



NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

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JULY 2014

NORTHEAST KINGDOM DRIVE/RIDE COMING AUGUST 8-10

Drive and ride many miles of Danville/Peacham gravel roads in the scenic Northeast Kingdom. Camping with room for portable corrals is set up around two grassy ponds in an environmentally reclaimed gravel pit created by our host Bert Frye. A water hose for horses and a port-a-potty are available on the grounds. There are restaurants and other attractions in the area. A driving loop of @ 7 miles on gravel roads is marked from the campground; many additional miles of scenic country roads are detailed on maps provided to all participants. Roads are quiet and suitable for riding horses as well and there are some additional woods trails. Terrain is hilly.

This is the weekend the Danville Fair returns to the Town Green. So there will be rides, fair food, horse & pony pulling, dancing at the bandstand, etc. in addition to camping at the pond and our beautiful roads and views. Also, some folks are arriving early, so **the campground will be open from Tuesday 8/5 – Sunday 8/10.** Come for a day, or plan to camp. Either way, please let me know you are coming. Return the reservation form if there is time, or send me an e-mail. Call if you have questions: 802.684.2583.

Reservations are required. All the necessary information is on the flyer which is either attached to this newsletter or you have already received via e-mail.

MILES STANDISH STATE FOREST DRIVE/RIDE A BIG SUCCESS

There was a good turnout for the first annual Myles Standish State Park drive/ride, hosted by John Heuther in Carver, MA the weekend of June 20th. We had fantastic weather, too. The area that is set aside for equestrians only is great. There are 32 campsites and all have a picnic table, a fire pit and plenty of room to have a couple of horses. Each site is landscaped to provide a little privacy from the road yet you don't feel isolated.



Camping at Myles Standish

Members had the pleasure to meet Pat



Desrosiers who, together with husband Bob, have been working on this area for the State of Massachusetts for fourteen years. She told us about the challenges they have had but it is clear the struggles were well worth it! They work on behalf of equestrians in the park on a strictly volunteer basis. We all applaud their efforts. Who knew such a gem existed – and to think we learned about it during the long arduous DRED meetings!

The park far exceeded our expectations. There are 35 miles of horse riding trails and many, many miles of fire roads for the carriage drivers. The footing is sandy, and in



Nils, Pat & Tanya Pearson



Linda & Eric Wilking places gets a little soft, but we did not run into anything that was not doable. The terrain is also fairly flat.



Cresca Albright, Laurie Goodwin & drive organizer John Heuther

While there are official trail maps they leave much for the carriage driver to determine in terms of getting

around gates, etc. Member Cresca Albright asked Pat Desrosiers if there was a way to get a map specifically for carriage drivers? She is confident that they will make every effort. Although John had marked some trails there is more to be done. Linda Wilking mentioned finding “the place” where carriage drivers should go.” We hope that she mapped that out while her memory was still fresh. No matter, as there is no shortage of driving and riding to be had here.



In addition to the great trails there are many, many ponds where one can fish and boat. Cresca enjoyed a lovely paddle on College Pond. It's the perfect thing to do after riding or driving. Many thanks to host, John Heuther and all of the GSCA members who attended and made it fun. Next year will be even better, I am sure of that.

Photos by Connie Moses, Renee Wormell, Cresca Albright and Linda & Eric Wilking

MYSTERY DRIVE IN CANTERBURY JULY 13TH **DRAWS SMALL CROWD**



It was a lovely day to be out riding or driving with your horse but only a few took advantage of the chance to do so on Canterbury's lovely scenic dirt roads. We had hoped to be able to offer the riders a section of old abandoned road to enjoy but, after being told that it was indeed passable and making arrangements to have a locked gate open for them, when we went to mark the trail local landowners said it was not passable and took us down to a washed out old stone culvert which was definitely not something to take a horse over. Both we and the riders were disappointed as it would have also spared them a a length of tar road.

Four drivers and three riders enjoyed the 12 mile marked route and several shorter drives in and around Canterbury Center. Nils & Pat Pearson and their daughter Taryn drove over from Maine and Betsy Vaughn drove her Standardbred from the other side of town with Joyce Egge as her passenger.

Bill & Renee Wormell, the only ones to travel the entire 12 mile marked route.



The Pearsons on the way out

Betsy Vaughn & Joyce Egge

They did another short loop and then joined everyone for lunch.

Jean Harvey arrived early to help with everything and then drove her pinto to a lovely green buggy.

New Member Denise Gagnon, who joined at the drive, brought her pinto show pony to a wire wheel cart to give him a taste of something other than the show ring. He acquired a flattering fern fly whisk on the way and thought that three miles was a long way to go.



New Member Denise Gagnon and friend.

Jean Harvey

Many thanks to Jean Harvey and Claudia Libis for their help in making the day a success.

A good time was had by all. But it is very discouraging to spend hours mapping & marking routes, creating maps and written directions and then to have only a few people show up. If this is not the kind of drive members want then please come to the annual planning meeting to tell us so and tell us what kind of drives you all do want.

GSCA FOUNDER, DAISY HALE, DIES

Daisy and her husband Lawrence were among the founders of the GSCA. They were members of The Concord Coach Society who wanted to not only collect vehicles but also drive them so met in Lansing Mallett's Canterbury living room with several other interested persons and agreed to begin our driving club. Many of our older members will remember Daisy and Lawrence and their little black and white pony at GSCA drives. Daisy was also the GSCA Treasurer for many years.

Daisy died peacefully on July 17th at the age of 90

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

AUG. 8-10 NORTHEAST KINGDOM DRIVE/RIDE. DANVILLE,VT. Camping & Swimming. Contact: Deb Hunt 802-684-2583 or waterhook@myfairpoint.net

AUG 2-3 GMHA 25/25/50 MILE DRIVE AND RIDE Green Mt. Horse Assn. Woodstock,VT CONTACT: Megan@gmhainc.org.

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 srday@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. 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.

2014 DUES ARE NOW DUE. PROMPT PAYMENT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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Address: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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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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