



NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

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MAY/JUNE 2012

SUE ROGERS DRIVE/RIDE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 7 & 8

Our first drive/ride at Sue Rogers Lovely Lands end Farm in Reading Vermont is scheduled for the first week in July. The farm is located among endless miles of lovely scenic hilly dirt roads. Maps will be provided and participants are invited to drive out at their leisure along routes of their own choosing.

Overnight horse stalls are available, reservations required, and there is a camping area near the barn, but no turnouts. There are also numerous B & Bs in the area. Day trailer ins welcome with reservations.

This sounds like a wonderful new place to drive and we hope that many of you will enjoy it. Remember that **reservations are required**. All the details and the reservation form are in the enclosed flyer which is slightly different from the one sent out earlier.

11TH ANNUAL LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN DRIVE PLANNED FOR JULY 13-15

Once again Sonja and Bob Cahill invite us all to drive with them on the lovely wooded roads and trails below Mt. Chocoura. There are several hills but they say that an unconditioned horse can manage if going slowly. Camping is available in a field with a wonderful view of the mountain. Vaccination including West Nile and a negative Coggins are required.

Please let the Cahills know by July 9th if you plan to come for a day or camping. After that date they will be on location.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION FOR THE SHELBURNE FARMS DRIVE CLOSSES ON AUGUST 13TH!

SEAVEY MEMORIAL DRIVE RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

As we all now know the Seavey drive in Auburn was cancelled due to very wet conditions. The biggest concern was trucks and trailers getting stuck in the field. Those in charge of the watershed area were very pleased that we canceled. All the details for this lovely driving event are in the attached flyer.

Linda Wilking now that they are all set to reschedule the drive for October 4th. They hope to see you all there then!

REMINDER

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT AN EVENT MIGHT BE CANCELED CALL THE DRIVE HOST!

HAVE YOU JOINED THE GSCA FACEBOOK GROUP?

"Admins." of the GSCA group: Stephanie Meryl smeryl@gmail.com
Connie Moses connie@PortraitsWithHorses.com

Attention members! If you are on Facebook and are not yet enjoying the "GSCA Granite State Carriage Association" Facebook group, you are missing out on a fun social opportunity! Our club's FB group now boasts 65 members strong since its startup in February! Group/club members are having conversations, asking questions and posting items of interest to all. Just recently we have seen discussions of Mohonk Mountain House (NY) as a carriage driving area, a rescue of one of Wildwood's Carriage horses, a recall of some Happy Mouth bits, members' tidbits of news, and offerings of horse-related items for sale. All our Drive Events info and updates can be found posted as well. Our group is "open" only to GSCA club members, which means that only GSCA members can see each others' comments. You do NOT have to "Friend" each club member for this to work. You will be surprised how many veteran AND new club members are participating on Facebook!

To become a member of the group, type GSCA Granite State Carriage Association into Facebook's search. It's at the top of Facebook and reads "Search for friends, places and things". A clickable option for the group should appear after you hit enter to see the results or it may appear while you're typing. In the upper left-hand side of the GSCA group page, under the pictures of members, click Join Group. An Admin. will double-check your club membership status, then approve your request and "you're in"!

Alternatively, to request to join the group, you will need to "Friend" an Admin. in FB (either Stephe or Connie above/below). Either send a "Friend" request in Facebook to Stephe or Connie, OR accept a "Friend" request one of them sends you. Then we are able to add you into the GSCA group. Once you are made a member of the FB group, you are free to "unfriend" the Admins. as you like, so that nobody needs to be part of each other's personal Facebook newsfeed unless they wish. The group's existence and general description can be seen by the Facebook public, but NOT who the members are and not the posts and comments made within the group.

After you are a member of the GSCA FB group, you are still free to "leave" the group whenever you want. The group's existence, general description, and names of members of the group can be seen by the Facebook public, but NOT not the posts, comments, events, photos or any content made within the group.

If you have a Facebook account, please be sure one of the "Admins." (above/below) knows the E-mail address you use to "sign in" to Facebook. We have searched for all our members on Facebook but may have missed you, if so we apologize if you have not yet been "invited" to join. And please do check your Facebook messages! **GROUP MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:** We love how you are requesting that your FB friends join the group! **KEEP ON INVITING FRIENDS!!** The Admins. review each request and invite non-members to join GSCA, since one of the membership benefits is being in Facebook's GSCA Granite State Carriage Association group. Please do let your FB friends know that they must become club members first (a mere \$20 for the year) and then we will be happy to add them into the club's Facebook group! The message we send invitees includes a link to the GSCA membership application and the GSCA website. If you have ever thought about joining Facebook, now is the perfect time to check it out and connect with fellow horse and carriage-driving lovers within your own club! Pretty sure any younger person you know (children, grandchildren!) can coach you through how to start a Facebook account and how it works. Stephe and Connie will be happy to help you get started! Simply "Friend" us on Facebook or E-mail us now! Stephanie Meryl smeryl@gmail.com (Social Media Coordinator for GSCA) Connie Moses connie@PortraitsWithHorses.com (GSCA President)

AMESBURY CARRIAGE FESTIVAL SEEKS VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

The Carriage Barn Therapy Programs and the Amesbury Carriage Museum will host the Amesbury Carriage Festival at Bob-Lyn Stables, Amesbury, MA on Sunday, July 1st. The Carriage Festival will celebrate the area's carriage making history with displays of antique horse drawn and horseless carriages, a Sporting Day of Traditional Carriage Driving, demonstrations & exhibits, vendors, food, and fundraising auctions & raffles. The Festival Planning Committee is currently seeking vendors & exhibitors to join us for the day.

Do you know someone that would like to join us to sell their wares or perhaps demonstrate their craft or trade? Please help us pass the word. We would like to offer our attendees a wide variety of things to do, see, and experience while helping local businesses and support two great causes. If you know of someone with a unique good, service, or talent, please let them know about our event.

Information booth space is also available for local service agencies, clubs, and groups.

Anyone that would like more information should contact Michele Shepherd at 603-378-0140 or e-mail carriage-barn@comcast.net.

GSCA AT AMESBURY!

Amesbury Carriage Festival schedule-- Members to participate! What fun!! GSCA Members Sonja Cahill and Linda Wilking, and perhaps other members, will be competing in the Amesbury Carriage Festival's Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, July 1 from 1-3 PM. The CAA Sporting Day includes three phases: Turnout inspection, Country Drive (over a course) and a Cones Course. Traditional driving employs appropriate (to the turnout) and recognized styles of rein handling, and is seen more as a celebration of traditional driving than a competition. Turnouts compete against an "ideal" rather than against the other turnouts.

Other participants, with restored antique or reproduction traditional turnouts, will include: Robbie Bailey, Susan Koso, Mary Murphy, Kris Retter, and Paul Sweet. To be judged/narrated by Carriage Association of America and Carriage Museum of America officials. Best of luck and happy driving to our members and to all!

ACTIVITIES scheduled for the June 30-July 1 weekend include:

Sat. June 30.-- (evening) 6:00-8:30 PM Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ Live music, local brews to try, dinner, a raffle, auctions, award-winning Carriage Showcase vehicles on display, horseless carriages-- all in indoor arena. \$25 registration-- www.AmesburyCarriageFest.com or call Christine Miller, 978-518-5681

Sunday July 1 (rain or shine)-- 11AM-4PM Carriages as above on display, vote for your favorite Vendors of food, crafts, and carriage driving items 11AM-1PM Farrier demonstration 1PM-3PM Sporting Day of Traditional Driving competition 3PM Presentations and informal chats with expert judges Held at Bob-Lyn Stables (owner Bob Shea), 91 Monroe Street, Amesbury MA. See www.AmesburyCarriageFest.com or GSCA Facebook group for more information and directions.

EQUESTRIAN SUPPORT GROUP PROPOSED FOR BEAR BROOK STATE PARK

ATTENTION Bear Brook State Park Trail Enthusiasts!

Bear Brook State Park is a popular recreation area for horses and it is believed we should be helping more with trail maintenance. Equestrians have shown their passion for the Park in assisting other groups with maintenance. Having our own group of participants will be to our advantage in several ways.

We can schedule trail care days for our own convenience and not wait for other users trail plans.**** Central communication. ****Have our own visibility to being an asset to the park and creating a stronger landowner relationship.**** Provide a communication line dedicated to Bear Brook; trail conditions, riding partners, recommended trails for those new to Park, posting events held at Park, communication from/to park ranger and other groups, etc. **** We can still assist with other groups trail care days (when needed, timing is right, project benefits equestrianS.

Derry Trail Riders is hosting a discussion Tuesday June 26 on creating a Friends Group for Bear Brook with NH Horse Council facilitating. ***** We will gather ideas from interested persons on: how to be more involved, structure of a group, permissions needed, what to include or not include in trail maintenance, etc.**** Please consider attending this meeting if you use this park for informal rides or for organized events.**** Hopefully there will be enough interest to try an independent Friends Group to support the trails we use. ****

Please Come as an individual or club representative to this meeting to add your ideas or to find out more, and more importantly, you as an equestrian taking the first step to being a part of the Friends of Bear Brook group.*

Please RSVP before Sunday 6/24 so we know who is coming and in case of any changes. Contact Debbie Briscoe, NHHC Trails Liaison at [**dbriscoe57@aol.com](mailto:dbriscoe57@aol.com) 603-778-6987*

HAPPY MOUTH BITS RECALLED

English Riding Supply Recalls Wire Mouth Bits for Horses Due to Risk of Injury

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Happy Mouth Wire Mouth Bits **Importer:** English Riding Supply Inc., of Scranton, Pa.

Manufacturer: Soyo International Corp, of Kobe, Japan

Hazard: The steel braided wire in the mouthpiece that connects the bit on either side of the horse's cheeks can become frayed, rusted or worn, which can cause the bit to break. If this happens, the rider can lose control and fall from the horse.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received four reports of wire bits that have broken and resulted in reports of injuries including broken and fractured bones, bruises and back pain from falls.

Description: This recall involves eight models of Happy Mouth wire mouth bits used with a bridle in horseback riding. The bits involved in this recall have steel braided wire running through the plastic mouthpiece and most with a metal ring on each end. Model numbers included in the recall are 462172SS, 462177SS, 462181SS, 462184SS, 464123SS, 466898SS, 466904SS and 467248SS. Model numbers can be found on a label attached to the product. "Happy Mouth" is engraved on the plastic mouthpiece.

Sold at: Equestrian riding stores, tack shops, saddlery dealers nationwide, through mail order and by online equestrian retailers from July 2003 through April 2012 for between \$30 and \$51.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using these bits and return them to the retailer where purchased or return the bits directly to English Riding Supply for a refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, please contact English Riding Supply toll-free at (866) 569-1600 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.englishridingsupply.com. Consumers can also e-mail the firm at hmbits@englishridingsupply.com

CARRIAGE DRIVING VACATIONS

Carriage driving vacations for beginner and experienced drivers. Also CARRIAGE DRIVING CAMP and HORSE AND HUSKY CAMP for kids, a unique and educational overnight summer camp for kids who love animals! Historic wilderness lodge in Bethel, Maine, recently featured in Good Morning America- great horses, beautiful mountain scenery, reasonable rates. Come visit this summer! 10% OFF package price FOR DRIVING CLUB MEMBERS. website: www.newenglandridinganddriving.com, e-mail: leonardaj@yahoo.com phone: 207-731-4747

OTTER CREEK INN & MARKET OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Over the years many of our members have stayed at Otter Creek while driving at Acadia as it is only 3 miles from the park entrance. They changed ownership a few years ago and, I think were closed. Now they have sent us a note thanking us for our past support and letting us know that they are open for the 1012-2013 seasons. You can call to make reservations (207) 288-5151 or visit their website at: www.ottercreekme.com.

GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW DURING EQUINE EMERGENCIES

Part II

FIRST AID KITS

First aid kits can be simple or elaborate, but there are some essential items. Here is a short list to get yours started. (*Material that should be sterile.

- *Cotton roll
- *Contact bandage
- *Cling wrap
- *Gauze pads, assorted sizes
- *Gauze wrap
- Adhesive wrap and adhesive tape
- Leg wraps
- Sharp scissors
- Hemostats

- Steel cup or container
- Rectal thermometer with string and clip attached
- Surgical scrub and antiseptic solution
- Latex gloves
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Permanent marker pen
- Pliers (to pull nails)
- 6" diameter PVC tubing cut in half the long way (like a gutter) into lengths of 1-1 / 2 to 2 feet (for emergency splinting)

EMERGENCY WOUND CARE

The sight of blood may unnerve you, but maintaining your presence of mind can save your horse's life. The initial steps you take to treat a wound can prevent further damage and speed healing. How you proceed will depend on your individual circumstances, and you must exercise good judgment. The following should be viewed as guidelines:

- 1 Catch and calm the horse to prevent further injury. Move the horse to a stall or other familiar surroundings if this is possible without causing distress or further injury to the horse. Providing hay or grain can also be a good distraction.
- 2 Get help before attempting to treat or evaluate a wound. It can be difficult and very dangerous to try to inspect or clean the wound without someone to hold the horse. You cannot help your horse if you are seriously injured yourself.
- 3 Evaluate the location, depth, and severity of the wound. Call your veterinarian for a recommendation anytime you feel your horse is in need of emergency care. Here are some examples of situations where your veterinarian should be called:
 - A There appears to be excessive bleeding.
 - B The entire skin thickness has been penetrated.
 - C The wound occurs near or over a joint.
 - D Any structures underlying the skin are visible.
 - E A puncture has occurred.
 - F A severe wound has occurred in the lower leg at or below knee or hock level.
 - G The wound is severely contaminated.
- 4 Consult with your veterinarian regarding a recommendation before you attempt to clean the wound or remove debris or penetrating objects, as you may precipitate uncontrollable bleeding or do further damage to the wound. Large objects should be stabilized to avoid damaging movement if possible. Don't put anything on the wound except a compress or cold water.
- 5 Stop the bleeding by covering the wound with a sterile, absorbent pad (not cotton), applying firm, steady, even pressure to the wound.
- 6 Do not medicate or tranquilize the horse unless specifically directed by your veterinarian. If the horse has suffered severe blood loss or shock, the administration of certain drugs can be life-threatening.
- 7 If the eye is injured, do not attempt to treat. Await your veterinarian.
- 8 If a horse steps on a nail or other sharp object and it remains embedded in the hoof, first clean the hoof. Consult with your veterinarian regarding a recommendation before you remove the nail. If your veterinarian advises, carefully remove the nail to prevent the horse from stepping on it and driving it deeper into the hoof cavity. As you remove it, be sure to mark the exact point and depth of entry with tape and/or a marker so the veterinarian can assess the extent of damage. Apply antiseptic to the wound, and wrap to prevent additional contamination.
- 9 All horses being treated for lacerations or puncture wounds will require a tetanus booster.

OTHER EMERGENCIES

There are far too many types of emergencies from heat stroke to hyperkalemic periodic paralysis, bone fractures to snake bites, foaling difficulties to colic -- to adequately cover them all in this brochure. However, regardless of the situation, it's important to remember these points:

1. Keep the horse as calm as possible. Your own calm behavior will help achieve this.
2. Move the animal to a safe area where it is unlikely to be injured should it go down.
3. Get someone to help you, and delegate responsibilities, such as calling the veterinarian, retrieving the first aid kit, holding the horse, etc.

4. Notify your veterinarian immediately. Be prepared to provide specific information about the horse's condition, as mentioned above, and other data that will help your practitioner assess the immediacy of the danger and instruct you in how to proceed.
5. Listen closely and follow your equine practitioner's instructions.
6. Do not administer drugs, especially tranquilizers or sedatives, unless specifically instructed to do so by the veterinarian.

SUMMARY

Many accidents can be prevented by taking the time to evaluate your horse's environment and removing potential hazards. Also, assess your management routines to make them safer. Mentally rehearse your emergency action plan. Preparation will help you stay calm in the event of a real emergency. Keep your veterinarian's phone number and your first aid kit handy. In an emergency, time is critical. Don't be concerned with overreacting or annoying your veterinarian. By acting quickly and promptly, you can minimize the consequences of an injury or illness. Your horse's health and well-being depend on it.

from the internet

FOR SALE

Historic GSCA Photos on CD! Dave Herrick treated Annual Meeting attendees to a continuous slide show, created from GSCA archived photos and recent drive/ride events. Some of them may be YOU!! CDs will be made available of these interesting photographs. Dave Herrick has offered to make CDs for those desiring to purchase them. A \$10 donation to GSCA will be accepted by the Treasurer. Please contact Marilyn Williams, mwilliams@courier.com to order, or send payment to GSCA Photo CD, Marilyn Williams, 54 Pilgrim Drive, Litchfield, NH 03052

Two black Percheron mares 15 and 7yrs old. Matched black pair; quiet and sane. They are both approx. 17.3 hands; probably 1800+ each. I'm asking \$6000 which also includes biothane team harness from Meader's supply; collars; blankets etc. Due to health issues, I need to sell. They need a good home and a 'job'. Please call Ellen at 603-968-3486

APHA Mare. I am hoping to find a good home for Maxi, a sorrel / overo, "**Medicine Hat**", blue eyed, loudly colored APHA mare whose bloodlines are noted for being calm, solid mounts for children. She has been trained using Natural Horsemanship methods and used in our therapeutic riding program in Acton Maine. We have owned her for 8 years. For more info, please call Pat Pearson at (207) 252-7391.



WANTED

Small aluminum stock trailer. Contact Ann Tolman. tolman.ann@gmail.com
A Safe Driving Horse for older couple. The best care provided. Leslie - 603-942-5292.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

JUNE 22-24 MUFFY SEATON CLINIC. Seacoast Farm. Wales, ME. contact: www.seacoastfarm.com

- JUNE 29 BIRD IN HAND 13TH ANNUAL CARRIAGE & ANTIQUE AUCTION. 6 auctioneers busy all day! <http://www.birdinhandauction.com/>
- JUNE 30 AMESBURY CARRIAGE FESTIVAL. Bob-Lyn Stables, 91 Monroe St. Amesbury, MA.
JULY 1 contact: carriage-barn@comcast.net
- JULY 5-7 MAINE MORGAN SHOW. Deerfield, NH. Pleasure Carriage Division open to all breeds.
Contact: M. Wahl, Show Secretary (603) 436-7638
<http://www.memorgan.com/main.htm>
- JULY 6-8 HORSEMANSHIP CLINICS WITH JACK BRAINARD. Kokonini Farm, Wentworth, NH.
JULY 11-13 Auditor spots still avail. Contact: chris@rstours or (603) 764-5905
- JULY 7-8 GSCA SUE ROGERS DRIVE RIDE. Proctorsville, VT. Contact: Sue Rogers (802) 226-7234 (home), 952-8456 (cell) or noblegesture@tds.net.**
- JULY 7-8 GMHA 25/25/50 MILERIDE & DRIVE CONDITIONING DISTANCE. WEBSITE: www.gmhainc.org ?? PH (802) 457-1509 E-MAIL: gmha@gmhainc.org
- JULY 12-14 SOUTHEASTERN EQUESTRIAN TRAILS CONFERENCE. Lexington, KY. Info: <http://setc2012.com/>
- JULY 13-15 GSCA LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN DRIVE/RIDE. Chocorua, NH. Camping & swimming available. Contact Sonja or Bob Cahill (978) 851-5124 or e-mail rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com.**
- 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 16,20 KIDS DRIVING CLINICS The Carriage Barn, Amesbury, MA. Contact: carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140.
- JULY 17-19 HORSEMANSHIP CLINICS WITH EITAN BETH-HALACHMY. Kokonini Farm, Wentworth,
JULY 22-24 NH. Auditor spots still avail. Contact: chris@rstours or (603) 764-5905
- AUG. 3-5 NORTHEAST KINGDOM DRIVE/RIDE. Danville, VT. Camping & swimming available. Contact: Deb Hunt (802) 684-2583.**
- AUG. 6-10 KIDS DRIVING CLINICS** The Carriage Barn, Amesbury, MA. Contact: carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140.
- AUG. 18 NEWPORT COACHING WEEKEND. www.newportmansions.org.

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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

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