



Cindy & Erin Pirkey



John Huether



Joyce Egge w/ Ellen Flatley, Amanda Mix & Bethany Clarke



New members, Renee & Bill Wormell



Left: Bob Cahill, Peggy Cannon, Steve Viera, Connie & Rick Moses

Rick & Connie Moses worked their pair lightly at Chocorua before driving up and down the historic Mt. Washington carriage road (Auto Road) on Sunday. See Connie's interesting account elsewhere in the newsletter. Steve Viera came down from VT to visit and hitch a ride with Connie & Rick. Longtime member Joyce Egge said that she finally was able to make this ride. She came with three friends on Sunday, another perfect day. John

Huether invited folks over to his campsite for a tasty BBQ. Before leaving on his 4-hr return trip to the Cape, he checked trails up to Mt. View as loggers were in the area. He commented that this beautiful location was worth the long trip. Some folks cooled off in Chocorua Lake after a day on the trails. On another night, our host Peggy Cannon joined us for pizza and pot luck. It was a beautiful evening and the bugs miraculously disappeared so that we could enjoy a tranquil time in view of the Mt

Sonja & Bob Cahill want to thank everyone for coming and helping to put on another year at the **Look to the Mountain ride & drive**. Many friends and acquaintances have been made over the years which is another reason to come back year after year.

We also want to extend our appreciation to Tracey & Dave Little for allowing us to use their popular James Pond' trail.

As always, many thanks and appreciation to Peggy Cannon and her daughters Lisa and Ellen for their hospitality and for opening their beautiful farm to us these many years so we can camp, ride and drive in the beautiful Lakes Region of NH. Hope we can do it again next year.

Best regards, Sonja & Bob

GSCA HORSES SUMMIT MOUNT WASHINGTON

Two NH-bred and raised horses, named Gilford and Glendale, on Sunday pulled their owners, Rick and Connie Moses of Gilford, in a carriage to the top of Mt. Washington, 7.6 miles distance, from elev. 1527 ft. to 6288 ft. The event truly was a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

In celebration of the 150th year since the building of the Mt. Washington "Carriage Road" (now known as the Auto Road) in 1861, a Horse Event Weekend was held July 16-17 in which horses were invited to



ride and drive on the mountain. The Great Glen trails at the base were closed to bicycles and open to horses, and on Sunday the Auto Road was closed to motorized vehicles so that horses could make the trek.

35 horseback riders and 4 carriages made it to the summit, and one other coach reached the 6-mile

mark. The Moses' pair of Arabian-Percheron brothers, pulling an Eagle combo carriage, was one of two pairs managing the full climb; the other "turnouts" (rigs) were a unicorn hitch (3 horses) pulling a marathon cart (Peter Van Halen), also a 4-in-hand hitch put to another Eagle, sponsored by Carriage Machine Shop. The Eagle carriages have hydraulic brakes on the rear wheels. The ascent took the Moses' 4 1/2 hours, and 2 hours back down. During the descent the brakes were applied almost continually, in addition to holding the horses back in a controlled walk.



Rick and Connie spent two months conditioning their "boys" through training on the hills of Gilford, including driving them up Gilford's Belknap Mountain carriage road a few times to simulate the grade of the Auto Road, which averages a consistent 12% incline. Rick had retrofit and installed a bicycle odometer/speedometer onto their carriage so as to track their training progress, and he was able to observe their walking pace up the mountain, which averaged from 2.2 to 2.4 mph, with lots of rest stops.

Glendale and Gilford were pretty tired out but never faltered, they trudged along like true work horses. They sweated some at the lower elevations but never were breathing excessively hard, as they had lots of breaks. Connie did a fair amount of walking too! As they passed the tree line around 4000 feet, and especially above 5000 feet, the wind was ferocious but it kept them cooled. At points there was such a strong headwind it slowed them down! Temperatures on top were in the high 50's and the air was quite clear.

The barefoot horses wore rubber boots on all fours which gave them protection and extra traction. They were very glad to stand at the top for an hour eating hay; one could say they were energized when it was time to head back down! The boys received "This Horse Climbed Mt. Washington" bumper stickers for their achievement, plus



lots of treats and hay, a liniment sponging, and a well-deserved rest.



The well-organized mountain support crew provided horse water and people water at every milepost checkpoint along the route, and monitored and reported all the horses' conditions to a veterinarian on the summit. At the top they provided hay and plenty more water. Horseback riders were in front, with carriages following; a small group of sweep riders from the Auto Road crew were behind us most of the way up. The carriages were held at the top until all four had summited, so that no carriages had to pass each other on the mountain. The Auto Road organizers headed by Mary Power, plus lots of volunteers, deserve all the praise for this fantastic event, which was blessed with perfect weather.

Mt. Washington Carriage Road Weekend web site: <http://horseweekend.mt-washington.com/>

Mt. Washington Auto Road web site: <http://www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com/>

See -- Mt. Washington Auto Road - page on Facebook with LOTS of pictures from the entire weekend event. More pictures: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mtwashington>

AND A NOTE FROM DEB BRISCOE ON THE MT WASHINGTON DRIVE/RIDE

I visited the Mt Washington ride on Sunday. I think every one made it to the top except one wagon who had to turn around because it was getting late. There were 25 riders and 4 carriages.

I was surprised that everyone made it to the top and how fresh most of the horses looked when they finished the ride. Riders were glowing with the experience they just participated in. There were many very positive comments on the ride and there are hopes that the carriage roads at the bottom will be open to horses a few times a year in the future. Below link shows some pictures and video. This link maybe slow to open. White Mountain Horse Association helped with checking riders in and out on the carriage roads trails. <http://mtwashingtonautoroad.com/blog/>

DRAG BOARD USED FOR CARRIAGE BRAKING

Observed on the Mt. Washington drive and ride, two of the carriages employed persons standing on a "drag board" for extra braking power. The boards were tied onto the carriage axle, and the weight of the person standing on the board created friction on the pavement, plus a pretty sharp scorching smell!

The Eagle combo carriage in front carried Amish-garbed passengers and represented the Carriage Machine Shop. The antique wagon in the rear actually had NO mechanical brakes; the drag board was used for all of its braking on the trip back down Mt. Washington!



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A HORSE'S PRAYER

Going uphill, whip me not.
Going downhill, hurry me not.
On level ground, spare me not.
Loose in stable, forget me not.
Of hay and corn, rob me not.
Of clean water, stint me not.
With sponge and brush, neglect me not.
Of soft dry bed, deprive me not.
Tired or hot, wash me not.
If sick or cold, chill me not.
With bits and reins, Oh! jerk me not.
And when you are angry-
Oh! strike me not.

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

JULY 29-31 SUZY STAFFORD CLINIC. Dover Foxcroft ME. Contact: Beth Steinke (207) 564-3447 or e-mail her at ionaskye@aol.com.

AUG. 5-7 NORTHEAST KINGDOM DRIVE/RIDE WEEKEND, Danville, VT. Contact: Deb Hunt (802) 684-2583

AUG. 5,6,7 NO LAMINITIS! CONFERENCE. Syracuse, NY Contact: ECIRGroup1@gmail.com

AUG. 7 MARY GRAY'S 2ND ANNUAL HDT. Mary Gray Driving Center. Danville, NH Contact: mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net. or (603) 974-2357. Entries close 7/29.

AUG. 8-12 KIDS DRIVING CLINIC. The Carriage Barn, S. Hampton, NH. Contact: carriage-barn@comcast.net or (603) 378-0140

AUG. 23-25 ADULT SUMMER DRIVING CLINIC. The Carriage Barn, S. Hampton, NH. Contact: carriage-barn@comcast.net or (603) 378-0140

AUG. 26 RHODE ISLAND CARRIAGE DAYS, Celtic Cross Farm,Dudley, MA. www.ridridingclub.com

AUG. 26-28 GMHA COMBINED DRIVING EVENT. S. Woodstock, VT www.gmhainc.org

SEPT. 3-5 GSCA GREENFIELD DRIVE/RIDE WEEKEND, TRY IT OUT PLAYDAY & FREE HORSETENDERS CLINIC. Contact: Sonja & Bob Cahill (978) 851-5124 or rjcmoosecaboose@yahoo.com for ride/drive or clinic. Rick Moses 603-528-1531 for Play-DAYS info.

SEPT. 18 GSCA BRANCH HILL DRIVE. Milton, NH. Contact: Pat Pearson (207) 477-8456.

SEPT. 23-24 MARY GRAY INTENSIVE DRIVING WEEKEND. Mary Gray Driving Center. Danville, NH Contact: mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net. or (603) 974-2357.

SEPT. 24-25 MAINE CARRIAGE DAYS. Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, ME. Contact: organizer@mainecarriagedays.com

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Stabling & Accommodations

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f you need stabling, a couple of basic stalls can be arranged at Bert's barn nearby (\$12/night) If you need suggestions for a local inn or some nearby motels, just call Deb Hunt.

Reservations

Please fill out the reservation form below. (\$12/night per campsite- no hookup). Return the form with payment to Deb Hunt by August 1st. Campsite can't be guaranteed without a paid reservation. Please also return a reservation form or let Deb know if you plan to come for just a day so that day parking can be arranged.

*For more information, please call or e-mail:
Deb Hunt: 802-684-2583 waterhook@myfairpoint.net*

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Address: _____

No. days camping @ \$12/night _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

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Please make checks payable to "GSCA" and mail to: Deb Hunt, PO Box 373 Danville Vermont, 05828

DIRECTIONS*(From the Concord, NH area approx. 120 miles to Danville, VT (near St. Johnsbury, VT))*

I 93 North until it ends - then take I 91 North very briefly.

Take Exit 21 to Route 2 West from I 91N.

In approx. 7 miles, at Danville Town Green (at blinking yellow light), set your odometer to zero.

At 1.4 miles, note True Value lumber yard on the right.

At 2.0 miles (just up the hill) note Wightman Rd. on the right. Immediately, **look for Frye Quarry sign on the left.**Turn left towards the Quarry. The quarry will be on your right at 2.6 miles.At 3.1 miles, take left fork in the road.At 3.6 miles, turn left into campground. (another 0.1 mile on)**NOTE:** Rt. 2 through Danville is under construction. Expect delays coming into town.