



NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

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AUGUST 2014

GREENFIELD DRIVE/RIDE COMING AUG. 30 - SEPT. 1

COME JOIN US For a fun-packed LABOR DAY WEEKEND (Sat-Mon)! If you can't stay the weekend, come for a day!

For the fifth year, HorseTenders LLC is again pleased to host the Granite State Carriage Association's Labor Day Weekend 2014 ride and drive located in the beautiful Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. The Kokal Farm offers a covered lodge for gathering and eating, a pond for swimming and many miles of marked and unmarked trails, gravel roads and some tar suitable for driving and riding. There is plenty of room to park and stay the weekend and enjoy the pleasant company of fellow members and guests. Set up your own portable corral or reserve round-pen panels next to your trailer. Sorry there is no stabling available this year as the barn is full of hay. For the truly adventuresome, the HorseTenders LLC trainers can take small groups of riders out to do some of the more challenging unmarked trails this year. Water for horses will be available and a potty will be on location.

Don't miss Sunday's BBQ

On Sunday, Aug. 31, at 3:30 p.m. GSCA will hold a delicious catered BBQ under the shady lodge and all are invited to join. (Partly paid for by your club). Please see attached flyer describing the menu offered, so be sure to get your reservation in to Eric Wilking by **Saturday, August 23.**

Flyers for both events are attached.

NEW EVENT

**** RAIL TRAIL OUTING SEPT. 21****
ADDED TO GSCA CALENDAR!

Connie Moses has put together another exciting event for GSCA members. It will be our chance to drive and ride along the Northern Rail trail with its historic bridges and lovely scenery. The Moses have scoped it out and the portion of trail we will be on is eminently safe for both riders and drivers.

Early flyer attached with all the details. Meanwhile make the date on your calendar





CHOCOURA DRIVING WEEKEND WELL ATTENDED

Someone mentioned that this is '**The Year of the Horse.**' Perhaps that's why Chocorua had its best attendance in 13 years! A total of 39 members including several families came to the Mountain this year – or perhaps because the humid weather preceding the event finally broke and gave us great temps. Or perhaps because of word of mouth about all that a horse lover can do in this area. Whatever the reason, it was a blast!

Look to the Mountain

Some of our highlights:

A first-time rider here was Betsy Vaughn, daughter of GSCA founder Lansing Mallet, 36 years ago. Folks came from Maine, Massachusetts and NH, and from as far away as Vermont and New York state.

Four families attended:

The Pearsons: Pat & Nils, daughters Taryn and Keely. Taryn is now Dr. Taryn Pearson, BVMS, British (trained) Veterinary Medical Surgeon, who has a mobile veterinary service. (See Dr. Pearson's card elsewhere in the newsletter.) Younger sister Keely is now a teenager and riding one of the big horses! **The Pirkeys:** Cindy and Erin. Cindy has come to the Mt. all years except one. Daughter Erin has been riding with us since she was 9 and is now 24, a graduate of the Univ. of IL with a



Pat & Keely Pearson



Townsend's & Becky Greenan

surprised us by coming in with 3 adorable minis, our first ones to the Mt. They had met the Cahills in Parsonsfield, ME earlier where they were handed our flyer and they promptly signed up via the website.

Master's in civil engineering, and is engaged to Brent Williams. An Oct. 2015 wedding is planned. **The Townsends:** Three generations! Robert & Carolyn came with their daughter Elizabeth and her 2 girls Jena & Meagan, they are first-time visitors to the Mountain. Becky Greenan, a dear friend, accompanied the family.

The new **DiStephano** family from Brownsville, ME

What happens in Chocorua doesn't stay in Chocorua...

Three Bobs to confuse everybody!-- Bob Townsend, Bob Harvey, Bob Cahill. All one had to do for help was to call out "Bob!" because at least one Bob was always around! *** This year instead of a mysterious night visitor, landowner/hostess Peggy Cannon had an exuberant female admirer! *** We're sure that one health-conscious couple snuck out to have local ice cream for breakfast! *** Spotted-- a new variety of horse fly/bumblebee cross which was attracted only to a dark horse among light-colored horses! ***



Connie Moses & Glendale, Sonja Cahill & Breezy

Spotted in a kayak-- a dog with complete set of pink rubber toenail caps! *** Tree limb attacked top of a motor home and won...*** Gate post attacked side of horse trailer and lost...



Heather Goode

Two ladies got sore behinds from bouncing so much in their carts trotting the whole James Pond trail! But Glendale fell in love with Breezy...*** A nice paint horse got loose and kicked up its heels for quite a while... after pretending it didn't have any energy left on its ride! *** One strong and dedicated lady held down the fort/camp with 3 horses solo overnight, while her own family joined her on two day trips! *** One very strong

swimmer ought to warn her companions next time before she starts off for a half mile swim *** Getting fly paper stuck in your long hair is NOT recommended! *** Discovered-- local Scandinavian bakery with Amish box carriage in her driveway, delicious breads, and non-stop conversation for all! If she asks to wrap your purchase, do decline if you are in a rush! *** Mt. Chocorua IS hike-able for the fit, though perhaps 3 1/2 hrs. up was not the shortest route...*** Carlos was doing less running and baying and more mooching this year...*** Beware of leaving a Thoroughbred/former race horse behind at the end of the line... *** We think the pony with pink boots should get matching toenail caps for HER dog!

Other tidbits:

Joyce Winchell brought her well trained and handsome bay Morab gelding Dusty, a rescue advertised four years ago in Connie's blog and our newsletter. *** Sonja Cahill brought her now calm and quiet palomino Mustang gelding Chance, also rescued several years ago.

Joyce & Dusty





She also drove her speedy Arabian mare Miss Breeze, who was formerly owned by three different GSCA members!*** Connie Moses, Past Pres., came with her Percheron/Arabian gelding Glendale, driving him as a single and riding while husband Rick was home recuperating from a medical treatment. We missed Rick! *** Lots of swimming and paddling seen on Lake Chocorua including cute little pet dogs with their life preservers - all the while a wedding was in progress on shore.

Sonja on Chance & Connie Moses on Glendale Peggy Cannon, host of the Look to the Mt. drive, spoke to us Sat. night at our pizza & potluck gathering of 26 folks. She expressed her pleasure of seeing us again and was amazed at the big turnout and big rigs this year. Peggy said that all her neighbors look forward to our visit! We all expressed our thanks for her hospitality and for welcoming us year after year.



Thank You to all the helping hands:

To Peggy Cannon for the use of her large field for camping, daughter Lisa Keith for access to Mt. View, Dave & Tracey Little, for opening the well-liked James Pond trail, Dave Bowels for unlocking gates, and our members Heather Good, Sue Dunfey, Mary Dew for trail

Lucia Owen & friend



Jean Harvey, Pixie of the pink boots & friend



Corinne Brenner, Janet Linih & Melinda Zimmer

markings; Bill Wormell for helping Bob w/gates, signage, and Renee Wormell , Secretary, for helping Sonja Cahill at the sign-in table, packing & unpacking their trailer. And to Jean (VP) & Bob Harvey for the pizza run. Without all of you, Look to the Mt. would not be possible. Many, many thanks,

Sonja & Bob Cahill, organizers, Connie Moses, article contributor

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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to **Hilary DeAngelis** and her Haflinger partner, Maty TCF (a/k/a "Frodo") on winning the Training Division and having the best overall dressage score at the Wadingfield Horse Driving Trial on July 13th in Ipswich, MA. They won their division, dressage, cones & marathon. Frodo is owned by Hilary's mother, GSCA member Sylvia Miskoe. Hilary and Frodo are enjoying a very successful first season of driving competition.

Congratulations also to **Erin Pirkey**, daughter of Cindy and John Pirkey, on her engagement to Brent Williams. An October, 2015 wedding is planned.

GSCA members Nils and Pat Pearson are proud to report that daughter, **Taryn Pearson**, BVMS (British (trained) Veterinary Medical Surgeon) has recently opened her mobile veterinary practice out of Acton Maine under the business name of North East Farm & Family. Congratulations, Taryn!



FREE

I have a dusty **4 wheel piano box carriage** to give away. Same one I was trying to sell. Now must get rid of it. The struts (maybe called reaches) on the bottom are broken, but I have the oak pieces ready to install. Advertise this to GSCA or other interested parties. Bill Hatt new phone no: 603-938-2679

The Pony Cart

by Glenda Farrier
from the CD-L (internet carriage driving list)

A pony cart hangs from rafters in the shed
Rusty and battered, long ago red
Tarnished bent spokes poke out of wheels
Cobwebbed and dirty, a useless pile of steel

Seems only yesterday that little cart was new
Filled with laughing youngsters and a dog or two
Sweet spotted Molly patiently hauled them all
From the first buds of spring 'til the cool days of fall

Our little children grew up way too fast
Turning our busy lives into memories past
Sometimes I feel sad when that pony cart I see
But today I had a thought of what could surely be

So with paintbrush ready, sandpaper and the will
With grey faced old Molly watching from the hill
I take down the pony cart and begin my
restoration
The grandkids are coming for summer vacation!!!





UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Aug 23-24 GMHA COMBINED DRIVING EVENT. Green Mt. Horse Assn. Woodstock,VT Contact: (802) 457-1509

- Aug 24 MAINE DRIVING CLUB ARENA DRIVING TRIAL Peppergrass Farm. Dressage Clinic with Robyn Cuffey, Cones Clinic with Patsy O'Brian. Contact: Paula Levitt.dleavitt@uninets.net 207-234-4537 or Sondra Day sriday@uninets.net, 234-4762

- AUG.30- SEPT. 1** GSCA LABOR DAY WEEKEND DRIVE / RIDE & BARBEQUE. Greenfield,NH. Contact: **Sonja & Bob Cahill (978) 851-5124 or rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com**

- SEPT 12-14 FALL FESTIVAL OF DRIVING Touchstone Farm. Temple, NH. Contact: Barbara Cochrane (603) 654-6308 or info@touchstone-farm.org

- SEPT. 14** GSCA BRANCH HILL DRIVE / RIDE. Milton Mills, NH Contact: **John & Sue Booth. (603) 664-2787.**

- SEPT.20-21 GMHA FALL DRIVING CLASSIC. Green Mt. Horse Assn. Woodstock,VT. Contact:Karey Waters, PO Box 8, South Woodstock, VT 05071; W: 802-457-1509, ext. 203; Fax: 802-457-4471; e-mail: karey@gmhainc.org Mail Entries to: Organizer.

- SEPT 21** GSCA ANDOVER, NH RAIL TRAIL OUTING. Potter Place RR station 10AM. Contact: **Connie Moses cmoses@metrocast.net (603) 490-9694.**

2014 DUES ARE NOW DUE.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THEM THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

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 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
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Driftwood horses on the beach

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