



NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

<http://www.GraniteStateCarriage.org>

APRIL 2013

MYSTERY DRIVE IN CANTERBURY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH

Once again we all have the chance to drive on the lovely rural roads of Canterbury, NH during lovely spring weather. As it is early and many horses are not yet in condition, there will be a choice of a longer 8 mile loop and shorter 1 1/2 and 3 mile loops. The roads are pavement and gravel with the greater mileage on the latter. Traffic is light and there are a few pastures with cows or llamas. There will be a 10 AM briefing before people head out at will.

The mystery is what we will decide to do to add extra fun to the drive. You will have to come to find out! It will not add to the difficulty of the drive which is a good one for less experienced horses/drivers.

Bring a picnic lunch to share after the drive. All the details are in the attached flyer.

THE SHELBURNE DRIVE IS FILLED - A WAITING LIST IS BEING COMPILED

GSCA BUSINESSES FEATURED ON WEBSITE.

Our club members Mary Hayes, Tracey Turner, and Linda and Dick Misiaszek have their own horse-related businesses which we now feature on our GSCA website (find under NEWS/RESOURCES on the CLUB HAPPENINGS page, at www.GraniteStateCarriage.org) Also listed on that page are training barns, therapy barns, and MDC associate membership details.

MARY HAYES-- Custom Horsehair Jewelry

GSCA member Mary Hayes creates VERY lovely custom jewelry from your horse's tail hair. These pieces are unique, beautiful, durable, and customized to your taste and color choices of jewels. Mary is able to make braids of different types and thicknesses for necklaces, bracelets, and even earrings. She also saves any left-over hair towards future re-orders. Her sample collection is stunning! Consider for wonderful gifts, for yourself or for the horse-lovers in your life! Contact:

Mary Hayes
130 TROMLEY ROAD
EAST WINDSOR, CT 06068
tel. 860-623-7982

ONE SOURCE HORSE-- online horse management

One Source Horse (OSH) is an online tool for horse and other equine owners, trainers and other professionals to manage their equines, equine activities and business transactions too. The tool lets members create profiles for their horses so they can track a broad range of activities and information, such

as medical, competition, maintenance and training schedules. The information can be accessed at any time online and can be shared with barn managers, pet sitters, trainers or others involved in the horse's care. One Source Horse makes horse management easier than ever before! Visit us at www.onesourcehorse.com/ and join today, membership is free!

Tracey Turner Email: ttt@farsidefarm.com

RICH-LIN FARM-- Center Barnstead NH

Rich-Lin Farm is located on a 3 mile dirt road for riding/driving, with access to trails and large fields. Per Linda Misiaszek: "We ride/drive our haflingers, have shown in hitch classes for many years, now doing competitive trail riding and driving for pleasure." Linda teaches riding/driving in their indoor/ and large outdoor ring. Also offering boarding, with lovely large pastures and good hay. Linda and Dick Misiaszek;

Rich-Lin Farm
115 North Rd.
Center Barnstead, NH 03225
tel.603-776-8636

We are sure there are many more horse-related endeavors and hobbies our members are engaged in, which we would love to publicize! We welcome all news, descriptions and updates, so please send your information and photos to info@GraniteStateCarriage.org to be included.

TROTting TOWARDS A CURE 2ND ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS JUNE 22, 2012 **DRIVERS WELCOME******

Ride is at Kokal Farm, 243 Cornwell Rd. Greenfield, NH. The proceeds of this ride/drive will benefit the National Multiple Schlerosis Society, Central New England Chapter. Participants are welcome to camp both Friday and Saturday night. Ride/drive is for experienced horse people only.

Prizes!! Raffles!!! T-shirts!!! Campfire!!!. Participants arrive Friday after 3PM, Potluck 6:30 PM Campfire. Saturday pre ride briefing 9 AM sharp. All riders/drivers on trail by 10 AM. Saturday evening dinner & campfire. Sunday informal trail ride/drive for anyone camping & paid to ride on Saturday. Leashed dogs welcome.

Early registration fee requested to guarantee spot on ride. Fees & T-shirt payment must be received by June 15. Donations can be turned in at check in. Flyer with all the details, fees, donation amounts requested and reservation form are being send with this newsletter.

When asked the organizers of this event graciously agreed to include drivers, something they had not thought of before but think would be fun, and they have planned a really nice loop for us. So it would be excellent if a number of drivers turned up. HOWEVER since their ride form does not include a place to indicate that you are a driver, they ask that you please note that fact on your registrations form.

Happy driving for a good cause!!

THE CARRIGE BARN HAS LOTS OF NEW USED STUFF TO SELL FOR THE SUPORT OF THEIR EQINE THERAPY PROGARM

For a complete list contact the Carriage BArn at carriage=barn@comcast.net or (603) 378-0140.

The Carriage BArn is a 501c3 Not-for-Profit Organization that seeks to promote the health and well-being of individuals of all ages with disabilities by enhancing their physical, psychological, cognitive and emotional healing and strengthening through equine activities.

Program activities further this purpose by utilizing horses to provide opportunities for disabled individuals to form unique relationships that nurture and empower them in a way that brings new insights, self-confidence, improved communication, and relaxation. In the context of a quiet, natural outdoor setting, these activities provide a serene learning environment.

Programs include therapeutic horseback riding & carriage driving, Occupational, Physical, and Speech therapy, summer camps and clinics, as well as horseback riding & carriage driving.

HAMPTON BEACH NOTICE FOR HORSE FOLKS!! COURTESY POST FOR NH HORSE COUNCIL

Trail ambassadors have been astonished of the mess being left at Hampton Beach by equestrians.

Please-- Remind yourself and others that they MUST clean up Manure and Hay from the beach parking area and any other trail head parking and Take It Home! Keep the path to the beach clean and ride below the tide line so manure is washed away.

Be a Trail Ambassador and pass this along with a friendly reminder. This is an important issue that we all have to be mindful of. Debbie Briscoe NHHC Trails Liaison

NEW REGIONAL ADS DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone,

I would just like to take a minute and introduce myself. I am your new NE regional ADS director. I know that not all of you are American Driving Society Clubs but I am still interested in your club's driving news. If at all possible could you please put me on your mailing list and send me your calendars. I would like to spread the word about your club! Feel free to contact me about your events and/or news. Thank you.

Nicole Cable

716-474-1818

<http://www.silvershoefarm.com/>

DRIVING IN CYBERSPACE **POWER ASSISTED VEHICLES FOR WORK HORSES IN FRANCE**



A fascinating link to an article describing research on power-assisted vehicles for work horses in France and Switzerland using technology developed for bicycles: Even more riveting than the idea of helping horses do their job (loved that picture!) is the degree to which horsepower is still part of the way of life in Europe. Sigh. Every day horses seem to be losing ground here at home, both literally and figuratively.

[www.thehorse.com/articles/30798/hybrid-cart-makes-pulling-loads-safer-for-horses?](http://www.thehorse.com/articles/30798/hybrid-cart-makes-pulling-loads-safer-for-horses?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=welfare-)

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Melinda Takeuchi.

Originally posted on The Carriage Driving List by

MURPHY'S HORSE LAWS

- If you do a thorough check of your trailer before hauling, your truck will break down
- There is no such thing as a sterile barn cat
- No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off
- The least useful horse in your barn will eat the most, require shoes every four weeks and need the vet at least once a month
- A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching
- If you're wondering if you left the water on in the barn, you did
- If you're wondering if you latched the pasture gate, you didn't
- Hoof picks migrate
- The last 8 laws were sent by [Cecilia Porter](#)
- Tack you hate never wears out
- Blankets you hate cannot be destroyed
- Horses you hate cannot be sold and will outlive you
- Clipper blades will become dull only when the horse is half finished
- Clipper motors will quit only when you have the horse's head left to trim
- If you approach within 50 feet of the barn in your "street clothes", you will get dirty
- You can't push a horse on a lunge line
- If a horse is advertised "under \$5,000" you can bet he isn't \$2,500
- The number of horses you own increases according to the number of stalls in your barn
- An uncomplicated horse can be ruined with enough schooling
- You can't run a barn without baling twine
- Wind velocity increases in direct proportion to how well your hat fits
- There is no such thing as the "right feed"
- If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury
- If you're winning, quit.

Sent in by Bill Hatt

FOR SALE

LAST CALL FOR BIDS ON ZILCO HARNESS synthetic looks like leather, cleans up in a second, gives you time to drive instead. A quality, mint-condition, black Zilco breast-collar style single harness for 15-16 h. horse. Fits Arabian mare. Offered for sale to GSCA members. This harness was donated by Barbara Hurd to the GSCA Auction at the recent Annual Mtg. The original cost of the harness was \$600+, a reserve of \$300 was set at the meeting. Unfortunately, the reserve was not met, therefore it is being offered to the rest of our membership via Facebook and the newsletter. Afterwards, it will be offered to the public; to benefit the GSCA. For more information, please call Sonja Cahill at 978-851-5124 or via e-mail: rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com **IF NO ONE IS INTERESTED IT WILL GO TO E-BAY**



Seal Harbor, Acadia National Park Summer Rental Feel at home on Mt. Desert Island. Our 4 bedroom, 2 bath house is located in the quiet village of Seal Harbor just 1 mile from Wildwood Stables. The house is furnished with cable TV, VCR, and DVD player, wireless internet, gas grill, and washer and dryer. A large wrap-around porch includes a screened-in section and is perfect for relaxing or dining. Acadia National Park carriage roads and trails are virtually at your doorstep.

First floor: kitchen, dining room, living room, bath, laundry area, 2 bedrooms one with double bed and one with twin beds. Second floor: full bath and two bedrooms each with a double bed. Dogs permitted with owner consent. Parking limited to 2 vehicles but easy bicycle ride from house to barn. Deposit required.

For pictures and more information go to www.homeaway.com and enter property number, **109128**. Or contact Joan and Allan Kleinman 781 861 0461.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

MAY 19 **GSCA MYSTERY DRIVE** Canterbury, NH. Contact: Ginger Laplante (603) 783-4702 or canterbrk@aol.com.

MAY 24-26 **SUE ROGERS' CLINIC**. Lands End Farm. Proctorsville, VT. Contact (802) 952-8456 or noblegesture@tds.net.

JUNE 2 **GSCA ELLET & SHIRLEY SEAVEY MEMORIAL DRIVE**. Auburn, NH Contact: Linda & Eric Wilking, (603) 731-0513.

JUNE 16-23 **GSCA ACADIA NATIONAL PARK DRIVE/RIDE WEEK** Reservations required, check to see if there is still stabling available. Contact: Laurie Goodwin (603)483-8797

JUNE 22 **TROTTING TOWARD A CURE TRAIL RIDE Drivers Welcome** To benefit Multiple Sclerosis Society. Kokal Farm, Greenfield, NH. Contact: Cindy Stedman (413) 237-3310.

THE GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
A PLEASURE DRIVING CLUB
DRIVE WITH US JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT (Riders Welcome)
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name (include all family members): _____

_Address: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Facebook username or e-mail _____ New Membership ____ Renewal ____

Add \$1.00 for Maine Driving Club Associate Membership? _____ TOTAL SENT _____

Any Changes from last listing? Yes No What? _____

Annual Membership Single or Family \$20.00.

Please make checks payable to: GSCA. For more info. call: Treasurer Eric Wilking (603) 731-0513

Mail to: Eric Wilking, 162 Pickpocket, Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833



Sonja & Bob Cahill coaching in Bavaria

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