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EASTERN ONTARIO PRIVATE DRIVING SOCIETY formed in 1975. John Kelso served as the first president.

Presidents and years of service

EASTERN ONTARIO PRIVATE DRIVING SOCIETY FORMED IN 1975

1975 - 1976 John Kelso
 1977 - George Shoniker

INCORPORATED Dec. 28th 1977 EASTERN ONTARIO PLEASURE DRIVING SOCIETY INC.

- 1978 George Shoniker
 1979 - 1980 Keith Donnelly
 1981 - 1982 Don Prosperine
 1983 - 1984 Gordon Byers
 1985 - 1987 Walter Unsworth
 1988 - 1989 Robert Clifford
 1990 - 1991 Shan Kelso
 1992 - 1993 Shawn Findley
 1994 - 1995 Carl Polite
 1996 - 1997 Shawn Findley
 1998 - 2000 Gordon Smith
 2001 - 2007 Margaret Monnelly
 2008 - 2012 Mary Mulligan
 2013 - present Terry Olmstead

Members should be proud of what they have accomplished in the last 40 years.

President’s Message

Greetings
 I hope you all are enjoying this wonderful fall. This is the most wonderful time of year to enjoy our equine friends. It seems that every time I sit down to right my little message to you all I always end up writing about the weather. Our sport depends on fair conditions more than most but on occasion we have to be brave, throw caution to the wind and drive. So the sun did not shine on us for our skills day, but what a day it was. Everyone soaking wet but smiling. I hope everyone found the skills challenging and fun. Our 40th anniversary party went off without a hitch. Dinner was great and out guest speaker Barry Dickenson was so entertaining. I would like to thank Mary and Ian Mulligan for hosting. We have been lucky with our social drives this summer with the next being at Larose forest, fingers crossed, hope to see you there. Plans will soon be underway for the Christmas party and 2016 driving events. We will let you know about dates.
 In closing I would like to say congrats to all our drivers who got out and competed at shows and fairs, drive recreationally or are just learning to drive. Rain or shine just get out there and do it. Drive ON!!!!

**Cheers,
 Terry Olmstead
 President - E.O.P.D.S.**



What a Day!

by Regina Loubier

photographs by Gary Coulombe

On September 12, the much anticipated Driving Skills Day was held at Mian Farm outside of Manotick, Ontario, Canada. It was to take place last year, but was rained out. Guess what happened this year? Yes, it rained! But the show must go on and it did with smiles and laughter.

There were 10 obstacles which driver and horse had to navigate in no particular order including a water obstacle, simple dressage pattern, cones course, a marathon type obstacle with very tight turns (the minis must have been laughing here), horse wash (jump standards with pool noodles attached), bridge, wishing well, a timed 5 km walk/trot portion, a mailbox obstacle and the hay bale/flag avenue. After a safety check, entrants were given their report cards in which obstacle judges would put in their marks and any comments.



Pat Wolfe and Janet Noyes Brown at the safety check.

This was not a contest, marks were given for the participants' own knowledge or amusement. Although with the day's rain, I'm not sure any were legible by the end of the day. Despite the weather, there were 19 participants - a fabulous turnout.

This was a wonderful opportunity to test our horses, our driving skills and make us all better drivers and our horses better driving horses.

Later in the day, EOPDS celebrated a very important occasion - our 40th Anniversary. Seventy five members and past members met under the tent for appetizers and drinks. Mary Mulligan talked about the beginnings of EOPDS which was founded in 1975.



Maney McNeil and James Currie at the bridge.



Wendy Huckabone and Kelly Ferguson at the dreaded horse wash.

Many of the original members have passed on and these were Arnold Spratt, Morris Douglas, Carl Polite, Walter and Sheila Unsworth, Hugh Rankin, Clarence Babcock and George Shoniker but present this evening were John (who was EOPDS first president) and Shan Kelso (who is currently a director of the Carriage Association of America (CAA)), Keitha Polite, and Ron and Myrna McHugh. Mary thanked them all for their insight, energy and hard work.

Mary Mulligan introduced the present board; thanked the participants and grooms for coming out despite the miserable rainy weather; the volunteers for their work; and her husband, Ian, who received a large round of applause in recognition of all the behind the scene work he did and does for the Driving Skills Day and all of the EOPDS events held at Mian Farms.



Karen Lamb and her mini lovin' the water hazard.



Sam Guerin and Foreman at the bale and flag obstacle.

Mrs. Kelso, as a director of the CAA, passed along a congratulatory message from the CAA president, Dr. Tom Burgess on EOPDS' 40th Anniversary noting that EOPDS was the first CAA chapter formed outside of the United States. She talked about the importance of the work CAA is doing in preserving our horse drawn heritage and encouraged us all to become members.

Lynda Rivington introduced our speaker, Mr. Barry Dickinson who spoke about his time in the 60s and early 70s with, Dr. W.W. Bartlett (Hackney Hall of Fame) with his Hackney horses and ponies and in Ottawa where he worked for Ruth and Fraser Hurdman with their Hackneys and Saddlebreds and then for Mrs. Frank (Kathleen) Ryan (also a Hackney Hall of Famer) with her Hackney horses and ponies. He then moved to England to work for Frank and Cynthia Haydon and participated with the Haydons in the first-ever CDE in England at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.



from L to R - Ian Mulligan, Mary Mulligan, Barry Dickinson and Shan Kelso

From there Barry went to the U.S. where he has lived ever since. His extensive knowledge in the sphere of driving includes coaching, carriage driving, carriage restoration and history, just to name a few.

His knowledge was amazing and he recounted many hilarious events on the farms he worked and at the Ottawa Valley Fairs where they showed their horses/ponies and also some poignant ones which brought him close to tears. It is hoped that we can entice him back to speak to our club again as he was fascinating and enjoyable to listen to. He represents a link to a lost past.

What's an event without a raffle and the winners were Kelly Ferguson (coffee mug set and coffee basket), Terry Olmstead (slow feeding bag) and Gwen Byrne (Painted Pony).

The day ended with a widely anticipated hot dinner of roast beef and chicken provided by Carleton Place's Waterfall Catering.



When to Train by Pat Wolfe

When is a horse happiest? A horse feels secure in his own stall and really happy when he is eating. My initial training starts in the box stall when new baby is nursing. The minute the baby hits the ground, it is important to get him used to a human's touch and voice. But be sure you only handle him after his mother bonds to him.

One time we had a baby donkey born in the middle of a field. I picked him up and we took a bunch of cute pictures. When we turned around and looked for mother, she was walking off. I guess she said if you like him that much you can keep him. I raced after her with baby in my arms, cornered her, dropped baby, and took off out of the field. After a few minutes mother gave in and let baby donkey nurse.

Once baby is weaned I use a standing stall and a bucket with oats as training aids. For example, noise training. Noise can be a really big problem for horses. While the horse is in his stall eating I start off making many different sounds, beginning at a low level: a manure fork scraped along the floor, then on the ceiling and then on the walls of the stall; a bag of tin cans rattling; bells ringing; plastic bags crackling; banging metal garbage pail lids; stamping feet; any sound you think a horse may come in contact with. Note: make sure the horse has his head in the grain bucket before you initiate the sound. He will lift his head at the beginning but will keep eating once he has accepted the new sound.

I also teach touch when my horse is in the stall eating. Use a broom handle all over his body, especially on his legs. A driving horse must get used to things touching his legs. Next I introduce the feel of harness and saddle.

Later when I am getting a horse used to a cart for the first time, he is tied to my hitching wall with a hay net in front of him. When a horse's mind is occupied with food, he doesn't get as easily upset. Eating is very important to any horse, especially to my Fjord.

Announcements

NOTICE: Limerick Forest now has some trails which are wide enough for carriage driving.

The main paved road through the forest is Forsythe Road. Typhair Trail (it is also a 911 route) runs off of Forsythe to Cooper Road. It is wide enough for a carriage, and closer to the Cooper end there are wide cross trails, recently built. Worth checking out!

Some Carriage Clubs in Ontario and Western Quebec

Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society
<http://www.eopds.ca/>

Ontario Carriage Driving Association
<http://www.carriagedriving.ca/>

Tri-County Carriage Association
<http://66.49.173.199/Drive%20Ontario/TCCAEvents.htm>

Eastern Ontario Miniature Horse Club
<http://easternontariominiaturehorseclub.ca/>

St-Lazare Carriage Driving Club
<http://www.attelagestlazare.org/>



Out and About

Orleton Show by Mary Mulligan



Orleton Show had long been on my bucket list. 2015 was the year to check it off. So on the weekend of June 12th, 13th and 14th Ian Mulligan, Maney McNeil and I packed up and headed to Stockbridge Massachusetts. The show was held at Harvey and Mary Waller's picturesque estate. Harvey is a well-known coach driver. Their farm, nestled in the Berkshire Hills was worth the trip alone. It has been in Mary's (nee Proctor of Proctor and Gamble) family for many generations. The buildings were amazing and two housed a carriage museum which would be any collector's dream. The rolling grounds included two dressage rings and one grass ring. The spaciousness of the grounds required a lot of walking and we, unfortunately entered too late to reserve a golf cart. The cross country course consisted of very scenic rolling, gravelled trails, a water hazard, a double maze and three very lifelike Holstein

cows. Despite having "Daisy" at home Shayman took exception to these and caused a few tense moments. Still it was a blast to race over the 5 kilometres. Competition was very stiff and they'd had a record number of entries. Although we didn't manage to get a first, Shayman and I were very fortunate to be in the ribbons in all of our classes.

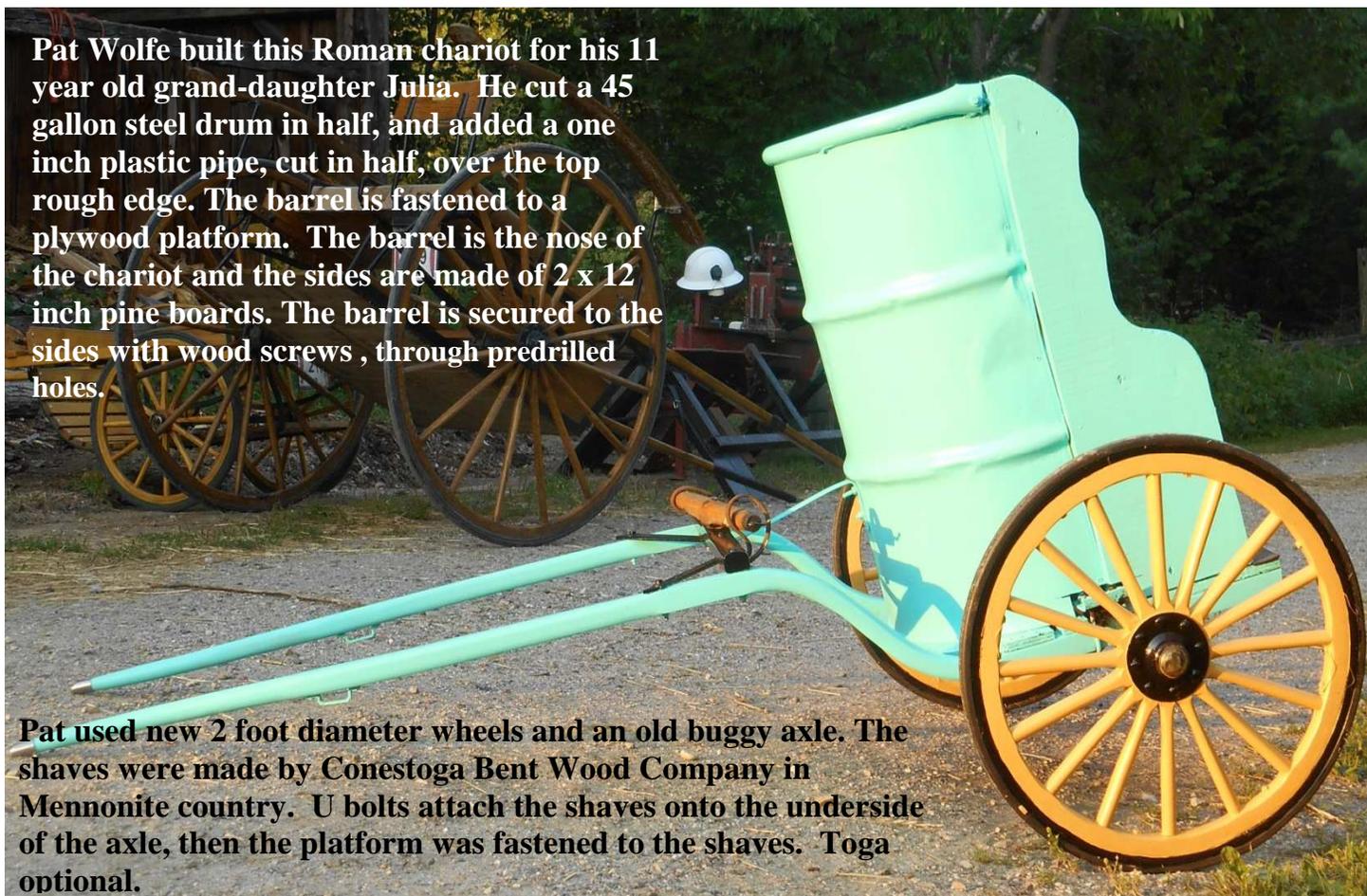
Friday was dedicated to a Super Derby Combination which is a relatively new concept in driving classes which a few shows are adopting. That was really interesting to watch. There were several kiosks with tempting items to purchase and each night there was a hospitality tent providing delicious food, beverages and music. The Waller's as well as the many volunteers made the Canadian drivers feel very welcome. All in all it was a great weekend and well worth the six and a half hour drive.



Julia's Chariot by Pat Wolfe

Pat Wolfe built this Roman chariot for his 11 year old grand-daughter Julia. He cut a 45 gallon steel drum in half, and added a one inch plastic pipe, cut in half, over the top rough edge. The barrel is fastened to a plywood platform. The barrel is the nose of the chariot and the sides are made of 2 x 12 inch pine boards. The barrel is secured to the sides with wood screws, through predrilled holes.

Pat used new 2 foot diameter wheels and an old buggy axle. The shaves were made by Conestoga Bent Wood Company in Mennonite country. U bolts attach the shaves onto the underside of the axle, then the platform was fastened to the shaves. Toga optional.





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EOPDS Calendar of Events 2015*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Oct 17	EOPDS Social Drive 11 am	Larose Forest, Ontario	Bill Gardner 613-835-9807 / gardnew@gmail.com
Oct 6-11	The National Drive and Ride	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky,	http://www.nationaldrive.net/
Oct 16-17	Martin's Fall Auction	Lebanon, Pennsylvania, USA	717-354-6671 or http://www.martinauctioneers.com/
Nov 7-16	Royal Winter Fair	Toronto, Ontario	http://www.royalfair.org or 416 263-3400
Dec TBD	EOPDS Christmas Social	TBD	TBD

***EOPDS dates subject to change**

*OCDA: Ontario Carriage Driving Association
OVLHA: Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association*

*TCCA: Tri-County Carriage Driving Association
SLCDC: St. Lazare Carriage Driving Club*

*CAA: Carriage Association of America
TBD: To Be Determined*

*EOMHC: Eastern Ontario Miniature Horse Club
TBA: To Be Announced*



Classifieds

(Please note that classifieds will be kept in newsletter for four issues or removed by seller if requested)

For Sale: Vintage Irish jaunting car (aka side car, post car, or jarvey depending on its purpose as a public vehicle for hire or delivering mail to the outlying districts in Ireland 100+ years ago, or for carrying tourists in present day Killarney). Built in Smetwick, England in 1893 and saw extensive use in Ireland before finding its way to North America. Restored to its original condition. Almost complete harness set included. Asking price: \$5000. Contact 613-863-0423 or tioconnor@sympatico.ca



For Sale: 4-seater Ralli Car with curved shafts made in 1885, in Montreal for a priest. Very good condition, asking \$4000. Fits horse from 15.2h to 17h. Contact Hilary Beaty, 613-932-1445, or h.beatyl@gmail.com



For Sale: Carriage Driving Equipment

- Pony Phaeton, fits large pony 14 hh to 14.3 hh. Black with burgundy coloured tufted wool upholstery, wheels, shafts and trim. Red pin stripping . Brass accessories. Very comfortable ride. Made by Mill Run Carriage 2001. In show condition. Measurements available on request. Price \$4,300.00 Photo on Summitview Carriage website or by request.

- 28 Silk Tree FEI Driving Cone Marker Balls(Water Fillable) Very Lightly used. \$30.00.

Shipping will be extra if required.

Contact: Margaret Monnelly 613-825-3853
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Membership Notice: Participants in club events must have a current membership. Send proof of insurance with the signed renewal and waiver forms (available at <http://www.eopds.ca/>)

Fees: Individual \$30, Family \$40

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<https://www.facebook.com/EOPDS>

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