Carriage Association's 32nd-Year ANNUAL MEETING and Auction, at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. 11 AM starts cocktails and 12 noon is buffet dinner time, a short meeting and then our ever-popular Fund-Raising Auction until 4 PM.

**SIGNUP FORM & FLYER ARE ATTACHED** for your convenience to print out and mail in your reservation now while you're thinking about it! A terrific buffet dinner this year will be partially covered by your Club, so your **MEAL RESERVATION IS ONLY \$15 ! We have a SPEAKER too!** Mary Gray will present "*How lessons & showing can influence our pleasure driving skills.*" We look forward to seeing you there!

## **GSCA AUCTION !!!!**

Our famous 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! ALL Club members are invited to **PLEASE CONTRIBUTE** usable articles (usually horse-related but they don't have to be.) 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/list for the auctioneers of what is included. **SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEER MEMBERS** who continue to run your drives every year-- drives which are funded by your Club thanks primarily to this Auction! Even if you are unable to attend the Meeting, please do consider **DONATING TO THE AUCTION whatever you can.** **Participation in this event 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 13! THANKS-- AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!!

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## **ANNUAL AWARDS**

### **THE PARTICIPATION AWARD**

Determined from the release forms who attended most drives/events in 2010. No vote by members. (New name will be put on the Participation plaque. This year it will be Pat & Keely Pearson.

### **MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD**

Members to vote on most 'Valuable Player' award for member who is most supportive & helpful and who makes our events fun for all. It was formerly the E. Seavy trophy and Sandra Platts basket of goodies.

**2ND ANNUAL WASSAIL PARADE**  
**Another chapter in the Babe Chronicles**

"bliadhna mhath urvv" Happy New Years in Scottish Gaelic.

As you know I am a Shetland Pony and we hail from the Shetland Islands located northeast of Scotland, where the harsh climate and scarcity of food made us extremely hardy animals used for plowing, pulling carts (that's me), and pack animals (that's me also when Mom decides she wants to ride me.....not fun so I buck my hardest).



*Me & the girls ready for skating*

That was just a precursor to my tale of my 2nd Annual Wassail Parade foray. This year we didn't do as well as last year, but had a great surprise waiting for us that we had not expected. To keep you in 'suspense' I won't divulge until the end of this post.

Mom and her friend Sue went this year as "Let's go Skating". We were dressed all in light beige with capes (again), hats, scarf and mittens with skates draped over our shoulders. I had some braids with poinsettias woven into my mane and the cart was decorated with red berries with leaves. I, as always, looked dashing.

We ALMOST missed the parade this year; my fans would have been d-e-v-a-s-t-a-t-e-d! We were parked far away from the start, and had to fly to catch up to the main parade as they started early and left us behind. We were positioned near the end anyway, so we were able to pass other carts to reposition.

Once in place, as usual we heard the "oohs and ah's of "how adorable" That had me doing my best to look cute, prancing along.....until I

realized that the cart behind us, being pulled by an adorable miniature donkey and driven by a sweet 8 year old girl were getting more accolades than I was. How could this be happening, especially by a long-eared relative of mine!!!

Mom's friends Linda Roth, Gale Hepfinger, Tracy Turner, Pat Legenc and Cathy McLeod were in the parade with Tracey's Fjord mare pulling a wagon reminding people to Reuse, Reduce & Recycle.



Reuse, Reduce & Recycle

The winner of the best horse drawn vehicle this year went to a wagon-full of revelers drawn by pony drafts hitched three across.....pretty impressive. As usual, we had fun and the crowds were pretty impressive.

NOW for the SURPRISE. The Green Mountain Horse Association Calendar for 2011 has us as the "playmates" for December. The picture is from 2009 Wassail parade last year.



*Us in the 2009 Wassail Parade & now the calendar!*

Love to all,  
Babe (with some help from Sue Strassen)

P.S.: Santa brought this little pony a pair of sleigh runners that can be attached to my pony cart. I'm wishing for snow, snow and more snow and lots of snowmobiles to pack the trails.

EDITOR'S NOTE' There is a video of the parade on the GMHA web site. Tracy and her group are about half way through. Babe is shown last and he is really moving!

**WINTER DRIVING**  
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I was asked by a friend to comment on this subject, so I will pass on a few thoughts. I managed a sleigh rally for seven years, and saw enough to convince me that this is an area where many folks are in "over their head". Be careful out there!

Bells go around the horse at the saddle, but OUTSIDE the shafts (otherwise the shafts knock them off the strap. Measure around the barrel of the horse and the shafts when hitched for length of bell string. You can use an extension strap if the regular strap is too short.

The best bells are antique cast bells that are graduated in size and numbered on the bottom. If they are on the original leather band, and it is still flexible, you have the finest you can get. Then, in descending order of price are: graduated cast, numbered antique bells on new leather, antique cast bells of the same size, antique stamped brass bells (they are made like the bells on dog collars from sheet brass that is stamped into a bell shape), new cast bells, new stamped bells. The old bells are almost too nice to risk out driving around. I've spent agonized hours combing snow for lost bells. Get new ones and relax.

If you want to use bells, you can get a nice looking set at Smuckers harness shop for about \$200. Make sure you listen to the bells before you buy. You are going to hear them a lot while you drive, and the bad sounding ones (a matter of personal taste) can drive you crazy. A pleasant set of bells is a saddle tree, which fits in the saddle under the turrets or replaces the turrets in some models. It looks like a little church steeple over the saddle, and normally has three bells, actual bell-shaped bells, some of which sound very pretty. Measure your saddle from turret hole to hole before you buy. Another type is shaft bells, which were a set of four or so bells on a strip of steel that is screwed to the shaft of the cart. These were most often found on draft-type rigs or commercial vehicles.

The purpose of bells, which were required by law in many jurisdictions, was to warn oncoming or overtaken traffic of your presence. Thus, each set had a different tone, so you could be distinguished from your neighbor at a distance.

If you are planning to use bells with a horse for the first time, be sure to try them out before you hitch, because they can startle even a "broke to death" horse into another dimension very quickly. Jingle in your hand while the horse is eating in the stable or paddock. Longe the horse with the bells on the surcingle with the horse in an enclosed area. They make good devices for riding or driving in hunting season, if you dare to go out at all.

While I'm on the subject of winter driving, let's talk about sleighs. Driving a sleigh is very different from driving a cart or carriage, due to the fact that the runners on a cutter are straight and the vehicle is really meant to travel in a straight line, and only forward, at that. Turning can result in upsets, and it is not a pretty sight. Make all turns as wide and slow as possible. Speed in a turn can flip a cutter in a wink. The sleigh was the means of relatively long distance traveling, often via frozen rivers, before the advent of rail travel. The colonial and early Federal roads were so rutted and muddy in the summer that only the most hardy folk would travel at that time. A sleigh outfitted with a charcoal heater and buffalo robes was quite comfortable for journeys of seventy-five to one hundred fifty miles a day, making relatively long trips possible. Inns in river towns did a thriving business in winter, putting up the sleighers.

A bobsled has a fifth wheel and a forward set of runners that swivels under the floor of the sleigh to assist turning. They are frequently heavier vehicles, used for transporting cargo or farm goods or as omnibuses for a crowd of people. Most bobs were drawn by a pair or team.

Many sleighs offered for sale have spent a hard life in someone's front lawn, and the wood work of the runners and undercarriage is rotted or warped or missing. Many times these vehicles are puttied or Bondoed up and painted with a bright coat of auto paint to fool the unwary. Shafts are often missing or rotten. The shafts on a sleigh should be a little hefty, since they take a lot more stress in turning the sleigh. You will also find a lot of sleighs are upholstered in vinyl or naugahyde. The originals were done in wool

melton or bedford cord. The leather-like stuff gets cold and stays cold and your butt slides uncomfortably when sleighing. The Faux leather resists water, which is why it was often used on "lawn sleighs".

A good cutter in show condition casts \$2,000 to \$4,000 for a Portland cutter, and \$3,000 to \$6,000 for an Albany (or swell body) cutter. Adequate cutters can be bought at Martins auction for \$1,000 and fixed up to safe using standards for another \$200 or so. Runner wear and condition of wooden parts is important for determining price. The "wings" ... little bent wood pieces at the sides of the dash ... are very important, because they are hard (or impossible) to duplicate if broken or missing, due to the double bend in the wood. The curved dash is not too hard to replace (ca. \$400). Sleighs were often painted in brighter colors than other horse-drawn vehicles, and some of the color schemes were kaleidoscopic. Another focus of the craftsman was the ornate metal work and split reed work that decorates many sleighs. Make sure that metal work matches from side to side or from front to rear, to avoid missing pieces that might have been removed to make a trivet or some such. Split reed work can be duplicated more easily by any decent carriage shop.

American cutters covered the icy roads comfortably by flexing in all directions and frequently twisted around their longitudinal axis on deep ruts. They were made to flex, so many joints were not glued. A poor reconditioning may make the vehicle so strong that it tears itself apart. Much of the undercarriage is made with mortice and tenon joints. Some cracking of paint at these joints is normal. Since the joints are open, they are a weak point for water damage and dirt and grit wear.

Most horses are not very fit this time of year, and there is a tendency to overwork the poor babies in a sleigh. Feet ball up with ice. There was a special tool, called an ice knocker, for hitting the hoof to dislodge snow balls. Try spraying the sole of the foot with PAM cooking oil spray before driving. At a fast trot these snow balls may smack the dash or floor of the sleigh and make quite a noise. Hold on and keep the horse under control.

Just like a toy sled, the sleigh doesn't work well in deep snow. In olden times, the roads were rolled by teams of draft horses to pack the snow into a firm surface for sleighing. Snowmobiles can do a good job of trail preparation these days, or wait for a nice three to six inch snowfall for perfect sleighing. Good luck with winter driving. Be careful. Enjoy!



*Dave and Liz Herrick driving Rhythm in the wonderful new snow we had early this month*

## **SLEIGHING SAFETY - ESPECIALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME**

By Jeff Morse

Sleighbing looks very much like pulling a wheeled vehicle but there are crucial differences. It's not unusual to find this out a little too late!

**~ Have experienced help with you the 1st time you hook a horse to a sleigh! ~**

Not necessarily in order of importance:

1. Use a kicking strap. Wear a helmet. Self explanatory!
2. A Horse's metabolism functions most efficiently at about 23 degrees, so all systems are firing well when you are sleighbing. This translates into quicker reaction time on their part. The horse you drive calmly and relaxed in July may be a lot sharper and fresher in December. For the first time hooking, if possible, drive or ride your horse indoors or ride them outside before you hook them to a sleigh and assess their energy level and focus. Best for the 1st time that they be a little tired and the session rather short and uneventful.
3. The drivers and handlers will not be as nimble dressed in heavy boots, thick gloves, and heavy clothing as they would be in July, dressed in shorts, a T-shirt, sneakers and regular driving gloves. Think about this when you dress for hooking the first time. Reins tend to get a little slipperier when your gloves are cold and may have a little snow on them. I like to use Zilco textured reins for sleighbing to improve my grip. I find Beta reins get quite slippery with a little snow in the air. Leather reins work well too. Your regular driving reins may be a little short for the sleigh as you will tend to sit further and lower behind your horse.
4. The footing is slippery and may be deep...for both horse and handlers. This affects your ability to move around the horse if things start to escalate towards trouble. Best to have traction devices on your horse's feet for sleighbing. Discuss this with your farrier as this is one of the biggest compromise situations in shoeing. You want extra traction for your horse when you sleigh, but you may only sleigh once or twice a month. Do you want your horse to wear traction 24/7 just for this one time work? OTOH, you don't want him slipping and hurting himself when he does work. Screw calks may help with the flexibility of your options. Snowball pads really help.
5. Seating in sleighs is generally lower for everyone than wheeled vehicles. This reduces your field of vision and makes getting OUT of the vehicle quickly a little more difficult. HOWEVER: the 1st time you hook, it is best to get in the sleigh before moving off than it is to try to walk beside/behind the horse while he is hooked. If he starts to run off, you will not be able to run with him in your heavy boots thru deep and slippery snow.
6. Runners will often stick to the ground before you get into the sleigh after you have your horse hooked. He may not be used to the extra effort required to break it lose, or to the sounds the runners will make on ice and snow. After you have him hooked, before you get in, have a header holding the horse and break the runners free by moving the sleigh, then get in. Start off slightly on the diagonal? this will also help break the runners free. A little candle wax on the runners helps with this. Rust tends to form on them when not being used. Best to get this off first. Dragging it for a short distance on pavement or thru road sand will do this pretty quickly.
7. Sleighs don't go backwards very well. Carry a whip. For the 1st hooking, put a halter on over the bridle and have a helper up front with a lead on the horse.
8. Turning is different and generally requires bigger, sweeping arcs than with a wheeled vehicle. Crusty snow is more hazardous when turning. For 1st hooking, don't try it in a small enclosed area where you have to be constantly turning. I like to use a more or less level field, although I once hooked Morgan mare that I later found out had gone over a waterfall in a cart. She took off with me in the sleigh and I just pointed her up a big hill in about a foot and a half of powder snow...about half way up the hill she started to tire out but I pushed her on all they way to the top...she never bolted off with me again. I got lucky.
9. Sleigh bells are fun but your horse first needs to get used to wearing them. Hang them on his stall door for a while so he gets used to the sound. Ask him to wear them while being ridden or driven before you hook him to a sleigh. And keep it simple: don't use them the 1st time you hook to a sleigh.
10. Plan your route in advance. There are things hidden under the snow and the uneven footing can affect the confidence of the horse. Traction devices on the horse obviously improve his traction but don't help when they stumble over something buried in the snow. The first few times you hook a horse new to sleighbing, know for sure what lies underneath in your way. You can't turn 180 degrees very easily in a narrow road. Don't get trapped having to cross areas without any snow, like plowed pavement or plowed dirt roads. If your horse is experienced he may cross these short distances ok, but don't try it the first time

out

11. Snow conditions are not always the best for sleighing. Deep powder is wonderful, but a little tiring on the horse? packed but not icy snow makes the job a lot easier? Ice crusted, deeper footing is dangerous when it comes to turning the runners and very hard on the horse breaking thru and working against the crust? heavy wet snow makes pulling harder than light fluffy snow. The first time you hook, try for several inches of light snow or nicely packed but not icy footing.

12. Your horse may get tired faster than he did in July. Depending on what you do with your horse, he may have lost some fitness from his peak competition condition by the time sleighing conditions arrive? the job of pulling may just be physically more demanding because of weather/footing conditions.

13. Very Very cold air may be detrimental to your horse's lungs....not so much because of its temperature, but because it is so dry. Horses work hard pulling a sleigh and are apt to breath very deeply, pulling very dry cold air deep into their lungs. I have never had a problem with this that I am aware of but I can see how a horse could get hurt. OTOH, when it's very very cold, it's not the best time to be out there sleighing anyway. Don't pick the coldest day of the year to hook your horse for the first time. For more on airway damage from cold dry air see: [http://www.ivis.org/special\\_books/Lekeux/davis/chapter\\_frm.asp?LA=1](http://www.ivis.org/special_books/Lekeux/davis/chapter_frm.asp?LA=1)"Airway Injury by Cold Air" is down the page a bit. I thought this was particularly interesting about horses that survive at minus 53 degrees Celsius : <http://www.arcticphoto.co.uk/stories/horses/horses.htm>

14. You are right to be concerned about the condition of your old sleigh. Dry rot can hide in critical places, especially under shaft wraps. Have someone who knows what they are doing look your sleigh over. You don't want to discover a weak spot while driving.

Note from the Author: If you have \*any\* questions, suggestions or comments on this material, please do not hesitate to contact me. Jeffrey B. Morse Green Meads Farm 236 Perry Peak Road Richmond, MA 01254 413.698.3804 [green@meads.com](mailto:green@meads.com) [www.green.meads.com](http://www.green.meads.com)

### **CARRIAGE BARN ANNOUNCES NEW HORSEMANSHIP CLUB**

The Carriage Barn Riding & Driving Programs announces the formation of a new Horsemanship Club. Meetings will be held Saturdays from 2 to 4 PM at Sons of the Wind Farm in Merrimac, Massachusetts. The club will discuss topics related to horse care and management with some "hands on" activities as well. A fun and educational experience whether you are a new horse owner or are just interested in horses. The staff of The Carriage Barn Riding & Driving Programs will help adults and children who want to enjoy horses and learn about various breeds and styles of riding. The first meeting will be on Saturday, February 12th from 2 to 4 PM. We will be planning our 2011 calendar dates and activities. Future meetings will be held the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month for Adults and the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month for children. Parents are encouraged to participate. Enrollment forms are available at the planning meeting. An annual contribution of \$25 per person is requested to cover the cost of activities. For more information, please contact The Carriage Barn at 603-378-0140 or [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net).

### **NEW HORSE POEM**

Why do I like horses? I think I must be mad.  
My mother wasn't horsey - And neither was my dad.  
But the madness hit me early - and it hit me like a curse.  
And I've never gotten better. In fact I've gotten worse.  
I hardly read a paper - but I know who's sold their horse.  
And I wouldn't watch the news - Unless Mr. Ed was on, of course.  
One eye's always on the heavens - but my washing waves in vain  
As I rush to get the horses in - in case it's gonna rain.  
I spend up every cent I've got - on horsey stuff for sure  
I buy saddles, bridles, fancy boots - and then I buy some more.  
I can't sew on a button - I don't even try  
But I can back a truck and trailer - in the twinkling of an eye.  
It's jeans and boots that I live in night and day  
And that smell of sweaty horses just doesn't wash away.  
I ache from long forgotten falls. My knees have got no skin.  
My toes have gone a funny shape - from being stomped on again and again.  
But late at night, when all is still - and I've gone to give them hay,  
I touch their velvet softness and my worries float away.  
They give a gentle nicker and they nuzzle through my hair  
And I know it's where my heart is - more here than anywhere.

~ Author Unknown send in by Cresca Albright



## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

- JAN. 22 SLEIGH RALLY & WINTER FUN FEST. Blue Star Equiculture, Burgundy brook Farm. Palmer, MA. Contact: (413) 289-9787 or [www.equiculture.org/sleigh-](http://www.equiculture.org/sleigh-)
- JAN 29-30 NE SKIJORING ASSN. AT NEW LONDON WINTER CARNIVAL. New London, NH
- JAN. 30 FITTING PLEASURE & MARATHON HARNESS. Fireside Chat. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH Contact: 603-974-2357 or [mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net](mailto:mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net)
- FEB. 4-6 NE REGION CARRIAGE ASSN. OF AMERICA LEARNING WEEKEND. Ipswich, MA. Contact: Carol vanSchaik (802) 226-7364 or [carolvanschaik@hotmail.com](mailto:carolvanschaik@hotmail.com).
- FEB. 5 STURBRIDGE VILLAGE SLEIGH RALLY. STURBRIDGE,MA. Contact: 1-800-733-1830
- FEB. INTRODUCE YOUR HORSE TO A SLEIGH. Carriage Barn, Newton,NH. Contact: [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net).
- FEB.12 FIRST MEETING OF NEW HORSEMANSHIP CLUB, The Carriage Barn, Merrimack MA. Contact: (603) 378-0240 or [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net)
- FEB. 13 **GSCA ANNUAL MEETING Puritan Restaurant, Back Room, Manchester, NH. Contact: Connie Moses (603) 528-1531**
- FEB. 13 DRIVING YOUR DRESSAGE TEST ACCURATELY. Fireside Chat. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH Contact: 603-974-2357 or [mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net](mailto:mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net)
- FEB. 27 AMERICAN SCURRY CHALLENGE-LEARN HOW TO SCURRY. Fireside Chat. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH Contact: 603-974-2357 or [mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net](mailto:mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net)
- MAR. 7,14, 21.28 GROUP INTRO. TO CARRIAGE DRIVING. Carriage Barn, Newton,NH Contact: [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net)
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- MAR. 26 SAP GATHERING CONTEST. Stonewall Farm, Keene, NH. Contact: (603) 357-7278.
- MAR. 27 PRESENTATION CRITIQUE & EQUINE FLEA MARKET Fireside Chat. Mary Gray Driving Center, Danville, NH Contact: 603-974-2357 or [mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net](mailto:mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net)

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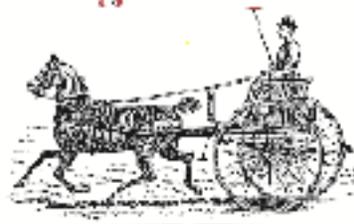
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**Granite State Carriage Association**  
**ANNUAL MEETING & AUCTION**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2011**  
**PURITAN BACKROOM 603-669-6890**  
**245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, NH 03103**

- 11:00 am      Cocktails-- cash bar. LIFT YOUR SPIRITS & socialize with horse people!
- 12:00 pm      Delicious Dinner Buffet: lasagna, ham with pineapple sauce, chicken tenders, broccoli with cheese, homemade mashed potatoes, tossed salad, rolls, coffee, tea, AND baker's tray for dessert!
- 1:00 pm      SPEAKER Mary Gray-- renowned driver, competitor, Gold medalist in Paralympics World Driving, trainer & clinician-- will treat us to  
*"How lessons & showing can influence our pleasure driving skills."*  
Mary teaches at Verrill Stables in Danville, NH.
- 1:30 pm      Brief Business Meeting, new officers welcomed.
- 2:00 pm      **AUCTION - BARGAINS** you can't resist--  
**EVERYONE BRING AUCTION ITEMS!**  
Our only and FUN Fundraiser so let's show our support, so we can continue to have 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

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**\$15 Dinner Reservations / GSCA 2011 Dues**

MAIL Reservations by January 26, 2011, as we must tell Puritan our count of dinners.

I wish to make \_\_\_\_\_ DINNER RESERVATIONS AT ONLY \$ 15 each inclusive! PLUS, I AM / am not sending \$20 (per family) for 2011 DUES (Jan. - Dec.) (Note that 2011 dues must be paid by first Club activity or drive registration in March.) Enclosed is my check in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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Please make checks payable to Granite State Carriage Association-- and MAIL BY JAN. 26 TO:  
Marilyn Williams, Treasurer, 54 Pilgrim Drive, Litchfield, N.H. 03052

# GSCA 2011 Ballot

ALL MEMBERS CAST YOUR VOTES! COMPLETED BALLOTS SHOULD BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN  
JANUARY 26TH TO:

Carolyn Townsend, 125 Storrs Hill Road, Lebanon NH 03766  
(or deliver to her at the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2010)

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

**VICE PRESIDENT (vote for one) two year term ending Feb. 2013**

**Bob Townsend**

(write in)

**TREASURER (vote for one) two year term ending Feb. 2013**

**Marilyn Williams**

(write in)

**BOARD DIRECTOR (vote for a total of 2) two year term ending Feb. 2013**

**Jim Burnham**

**Sonja Cahill**

(write in)

**BOARD DIRECTOR-- INTERIM (vote for one) one year term ending Feb. 2012, to serve second year  
of Marie Terkleon's term (resigned)**

**Laurie Goodwin**

(write in)

**Ellet Seavey Memorial Award** Please write in the name of a GSCA member you feel  
was the most fun and helpful during the 2010 year and why

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