



# The Carriage Courier

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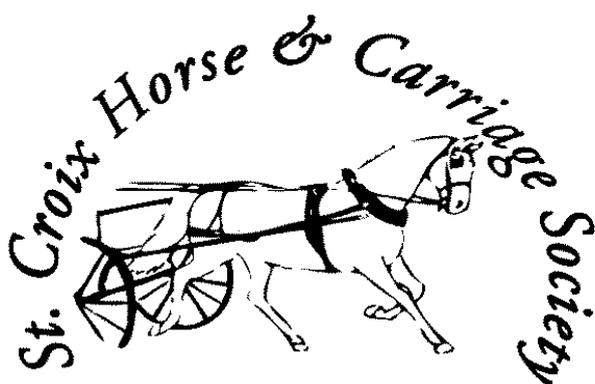
There will be no club meetings  
for the summer.

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

**Deadline for the next newsletter, June 8, 2012**

## Logo Committee

At long last we have a new logo! At the May 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting, Mary Lawrence presented two ideas for a logo. She developed these from logo discussions at previous meetings. The two logos were well received and the consensus was to merge the two into one. Following is the result which we will start to use on printed materials and clothing.



This logo will be used on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary publications and memorabilia. The words "40<sup>th</sup> anniversary" and/or the years "1973 to 2013" may be printed under the horse.

## Welcome New Members!

Kathy Jo & Rolf Hanson  
14603 Victor Hugo Blvd #2  
Hugo, MN 55038

## Renewals

Raven Flores  
1157 Coulee Trail  
Roberts, WI 54023

Wendy & Ray Leffingwell  
41989 County 50 Blvd  
Wanamingo, MN 55983

Becky Mathison  
4500 Buffalo Rd  
Grasston, MN 55030

## April 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 up-dated 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.

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

*Vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking. Earl Wilson*

Cherie McKenzie is short on commiseration time, but has a draft saddle for Jake and is making up for it.

On the way to Waverly, Cherrie Rose managed to lock herself in the horse trailer for 2 hours. Lacking proper clothing for the time of year, would she have survived the night without a rescue?

A well-known overnight guest reports that the Boesers are gourmet cooks. We thought Joe's talents were welding and horses, but he has a small spot in the kitchen where he slices and dices his herbs

John and Orphy Beattie are retiring from the River Riders Driving Program at the end of this season. John says he wants to do something different, but is not saying what that is.

On his first solo spring outing, Drum Creek Farm's Don walked right through the water hazard, but forgot for a few seconds that he isn't afraid of cows anymore.

The would be ultimate camper bought two spinner bait boxes to store spices.

Wendy Leffingwell has a new trailer with a converted tack room that is the envy of a certain camper. The decals on the outer walls are something else.

Someone actually asked "Who is Harley Davidson?"

Sue Lockling knows a guy in Farmington that can convert tack rooms to living quarters.

Mary Lawrence is becoming our resident artist; her computer renditions of various new logo possibilities are really quite good.

### **From The Cannon Falls Beacon Archives**

#### **April 29, 1886**

On Saturday April 23, three or four farmers drove to town in sleighs and reported sleighing as pretty fair.

#### **A New Dish -- Pizza Quiche**

By Marci Ukura

A co-worker approached me to taste her new creation, she called it a BLT Cheesecake. As a long time vegetarian, tasting was out of the question because of the bacon, but I did participate olfactorily and it smelled delicious. It seemed like a good thing to try for the May drive. Instead of bacon I used vegetarian pepperoni and decided to call it a Pizza Quiche. It was absolutely delicious and

could be eaten as an entrée or appetizer. By popular demand, here is the recipe.

#### **The Crust**

In a food processor, blend 1 1/4 cups of whole wheat flour with 3/4 cup of parmesan cheese. Add 1/2 cup of chilled butter and process another 30 seconds. Add 1/2 cup of iced water, mix well, wrap in saran wrap, and refrigerate.

#### **The Filling**

One large onion fried crisply

Beat 4 eggs

Add:

Four 8 ounce packages of cream cheese (soften in the microwave)

One 3.5 ounce package of julienne dried tomatoes cut in small pieces (Cub)

One 4.2 ounce package of Yves Meatless Pepperoni (any food co-op)

The fried onion

Roll the dough out to 12 inches and place in a 10 in spring form pan that was sprayed with PAM

Pour the filling onto the dough and fold the edges of the crust over the filling

Bake at 350 for 55 minutes (I baked it at 300 convection).

#### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The 40th Anniversary planning committee met on May 2, 2012 prior to the club meeting. Committee members Marci Ukura, Clark Anderson and Barb Long were present.

After some discussion the committee liked the idea of scheduling an event the last weekend in July 2013 in conjunction with "The Little Log House Show" held in Hasting MN.

This would involve a carriage display with information cards and possibly a presentation similar to that of the "Carriage Festival". This would also fulfill one of our club's purposes of educating the public about the driving community. Marci knows Gene Bauer who is in charge of the event and will contact him as to the possibility of our involvement. The committee would then schedule a "field trip" to check on facilities available, etc. We were excited with this idea and when presented to the club the response was enthusiastic. The "Little Log House Show" draws some 3,000 visitors of all ages!

The second event discussed was mainly for our club members and their extended families. The thinking being, to reach out to a younger group of possible drivers and their families. A drive and Pig Roast was discussed with a dance to follow... simple dances with a caller and band, willing to help us all learn and have fun. Members would have dinner paid for by the club and others would purchase tickets for the meal. The caller and band would also be paid for by the club. We also liked the idea of a nice commemorative pin of some type. Possibly with our new logo on it.

We would also like to plan some smaller events throughout the anniversary year.

More to come!

### **COME AND JOIN US!**

As we celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Home Carriage Festival On May 19th, 2012 at our New Location – The Landing in Shakopee, Minnesota.

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 about participating in the event, volunteering and sponsoring classes please contact: Heidi Block at 612-875-1004.

Also, check out our website at:

[WWW.MNWHIPSANDWHEELS.COM](http://WWW.MNWHIPSANDWHEELS.COM).

**\*NOTE\* All participants and workers please use the West entrance to The Landing.** We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Youth Harness Horse Workshop**

At the Cannon Falls Fairgrounds

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The Harness Horse Youth Foundation, in conjunction with Minnesota Harness Racing Inc., brings its stable of Trottingbreds to the Cannon Falls Fairgrounds Friday, June 22 for a hands on harness horse workshop. Trottingbreds are slightly smaller than Standardbreds, making them perfect for young people to work with. The day long event runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., with registration starting at 8:30 a.m., and is designed for youths age 12-14. The workshop fee is \$10, which includes lunch and all materials.

Attendees will learn all facets of harness horse care from stall cleaning to grooming to equipment. They will also get the chance to drive a horse harnessed to a training cart, accompanied by a licensed driver.

Event registration application, with complete program information, can be downloaded from

[www.hhyf.org/uploads/12CannonFallsApplication.pdf](http://www.hhyf.org/uploads/12CannonFallsApplication.pdf)

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation is a charitable 501©3 organization dedicated to providing young people and their families educational opportunities with harness horses, in order to foster the next generation of participants and fans. The Foundation has been making a difference in young people’s lives since 1976, and its programs include interactive learning experiences with these versatile animals, scholarship programs, and creation and distribution of educational materials. For more information on opportunities through HHYF, or to support its mission, go to [www.hhyf.org](http://www.hhyf.org).

**Therapeutic Driving Demonstration**

The May program was a demonstration of



Therapeutic Driving put on by Orphy and John Beattie with assistance from Kathy Jo Hanson

and Mary Lawrence. Orphy and John have been involved with the Therapeutic Driving program for 15 years. They use a special vehicle that was built by Steve Waddell of Chamberlain



Hill Carriage Works in Buffalo, MN. The vehicle has a hydraulic lift in the back which is used to lift a person in a wheel chair into the carriage. The horse that is used is Olaf, Orphy and



John’s wonderful Norwegian Fjord. This is

the Beatties last year in the Therapeutic Driving program, next year Kathy Jo Hanson will be taking over.

**June Drives**

There are two drives in June. The first drive will be June 8 – 10 at Crow Hassan Riverbend Campground in the NE Corner of Hennepin County in Hassan Township near Hanover, MN. This drive is hosted by Cherrie Rose and will be a joint drive with Whips and Wheels. Please see the attached drive information sheet.

The second drive will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cherie McKinzie’s Sundown Horse Shelter in rural Hugo, MN. Look for more information on this drive in the June 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 viktoria 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](mailto:stengard@live.com).

## For Sale



This is a completely restored double sprung Portland Cutter done by Ernie Schwartz. It was originally manufactured by the Owosso Carriage and Sleigh Company in Owosso, Michigan.

The original metal tag from the manufacturer is on the back of the sleigh. The color is Black Cherry thus it will have dark red tones in the sun light and look almost black in muted light. There are red tone accents and beautiful pin striping. Eagle heads and rein rail along with hand rails are bright nickel finish. There is one very small damage/hole, probably mouse, in the very corner of the seat back and fairly well concealed. One of the support bolt connections at a spring has loosened and chipped the paint. Sleigh is currently in Menomonie and may be viewed by appointment. I am asking \$2650.00. Please call 715-556-8300 for more information.

Pictures of the sleigh are available at Photobucket. To view these enter my name: garymglancy and click the blue line: [Click here to see this user's profile](#)

## 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](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.

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