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*******Reminder*******

Please remember to renew your 2017 Membership as soon as possible to insure continuation of your newsletter and information on club events. Send to Barry Beach

Presidents Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year. The start of a new year always seems to make me reflect on the events of the last year, both the good and the not so good. As far as the good, here at Fairstead Stable, our maple syrup was a huge success.

We hosted our first driving clinic with Jeff Kohler and our first EOPDS social drive, both a great success.

As far as the not so good, we are fortunate to count them as few and far between, partly due to a very hot dry summer. 2017 will offer a number of new challenges.

EOPDS will be busy in 2017. The hope is to have two clinics this year as well as scheduling as many social drives as the weather will allow. With Canada's 150th celebrations this year there will be some special events for EOPDS to possibly take part in. We will send out dates as they become available.

As EOPDS members, please consider taking part in as many events as you can. The success of events and social drives is based on participation and as the saying goes, "the more the merrier"

I look forward to seeing all of you at our drives this year. Stay warm.

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

Pleasure Drivers Keep Horse-and-Buggy Era Alive

by Daniel Drolet Citizen staff writer
From the Ottawa Citizen July 19, 1986



Members of the Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society out for a spin Photograph by Chris Mikula

OXFORD MILLS - The shiny black phaeton pulls proudly away from the stable, the smartly-dressed driver sitting erect in front, the top-hatted groom in the back. The jangling harness, the creaking wheels and the clip-clop of horse hooves recall another era when the phaeton's original owner, a Perth doctor, used it to make house calls 80 years ago.

But the driver in this case is Jackie Clifford, a Transport Canada supervisor. The young man dressed as a groom is her son, Kirk.

They're driving a phaeton - a type of carriage that would have been used by a businessman or professional in its day - just for the fun of it.

The Clifford's are avid members of the Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society.



The 150 member society was established in 1975 by a group of people who wanted to share the pleasures of the horse-and-buggy era.

Society members were disturbed when they saw Canadian-made carriages and buggies being sold to Americans, who turned them into lawn sculptures or planters. They resolved to do something about it by restoring old carriages and putting them back on the road.

The Clifford's, for example own 10 antique horse-drawn vehicles - including some painstakingly restored by father Bob - which they store in the stable on their spread near Kemptville.

John and Trishan Kelso of Prescott have 30 of them, so many in fact that some are hanging from the ceiling of their carriage house.

Clifford says while part of the members' pleasure is in restoring old carriages, the emphasis is on the pleasure of driving them.

Members organize 3 kilometre drives on country roads, have obstacle course competitions and enjoy cross-country rallies.

Society members are often asked to participate in parades and fairs, including Ottawa's Winterlude festival.

Many members appeared - along with their carriages and buggies - in the movie, "The Boy in Blue", a period piece about Canadian rowing champion Ned Hanlan. Most of the members' vehicles date from the period between 1870 and 1920, although some older ones go back to the early 1800s.

It's not easy to get parts, wheels, for example, have to be refitted by either Ontario Mennonites or Pennsylvania Amish, two communities that still regularly use horse-drawn vehicles.

Society members are proud of their effort to keep a bit of Canada's heritage alive.

There are a lot more usable carriages around now than there were 30 years ago, and I think that's partially a tribute to what has been fostered by this organization," says Trishan Kelso.

Thanks to Regina Loubier for supplying this find

Fire Halters

by Wendy Huckabone

While we all do not want to think about the unthinkable happening, it sadly can and does - a fire in the barn.

This summer a friend from the United States asked if I would like to go with her and her husband on a bit of a barn tour organized by their farm club. While it would deal with mainly cattle they were also going to visit a couple of horse establishments. I said sure and I met them at their home and off we went.

I found the barn tours interesting but what really struck me was the horse farms - really nice but that is for another time - and how safety conscious they were - one barn had suffered a fire years ago so when they rebuilt they did everything they could think of to make the new barn safer; installing a sprinkler system, having an exit every ten stalls, keeping the majority of the hay in another building and only bringing in what the horse were fed daily. This also entailed how they could make the horses safer. When we walked into the barn I noticed that at the door they had several extinguishers, some head blindfolds and several funny looking halters. They really looked to me like cattle halters but were obviously part of horse halters - they had removed the throatlatch (throat piece), the connecting strap and the chin piece of the noseband, then they had a cotton rope with a stopper knot on the end attached to the noseband ring on the off side and then put through the ring on the other side so that a big loop was made.

They also had two firemen there to talk to us and what struck me was the comment that the firefighters would only take one chance at getting the horses out and if they were not easy to catch then they would leave that horse and go to the next. In most fires they told us that they were lucky to get two or three horses out before it became unsafe and then the firefighters would have to leave and that was it. Human lives count more than horses which I understand but I was amazed at how few horses could be saved. The firemen also told us that turning the horses loose was no guarantee that the horses would run to safety as most would try to go back to the stalls as the horses felt safe in their stalls so they would try to return to them. They also told us that you should have a fenced area that the horse could not get back to the barn that was secure. Turning horse loose can also be a safety hazard as they had been at barn fires where the horses were loose and then horse were running on roads causing accidents and in one case making the firemen having to weave around them to get to the fire. The fire halters give them a bit more of a fighting chance but as they told us, most firemen know nothing about horses and a lot are scared of them. We were told that if halters were on the horse that would be better but they



understood why most people don't - a chance of horse halters getting caught on something in the stall.

The firemen said they liked the idea of the fire halters, extinguishers and blindfolds at the door as no one is going to search for a halter. While the fire halter is a chance there still is controversy over them but what the firemen stressed was to make sure you practice with your horse so that they would be less likely to panic in a horrible situation. Most people use nylon halters but the firemen told us that they can melt in a fire and do more harm than good so they suggested that leather fire halter would be better.

I made a couple of the fire halters while I was there and if you have old halters you can make one up yourself. Here is what I did:



Remove the chin piece from the noseband, the connecting strap and the throat latch from the halter



Will look like this



Attach a lead shank through the ring one side of the noseband and

A finished Emergency Halter

attach to the other ring on the other side

Note: instead of a leather lead it is recommended that one uses a cotton rope that is larger as the smaller the rope the harder it is to grab with large gloves on.

Mark Twain On Harnessing A Pair

From Mark Twain, A Tramp Abroad

So much for one European fashion. Every country has its own ways. It may interest the reader to know how they "put horses to" on the continent. The man stands up the horses on each side of the thing that projects from the front end of the wagon, and then throws the tangled mess of gear forward through a ring, and hauls it aft, and passes the other thing through the other ring and hauls it aft on the other side of the other horse, opposite to the first one, after crossing them and bringing the loose end back, and then buckles the other thing underneath the horse, and takes another thing and wraps it around the thing I spoke of before, and puts another thing over each horse's head, with broad flappers to it to keep the dust out of his eyes, and puts the iron thing in his mouth for him to grit his teeth on, uphill, and brings the ends of these things aft over his back, after buckling another one around under his neck to hold his head up, and hitching another thing on a thing that goes over his shoulders to keep his head up when he is climbing a hill, and then takes the slack of the thing which I mentioned a while ago, and fetches it aft and makes it fast to the thing that pulls the wagon, and hands the other things up to the driver to steer with. I never have buckled up a horse myself, but I do not think we do it that way.

Thanks to Jane Baell for supplying this find



Note that EOPDS has a Facebook page that can be reached at:

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

Announcements



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EOPDS Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Lunch

on
Saturday, **March 11, 2017**

Lunch (at member's expense) at
12:00pm

AGM follows at **1:30pm**

at
Red Dot Cafe
5673 Osgoode Main St, Osgoode, ON
K0A 2W0

RSVP by March 4, 2017 to:

Terry Olmstead
EOPDSdrive@yahoo.com
613-258-1472

We hope to have a good turnout
See you all there!

Important Note:

Due to severe allergies it is requested
that we all refrain from using scented
products (perfume, cologne etc.)

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://66.49.173.199/Drive%20Ontario/OCDA-Home.htm>

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/>



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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Mar 8 -12	Live Oak CDE Ocala	2215 SW 110th Ave, Ocala, Florida USA 34481	http://www.liveoakinternational.com/
Mar 11	EOPDS Lunch 12pm (noon) & Annual General Meeting 1:30 pm	Red Dot Cafe 5673 Osgoode Main St, Osgoode, ON K0A 2W0	Terry Olmstead 613-258-1472 / EOPDSdrive@yahoo.com
Mar 31 - Apr 2	Can Am All Breeds Equine Expo	Markham , Ontario	www.canamequine.ca
Apr 28 - 29	Martin's Spring Auction	80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, Pennsylvania, USA 17042	http://www.martinauctioneers.com/ or 717-354-6671
May 7	OCDA Clinic "Educate Your Eye" by Francois Bergeron	Holly Oaks , Lynden, Ontario	Laurie@windyknollfarm.ca or www.hollyoaks.ca
May 12 - 14	Mane Event, Equine Education and Trade Fair	Western Fair District Metroland Media Agridplex, London, Ontario	www.maneeventexpo.com
May 20 - 22	EOPDS Driving Clinic – Clinician Jeffrey R Kohler from Relhok Farm	Fairstead Stables, 2950 County Road 20, Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0	Terry Olmstead 613-258-1472 / EOPDSdrive@yahoo.com
May 21	OCDA Dressage and Cones #1	BDF Equestrian Centre, Flesherton, Ontario	Laurie@windyknollfarm.ca
May 27	Introduction To Carriage Driving	Relhok Farm, Barrie, Ontario	Contact Eve Dexter evedex@xplornet.com
May 27	EOPDS Social Drive 1 pm	Ferguson Forest, Kemptville, Ontario	TBA
May 27	TCCA Social Drive / Fitness-Health Clinic	Meadow Rock Farm, Puslinch, ON	Membership required RSVP Tricountycarriage@hotmail.ca
May 27 - 28	SLCDC Dressage Clinic	TBD, Quebec	Francois Bergeron info@attelagestlazare.org
June 3	Ontario Horse Day	Wesley Clover Parks 401 Corkstown Rd, Ottawa, Ontario	Kim.Perry@wesleycloverparks.com or info@wesleycloverparks.com or 613-271-5452
June 9 - 11	Orleton Farm Pleasure Driving Show	31 Prospect Hill Rd, Stockbridge, Massachusetts USA 01262	Harvey Waller H:413-298-3119 C: 413-441-4682 waller562@aol.com or http://www.colonialcarriage.org
June 17	EOPDS Social Drive 1 pm	Crysler Park, Ontario	TBA
June 17 - 18	SLCDC POR TREC Training	Saint-Clet, Quebec	Diane Goyette info@attelagestlazare.org
June 18	OCDA Dressage and Cones #2	Windy Knoll Farm, Ariss, Ontario	Laurie@windyknollfarm.ca



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June 23-25	Maxville Fair	Maxville, Ontario	http://www.maxvillefair.ca or Patsy MacKinnon - patsymackinnon@hotmail.com or 613-346-2486
June 23 - 25	Metamora CDE	Windrush Farm, 4321 Barber Rd, Metamora, Michigan, USA 48455	Barb Chapman adsbarb@hotmail.com 1-810-678-2500 Darlene Daly ddaly0037@gmail.com 1-810-441-0888
June 30 - July 2	Bromont International CAI-A, CDE	450 ch de gaspe, cp98, Bromont, Quebec, J2L 1A9	Roger Deslauriers H: 450-534-0787 rdeslauriers@internationalbromont.org
June 30 - July 2	CAA Carriage Festival	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky	http://www.caaonline.com/
July 2 - 8	CanDrive Driving Camp	House of the Friesians, Invermere, British Columbia	Gerard & Caio Paagman 406-422 6151 or gerard@paagman.nl information - http://candrive.me/
July 8 - 9	TCCA Great Lakes Carriage Classic - Pleasure, Dressage, Breed & Fun Show	Reach Huron, Clinton, Ontario	http://www.tricountycarriage.com/
July 15	OVLHA Horse Show	Richmond Fair Grounds, Richmond, Ontario	info@ovlha.com http://www.ovlha.com Rae Ann Litle red_greenecas@hotmail.com 613-791-0865
July 15 - 16	OCDA Dressage and Cones #3 / Clinic	Highland Green Stable, London, Ontario	Laurie@windyknollfarm.ca
July 15 - 16	Lorenzo Driving Competition	Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, New York USA	Lisa Shotzburger 484-942-5750 fredshotz@yahoo.com http://lorenzodriving.com/
July 17	EOPDS Social Drive 1 pm	Mian Farm, Manotick, Ontario	Mary Mulligan 613-692-3296 / mianfarm@icloud.com
July 30 - 31	East Aurora Pleasure Driving Show	Chur Equestrian Center, East Aurora, New York	http://www.eastauroradrivingsociety.org/
Aug 9 - 13	Walnut Hill Farm Driving Competition	397 West Bloomfield Road Pittsford, New York USA 14534	www.walnuthillfarm.org or 585-746-1080 or Tricia Remley email: walnuthilldc@aol.com
Aug TBD	SLCDC Rallye – Treasure Hunt	TBD – Brome, Quebec	Line Picard info@attelagestlazare.org
Aug 10-13	Navan Fair	Navan, Ontario	https://www.navanfair.com or navanfair@bellnet.ca or 613-835-2766
Aug 11-13	Merrickville Fair	Merrickville, Ontario	Rose Lamingman 613-269-4402 or rlamingman@hotmail.com or merrickvillefairboard.vpweb.ca
Aug 12	Pakenham Horse Show	Pakenham, Ontario	Janet Noyes-Brown email: janetnb@storm.ca
Aug 17 - 20	South Mountain Fair	South Mountain, Ontario	http://www.southmountainfair.ca or info@southmountainfair.ca or 613-989-3815
Aug 20	OCDA Dressage and Cones #4	Bryn Gwyntog, Simcoe, Ontario	Laurie@windyknollfarm.ca



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Aug 31 - Sept 3	BDF Equestrian HDT (show and clinic)	BDF Equestrian, Beaver Valley, Flesherton, Ontario	http://www.drivingatbdf.com/
Aug 31 - Sept 4	Shawville Fair	Shawville, Quebec	http://www.shawvillefair.ca or info@shawvillefair.ca or 819-647-3213
Sept 2 – 4	Upper Canada Village Horse Lovers Weekend	Morrisburg, Ontario	1-800-437-2233 or 613-543-4328 or http://www.uppercanadavillage.com
Sept 7 - 10	Spencerville Fair	Spencerville, Ontario	http://www.spencervillefair.ca
Sept 14 – 17	Richmond Fair	Richmond, Ontario	Tel: 613-838-3420 or richmondfair@sympatico.ca
Sept 17	OCDA Dressage and Cones #5	Glen Cameron Stables, Acton, Ontario	Laurie@windyknollfarm.ca
Sept 21 – 24	Carp Fair	Carp, Ontario	www.carpfair.ca or info@carpfair.ca or 613-839-2172
Sept 28 – Oct 1	Metcalfe Fair	Metcalfe, Ontario	www.metcalfefair.com or metfair@bellnet.ca or 613-821-0591
Sept 30	SLCDC Pleasure Show	Ste-Justine-de-Newton, Quebec	Liette Bigras info@attelagestlazare.org
Fall –TBD	SLCDC Recreational Drive	Saint-Lazare Trails, Quebec	Yves Gour info@attelagestlazare.org
Oct 14	EOPDS Social Drive 1 pm	Fairstead Stables, 2950 County Road 20, Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0	Terry Olmstead 613-258-1472 / EOPDSdrive@yahoo.com
Oct 10 - 15	The National Drive and Ride	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky USA	http://www.nationaldrive.net/
Oct 20 - 21	Martin's Fall Auction	80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, Pennsylvania USA 17042	717-354-6671 or http://www.martinauctioneers.com/
Nov 3 - 12	Royal Winter Fair	Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6K 3C3	http://www.royalfair.org/ info@royalfair.org 416-263-3400
TBD	EOPDS Christmas Social	TBA	TBA

***EOPDS Dates & Venues subject to change**

EOPDS: Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society
 OCDA: Ontario Carriage Driving Association
 TCCA: Tri-County Carriage Driving Association

SLCDC: St. Lazare Carriage Driving Club
 OVLHA: Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association
 CAA: Carriage Association of America

TBD: To Be Determined
 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: - Raccoon lined Fur rug suitable for sleigh driving in very good condition \$25.00
- Black mink satin lined fur hat in new condition. Very comfortable to wear for sleigh driving \$25.00
- 1 pair of pigskin tan coloured driving gloves Size 8 1/2, wrist straps, worn once only at shows purchased at Driving Essentials \$20.00
- 1 pair driving gloves tan coloured fine leather, never worn wrist straps \$20.00 purchased at Driving Essentials
Contact Margaret Monnelly at monnelly@magma.ca or 613-825-3853

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.beaty1@gmail.com



For Sale: Leather two tone Brown on black leather driving harness with chrome hardware. This is a very attractive and strong harness, it is in excellent condition. Fits approximately 14 hands to 15.2 hands. Comes with bridle and regular straight bar driving bit. Asking \$800.00, Please contact Valerie Everson at 613-488-3066 or email rockingh@magma.ca





For Sale: Cart Fits horse 14.2 to 16.2 Harness (in good condition) for sale as well. Reason for selling - driving horse now retired at 25 plus. Contact Phyllis Begg 613-489-3768 or pbegg@ripnet.com



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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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