



The Granite State Carriage Association



NEWSLETTER

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May-June 2014

MYSTERY DRIVE IN CANTERBURY JULY 13TH

The Mystery is where are we going to drive now that the horses are getting into condition and the drives can be longer. This year there will be a 12 mile loop through the lovely Canterbury countryside, largely on dirt, and a 4 1/2 mile there and back with a long paved hill followed by dirt. And we hope to have a stretch of trail for riders only. Plan to go out around 10AM. Bring a picnic lunch and we will eat together following the drive. All details are on the attached flyer.



LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN DRIVE/RIDE JULY 18-20

Don't miss this popular drive/ride. Come for the weekend or for a day. Ride and Drive in the scenic Lakes Region on miles of Chocorua gravel roads. Follow the shady brook trail and enjoy great trail riding through Hemenway State Forest. Ride or drive to beautiful Chocorua Lake and up to the spectacular

vista at Mountain View Farm. For the adventurous, there are some new trails to explore in the Boy Scout camp. Expect hills on this ride which are manageable by an unconditioned horse going slowly.

Camp at Coruway Farm at the foot of Mt. Chocorua where LeGrand Cannon penned 'Look to the Mountain.' Take a refreshing Swim in Chocorua Lake, a 1/2 mile from camp. Neg. Coggins & vaccination cert including West Nile required. All the details are on the attached flyer.

16th ANNUAL ELLET & SHIRLEY SEAVEY MEMORIAL CARRIAGE DRIVE

The weather was fantastic for the 16th Annual Ellet & Shirley Seavey Memorial Carriage Drive. It was quite warm for early June, but the breeze and tree cover made for an enjoyable drive. By 10am Saturday, June 7-8 carriages and 12 riders; 30 members in all, had arrived to drive around Little Massabesic Lake and Tower Hill Pond in Auburn. Trails and loops ranging from 2-3 miles to as



Eileen Peterson & James Valz



Above: Leslie Baxter & Diane Russell

Below: Jaqueline Lawton, Theresa Baldwin, Linda Stebbins

doubled as poop patrol, picking up cones and closing gates.

Most everyone took the long loop around the maze off Depot Road and then up and around Tower Hill Pond, which is one of the prettiest trails in the area. New rules recently adopted by

Manchester Water Works, allows the use of these trails only during an organized ride, and all manure must be picked up right after the ride. Granite State Carriage Association continues to have a good relationship with MWW and realizes the cooperation necessary to be able to use these trails.

The attendance numbers for this drive had been dropping in recent years from the 40+ we hosted in 2007-2009, to 1, 2 or 3 riders/drivers in 2010-2012. Weather was likely the biggest reason for the decline, but it was great to have over 30 drivers and riders this year. After the drive/ride we had quite a gathering for lunch and fellowship. It was great fun with old friends and 5 new members, who joined at the event.

We would love input from club members as to ways to make the drive more appealing to more drivers and riders. Maybe a 2 day drive with camping in the field; or have cones, obstacles and/or a pace and have some friendly completion, etc... Please take a minute and contact any club officer, Board of Director, or Linda and Eric directly with ideas, dates, etc... for this event.

Our email is wilking1@comcast.net.

If you use these trails please remember many restrictions have been placed on riding and driving, so please review the rules and clean up manure from the trails and parking areas, so we do not lose this wonderful driving and riding area.

much as 6-8 miles were available and the footing on the dirt carriage trails and fire roads was superb. The rocks into the field on Depot Road had not been moved as in past years, but even the largest trailers were able to get into the gate next to the field with Eric's guidance.

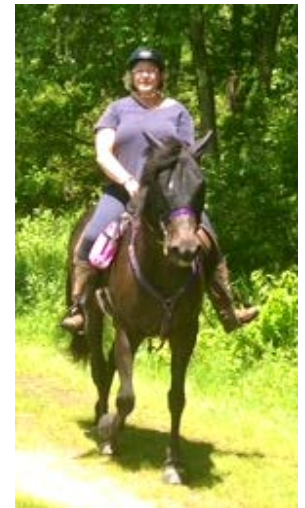


Patty Sanborn

We are still working with Manchester Water Works to

getting a wider, permanent gate.

Many gates were opened to Tower Hill Pond and around the maze. We had Spinnaker with us, but waited to take our grandson, who could not make it until after 1 pm, out after the drive. This drive also



Cresca Albright

Linda and I are committed to host this important drive for our club, and continue to honor the commitment and vision of some of our founding members, Ellet and Shirley Seavey.

Sincerely, Linda & Eric Wilking

CONNIE MOSES RESIGNS AS ACTING PRESIDENT.

"Acting" GSCA President Connie Moses has resigned her position as of June 22, appointing Cresca Albright to the remainder of the 2014 term. In 2015, Cresca--and any other folks who wish to run!-- can go on the ballot for the remainder of the President's term which ends in 2016.

As well, Laurie Goodwin has offered to step in for Joyce Egge, who resigns as Director effective October 1. Joyce is resigning due to moving to a new home; we are sorry to see her go!

Cresca served as president for two terms prior to Connie's two terms; Connie remained as Acting President in 2014 due to no candidate for the office by the Annual Meeting. Laurie has served our club as officer and Director for several years in the past. Our thanks go to both Cresca and Laurie for their willingness to continue their valued service to the GSCA.

GSCA MEMBERS MAKE IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT GMHA'S SPRING DRIVING WEEKEND

Linda Wilking, Gale Hepfinger, Nancy Dimick, Janet Oliver, Amy Sintros, Doug Coursey and Sue Rogers participated in The Combined Driving event on Saturday with Doug and Sue placing first in the single pony and single horse training divisions respectively. Sue's score of 49.510 earned her champion honors in the division.

Janet Oliver took the blue in Preliminary Single Pony and Gale Hepfinger took second in Preliminary Single Horse earning her the reserve Champion Award in that division.

Beth Steinke placed second in the Preliminary Single Pony Division and Nancy Dimick earned fourth.



Nancy Dimick and Frodo at GMHA

A GREAT DAY OF COLLABORATION AT BEAR BROOK STATE PARK



On Sun., April 27th, 24 members & friends of Derry Trail Riders and NH Equine Trails Coalition's Bear Brook Team collaborated efforts to ready four trails at Bear Brook State Park for the Spring season. Working together, these trail riding/equine enthusiasts spent the morning trimming overgrown bushes & trees; clearing debris & trash off of the trail beds; clearing drainages; & raking the trail beds. Trails worked on were Pitch Pine, Bobcat, Salt Lick & Broken Boulder. In all, 75 hours of volunteer time was given to DRED - Parks & Recreation & a great time was had by all.

Derry Trail Riders, the host of this event, sincerely thanks all of these wonderful volunteers for their ORATION AT BEAR BROOK STATE PARK service & looks forward to future endeavors to maintain & enjoy NH's beautiful trails.

FOR SALE

Wire wheel pony cart for mini or shetland. Needs new tires. \$100 **Easy entry wooden wheel cart for large pony or 15 h horse.** \$350 or b.o. **Piano box buggy in good condition.** Fits 14 to 15.2 h horse. \$500 or b.o. Sylvia Miskoe, Concord, 225-6546 sylviasmiskoe@gmail.

Leather driving harness. \$600 - Horse size - Black, Breast collar style; Excellent condition; stored properly and conditioned regularly. Purchased for 15.2 H Morgan cross but never used. Well-made, (Amish?) sturdy with just enough tooling, patent leather, and brass appointments to make this harness ideal for all-purposes. Contact Renée for more info: tiambrarab@myfairpoint.net or 603-493-1974



FREE

Lovely 11 year old standard bred mare to give to a free home. She just isn't being worked enough. She rides and drives, is very sweet and an easy keeper. Up to date on shots. Rebecca Graveside. Cell phone: 603-661-4129 Hudson, NH

WANTED

My husband and I are looking for an experienced driving and riding horse. We do have a horse we bought last year she's 4yrs old and 17.2h. but we are selling her so to have one a bit shorter so I can ride as well, she's excellent at driving but is in process with a trainer to ride more. She's too tall for me to ride as I'm not that experienced for her. We haven't had much luck to find another to replace her. If anyone knows of any horses for sale if you could email me I would appreciate it. Thank you Judy Cossingham jhc@myfairpoint.net

RHYME ON HORSE COLOR

Tradition , they say, can teach us a lot,
So here is what horsemen, on color, have thought.
A bay is hardy, a chestnut is fast
And you can't kill a buckskin: he'll last and last.
A grey is gentle, a sorrel is hot,
A dun is a horse you'll be happy you bought.
White eyes are flighty, white feet may crack
While some won't rely on the feet of a black.
Some pintos are lucky, like the medicine hat,
But all horsemen agree the best color is FAT.

Sponenberg, 1996 - Equine color genetics -



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- JULY 12-13 **TRAIL SKILLS WORKSHOP.** Design,construction,maintenance. Contact:Emily Hague (603) 357-0600 ext. 104 or Emily@MonadnockConservancy.org
- JULY 13** **GSCA MYSTERY DRIVE, CANTRBURY, NH.** Contact Ginger Laplante (603) 783-4702 o
- JULY 18-20** **LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN DRIVE/RIDE.** Contact Sonja & Bob Cahill:978-851-5124
rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com
- 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** CONTACT: Megan@gmhainc.org.
- Aug 23-24 **GMHA COMBINED DRIVING EVENT.** 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

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

**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



The latest thing. A horse drawn lawnmower.

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