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10/10/10: Lord Creek Club Drive

This year's event at Lord Creek will be a regular club drive rather than a pace-style competition. The trail will be marked, slightly differently from last year, and we are looking into marking a course suitable for VSE's. This is a special place to drive, so PLAN TO JOIN US.

October 10, 2010 at 10 am. A PERFECT TEN!



President's Letter...

Fall is here, and the cooler temperatures are much welcomed. The WEG are about to begin, and it should make for an exciting next few weeks. Will be looking forward to first hand observations and great stories from Bill and Nancy Lawson when they return from the Games. Talking about great stories, look through this issue of LLs and you'll find out about all the fun and delicious food at the Cones drive. A big thank you to Pat McNamee and Randy Sabatino for coordinating the Cones drive this year! What a super day for a drive!!

There is sad news, though, to report. Beth Gerst's husband, Carl [Sonny] passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15th from a Heart Attack at age 48...AS Beth said, "way too soon for the life of one of the most wonderful people in the world to end." For those of you who may not know Beth, she's been a volunteer at Club events over the years. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Beth and the family.

Do hope to see many of you for the October 2nd meeting at the Grange. Not only will there be the usual potluck supper, but also we'll be holding a Tag Sale/Swap of equine equipment and items. Do plan to be there and get some great bargains!!

As always, walk on, enjoy the road, and drive safely,
Jan Frick

From the Editor...

Dear CVDC Members,

Well here goes: I've got big shoes to fill as the new editor. You never realize how much someone does until it's your responsibility. I consider this a team ie. Club effort, so I really encourage all members to contribute. First some housekeeping: Remember to submit your stories, events and pics by the 15th to be included in the following newsletter. Members can place ads for free. Ads will run for 1 newsletter unless you request I continue them. Members who don't pay their dues will be sent a reminder then their newsletter will be discontinued.

I have some neat ideas for stories and topics such as a monthly "trainers tip", regular articles on how members started driving, stories about your horses, a Society Column of any personal events/announcements such as marriages, births, promotions, loss of a horse. And send in your pictures! Tell us about any upcoming events you are participating in, so other members can cheer you on and/or help out. If I don't have members' stories, I'll include educational/interesting articles I think everyone will enjoy.

I know for me Fall is a favorite time of year. For those that show their horses, it's time to slow down and reflect back on the show season. But for pleasure drivers, this is a time of year when we really get going! With cooler mornings and evenings, not too many bugs, horses are getting furry and frisky. It's the perfect time to enjoy driving and the beautiful scenery of New England.

Always at this time of year, right before the Equine Affaire, I reflect back on my membership with CVDC. It was 5 years ago that my best friend was paralyzed in a jumping accident, after which we discovered that she could easily transfer herself from her wheelchair into a miniature horse cart. That's when I decided to take up the mission for her (or so I thought) to learn to drive and train my minis. It was 4 years ago that I met Dick Mangino and Randy Sabatino at the Equine Affaire booth when they encouraged me to join the CVDC. This all started so innocently enough, but really what happened was I found my true passion in life and "Free Wheelers" was born and I've never looked back. To date I've rescued/adopted 9 minis. Some have done Therapy work, some have been used as companions and some have found wonderful new forever homes. The feedback is always the same, that the minis bring a happiness that no medication or treatment can equal. Recently I've connected with a local 4H leader and I've been invited to give a mini demo at a camping weekend, we'll do mini/driving/therapeutic clinics, driving lessons and the 4H 'ers are interested in volunteering with the Therapeutic program. Thru this outreach effort I hope to encourage young people to explore driving and develop a new generation of CVDC members.

I'm really looking forward to being the club's editor and thank you for the opportunity. I've learned so much from the CT Valley Members, clinics and events and look forward to reporting upcoming events, results, and members in the news.

Rita Bellinger
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I don't drive to work, I work to drive!..



Cones Drive 2010

By Jaye Winkler

The annual CVDC Cones drive set off before Team Tarryk arrived. But we harnessed up and set off at a Morgan trot with our list of treasure hunt clues. We took note of most of the hilarious assemblages along the course, although the "I'm green" clue clearly should have been an untrained horse, No?

We wound our way along lovely roads and past a pink halter hung above the road as well as a

set of wind chimes that Pat McNamee risked her life to put up as a clue. By the end of the drive, we must have been closing in on the rest as a car driver who had to pull over to let us by said, "Are you the last of them, because we passed three other people." Ah, that Morgan horse trot still eats up the roads.

The Cones farm is set on a hill with lovely breezes up from the reservoir. The family put out a lovely feast of chowder (Henry had several bowls to test consistency of the top of the pot versus the bottom) and really great hamburgers (what is their secret?) and hotdogs, and beans and salads, with milk (from their cows, how cool is that?). Suffice to say it was a feast. And then we toured the flower garden and petted a little newborn calf alone in a stall. What a fun day. And they asked that we let everyone know that they have a Belgian/Morgan driving mare (12 yo) that can be adopted free to a good CVDC home.

It was a wonderful day of driving with good companions. CVDC thanks the Cone Family for hosting us again.

(Below are answers to "Where do babies come from? (Cabbage Patch)", "Sesame St Waste Management Director?" (Oscar the Grouch), and "Bad monkeys' boss" (Wicked Witch of the West).)



Maggie Sullivan 2010 (Submitted by Ann Sullivan)

What a year they've had [Maggie and Riena], with great improvements in dressage & cones technique - - moving up to Advanced and winning their second FEI outing. Bromont was certainly the high point -- they had a qualifying score and achieved long-list status!

She's at school now, anxiously waiting for Nancy and Bill to get back from the WEG with a program book -- she and Riena are appearing in two ads! Next up is PineTree CDE in October, and a pony clinic with Randy Cadwell. She plans to take the spring semester off [from school] -- to drive!!

Photo: June 2010 Bromont CDE International. Photo by Stephe Merrill. Maggie and Riena, with groom Christina Phillips of VT, drove a blistering cones round to win the advanced single pony class, and overall in the FEI division they came second only to Mr. Chester Weber!



Watch Maggie & Riena complete the water hazard at the Laurels at this video (she is just after the 7 minute mark): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx8vvrUTCUs>



Congratulations to CVDC member Charlotte Gelston on her newest addition, a Standardbred she's named "Blessing."

And CVDC member Pat MacNamee recently coordinated the adoption of another Standardbred named "Lady" to Patty Naegli of the Eastern CT Draft Horse Club. Standardbreds can be excellent choices for Pleasure/Competitive Driving.

OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

We are sorry to hear of Linda Wilking's recent loss of her horse, Clydascope. Linda and her husband are strong supporters of the CVDC, competing with Clyde at our annual Combined Driving Event until they stepped up to Intermediate Level this year. Our condolences to Linda and Eric.



DRIVING CALENDAR 2010

Oct 1-3 - Berkshire Coaching Weekend, Stockbridge, MA. www.colonialcarriage.org

Oct 2 - CVDC potluck dinner meeting (Tag sale/ swap). 6:30 pm, East Haddam Grange.

Oct 2-3 - Blue Slope Fall Festival, Franklin CT. More info: Sandy 860-642-7084. www.easternctdraffhorse.com

Oct 3 - Saratoga Driving Trial, Valatie, NY. Judge: Larry Poulin. www.saratogadriving.com

Oct 4 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Harvest Series ADT #1, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Oct 7-10 - World Equestrian Games, Lexington, KY, driving competitions

Oct 10 - CVDC: Lord Creek Club Drive, Lord Creek, Lyme CT. www.cvdrivingclub.com

Oct 15-16 - Martin's Annual Fall Auction, Lebanon, PA. www.martinauctioneers.com/auctions.htm

Oct 15 - LHDC: club meeting. Plymouth Congregational, Plymouth, CT. 7:30 pm.

Oct 16-17 - Lisa Singer clinic, Carriage Barn, Newton, NH. www.carriage-barn.com

Oct 17 - Joint LHDC & CVDC Picnic drive at Wethersfield Farm, Amenia, NY. 11 am. Bring lunch, helmets, chair. Contact Mark Borkoski at barnmark48@msn.com or 860-585-9018 if you plan on attending.

Oct 27 - Post University "Update on Equine Surgery." Email CBaker@post.edu or call 203-596-4631

Oct 31 - RIDC: Halloween Fun Drive. 10 am., Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA. www.ridivingclub.org

Oct 31 - Carriage Barn's Halloween Carriage Classic open fun show, Newton, NH. www.carriage-barn.com

Nov 5 - LHDC: Potluck supper & annual meeting. Plymouth Congregational, Plymouth, CT. 7:30 pm.

Nov 6 - CVDC: Safety Panel. 6:30 pm, potluck., East Haddam Grange. www.cvdrivingclub.com

Nov 7 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Harvest Series ADT #2, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Nov 6 - ECDHA: Fun Day, 10 am, Blue Slope. www.easternctdraffhorse.com

Nov 11-14 - Equine Affaire, W Springfield, MA. www.equineaffaire.com

Nov 12 - RIDC: club meeting and ice cream social, Uxbridge MA. 7pm. www.ridivingclub.org

Nov 21 - Mary Gray Driving Ctr: Fall Harvest Series ADT #3, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Dec 4 - CVDC Holiday Party, TBD.

Dec 10 - LHDC Holiday Party.

Dec 14 - ECDHA: Christmas Party & Meeting, 6 pm, Blue Slope. www.easternctdraffhorse.com

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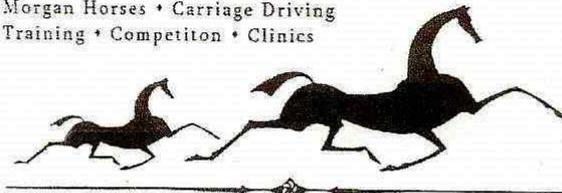
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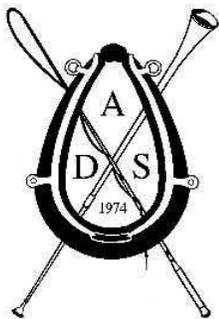
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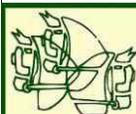
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