



The Carriage Courier

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October Meeting **Wednesday, October 10, 2012**

NOTE: DATE CHANGE

7:00 PM at the Scandia Community Center
Program: Charlie Westman, DVM will discuss the use of chiropractic and acupuncture on horses.

Goodie Assignment

Mary Lawrence and Paul Olson

Deadline for the next newsletter, October 15, 2012

NOTE: The drive at Annette and Joe Boeser's scheduled for September 29th has been cancelled. There are no plans to reschedule it. The next drive will be Hitz's Fall Color Drive on October 6th and 7th -- see additional information elsewhere in this newsletter.

September Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the St. Croix Horse & Carriage Society Meeting, Sept 5, 2012, Scandia Community Center, Scandia, MN

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Lawrence at 8:20 p.m. Fifteen members were in attendance.

First order of business was to ask for approval of the minutes from the May, 2012 meeting, as printed in the Carriage Courier. Orphy Beattie made a motion to

approve the minutes and Paul Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Heidi Block, gave a report of the balance of the club's checking and savings account.

Update from the Logo Committee: Mary Lawrence pointed out she was wearing a polo shirt with the new SCHCS logo embroidery on the shirt. Bob Matthews noted the new logo is now in use on our club monthly newsletter. To order a shirt, sweatshirt, and/or a hat, go to our website www.stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org and on the left-hand side of the page, click on "Order SCHCS Gear". This will take you to the Big Black Horse website where you can place your order. It is that simple!

40th Anniversary Report - Marci Ukura talked about the idea of having a carriage display at The Little Log House Show during the last weekend in July of 2013. As a club, we need to decide if this is what we want to do. Several people attending the meeting talked about the carriage they could bring. Because our club has an educational component, this would be a perfect opportunity for us to fulfill that obligation. In addition, we will need people from the club to speak to the public at this event on the topic of how people can get started

with carriage driving. There was discussion regarding the event among attendees to get clarification of the details. Roger Berg made a motion to request the 40th Anniversary Committee to proceed ahead in requesting more information regarding free entrance tickets for exhibitors, volunteer workers, and speakers. In addition, to request a shelter for the carriages and a place for a horse so that all is displayed inside. Cherie McKenzie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

By-Law Change - President, Mary Lawrence, asked for a change to the Club's By-Laws to read: "Honorary memberships shall be single or household, granted by vote of the Board of Directors for a specified period of time, and have one vote." There was discussion among those attending as to the difference of the current language and how the new language would read. It is a small change that includes "single" and "for a specified period of time". Cherie Rose made a motion to adopt the new language. Marci Ukura seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A request for an October treat was made. Paul Olson and Mary Lawrence volunteered. Thank you!

Marci Ukura talked about the CAA (Carriage Association of America) is in need of a new building to house their collection and they have established a capitol campaign fund. Marci made a motion that the club donate \$100 to the CAA for the building. Orphy Beattie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cherie Rose asked about setting up a nominating committee for Board of

Directors for 2013. Since everyone who is currently on the board has served 2 years, a new Board of Directors needs to be established. Paul Olson made a motion to establish a nominating committee to get President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary for 2013. Bob Matthews seconded the motion. Motion passed. A request was made for volunteers for the committee. Arlene Swenson volunteered to be committee chair. There was discussion about our club joining another club. It was noted, by several members attending, that the most significant difference between our club and other clubs is that our main purpose is to hold pleasure drives.

Upcoming Events: Bob Matthews talked about upcoming club and other horse/carriage events. Our next meeting will be held on October 10th. Our program will be Charlie Westman, DVM, talking about acupuncture.

Outreach - Mary Lawrence asked for opinions about creating a Facebook page for St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society and/or a blog on our website. The newsletter editor would manage the blog. Club members discussed the ideas and it was decided to wait until a new editor was in place before taking this on. Club members did, however, like the idea of a Facebook page.

Todd Block made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Olson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Swenson, Secretary

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The Farmer's Wife

The farther backward you look, the farther forward you can see. Winston Churchill

Barb Long and Clark Anderson met Marci Ukura at the Little Log House Show grounds for a meeting with Steve Bauer. It was very exciting, hear all about it at the October meeting.

Steve Bauer thinks the Drum Creek Farm Bridge should become a covered bridge, but would the floods take it away?

The passing of Cynthia Haydon, the judge and clinician for the first Prairie Home Carriage Classic, was noted this week. "Level your splices" was a frequently heard when she was giving private driving lessons.

Don had an appointment with Renae Hogendorf for an anti fear booster.

Was John Block's femur reacting to the 2 X 4 on his shoe?

The Amish Paste Tomato that Paul Olson presented to Marci Ukura at the September meeting for eating the most cobs of corn at the Corn Drive made the most delicious battered and baked tomato cutlets. The Matthews ate all of them.

Fall Color Drive at Ironside Farm on Saturday Oct 6th & Sunday Oct 7th

Historically, the Hitz's Fall Drive is a "DO NOT MISS" event. It has been scheduled this year for Saturday October 6th and Sunday October 7th. The drive is at Cliff & Marilyn Hitz's Ironstone Farm, 14765 County Road 122, Watertown, MN 55388. To get to the farm, take Hwy 7 to Hwy 25 North to Carver County 122, then west (left turn) about 2 miles to address or Hwy 12 thru Delano & Montrose, south (turn left)

on Hwy 25 thru Watertown to Carver County 122 (about 1 mile going out of town) then west (turn right) about 2 miles to address. Please plan on arriving about 9:00 AM.

Marathon Course: 4 to 5 hazards, about 5 kilometers through woods, mown paths and around fields.

Course Walk at 10:00 AM It is best to do the course walk. Everyone will be transported on hay-wagon pulled by tractor. Maps will be available. You do not need to drive the hazards if you don't want to.

Drive off starts at 11:00 AM. with the "Speed" folks probably going first. You are welcome to go out a 2nd, 3rd or 4th time if you wish.

Cones Course will be set up in dressage field to be driven at will.

Potluck to follow by the tack room. Chairs, tables, soda, coffee, plates, etc. will be provided. Helmets are strongly encouraged while driving. Farm waiver required before driving. Two-wheel carts or marathon type vehicles suggested. Long wheel-base wagons may not be able to enjoy the course to its fullest!!!

Anyone wishing to stay overnight is welcome. We are planning a bonfire on Saturday evening. Stalls must be cleaned out after using. There is a hide-a-bed in the tack-room for anyone to use (double bed size).

Marilyn will fix a breakfast on Sunday morning about 8am then everyone can either drive the course a few more times or go for a road circle drive (about 7 miles) for those who would prefer that.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the course on Friday, October 5th. Also, volunteers are needed for Saturday, October 6th. Needs are:

- 1) Timers 3-4 will be taken out to the hazards.
- 2) Help at the end of the event for taking down tents, going out on the course to retrieve numbers/arrows/hazards, etc.

Please RSVP to Marilyn by Wednesday, October 3rd at 952-955-2487. We definitely need an RSVP if you plan to stay overnight.

Paul Olson's Corn Drive August 26, 2012

By Marci Ukura

Photos by Cherrie Rose



Surprisingly, we were the first to arrive at the drive and had our pick of parking spaces. Paul was ready for the crowd that would soon appear; the garden was looking delicious and the horses were harnessed and standing at the hitching rail. Trailers soon started arriving and there was a nice crowd to take off.

Paul is on best terms with all of his neighbors and we drove through quite a bit of acreage, through woods, around fields of corn, fields of hay, along a creek, and down roads. It was a bit warm, but the hood on

our challenger kept us out of the direct heat. Arlene Swenson road with us and kept track of Sophie so we could concentrate on the pair.



Paul put in an obstacle for us, to leave the field and get back up on the road, the horses had to pull us through a deep ditch. All of the horses had no problem.



When we got back to the ranch, Paul was off in his ATV to pick the corn for supper, it doesn't get any fresher than that. The barn was full of people gobbling up the potluck offerings. Someone brought spaghetti, one of my favorite things, sometimes its tough being a whole food vegetarian. To console myself, I ate 8 cobs of corn, not all at once, but over the course of the afternoon, they were delicious.



Roger Berg, PKT (professor of knot tying)

Photos by Mary Lawrence



The September program was a presentation by Roger Berg on tying various knots that are useful when dealing with horses. Roger's presentation, which he has done for 4H and various other groups, was very informative and of course filled with his wonderful sense of humor. He brought along several aids, including a sawhorse with a horse head (fake) on it and enough rope for all of us to hang ourselves with.



Some of the knots he presented were the bolen (some people call it the bowline), clove hitch, picket line knot, manger knot and many more. Roger also brought along a neck strap that can be used in place of a halter or along with a halter.

We really need a video of Roger demonstrating how to tie the various knots.

Crex Meadows Drive –October 28th.

This drive will be sponsored by Arlene Swenson.

Crex Meadows is an intensively managed property is home to over 270 species of



birds, at least 86 butterflies, and 720 species of plants. A wide variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects also reside here. Originally part of the Wisconsin Pine Barrens, it is now the state's largest remaining portion of this globally endangered ecosystem. The rare sedge marsh and brush prairie habitats make the area a utopia for wildlife, which in turn, makes Crex a paradise for bird watchers, naturalists, botanists, hunters, and all other hearty explorers who are interested in the great bounty that nature offers. Go to www.crexmeadows.org for more information.

This is a great place for a drive and it is the last club drive of the year, put it on your calendar now.

The drive flyer will be printed in the October newsletter.

Wanted

Pair or single harness (prefer pair harness) for 12.2 Welsh ponies.

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Events Calendar -- 2012

October 2-5 Waverly Horse Sale, Waverly, IA.
www.waverlysales.com

October 6 & 7 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

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 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 28 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, 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.