



# NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

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## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM DRIVE/RIDE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5 - 7**

Deb Hunt has planned another wonderful weekend driving and riding the gravel roads of the Northeast Kingdom. Set up camp by a lovely pond or stay at a local inn or motel with your horses at Bert's barn. The area also offers restaurants and other attractions. This is a beautiful place to drive and ride and well worth the trip to Vermont so do plan to go especially as this is our only August event this year! All the details are on the attached flyer and reservation form so make your reservations now!

### **ANNOUNCING CHANGE IN PLAY-DAYS SEPT. 3-4** **(no longer a "Mock ADT") at Greenfield**

Play-DAYS during the Greenfield Drive/Ride will be Saturday and Sunday, September 3-4. It will consist of separate dressage, cones, and obstacle setups which drivers can use at their own convenience. We might have stopwatches available so drivers can have their groom, passenger, or an assistant note their times as desired. We HOPE to have an evaluator on Sunday (only) to critique your dressage test runs, and to offer advice and tips. The Play-DAYS will be available to all attendees at Greenfield and to trailer-in Members.

This format change is being made due to low level response to participating in a more organized "Mock ADT" event. At present we are still looking for volunteers to help out, especially to critique and offer tips in the Dressage ring on Sunday Sept. 4 for 2-4 hrs.-- someone who has had driven dressage instruction themselves and driven a few successful tests. Will someone PLEASE come forward???

Find signups and info for the Greenfield Drive/Ride at the end of this Newsletter-- PLEASE RESERVE in advance or call Sonja Cahill for the DRIVE/RIDE and overnight camping, Sept. 3-5/ Sat.- Mon. Sonja 978-851-5124 or E-mail [rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com](mailto:rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com)

Please contact Rick Moses regarding the Play-DAYS, and PLEASE OFFER to HELP OUT in any way. Help transporting equipment from Canterbury to Greenfield (and back) would be really welcome! Also a Driven Dressage evaluator for 2-4 hrs.. Sunday is needed-- Thank you. Rick 603-528-1531

Cones, Obstacles, and a Dressage ring will be available for practice at your convenience on Saturday and Sunday during the 3-day Drive. On Sunday Sept. 4 we hope to offer informal evaluation of your Dressage tests plus tips from a "coach." Contact: Rick Moses 603-528-1531 for Play-DAYS info. (Contact Sonja Cahill 978-851-5124 for Greenfield Drive/Ride info and camping reservations.) **WATCH FOR GREENFIELD FLYER & RESERVATION FORM IN NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

### **REMEMBER HORSETENDERS CLINIC OFFERS DISCOUNT TO GSCA MEMBERS** **AT GREENFIELD**

In conjunction with the GSCA Greenfield, NH ride & drive from Sat., September 3 through Monday, Sept. 5, HorseTenders is also holding a clinic on Monday, Sept. 5 described as follows:

HorseTenders LLC is having a clinic on Monday, September 5, for Foundation Training. It runs from 10 AM -2 PM and is \$75 for GSCA members bringing a horse. Everyone one else bringing a horse is \$125. GSCA members may audit for \$25 and non members may audit for \$50. All breeds of horses and their owners are welcome, provided the horses can behave in a group setting. Must pre register with Stephanie Kokal 603 547 5293 by September 1.

**Wildwood Stables** aka **Carriages of Acadia** new managers, Mike Carpenter and daughter Emily Carpenter are doing a super job in their third year. Wildwood is a much more relaxed and friendly place than it used to be.

The staffs are very friendly and helpful making our stay there most enjoyable! The carriage roads in Acadia National Park are truly a national treasure. If you have not been with your horse you really should plan to.



*The Bridge Tour*

Cresca Albright

### **LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN CHOCORUA DRIVE**

**Look to the Mountain's** 10th anniversary almost didn't happen due to Sonja's riding injury several weeks prior to the event. As soon as word was out that volunteers were needed to help get the event off the ground, several members came forward including some new folks. They offered, they came, and they did what needed to be done! Volunteerism was alive and well at Chocorua! Many thanks to Sue Dunfey, Heather Good, Mary Dew, John Huether, Linda Marshall, Cindy & Erin Pirkey, and new member Leah Vallardes for signing folks in, marking trails, clearing obstacles, and opening gates.



*Above: New Riders from CT & NH: Diane Morton, Diane Ciano, Ken Forcier, Meg Sautter, Chris Mard, Vevette Greenburg, Leah Vallardes.*

*Below: Lucia & James Owen*

Twenty two riders came to ride the many trails, gravel roads, and private land. Only two drivers participated this year. An enthusiastic group of new riders from CT and NH came to ride on Friday and Sunday. On Saturday they left to ride the Great Glen trails at Mt. Washington's 150th anniversary event.

**SHELBURNE, VT. DRIVE CORRECT DATES**  
**September 25-29. SUNDAY - THURSDAY**  
**Please mark your calendars accordingly**

**GSCA AT ACADIA 2011**

Members of the Granite State Carriage Association made the annual trip to Wildwood Stables in Acadia National Park on June 19 - 26, 2011. The weather was just perfect with unusually crystal clear blue skies and cooler temperatures making smooth sailing for horses on the long ride up.

Members attending were VP, Bob Townsend and his wife Carolyn, Becky Greenan, Jane Woodward, Judy Witham, Laurie Goodwin, Wanda Chancellor (friend of Laurie's visiting from Tennessee), Nancy Slombo, John and Cindy Pirkey, Phil and Janet Warren, Linda Davison, and Cresca Albright. By Sunday afternoon everyone was settled in for a week of fantastic riding and driving on the over sixty miles carriage roads.

The carriage roads offer many trail options all with sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean or beautiful vistas of pink granite mountain tops and lakes. The roads are lined with coping stones also known as Rockefeller's teeth. In addition to the carriage roads within the Park, there are many lovely private roads to ride and drive on where no bicycles are allowed. The trails loop around Little Long Pond and then down to Seal Harbor with a fantastic view. From there is a wonderful network of grassy trails that eventually lead to the Cobble Stone Bridge near Jordan Pond House.



*Bubble Pond*



*L-R: Jane Woodward, Judy Witham, Carolyn Townsend & Becky Greenan*

After riding and/or driving there is plenty to do. There are spectacular hiking trails, beaches to visit or a trip into Bar Harbor to see the sights. There is simply no shortage of fun things to do after your ride or drive. This year, for the first time, some of our group took a guided bridge tour via ***Carriages of Acadia***. On this tour we visited five historical bridges and learned many interesting and little known facts about each of them. Our tour guide, Katie was entertaining and knowledgeable and she made it fun, lots of fun

Also on the agenda was a trip to Thurston's Lobster Pound

in Tremont. It is far off the beaten path tucked into a little working man's harbor full of local people and color. There is nothing quite like lobster on the water in Maine. Also a trip to Jordan Pond House for popovers was fun and delicious. It's truly one of the "must do's" while in Acadia.