



NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

<http://www.GraniteStateCarriage.org>

February-March 2014

ANNUAL MEETING 2014

Our annual meeting was held on Saturday February 23rd at The Puritan Back Room in Manchester. Thirty-five members enjoyed a good meal and socializing among friends and fellow horse-lovers, with a slide show presentation of past outings. A sure way to break up the tedium of a long and brutal winter is to bask in past events and plan new adventures.



The club welcomed guest speaker, Patrick Hummel, Volunteer Coordinator of NH Division of Parks. Mr. Hummel reviewed DRED areas of management and recent DRED rules revisions developments. DRED has worked with GSCA representatives through the rules process to assure that GSCA will have use of some DRED-managed properties for club outings, and proposed posting some trails and roads for permitted carriage driving by individuals. Such uses are a work in progress which promises to develop over time.

The business meeting was called to order by President Connie Moses. She introduced the Board of Directors, officers and lifetime member Barbara Hurd. Reading the minutes of the last annual meeting was waived. Eric Wilking gave a financial report summary for the past year. The club is holding its own with approximately \$150 ahead and about \$7,000 in the bank. Dues from new members offset non renewing members. we currently have 120-30 paying members.

Outgoing officers Cresca Albright and Laurie Goodwin were recognized for their services and presented with gift cards. Nominating Committee members Sonja Cahill and Linda Stebbins were thanked for their efforts. The announced that the new officers per ballots are:

Jean Harvey VP (1 yr)
Renee Wormell Director last year becoming Secretary
Dave Herrick retiring from Secretary and becoming Director (1 yr)
Joyce Egge, Director

There was no candidate for President, write ins Connie Moses 6, Rick Moses 2, Sonja and Liz Herrick. Connie agreed to serve as acting President for up to one year.

Connie then recognized appointed positions who serve voluntarily and asked each if they were willing to continue serving.

Corin Brennan's title was changed from Media Assistant to Media Technical Advisor

Leslie Baxter, Promotions Director

Newsletter Editor, asked for volunteers to help or do but seeing none Ginger Laplante was reappointed.

Historian - Ginger Laplante

Two new appointments of Senior advisors Ginger Laplante and Sonja Cahill
Nominating Committee Sonja Cahill and Sue Booth.

UPDATES:

Shelburne Drive still in limbo

Facebook group for GSCA-- opened to non-club participants but membership screened, now 223 members up from about 140 in March 2013.

Website active except private Members' Area problematic-- still is work in progress. Members invited to submit to Corin Brennan any crafts or businesses they would like to announce to the general public viewing the website, see our CLUB HAPPENINGS page. Maine Driving Club Associate \$1 reciprocal membership to continue; Eric reports last year we had 8 from MDC, and MDC had 35 Assoc. members from GSCA.

AWARDS:



Ellet and Shirley Seavey Most Valuable Player Award to Connie Moses, presented by Linda Stebbins. Connie has devoted much time and energy to promoting the organization and enhancing member communications. The newly launched website has received positive review and the GSCA FaceBook page is very popular



Participation Award presented to Corin Brennan.

Cathy Mcleod won the door prize drawn by Patrick Hummel, presented by Eric Wilking.



Special Presidential Award presented by Connie Moses to Sonja Cahill for long service (painting of Mt. Chocorua.) Sonja and her husband Bob have hosted the very popular "Look to The Mountain" drive and ride weekend event for many years.

No further business, Meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm followed immediately by the Auction.



Auction concluded at 4:00 pm and brought in \$949, plus new and renewed memberships.
 Photos by Connie Moses & Sonja Cahill

REMINDER **YOUR 2014 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Treasurer Eric Wilking reminds us all that we need money in order to be able to pay the GSCA's bills so we would appreciate everyone paying their 2014 dues as soon as possible. You can use the convenient form at the end of this newsletter. THANKS!



NEW ENGLAND REGION CARRIAGE ASSN. OF AMERICA WINTER CONFERENCE

Several GSCA members attended this year's NER,CAA annual weekend conference in Shelburne Vermont. We listened to a variety of interesting speakers, enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and toured the Shelburne Farms grounds by bus with stops for tours of the great Breeding Barn, the vehicles in the



Round Barn, the museum gallery and the home of Electra Webb founder of Shelburne Museum. I was astonished to learn that the breeding barn was only in use for a very short time before Mr Webb became interested in other things and dropped his breeding program.



Model of the breeding barn showing framing.

Three views of the Webb House interior



However the highlight of the weekend



was Friday's all day bus trip to Brumont, Quebec to visit the truly immense carriage collection of Paul Bienvenu. It is housed in a large two story metal building on the Bienvenu farm with four rows of carriages and sleighs lined up on the first floor and the upper level absolutely packed with sleighs and a few more early carriages.





Mr. Bienvenu toured us all around telling stories about the owners of the various vehicles and what made them special



Following the visit to the collection we were all hosted by the lady Mayor of Brumont who made us welcome in a former church with port wine and chocolates and showed us a promotional film on the town and area which is a popular tourist destination, boasts a high tech industrial park and is the home of The highly competitive Bromont CCI Three Day Event.

Once again it was a fun and informative conference well worth attending.

Ginger Laplante

THE DRIVING SEASON IS COMING SOON
NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TO CHECK THE TIRES ON YOUR TRAILER
Tire-safety tips from USRider

When was the last time you took a really good look at the tires on your horse trailer? While air pressure is very important, it's not the only thing that counts when it comes to tire safety.

Everything you need to know about your horse trailer tires is printed on the sidewall of the tires, and knowing what all those markings mean could prevent you from having a blowout.

Tire Size and Application

Among the largest listings on the side of the tire will be a number that starts with "LT" or "ST," such as ST235 / 85R16F. The LT stands for Light Truck, such as an F-150 or Chevy 3500. The ST stands for

Special Trailer. Either LT tires or ST tires can be used on horse trailers, but ST tires are specifically made for towing, and have some decided safety advantages.

Because LT tires are made for trucks, they are engineered to provide good mileage, proper traction, and a good ride. It is that last part -- the "good ride" -- that makes them decidedly less appropriate for use on a horse trailer. A towing vehicle (truck or car) has a sophisticated suspension with struts or shocks, torsion bars, and springs. A horse trailer has a much less sophisticated suspension. As a result, trailer tires are forced to endure much more pounding when they go down the road.

ST tires have stronger sidewalls to handle this pounding. When a towing vehicle rounds a corner, the LT tire sidewall actually permits the tire on the road to flex significantly. This isn't a problem, as the truck has a suspension that helps compensate for this action. However, when an LT tire is on a horse trailer with a high center of gravity, this flexing action can contribute to trailer sway, a very dangerous situation, and one that will make your horses think twice about loading for the next trip.

ST tires, with their much stiffer sidewalls, will stand up straight when cornering, which is much safer for drivers and their horses. The ST tires are, therefore, safer than LT tires on a high-center-of-gravity vehicle such as a horse trailer.

Load Range

This is the maximum weight a tire is engineered to carry when properly inflated. For example, for tires that are listed as load range "F," each tire is designed to carry 3,858 pounds when properly inflated at 90 pounds per square inch of air pressure. The four tires will carry 15,432 pounds total, which is appropriate for the total weight of the trailer, four average horses, hay, water, tack, and incidentals.

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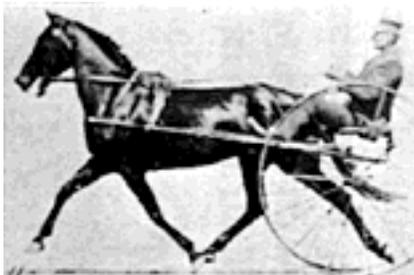
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DRIVING IN CYBERSPACE



Lorenzo The Flying Frenchman and his wonderful horses from the Camargne area in southern France. Riding and driving multiples from horseback

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/nOeIAnhHAik> And when you have finished watching there are some other interesting videos to choose from.

Sent in by Bill Hatt.

TWO LOOKING FOR GOOD HOMES



One Found on Craig's List

wswnv-4351770813@sale.craigslist.org

Cupcake is a 12 year old Morgan Gelding that was one of the 41 horses that were seized in the Essex County Horse Cruelty Case. He has had 1 month of Foundation Through Feel groundwork with Nicky Frechette, and has had 3+ rides. This horse needs to find a loving home with someone that has previous horse experience. Further training by month at an indoor may be requested for an additional fee.

Please contact Nicky Frechette at Rookery Ranch for more information on this horse and Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc. for an Adoption Application. His adoption fees are waived. He is in Westport, NY. Thank you for caring, and sharing! Find us on Facebook:

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And one on Facebook

Des's Girl. "Ember" is a 5 year old Standardbred mare who through no fault of her own, finds herself homeless. Her owner does not want her anymore and has not paid board. Generous barn owner and boarders have been taking good care of her. She needs a home and someone to care about her. She is not trained for riding but has worn tack. She did train to race but no races on her record. Does anyone have room in their barn for this lovely brown horse? Private message me Paula Kneeland-Gehl on Facebook. Located in New Durham, NH and free to a good home.



THE HOOVES OF THE HORSES

The hooves of the horses--O'Witching and Sweet
is the music earth steals from the iron-shod feet;
No whisper of lover, no trilling of bird,
Can stir me as hoofs of the horses have stirred.
They spurn disappointment and trample despair,
and drown with their drum beats the challenge of care,
With scarlet and silk for their banners above,
they are swifter than Fortune and sweeter than love.
On the wings of the morning they gather and fly,
In the hush of the night-time I hear them go by--
The horses of memory thundering through
With flashing white fetlocks all wet with the dew.
When you lay me to slumber no spot you can choose,
but will ring to the rhythm of galloping shoes,
and under the daisies no grave be so deep
but the hooves of the horses shall sound in my sleep.

by William H. Ogilvie



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

MAR, 22 SAP GATHERING CONTEST, Stonewall Farm. Keene, N.H. Contact (603) 357-7278.

MAR.28th-30th - NORTHEAST WILD HORSE ADOPTION CONFERENCE. Promoting Best Practices for the Successful Adoption of BLM Wild Horses. Grafton, Massachusetts. vetCEinfo@tufts.edu 508-887-4723.

APR 4-5 INTRO TO DRIVING RING FIGURES & IMPROVING REINSMANSHIP. Touchstone Farm, Temple.NH. Contact: Contact Boo Martin at 603-654-6308 bmartin@touchstone-farm.org

APR. 12 SPRING SEMINAR, COLONIAL CARRIAGE & DRIVING SOCIETY. Orleton Farm, Stockbridge,MA Featured speaker Kip Rosenthal, equestrian sports psychologist, professional trainer & coach. will address such topics as Decreasing Stress, Using the Power of Positive Thinking, Visualization, Remembering Courses, and the Psychology of Walking a Cones Course. Most of all, Kip will help drivers and riders of all disciplines deal with nerves and anxiety to make it all fun! Contact: www.ColonialCarriage.org.

APRIL 27 SNECDA ARENA DRIVING TRIAL FUN DAY,Highland Hill Farm, Berlin, MA Part clinic part show, drive-critique-drive format. Judge Keith Angstadt. Contact: Ginny Wheeler Halfpenny on facebook.

MAY 10-12 GMHA 2 PHASE & ARENA DRIVING TRIAL. Training, Preliminary & intermediate. Contact: Karey Waters, c/o Green Mountain Horse Association, PO Box 8, South Woodstock, VT 05071; W: (802) 457-1509; Fax: (802) 457-4471; e-mail: karey@gmhainc.org

MAY 18 GSCA SPRING DRIVE/RIDE,Touchstone Farm, Temple,NH. Contact: Boo McDaniel (603) 321-5255.

**THE GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
A PLEASURE DRIVING CLUB
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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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