

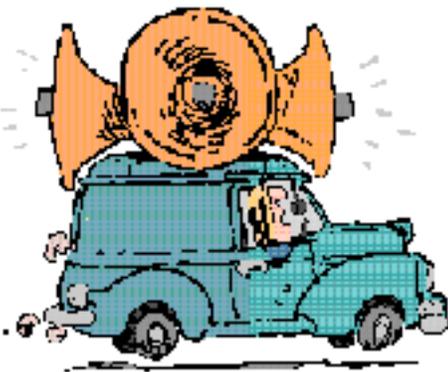


NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

<http://www.GraniteStateCarriage.org>

November 2013



THE PLANNING MEETING IS COMING ON NOVEMBER 2ND!!!

This is the most important meeting of the year because it is at this meeting we decide on ALL the activities for next year. So be sure to attend! The meeting at The Weathervane Restaurant in Bedford will be followed by dinner and socialization. So come socialize with your friends and bring your ideas for what you would like to do in 2014. Don't be afraid that if you come we will Shanghai you to host an event! Hosting

is entirely voluntary. But we would like to hear your opinions on this past year's events and any ideas you may have for new ones!! So do come and tell us

The flyer with all the information is attached. DONT MISS IT!!

SHELBURNE DRIVE GARNERS MORE ENTHUSIASTIC REACTION

Sandra Sensel of Beacon, NY writes, "the driving was wonderful and the farm was beautiful, as usual. (We) drove the great picnic drive and met up with lots of others - single horses and four pairs! We had so much fun talking to people in the barn that we as a group of 11 went out Monday night and then again with the GSCA group on Tuesday night, ... swapping tall tales and helpful hints. I truly hope we stay 'grandfathered in' at Shelburne Farms!"

Likewise, Susan Grienacher of Hopwell Jct, NY writes with similar enthusiasm: "We had an absolutely wonderful time! The trails were beautiful, as was the picnic drive to the peninsula. The views all around us were breathtaking and the house with its magnificent gardens was overwhelming. Our dinner with fellow GSCA members was very friendly, so much so that we plan on keeping up the friendship next year again!"

SPURWINK FARM FALL DRIVE October 5th

For several years now, the Maine Driving Club has invited GSCA to take part in this splendid October outing on Cape Elizabeth, ME. This year, Bob and I were finally able to attend. What a delightful drive it was! The perfectly marked 8-mile drive looped around well maintained hay fields, meandered through woods trails, along quiet gravel roads and a scenic seashore dotted with lovely summer homes. Afterwards we picnicked at the farm where we enjoyed watching small planes taking off and landing



nearby with a sparkling ocean as backdrop. It certainly was worth the early morning haul to experience such a unique and wonderful location. We hope it will be offered again next year.

Many thanks to our Maine Driving partners and our hostess Ms. Mary Lou Sprague.

Sonja & Bob Cahill

The Cahills following the Pearsons on the road



Pat & Nils Pearson

Lucia & Jim Owen



Anna Bigelow and Erwin



Sonja & Bob Cahill

GSCA MEMBERS TRAVEL TO CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA MEETING ON LONG ISLAND

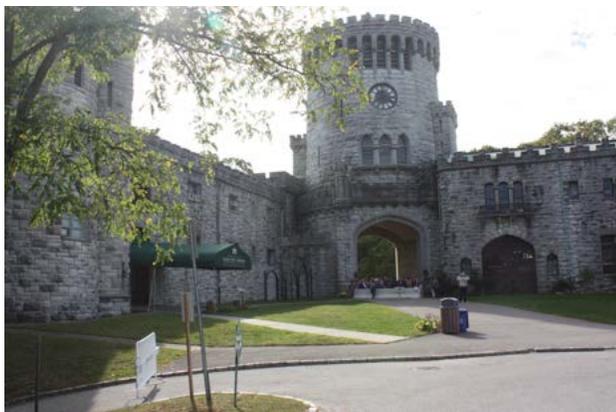
GSCA members Ginger and John Laplante and Ann Miles traveled to Long Island in October for the fall trip of The Carriage Association of America. It was a most interesting meeting for those of us interested in antique carriages and other related things'.

On Friday we were all treated to a tour of the newly renovated exhibits of The Long Island Museum long know for its excellent carriage collections. Each room featured a different theme: The Streets of New York, travel, Carriages shown at major exhibitions, vehicles

and



accessories typical of a gentleman's stables and so forth. There was also a reconstruction of an original carriage makers shop complete with belt driven machinery. The museum tour was followed by one of the vehicles stored in the reworked, climate controlled buildings of a former lumber yard across the road from the museum. We then heard a very interesting talk about the history of the museum and its relationship to the town of Stony Brook where it is located followed by a wine and cheese reception and the best dinner I have ever eaten at a conference.



Saturday was devoted to a bus tour. In the morning we visited Castle Gould a great estate on the Gold Coast which now belongs to the county. The primary feature of interest to us was a collection of much neglected carriages stored in a metal building on the property. The only light came from the open doors and we all wandered around squeezing between the packed vehicles trying to see what they were and voicing disgust at the fact that the county apparently cared nothing for them.

Following the castle tour we were taken to a New York Jewish deli. for a wonderful lunch so huge that many of us took half home to eat the next day. We then moved on to the Huntington Historical Society for a very interesting presentation on the bobsled races held there in the 1920's and 30's utilizing immense sleds up to to 25 feet and longer. Who knew that Long Island had hills enough for bobsled races? We then visited a most interesting round barn designed by

Sanford White at the Knox school. It is constructed like a donut with grass in the open center ringed by first a covered riding track and then horse stalls all looking onto the track and facing the center. Some of us are old enough to remember Snowman the great show jumper bought off of a knacker's



truck in the 1950's or to have seen the movie made of his life. It was the head of the riding program at the Knox School who rescued and trained him. We next visited The Old Field Farm Fairgrounds once on the top show circuit and now being revived from decrepitude. On our return pizza was enjoyed by all for the end of a most successful weekend



NEW HAMPSHIRE HORSE COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

There is an organization in NH which serves behind the scenes as a liaison between town and state government and the horse community. The board of NHHC has actively been involved in many horse-related issues; currently they are actively helping equine user groups come together to influence horse use in state parks and other properties managed by DRED (Dept. of Resources and Economic Development.)

GSCA supports NHHC as a member organization. But the Horse Council needs financial support from individuals as well, and is seeking to add more members and also needing more people to serve on their board.

PLEASE check out links below for what the NHHC does to benefit all who keep horses, and consider donating your time and/or money to a cause we are all passionate about... using our horses in New Hampshire, and opening up more places to do so.

FYI, the horse community has long suffered from lack of understanding of our needs, and has had very little exposure at the state level. Snowmobilers, bikers and ATVers, on the other hand, get the ears of congress because they are ORGANIZED. Thanks to NHHC's help, horse folks are beginning to get organized and our voices are starting to be heard. PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS MOMENTUM GOING, in any way you can!!!

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FROM AMERICAN WILD HORSE PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN

Sent in by Sonja Cahill



Great news: we've raised the funds we need to rescue Red, his family of seven and the fifteen other mustangs in the Carson City Prison.

We're already making plans to transport the horses in the coming days from Carson City to the DreamCatcher Wild Horse and Burro Sanctuary in Northern California (pictured left). And Barbara Clark, founder of DreamCatcher, says they can't wait to set the horses free to roam once again:

"We at DreamCatcher look forward to getting Red and his band out of the pens at the Carson City Prison. Our 2,000-acre sanctuary in northern California stands ready to greet this family where they will live out the rest of their lives together as wild horses."

This is yet another heroic rescue that could not take place without the generosity of AWHPC supporters, who have allowed AWHPC to send significant funds to underwrite these lifesaving efforts. But the hard work for wild horses of the Virginia Range has just begun. We are still raising funds to implement range management measures to prevent future captures and removals of horses from their homes on the range, and to help our coalition member, the Hidden Valley Wild Horse Protection Fund, care for the 150 Virginia Range mustangs they have already rescued from the slaughter auction.

If you donate to our Virginia Range mustang fund, your contribution will be put directly to work to protect these historic and cherished wild horses.

[From the bottom of my heart, thank you for anything you can give to this lifesaving effort.](#) (link)

- Suzanne Roy



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- NOV. 2** **GSCA PLANNING MEETING. Weathervane Restaurant, Bedford,NH Contact: Connie Moses (603) 528-1531.**
- Nov.7-10 EQUINE AFFAIRE W. Springfield,MA.
- Nov. 17 PEDDLING YOUR WARES:A Look at Itinerant Merchants in Early 19th Century. Amesbury Carriage Museum Presentation. 2-4 PM Amesbury Senior Community Center.68 Elm St. Amesbury,MA. Contact: Ann Miles (603) 378-0140
- JAN 5 OPEN HOUSE AT PONY FARM. Temple, NH. 1-4PM. Contact: (603) 654-6308. Touchstone Farm@mail.vresp.com.
- FEB 16 MVTC WINTER WONDERLAND SLEIGH RALLY, 10AM-3PM McCray's Farm, 55 Alvord St., S. Hadley, MA. Contact: Jamie Cinq-Mars, Show Secretary (413)433-9436 www.jamiecinqmars.com

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