



# *The Carriage Courier*

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### **September Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 5, 2012**

7:00 PM at the Scandia Community Center

Program: Roger Berg will give his presentation on knots and how to tie them. He will show us how to tie horses to trailers, overhead lines, and more. Roger will also show the neck rope and how to use it.

Goodie Assignment

Mary Lawrence and Cherie McKenzie

**Deadline for the next newsletter, September 10, 2012**

### **Welcome New Members**

Frieda and Ronald Bruck

11630 257<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

Zimmerman, MN 55398

Tonia Blume and Eric Richie

25175 Dahle Ave

Faribault, MN 55021

### **May Membership Meeting Minutes**

At 8:42, President, Mary Lawrence, called the meeting to order. 17 club members were in attendance.

Secretary, Arlene Swenson, requested the minutes from the April meeting be approved. Paul Olson moved to approve the minutes, as printed in the Carriage Courier. Cherie McKenzie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

The Logo Committee talked about the current logos that are being proposed. Mary Lawrence gave a presentation of various logos that have been submitted. Club members commented on the various designs and voiced their opinion as to what they liked and did not like. It was a friendly exchange of ideas regarding the typeface, the carriage, and the horse. Marci Ukura made a motion for Mary Lawrence to go ahead and put together the logo from the comments expressed at tonight's meeting. John Block seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mary Lawrence will provide the updated logos to be printed in the May newsletter.

Secretary, Arlene Swenson, asked for volunteers to bring treats for the September meeting. Cherie McKenzie and Mary Lawrence eagerly volunteered. Thank You!

The 2013 - 40th Anniversary Committee (Marci Ukura, Clark Anderson, and Barb Long) gave a presentation of their findings for the location of our club event. They have selected a site in Hastings, MN at the Little Log House Show for the last weekend in July. The Little Log House Show is open

to the public on this date and approximately 30,000 people attend. We would have a spot to display club member's carriages. As part of our club activities, we are to hold an educational event for the public. This event would serve this purpose. It would also be a good opportunity to promote our club and recruit new members. It is proposed that each day there would be a speaker to talk about various aspects of carriage driving. Members of the 40th Anniversary Committee will attend the 2012 Little Log House Show this year to check out the feasibility of this site. In addition to this event, there are plans for a club party with a pig roast and dance being held at Bob Matthews and Marci Ukura's farm in Goodhue, MN.

Vice President, Bob Matthews, gave a photo presentation from The Common Horseman Clinic. It was fun to see photos of the participants and their horses and hear Bob talk about the desensitizing process that was conducted each day. Club members who attended the event spoke about their experiences and what a fun time they had. Club members gave a round of applause to Diane Monson for suggesting this successful event.

Bob Matthews also talked about the upcoming club events for the summer. They will be listed in the May issue of Carriage Courier.

Heidi Block is in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen at the Prairie Festival on May 19th. Please contact her soon.

Marci Ukura moved to have our club meeting adjourn. Todd Block seconded the

motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

### **A couple of photos from Sue Lockling**

The first shows Scarlet the pony thief, the second is Sue's idea of a water hazard (Bonnie is thinking "Why do I let Sue get me into these predicaments?"). Is the pony swimming?



### **The Farmer's Wife**

*I am a great believer in found families, I'm not a great believer in blood. Joss Whedon*

John Block is going to nail his left shoe to a 2 X 4

John Beattie had a frightening encounter in a rural out house.

Cherie McKenzie made the evening news on the price of hay.

The Donald had at least 10 come to Jesus meetings on the Sunday drive at Sebeka

Someone thought she saw a cat in a road side discarded Television set. Was it a reflection or a Senior Moment?

Patti Clark proved she knows her way around the kitchen when she produced a cauliflower/chickpea casserole for the Saturday night potluck

Kajsa Anderson celebrated her 13th birthday with a visit from her BFF Heather on Saturday of the Sebeka Drive. If we had known, we would have baked a cake. We did sing Happy Birthday.

A certain person ate 8 ears of corn at Paul Olson's corn drive, not all at once of course.

We've been told that a second "duck blind" will appear in the SCHCSI entourage at the September drive in The Chippewa National Forest.

2011 was a barren year, but a peahen is brooding two eggs at Drum Creek Farm. If they hatch the end of September, the chicks will have a cool climate to grow up in.

### **The Sebeka Drive**

by Bob Matthews & Marci Ukura

Photos by Sue Lockling



Clark & Patty leading the drive

It doesn't seem possible, but I believe this was the fourth year the club has made the trip to Stengaard, the organic dairy farm which is the home of Clark Anderson, Patty Lee and their daughter Kajsa in rural

Sebeka, Minnesota. By popular request last year, the event was expanded, we had three days of doing what this club loves best, driving horses and eating. Clark, Patty, and Kajsa made us feel very welcome and pretty much gave us the run of the farm. There were several people from the club who made the trek for the first time and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We got there Friday early in the afternoon and much to our surprise, we were the first to arrive. Not long afterward the others arrived: Mary Lawrence, Cherie McKenzie, Sue Lockling, Jane Kittleson, and Cherrie Rose. Jay Carlson from Grand Forks, ND came for Saturday as did John and Orphy Beattie.

After setting up our temporary corrals, campsites, and tending to other chores, everyone was ready to go for a drive. We got the boys hooked up and went out with Cherie as a passenger expecting the boys to be full of it. They were pretty well behaved and we headed to a hayfield that Clark rents. He had set up some large round hay bales as an obstacle course, plus there were some trails that we wandered around on. This must be a good deer hunting area based on the number of deer stands we encountered – one of which featured a recliner. The hunter who uses this stand likes his comfort! We finished by taking a short drive on one of the unpaved country roads. Upon returning to the farm, Marci, Mary and several of the others took over the farm kitchen and started to prepare the first of our feasts for supper. The entrée was spaghetti pie and corn on the cob accompanied by many side dishes with cheesecake and fresh baked cookies for

dessert. That night Clark displayed his superior campfire building skills and most of the group sat around the fire and exchanged stories.



Sue, Cherry, and Ellie and the hot tub.

Saturday dawned sunny with the promise of another warm day. Breakfast comprised of fresh fruit, toast, and roll. The Saturday drive was scheduled to leave about noon, so the morning was spent with some chores and relaxing. John and Orphy showed up in the morning, minus a horse. They were going to ride with Clark and Patty.



Mary & Katy Sue

The drive was led by Clark on the quiet country roads past dairy farms, hay farms, pastures with cows, and pastures with horses with a stop at a township hall for refreshments consisting of sparkling apple cider and open face sandwiches. We left the party a little before the others because

the boys (mainly the culprit, The Donald) finds it difficult to stand for any length of time (more on that later) and headed back towards the farm. We didn't get far, one of the Corgis was following us at a good clip and we had to turn back to return the dog. Cherie and Cherrie had taken a shorter route for Jake and Willow and were already back at the farm by the time we returned. Jay Carlson didn't get to the farm until after the drive started, so he went out by himself.



Jane, Marta, & Ellie



Marci, Bob, & Sophie

By the time everyone returned it was time to start preparing for the second of our feasts. The anticipated roast goose, destined for Saturday night was not to be, the farmer storing it in his freezer thought it had been there too long and threw it out. Never deterred by a minor consequence, the sauerkraut meant for the roast goose was combined with frankfurters, there was more corn on the cob, the many side

dishes, and a plum and pear crisp topped with real whipped cream. While that was taking place, Clark took several of the group to a place off the farm where he stores some more of his vehicles. Without electricity in that barn, the tour had to take place early, the rest of us were satisfied preparing supper, thinking we could go there on Sunday.

After supper not to be outdone by Clark's fire building skills of the previous night Mary demonstrated her campfire building skills. Jay had headed home before supper, but John and Orphy stayed for supper and then left for home.



Orphy & John in the hot tub

Sunday started out with a breakfast feast consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, bacon, and more. We went on a drive by ourselves with Cherie along as the head trainer. We made many stops along the route and when The Donald would go into his "I don't want to stand" routine he would find himself facing "Scary Cherie". By the end of the drive he was standing better, and looking backwards to see if "the boss" was still there. We have been reinforcing his training since then and he is showing improvement.

After the drive and lunch, it was time to pack up and head for home. It had been a great time, perfect weather, three great drives, plenty of excellent food, great company, and a perfect weekend setting.

Thanks to Clark, Patty and Kajsja for being such good hosts!

### Joe & Annette



Joe and Fanny at Skunk River



Annette and Farrah at Hickory Knoll

### For Sale

I have a very nice harness box for sale. Custom made oak, lined with green felt. It will fit 2 complete breast collar harnesses, and bridles.

Renata Engel -- [flyingestables@aol.com](mailto:flyingestables@aol.com)

### Wanted

I am a 63 year-old retired teacher with 13 grandchildren and am looking for a kid-traffic safe, mellow, etc. driving-riding horse. I currently have a beautiful 10 year old bald-faced, double blue-eyed overo paint gelding trained to ride and drive. I would like to sell or trade. He is a great horse but a bit too much for the grandkids to handle. He is a deaf horse so no spook!! He is black with a white face and four white socks. Thought you might know

of one or could direct me to someone that could help. I would rather trade someone who has something I am looking for but have mine for sale so maybe it will sell soon and I can then purchase one. Many thanks for your help!! (I have a beautiful two-seat surrey and might join your group if I find the right horse). Glen O'Connor  
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### Club Officers

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### Events Calendar -- 2012

September 1 & 2 Wild Wood Field Day. Go to [www.wildwoodsleighandcarriage.com](http://www.wildwoodsleighandcarriage.com) and click on “upcoming events” for more information.

**September 5 Monthly meeting 7:00 pm at Scandia City Hall. Roger Berg will give his presentation on knots and how to tie them. He will show us how to tie horses to trailers, to overhead lines, and more. Roger will also show the neck rope.**

September 7-9 Villa Louis Carriage Classic at Prairie Du Chien, WI. Mike Ryder 608-326-4436. [www.carriageclassic.com](http://www.carriageclassic.com)

September 14-16 Annual Cutfoot Sioux Driving Weekend. 25 miles north of Deer River, MN at Cutfoot Sioux Horse Camp in the Chippewa National forest. Bobbie Kleffman 218-244-0538 or [bobbiekleffman@msn.com](mailto:bobbiekleffman@msn.com)

**September 29 Club Drive at Boeser's Farm in North Branch, MN**

October 2-5 Waverly Horse Sale, Waverly, IA.  
[www.waverlysales.com](http://www.waverlysales.com)

**October 10 Monthly meeting 7:00 pm at Scandia City Hall. (Please note this is a date change due to the Waverly Sale the previous week) Program to be determined**

**October 6 & 7 Note: this is a change. Club drive hosted by Cliff & Marilyn Hitz' annual fall drive – marathon and cones course on Saturday, pleasure drive on Sunday. Joint drive with W&W.**

October 9-14 National Drive at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.  
[www.nationaldrive.net](http://www.nationaldrive.net)

October 13-14 ADS recognized Minnesota Equifest Arena Driving Trial in the new AGSTAR arena! Signup will be on the Equifest site. MN State Fair Grounds.  
[www.minnesotaequifest.com](http://www.minnesotaequifest.com)

October 15-16 Driving clinic with Marc Johnson at Wildwood Sleigh and Carriage.  
[wildwoodsleighandcarriage@yahoo.com](mailto:wildwoodsleighandcarriage@yahoo.com)

**October ?? Club Drive at Crex Meadows near Grantsburg, WI. Sponsored by Arlene Swenson**

**November 7 Monthly meeting 7:00 pm at Scandia City Hall. Presentation on Quantum Touch by Alice Hess.**

**December 7 Christmas party and election 5:30 pm at Scandia City Hall.**

Please visit the club website, [www.stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org](http://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](mailto:editor@stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org) to get it included on the events calendar.