



*Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first half of the driving season is almost over. Our club has been involved in 6 Events since March 24th. We had two cancellations due to inclement weather. The first cancellation was the Social Drive at Phantom Farm on May 21st. However a successful rain date event was held on a very pleasant afternoon. Details appear in the Newsletter. The drive at Ferguson Forest was cancelled for the same reason. Those who had committed to the drives were notified by phone.

The EOPDS clinic at the indoor arena at Sunset Farm on April 21st and 22nd was fully subscribed. The instructor was Kirsten Brunner, from Hillsborough, Ontario.

The Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving show took place on very nice day. While the number of entries was lower than anticipated, those attending had a very rewarding time. Several competitors made arrangements to take further training with the Judge Jeffery Kohler. Two weeks later the Francois Bergeron Clinic, also sponsored by EOPDS, began on July 1st. The total number of participants was eight. However several people registered for multiple lessons, so the schedule was almost completely full for two and one half days.

On July 12th a social drive is planned at Sunset Farm. This is a great venue for driving, so it is hoped that we will see a bigger number of drivers than in previous drives.

While the opening season has been quite successful, several active club members have been seriously ill, five families have suffered bereavements. We commend members who stepped up in helping out with events on short notice, and especially the volunteers at the Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving Show.

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Members wishing to participate in Pleasure Driving Events, whether clinic or social, must have current membership for 2006. Proof of insurance should be sent with membership renewal for 2006 to:

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Manotick, Ontario K4M 1A8

Fees are \$ 25.00 for individual members, \$35.00 for Family Membership

Date	Event	Location	Contact Name	Phone
July 1st, 2nd	**EOPDS Pleasure Driving Society Clinic	Fiddler's Green Stables	Joe Nuth	613-831-2844
	Francois Bergeron Instructor	Stittsville, Ontario	Margaret Monnelly	613-825-3853
July 12th	Sunset Farm Social Drive	Stittsville ON	Mary Mulligan	613-831-2154
July 8th, 9th	Ontario Combined Driving Assoc. Event	Checkmate Riding Stable Flesherton, Ontario	Anne-Marie Anderson	519-357-1628
July 15th, 16th	Ontario Morgan Show	Barrie, Ontario	Nancy Cavanagh	(905)985-0691 gwjoyce@osha.igs.
July 29th, 30th	East Aurora Carriage Drive and Competition	East Aurora, New York	Elizabeth O'Donnell	716-380-5724
August 7th	**Social Drive	Fiddler's Green Stables Stittsville, Ontario	Joe Nuth Margaret Monnelly	613-831-2844 613-825-3853
August 12th, 13th	Merrickville Fair	Merrickville Showgrounds	Anne Lloyd	613-258-2860
August 16th—20th	Walnut Hill Carriage Competition	Pittsford N.Y.	Bill Remley	585-385-2555
Sept. 9th, 10th	GMHA Fall Driving Classic	South Woodstock, VT	Natalie DeBerardinis	802-457-1509
Sept. 16th, 17th	Richmond Fair	Richmond Fairgrounds	Dale Green	613-838-3420
Sept. 23th, 24th	Carp Fair	Carp Fair	Joyce Trafford	613-839-2172
Sept. 24 th	**Upper Canada Village Social Drive	Morrisburg ON	Mary Mulligan Jennifer Rennie	613-831-2154
October 15 th	Thousand Islands Parkway Social Drive	Rockport ON	Mary Mulligan Jennifer Rennie	613-831-2154

Events Marked with ** are organized by Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society .
All weekend Social Drives take place at 1.00 p.m. Mid-week at 3 p.m. with exception of Ferguson Forest, which will commence at 5.00 p.m.

NOTE:

Drivers planning to attend a social drive should phone the contact persons before coming to the event. Occasionally arrangements have to be changed or weather conditions may result in cancellation. Those who have phoned in advance will be contacted should unavoidable changes occur.

EASTERN ONTARIO PLEASURE DRIVING SOCIETY

Kirsten Brunner Clinic

April 21 2006

The Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society (EOPDS) launched its 2006 season by hosting a three-day driving clinic with Kirsten Brunner in late April.

Needless to say, with Kirsten's credentials, the clinic filled up quickly. Among her accomplishments, Kirsten is a member of the Canadian Advanced Combined Driving Team, a two-time World Championship competitor, a professional carriage driving trainer, a CEF coach and a North American Pleasure Driving Championship gold medallist.

The setting for the clinic was the beautiful Sunset Farms at Stittsville near Ottawa. Grits and Tim McMullen were excellent hosts and welcomed everyone to their farm.

In general, lessons focused on carriage driving in preparation for pleasure driving, competitive ring competition and cones. Kirsten's approach was to treat each participant as an individual.

She was presented with a variety of horses and ponies at all different levels and ages – for example, a Standardbred, a Fjord pony, a pair of Canadians, four Miniature Horses, three Morgans, a Hackney pony and a Percheron/light horse cross. As well, the drivers' backgrounds ranged from the novice to the experienced.

Everyone learned a significant amount from Kirsten who made everyone feel at ease. Before each lesson, she inquired about the background of each individual animal, made sure the harness fit, explaining why adjustments were necessary, and checked to see that the cart suited the horse or pony. She worked a great deal on bending, paid particular attention to hand positions and way of holding the reins, and helped participants navigate cones courses.

It was clear that Kirsten is equally proficient at teaching horses, ponies, teams and Miniature Horses. Several auditors in attendance commented that they found the clinic very worthwhile. As well as instructing the animal and driver before her, Kirsten was well attuned to ensuring that those on the sidelines also understood what she was trying to accomplish with each entry.

Kirsten enjoyed her stay in Ottawa and said she looks forward to coming back. Club members Jennifer and Rob Rennie kept participants, grooms and auditors well fed throughout the weekend. As well, 11 people attended dinner with Kirsten on the Saturday evening and enjoyed picking her brain on all things driving.

Submitted by: Lynda Rivington

Please See Page 7 & 8 for Advertisements.

Our club advertises carriage driving related merchandise including horses and ponies as a service to our members. Potential buyers should contact the sellers directly when making enquiries regarding horses or equipment advertised with EOPDS. The Board of Directors is not responsible for any aspect of Purchase/Sale transactions other than publication.

*Individuals placing an advertisement should **send it via email or in writing**, to save time and to avoid error. Photos in digital format.*

Fees of \$20.00 per half page of advertising, are payable to EOPDS c/o Treasurer of our Club.

SOCIAL DRIVE AT PHANTOM FARM
May 28 2006

Almonte's Phantom Farm was the setting for the first of several 2006 EOPDS social drives. Owner David Rees-Potter welcomed six hitches and 20 drivers and helpers on Sunday, May 28, which turned into an afternoon of perfect driving weather.

Phantom's beautiful tree-lined fields and paddocks were idyllic for pleasure driving. Drivers had a variety of well-groomed choices of where to drive together with a separate paddock for cones practice. Drivers also had the option of a scenic off-property drive around the local concession.

Hector and Sue Vaillancourt arrived with their Standardbred, Cathy Gretzky and Judy Senior each brought their Morgans, while Jennifer Rennie hooked up her Saddlebred Fizz who is lucky enough to live at Phantom. The Monnellys were out as a family with Margaret driving Joey, the Welsh pony, and Pat having a wonderful afternoon with their new Morgan who behaved perfectly for its first time out.

At one point Margaret handed over Joey's reins to David Rees-Potter. While out on the road, the host encountered neighbor Joe Kelly driving his 3-year-old Belgian, Goldie, and subsequently invited them to drop by.



EASTERN ONTARIO PLEASURE DRIVING CLINIC**Fiddler's Green Stables****Stittsville, Ontario****July 1st, 2nd 3rd 2006**

*The Clinician for this clinic was Francois Bergeron, St. Etienne de Beauharnois , Quebec
Francois is certified by Drive Canada as a Clinician , who has taught many clinics in Quebec, in B.C. and in Ontario. He holds a Judge's card in Combined Driving and has won several Championships at Canadian Carriage Driving Classic. His breed specialty is the Canadian Horse.*

Francois has been invited for the second consecutive year to lead this driving clinic at Fiddler's Green stables. The clinic was extended to two and one half days by the request of those attending. Eight participants arranged for a selection of private and group lessons. Participants were enabled to make their choice of instructional modules to meet their particular needs in carriage driving. All had previously taken lessons with Francois. Classes were offered in Dressage, Cones Obstacles. A session on Rein boarding and Double Longeing was offered each morning to the group. Margaret Monnelly brought her pony, Joey, along to be the class guinea pig.

The weather favoured the clinic, except for a brief period on Sunday July 2nd, when the winds halted activities for a few minutes while tents were safely dismantled. Jennifer and Rob Rennie arranged the morning coffee and the mid- day lunch for everyone present, which gave a relaxed opportunity for drivers to interact with each other and with Francois.

Obviously Francois has a deep understanding of how adults learn as he is most accommodating and allows them to articulate their own learning needs while he identifies some attendant skills they may need to learn in order to attain their particular objectives.

These skills can range from the very basic knowledge of fitting the bridle, or adjusting the trace to the shaft length, or to the ability in driving a particular size of circle. Some drivers learned how to approach the Training Level I test for the very first time. Other sessions involved fitting a whole set of harness to fit particular size animal involving choices between the neck collar and the breast collar. It is much more comfortable to work on these aspects of carriage driving at home, rather than experiencing personal disappointment at a show. One of the great benefits of a professional clinic is the exchange of information on Carriage styles and designs and also the identification of Harness suppliers, who carry an inventory of suitable products designed for the sport.

Fiddler's Green Stables is the location of choice for these clinics in the Ottawa area, as there is scope for practising each aspect of carriage driving. Facilities offered include a Driving Dressage arena, a cones course which is larger than the driving dressage arena and a Cross Country Course extending to 3 1/2 kilometres, with nine Open Pleasure Driving Obstacles and six Novice Driving obstacles.

Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society has sponsored both the Clinic at Sunset Farm in April and the Clinic at Fiddler's Green Stables in July. Club funding was greatly augmented by the grant received from the Ontario Equestrian Federation last November at the Annual O.E. F. Conference. This is the fourth year in which the club has actively participated in supporting Carriage Driving clinics. Statistics would suggest that clinics are the favourite form of participation in the sport in our area. The atmosphere while structured is relaxed and respecting, and people interact informally throughout the day. The ringside judging so prevalent at some horse shows is completely absent, which is refreshing. In the meantime our newer drivers are learning the correct way to prepare for eventual successful competition at higher levels and a chance to enjoy recreational driving.



OTTAWA VALLEY PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW - 2006

Show Chairman : Joe Nuth

Judge: Jeffrey Kohler

Technical Delegate: Margaret Monnelly

Ribbons: To 6th place

Classes offered included Pleasure Driving Working, Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship, Timed Obstacles, Progressive Obstacles and the Cross Country Pace Marathon. A special Novice Class division was also offered which included a Novice Pleasure Driving Modified Cross Country Course. ADS/Equine Canada rules were observed in the management of this show. Three Dressage Tests, Training, Preliminary and Intermediate, were offered at the request of competitors.

While the total number of entries was lower than in previous years, the quality of turnouts was very good, drivers enjoyed the show and many made contacts for the future development of their sport. There was general appreciation for the availability of a well prepared showgrounds and the hospitality of the owners, Pam and Joe Nuth. In a future edition of the website Newsletter professional photos of the drivers will be published. Many generous donations from EOPDS members are gratefully acknowledged.

Genevieve Kendell was invited by Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society to be the official photographer of the day. Competitors may view their photos at:

<http://www.haywoodfarms.ca/> Orders may placed directly with Genevieve Kendell

Phone: (613) 826-0209 Email: haywoodfarms@hotmail.com

Championship Awards

High Point Award

Peter Harding

Greenhawk Harness

Novice Driver

Micki Moir

Margaret Monnelly

Cones Obstacles/Reinsmanship

Peter Harding

Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society

Dressage Award

Peter Harding

Greenhawk Harness

Cross Country Award

Pat Wolfe

MNR Feeds & Farm Supply (Renfrew)

SOCIAL DRIVE
Sunset Farm
Stittsville, Ontario
Wednesday July 12th 2006

Time 3.00 p.m.

A social drive has been arranged at Sunset Farm, Stittsville, Ontario on July 12th. Our hosts are the owners, Grits and Tim McMullen. Last Fall our club members enjoyed the first social drive at Sunset, which was a very memorable afternoon driving on extensive trails on a very attractive property. We urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to experience one of the best drives of the season. Drivers are asked to bring a picnic lunch instead of a pot luck lunch. Note that the drive is on Wednesday and the time is 3.00 p.m. We are aware that this arrangement does not suit everyone but we have tried it as an idea last year and it suited a majority of drivers. Regrettably we cannot meet everyone's needs all the time. However many of our drivers are retired and can fit this drive into their schedule.

DIRECTIONS TO SUNSET FARM
6559 Hazeldean Road, Stittsville

· From the 417 take the Carp Road exit and go south (left if you're travelling west, right if you're travelling east). Turn right at the lights at Hazeldean Road - you will drive by a new subdivision, and Sunset Farm is the 3rd private driveway beyond that on the right (approximately 1.4 km from the lights).

· From Hazeldean Road go west past Terry Fox Drive, the Stittsville Flea Market and Carp Road. You will drive by a new subdivision on the right, and Sunset Farm is the 3rd private driveway beyond that on the right (approximately 1.4 km from the lights).

If you're taking Hwy 7 east to Hazeldean Road, it's about ½ way to the lights at Carp Road on the left hand side - 1st private driveway on the left.

*SOCIAL DRIVE
FIDDLER'S GREEN STABLES
STITTSVILLE, ONTARIO
MONDAY August 7th
1.00 p.m.*

Joe and Pam Nuth once again have offered their Showgrounds for a Social Drive on August 7th. The grounds include a long Cross country course with Novice Level and Advanced Level obstacles. The dressage ring will be available for practising. Drivers may drive at will. Please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy following the drive. Directions to Fiddler's Green can be found on their website at:

[Http://www.fiddlersgreenstables.com](http://www.fiddlersgreenstables.com)

Phone Mary Mulligan 613-692-3296 or Jennifer Rennie 613-831-2154 if you plan to attend.

ADVERTISEMENTS**- CANADIAN HORSE FOR SALE -**

Dreamchaser Jake Pippin is very pretty and sweet fully registered Canadian gelding. He has a lot of potential to be a great all purpose horse, but still fancy enough for the show ring. He is a half brother to my driving/riding mare Lilac. Pippin is 26 months. Presently he stands at 14hh for sure under 15hh maybe just under 14 2hh but at this point its hard to say. He's very black with a very thick mane and tail. Pippin has been handled daily but has had no formal training yet . Registered micro chipped, DNA vaccinated , wormed regularly. His price is \$ 2500.00 Contact me for more info at 1-613-928-3198 (after 6) or at maple@ripnet.com for video clips and more pictures. <http://www.webnow.com/dreamchaserfarm>

***Miniature Horse For Sale***

Showy, chestnut paint mini-horse; 37" high ; gelding ; broke to drive single ; traffic-safe ; easy to handle ; not-registered ; good with farrier and vet.

He has a slight stifle problem, which has never interfered with the driving.

For sale because of owner's health problems.

Asking \$1100, negotiable

Call Pat after 6 p.m. at 613-258-7879

HORSE FOR SALE

16 H, 10 year old, reg. Palomino Saddle bred gelding. Professionally trained for driving and riding. Attended clinics and social drives. Strong, talented, flashy and willing. "Fizz" loves people and activity. Excels in cross-country and cones driving. Ready for show. \$6,000.00cdn. Contact Jennifer Rennie at (613) 831-2154 or email to :Jennifer_rob_rennie@sympatico.ca.



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Express Wagon with single shaft and pole for pairs. Four seater with removable bench seats for more cargo space. Original Model A Ford air tires for a very comfortable ride. Great on a social drive. Asking \$1500 Cdn OBO. Contact Tina Sully at 613-359-6549 or by email at louisefish@trentu.ca.

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Russet Work Harness to fit 13 hh Pony. Chrome fittings side checks with reins. Made by Ralph Young. Used lightly for four years.

Price \$1,000.00 negotiable

3 Holly Whips Hackney horse size 60 Inches long. \$250.00 each.

For further information:
Phone Ron McHugh
613-258-2302

FOR SALE: Older Black Freedman harness in very good condition Cob Size. Will fit 14 hh pony or 15 hh horse. \$500.00. Phone Margaret Monnelly 613-825-3853

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