



The Carriage Courier

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April Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

7:00 PM at the Scandia Community Center

Program: Therapeutic Driving Demonstration
by Orphy and John Beattie.

Goodie Assignment

Diane Monson and Lisa Zumwalde

Deadline for the next newsletter, May 11, 2012

Welcome New Members!

Leelee Bookwalter and Evert Fairman

40 Crocus Place

St. Paul, MN 55102

March Membership Meeting Minutes

After an educational presentation on "Kamping with your Horse(s) by Sue Lockling, the meeting was called to order by President, Mary Lawrence at 8:30 p.m. Approximately 18 members were present.

Old Business:

Arlene asked for approval of the minutes from the March 2012 meeting, as printed in the Carriage Courier. Cherie McKenzie moved to approve the minutes and Sue Lockling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Heidi Block, gave a report of the balance of the club's accounts.

Piano tuning update: John Beattie gave a report that he has contacted a piano tuner

from Stillwater, MN. John learned that piano has been tuned 3 times and that the piano does not stay tuned for a long period of time. Thus, he will call the piano tuner in late November or early December to get it tuned for our annual Christmas party. The cost is \$95.

Bob Matthews and Cherie McKenzie talked about the club logo. Bob brought the designs tonight and laid them out on the table for viewing. Cherie McKenzie indicated the need to make a decision soon. If anyone has an opinion about the proposed designs, please contact Bob Matthews or Cherie McKenzie this month. The committee will be making a final decision in May, 2012.

New Business:

Volunteers for treats for our next meeting in May are Diane Monson and Lisa Zumwalde. Thank you!

Vice President, Bob Matthews, gave an update on the status of the Common Horseman Clinic being held at Bob and Marci's Drum Creek Farm in Goodhue County on April 21 & 22nd. At this time 10 participants and 1 auditor are signed up for Saturday. On Sunday, 9 participants and 1 auditor are enrolled. There is no limit to the number of auditors. The cost is \$125 for participant and \$25 for audit. The Saturday and Sunday session begins at 8:00 am. An

on-line form needs to be filled out and money mailed by April 7th. Bring a flat halter for your horse - not a rope halter. Diane Monson will be there both days to assist the trainer. If people would like to come down the night before, please contact Bob & Marci to make arrangements. Potluck dinners will be held on Friday and Saturday nights.

Bob Matthews reminded us of the upcoming events. On May 2nd our monthly program will be John & Orphy Beattie giving a demonstration on Therapeutic Driving. It surely will be an interesting event.

On April 21st the North County Carriage Club will be having a swap meet at Paul Olson's farm in Ogilvie, MN. There will be lots of good stuff there!

Our first drive is on May 12-13 at Eau Galle Recreational Area just east of Hudson, WI. It is easy to get there off of Interstate 94. It will be a beautiful drive on hilly roads consisting of blacktop and gravel. It is a Federal Campsite, but you do not need a trail pass. There are **no** electric hookups. Do **not** bring your own firewood. Be sure you have the up-to-date Coggins Test on your horse(s). The potluck will be on Saturday night. Check SCHCS website for full details.

On May 19th, a stallion castration clinic will be held in Isanti, MN at the Isanti Fairgrounds. Contact Cherie McKenzie at 651-407-1908 for further information.

On May 19th, the Prairie Carriage Festival will be held at The Landing in Shakopee, MN. For those participating, the event begins at 8:00 am. For those visiting, the event begins at 10:00 am. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Heidi Block for further information.

Sue Lockling talked about 2 wagon trains that she will be participating in. She will give the information to Bob Matthews for the Carriage Courier.

Marci Ukura reminded members that next year will be the 40th anniversary of the St. Croix Horse and Carriage Club. Marci moved that the club honor this anniversary with a party. Clark Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed. An idea for the event is to invite guest speakers to give talks on various aspects of carriage driving. Volunteers for the 40th Anniversary Celebration committee are Marci Ukura, Clark Anderson, and Barb Long.

Marci Ukura has talked with Anne Leck to be a judge at their drive at Drum Creek Farm on July 14th. Marci expressed a need of 13 volunteers to assist with various tasks, such as, parking trailers, registration, safety check, setting up the course, timing each participant, etc. The drive will be with Whips & Wheels and thus there will be volunteers from their club, too. Each volunteer will need a cell phone. Mary Lawrence volunteered to be the chair of the committee for this event.

President, Mary Lawrence, announced that Diane Monson brought the SCHCS Library tonight. You may check out books tonight to read over the summer. Let Diane know what you are taking and bring the publication back to the September meeting.

Paul Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barb Long seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Swenson

The Farmer's Wife

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age. Lucille Ball

The Farmer's Wife doesn't quite understand why Clark Anderson has to buy a Welsh Pony before he can buy a Brewster Spider Phaeton. She'll have to ask Patty.

The whole gang was looking forward to joining Cherie McKenzie for her annual Easter Extravaganza. We think she should have an EMT on call.

Scarlet Lockling's farm dog, Moonie, made her debut at our April meeting. She is on the path to being just as fabulous as Ellie.

Paul Olson is looking like a million bucks and feeling like one too, but is trying to remember to be cautious.

Our young man about town was seen stewarding wine bottles at the annual Titanic Dinner at the Historic Court House in Stillwater while our little old lady was with the dishes in the scullery.

Melena SMDR was mainstreamed into the herd and is accepting the admiration of all the guys.

When will Cherrie Rose be debuting her pretty new red wagonette?

From the Carriage Driving List

To Drive or Ride First, that is the question!

I thought this was quite humorous and worthy of sharing, reprinted without permission, but maybe it is in the public domain. The topic was whether to train a horse to ride first or drive first.

In my limited experience, I've done it both ways. With my first Morgan purchased in 1989, WBM's Boston Rebel a/k/a Revel the escape artist. I was told Morgans should be

taught to drive first and then to ride. Since I'd bought him as a riding horse, I didn't follow the then current advice. We trail rode for 3 years, did clinics and some limited showing in Morgan hunters in hand and under saddle. He was trained to drive at 6 and found his true calling in life in open pleasure carriage driving and showing, a real competitor. Two different international drivers who worked with him told me he had the stuff to move into the world of competition. He may have, I didn't; no time, no heavy duty money and no finely tuned sense of direction.

With my young mare, Revel's Run Yankee Spirit, a/k/a Jodi, I did the reverse. She was trained to drive first by Paul Hoover in Leola, PA at 3 and spent some time with Jeff Morse in MA as a 4 year old, and that worked for her. Her under saddle training was a piece of cake with her trainer, one of my "surrogate" daughters (Wilson College equestrian program and UVM Morgan Horse Farm grad), using her for kids' lessons in NJ 5 weeks after saddle training began, a confident critter whose only spook I've ever seen was one when snow started sliding off the barn roof. She also cleared a 5' gate to get to grass when stabled in NJ so pony (14.1h) hunters may be in her future if I can find the right youngster for her.

With both hips now replaced, I hope to be back on the box and in saddle picking up from a number of lost years at age 71+...just as soon as Johns Hopkins neurosurgeon lets me know later this morning what they plan to do about my brain aneurysm in the cerebral peduncle. Naturally I'm hoping for restoration so I can resume working with horses and get my darling tri-colored Corgi

pup, Dulcie, from her fun horsey breeder, Hollie Satterfield, found on this list (thank you!) from Upperville VA home to MD.

Ride or drive first? Seems to make no difference from my perspective. Depends on the equine.

Timmi Pierce

Kamping with Horses and Dogs



The April program was about camping by Sue Lockling with the able assistance of Senior Camping Canine Ellie and Assistant Camping Canine in training Moonie. Sue had set up several tables and had them covered with all sorts of camping paraphernalia. Sue's presentation covered many of the concerns and issues with going camping with horses and dogs. She had a picket line set up and she used it to demonstrate the proper way to tie your horse. She had her favorite camping utensil, a large well seasoned cast iron frying pan (which would also serve as an effective weapon if needed). There were several examples of propane camping heaters for use in tent or trailer. She had flashlights, water containers, a hand washing station, tarps, beds for the dogs, chairs, and more. Following is a print out of Sue's presentation outline:

Equine Camping – Hillbilly Style

By Ellie Lockling



Start from home, do your homework.

Do a day trip with an experienced rider / driver.

What kind of pass will you need for the park you are going to? State pass, county pass, vehicle permit? Map Quest the park you're going to and have it in your truck. There can be bad cell service in some areas. And have the park phone number handy. Download a trail map if possible. Have Vet phone number of the local area at which you will be. Have a photo of your horses and dog in case they get lost. Do you need a Coggin's or heath certificate, maybe a Brand Exception? Park hours of entrance.

Some horses will not drink the first 24 hours anywhere have Electrolytes and give them prior to traveling. See recipe at end of article for homemade electrolytes or purchase from feed store.

Is your horse used to the feed they will be eating while traveling? Don't take a horse that's on green grass and expect it to be used to dry hay and feed. Equine senior and/or rabbit pellets are easy to travel with.

Let your horse hand eat grass or hobble in grassy areas for small amounts of time

when traveling. Tie bell on hobbled horses.

After you have checked in and found the spot where you will be camping, park your rig. Make sure you're level so propane will work and you won't fall out of bed. Tie horses on picket or put them in fenced areas, use a picket tie, or trailer tie. Give hay bag and water if they have traveled for a long time. Tie hay bag in corner. Use rope style cinches on trees to keep your picket from sliding down the tree. Make sure you have marked collars on pets. Put dogs in a cool dry place. My pet peeve is dogs that are tied out. Horses can get caught in ropes. Put dog in dog crate. Don't leave dogs in steel trailers or vehicles it gets too hot. Make sure they have food and water.

Set up camp. Fire pit where you want it, picnic table and hand washing station. Clean out trailer and dispose of in poop pits. Tie out garbage bag. I bring flowers. Have something to identify you to others. Is there shade for animals? Bring two chairs.

Pack simple easy food. Freeze jugs of water that also serve to help the ice in your cooler last longer. Keep your cooler in a cool dry place where animals cannot get into it. See end of article for easy breakfast recipe.

Always leave halters on horses, even when out on the trail.

Make sure you can bring wood into the park if you want to have a campfire, you may need certified wood. Where do you get it? Cost? Are there burning restrictions?

Call Sheriff if horse or dog gets lost show photo. If you're traveling in groups mark your equipment.

Donate a gift to the host. Find out what kind of riding / driving the group wants to do. I like to

plan 2 meals a day, one breakfast, one dinner so there is not much of a time restriction on the trail, or have lunch on the trail. Bring simple food. Assign chores. Bring a tarp to cover camp in bad weather.

One person can bring wood, one a grill etc.

Sleeping in trailers instead of tents, just use a tarp. Air mattress can be cold. Wool or something warm on floor.

Several varieties of propane camping heaters are available.

Make sure you use proper trail etiquette, pass on right, announce yourself. Stop driving horses for saddle horses, use header if necessary. Sometimes talking to scared saddle horses helps.

List of things to bring:

Put things in tubs, makes it easier to carry. Battery operated radio, garbage bags, spade shovel, pitch forks, manure forks, broom, extra halters, lead ropes, old set of horse shoes, 30 ft rope with good snap, two chairs, blanket or sheet for horses, cooler for horses, big flash light small travel flash light, tarp, electric cords, stadium blanket. A hat with brim. bug spray -- human and horse, camera, fire starters, matches, lighter, hay, feed, hay bags, buckets. Can bring kindling (dryer lint works well) from home. Reading material in case it rains. Ax, extra shoes, jacket, gloves, umbrella, medical kits for horses and humans, aspirin, Itch cream, Dramamine. Always have a knife in your pocket!!!!, business cards, hand washing station, portable shower, colored ties for kickers, don't leave bread crumbs cell phone charger.

Horses: Brush, curry, soap Absorbine, saddle, bridle, saddle pads, harness, collars, water buckets, buggy, cart, tool kit, hoof pick, can use car mats in a pickle for saddle pads.

On the trail: Driving/riding emergency kit, twine, knife, trail map, TP, baggy, snack, water. Compass, orange kicker tags.

Cooking: Black skillet seasoned, matches, fire starters, grill, and easy food. No plastic for cooking utensils. Dog food.

Take only Pictures, leave only hoof prints. Have fun.

Ellie's recipe for home made electrolytes

1 cup Jell-O (any flavor)

1 cup pickling salt

1 tablespoon baking soda

Mix well

Keep in dry container

Give 1 teaspoon 1 x day in food or syringe orally with water

Ellie's quick recipe for breakfast

1 stick of butter

1 onion

1 package of precooked sausage

4 or 5 potatoes (may precook at home)

Sauté onion.

Slice potatoes

Mix onion, sausage, potatoes together

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat and serve

May 12 & 13 – First Drive of 2012

Our first drive of the year is not that far off. It will be at the Eau Galle Recreation area in Wisconsin. This is an overnight for those people who wish to camp. We will be driving on both days. The pot luck will be on Saturday night.

For those of you who wish to camp, you have to reserve a camp site, the sooner the better. Go to www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777 to make your reservation.

Please see attached flyer.

For more information, email Raven Flores at icepony@gmail.com or call her at 715-426-1913 (H) or 612-590-1621 (C).

Prairie Home Carriage Festival

Mark your calendars on May 19th, 2012 for the Minnesota Whips and Wheels Prairie Home Carriage Festival. Come and join us at our new location in Shakopee, MN as we celebrate our 4th annual Carriage Festival. The Landing is an 88 acre living history museum with the Minnesota River at the northern border. There are great areas to drive in amongst the 1800's village and by the 1889 and 1857 farm buildings and the fur post. We are very excited about the new location and the beautiful backdrop for our Carriage Festival! For further information regarding the Carriage Festival please contact: Heidi Block at [612-875-1004](tel:612-875-1004). Please visit our website at:

WWW.MNWHIPSANDWHEELS.COM.

Club Logo

The club is still trying to come up with a new or revised logo. We've looked at several sample logos, but so far there hasn't been one that pleases most of the people that have looked at them. Following are several

ideas that were submitted by Charlie Leck





Most people have a favorable opinion of these ideas. One change would be to get rid of the solid black look and go to a line drawing of the horse and carriage.

If you have an idea or a preference, please contact Cherie McKenzie or Bob Matthews at the email addresses or phone numbers shown under "Club Officers" on page 8 of the newsletter.

For Sale

Several Swedish carriages including, 3/4 size spring wagon w/ removable



child's seat independent shafts, pictured

\$3000



3/4 size

hunting

phaeton,

w/orig. leather

storm apron,

shafts for big

pony pictured \$2900

varnished spring wagon, 2 seats, shafts \$1800

painted vurst wagonette, 4th seat to convert

to 2 seat facing forward steel shafts \$1600

gig seat slides for balance, to fit 14.2 to 15.2

horse \$1350

promenadevagn, country viktorina almost new

original, shafts, removable coachbox \$3450

solid original vehicles for smaller horses or

pairs, perfect for fjord or haflinger classes,

could bring to Paul's rig day for delivery or

viewing

Your obd't servant, Clark Anderson

218-837-5217 or stengard@live.com.

For Sale

Meadowbrook and a Village Cart designed by Kenn Kopitzke. Am no longer driving.

Contact Carla Burmeister

burmeister.cl@gmail.com

Wanted

Two wheeled cart to fit a 14.2 hand standbred. Call Susan Kelly 612-518-0822.

Events Calendar -- 2012

The 2012 events calendar is included separately with this newsletter.

In addition, please see the club website, www.stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org, for the current events calendar. In case of any changes to events, this will be kept up to date during the month.

If you know of any horse or carriage event, please send an email to editor@stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org to get it included on the events calendar.

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