



The Carriage Courier

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Notice

There will be no club meetings
for the summer.

We'll resume our meetings on Wednesday,
September 5th. The program is to be
determined

Deadline for the next newsletter, August 15, 2012

Welcome New Members

Patricia and Bruce Grimmer
23970 County Road One
Elk River, MN 55330

Anne and Charles Leck
Native Oaks Farm
15 Copeland Road
Maple Plain, MN 55359

The Farmer's Wife

Horses are famous for being afraid of only two things; that is something that moves and something that doesn't. Carol Takacs, HorseNAround

Who knew that Banamine, Rompin, and cortisone would cure a nervous breakdown?

Ellie Locking personalized the Levalor shade in the tack room at the July drive. And everyone thought she was the perfect dog.

Bob Matthews has a new smart phone with an App that calculates mileage (miles,

kilometers, and knots) as you move along. Mary Lawrence downloaded it immediately to her phone. It comes in handy when one is plotting the course for a marathon pace.

Who would have thought that a Leffingwell horse would shy at a hay bale?

A competitor at Steve Wood's one day event signed up for the preliminary thinking she was getting a longer marathon. Imagine her surprise when she found out it wasn't longer, she just had to do it faster. It pays to read the directions.

Cherrie Rose took a shower by flashlight so the barn would stay dark.

Cannon Falls Beacon Archives

July 15, 1887

While H. A. Scriver's horse was exercising in the lot by the barn Sunday morning, he struck his head against a tree and fractured the bones of the nose.

Ask the Expert: Cooling a Hot Horse

By: Carey Williams, PhD, Rutgers University
(from the U of M Horse Newsletter)

Question: When cooling a hot horse after exercise, many people simply spray the horse all over with water and do not scrape away the excess. Does it really offer a benefit to spray the entire body as opposed to just the legs and belly?

Response: Spraying water on a hot horse to cool it off promotes convection cooling and assists the horse in lowering its core temperature. The reason you spray the legs and belly is because the blood vessels are closer to the skin in those locations and it promotes faster cooling of the horse's core temperature by carrying the cooler blood to the heart.

Another important part of cooling out horses is evaporation. After the horse has been sprayed off, it is very important to scrape the water off, because once the horse is sprayed, the water absorbs the horse's heat and becomes warm. In order for evaporation to occur effectively, this warm water must be removed. This process can be repeated until the horse's temperature comes down (i.e. spray, scrape, spray, scrape,). If the water is not scraped off, it could act as an insulating layer, and actually make the horse hotter than when you started.

In extreme circumstances, ice can be added to water buckets to increase the speed of cooling the core temperature. It is commonly thought that ice will be a shock to the horse's system and could cause tying-up (muscle cramping); however, with extreme heat and internal body temperatures, this is not the case.

If a horse is prone to tying up, it may be recommended to not directly apply the ice to the large gluteal muscles in the hind end, but focus on those key areas where the blood vessels are more superficial.

Order club logo wear

You can now order clothing featuring the club logo from Big Black Horse. Items that are currently available or soon will be are hats, crew neck sweatshirts, polo shirts, T-

shirts, and tote bags. To view and order, go to the following website:

<http://www.bigblackhorse.com/embroidery-bath-towels-sweatshirts-caps-throws/clubs/st-croix-horse-carriage-society.html> or check the club website at:

www.stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org

and click on "order schcs gear".

Cherie & Ron McKenzie's Sundown Shelter Drive, June 24, 2012

Submitted by Arlene Swenson



A beautiful day for a drive in Hugo, MN at Cherie's Sundown Stables. This may have been the beginning of the heat wave that followed for 14 days. A sunny day with a few clouds.

Diane and Tim Monson with Josie, Wendy Leffingwell with Xena, Julie & Ray Rantala with their horse and meadow brook cart, Carol St. Jean and Arlene Swenson enjoyed a Sunday drive viewing the beautiful countryside of landscaped yards, cornfields, cows, horses, and big bales of hay. We lathered up with sunscreen, bug spray and



headed out. Towards the end of the drive, a long sleeved shirt was needed to protect us even more from the scorching sun.

Speaking of those big bales of hay, Wendy's Xena caught the sight of one of those of hay bales out around the corner of her blinder and thought it was coming after her. She all of a sudden turned to the right and took us down into the ditch. With the expertise of Wendy's skillful maneuvering of her hands on the lines, we were back on the road and going straight ahead again - just missed crashing into Diane's beautiful wagonette! Wow! It was a thrilling experience. You just can't buy that thrill from the rides at the State Fair! Although, we were in no danger, I was glad to know I had my helmet on and riding with an expert horse handler! Thanks, Wendy! You are a quick thinker.

After the long drive, the horses relaxed in a shower of cool water and slurped up a cool drink of water. The humans settled in for the pot luck lunch under a nice shady tree by Cherie & Ron's house. We were delighted to see Marci Ukura had come to join us for lunch! She and Bob had started out together earlier in the day, but Bob was overtaken by a summer flu bug and had to return home. We missed you, Bob! While

we were out enjoying the scenic countryside, Cherie had secured our food from the bugs and wandering, playful cats with her screen house tent. Cherie, we missed having you out on the drive with us! We enjoyed a variety of salads, grilled hamburgers and brats, fresh fruit, and brownies! It all tasted so good! Thanks everyone!

Oh, and Wendy's trailer has a few less stickers on it. What a beautiful trailer it is. I got a tour and now I can see why it is the envy of club members. Nice accommodations!

Newsletter Editor

It's been fun, but it's time for a change. At the end of the year I will have been the newsletter editor for two years and it's time for someone else to bring some new ideas to this job starting in January 2013.

Fun Day/CDE at Drum Creek Farm

By Bob Matthews



This year we planned to host a club drive similar to what had been done in the past, but Mary Lawrence had a different idea. Mary thought we should host a mini CDE and she volunteered to take over the planning and a lot of the work. It got named "Fun Day/CDE" – it would be a CDE,



but it had to be fun! There would be a pace, a cones course, and a dressage arena. A large pasture area would be used for the cones course (the same purpose it has served for the past several years). The dressage arena was established a couple of years ago down by the creek in a flood plain, but this is the first time it has been used. Actually, we had a big storm three weeks prior to the event and it had flooded. We weren't sure it would be usable, but fortunately it dried out in time. The pace would utilize the obstacle course and the trails on the farm. We couldn't use some of the trails along the creek that were damaged by the previously mentioned flood. ADS rules would be used (sort of – after all, this is supposed to be fun).

I think for the first time in the club's history, a three day event was scheduled. Friday would be a work/play day. Several people showed up to help out and to do some driving. Mary and Marci spent a good share of the day figuring out the route for the 6.5 km pace and it was quite a route they put together. There was a lot of steep uphill and downhill segments, the bridge crossing, the water crossing in the obstacle course, and other interesting parts that all in all made for a challenging course. Later that day (after supper) Mary and Steve Waddell set up the cones course. After it was done, I believe I heard someone refer to it as "insidious".

On Saturday after setting up the dressage course, making a few last minute adjustments to the pace, and holding a driver's meeting, we were ready to get started.

A judge was needed for the dressage course and Anne Leck had graciously agreed to take on the task along with Orphy Beattie as her scribe. They were set up in the bed of a pickup truck with a large patio umbrella to provide shade. Raven Flores took on the dual role of timer for the pace and the cones. The two courses had been set up in such a way that she could do both jobs from one spot in her lawn chair and under an umbrella.

It was a hot day and there was a cool down station, staffed by Patty Lee, Mary Lawrence, and others, set up for the horses as they finished the pace.

The mini CDE seemed pretty well organized and many people commented that they really enjoyed themselves.

Sunday was billed as a pleasure drive day with no special plans. It was also another hot day, so everyone got out early with their horses. I don't think anyone went for a pleasure drive, they stayed on the farm and drove the pace route and cones course again.

Of course, as with most of our events, there was plenty of food. We had pot luck meals on both Friday and Saturday and a big breakfast on Sunday.

Thanks to all those who participated:

Clark and Kaija Anderson
Wendy Leffingwell
Scarlet Lockling
Sue Lockling
Diane Monson
Bonnie Pilgram
Cherrie Rose

And to those who volunteered:

- Anne Leck, Judge
- Orphy Beattie, Scribe
- Raven Flores
- Patty Lee
- Marci Ukura
- Steve Waddel

Special thanks to Mary Lawrence who played a big role in organizing and putting on the event!

Some pictures from the event:



Annual Cutfoot Sioux Ride/Drive/Camp September 14-16

Bobbie Kleffman is hosting the annual Cutfoot Sioux ride/drive/camp September 14 – 16 at Cutfoot Sioux Horse Camp in the Chippewa National Forest. If you haven't been there and done that, this is the year! No pot luck, no set schedule, just come, relax and do what you want when you want. Maps, marked trails, and trail guides are available. Trails are challenging due to natural hazards including large water puddles, washouts on the hills, possible trees/branches on the trail, animal sightings (this is bear hunting season), and map navigation (yes map navigation can be a trail hazard depending on who is reading the map!). Sturdy harness with breeching, carts/carriages made for roughed terrain, and experienced drivers are recommended. Trails are old forestry roads. Some are grassy and flat and others are rocky with hills. Shoes are recommended so you don't end up with a sore horse. Riders-In-Cahoots will provide hot dogs for a wiener roast on Saturday night otherwise all food is on your own. Cutfoot Sioux Horse Camp is located one hour northwest of Grand Rapids, MN. It is a rustic campground with each campsite containing a parking spot, fire ring, and picket line. Out houses, manure pits and solar water pump are also in camp. Come and enjoy the great driving/riding trails in the beautiful pines of the Chippewa National Forest! For more information contact Bobbie Kleffman at (218) 244-0538 or bobbiekleffman@msn.com.

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Events Calendar -- 2012

August 17-19 Club Drive at the Clark Anderson Farm in Sebeka, MN

August 26 Paul Olson's Sweet Corn Drive
September 1-3 Driving Clinic and Labor Day Drive at Wildwood Sleigh and Carriage.
wildwoodsleighandcarriage@yahoo.com

September 5 Monthly meeting 7:00 pm at Scandia City Hall. Program to be determined

September 7-9 Villa Louis Carriage Classic at Prairie Du Chien, WI. Mike Ryder 608-326-4436. 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

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

October 3 Monthly meeting 7:00 pm at Scandia City Hall. Program to be determined

October 6 Club Drive at Madsen's Farm in Hudson, WI

October 9-14 National Drive at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.
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

October 15-16 Driving clinic with Marc Johnson at Wildwood Sleigh and Carriage.
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. Program to be determined

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

please visit 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.