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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the Fall season interest in Pleasure Driving continues in the club.

On July 12th a social drive was held at Sunset Farm , Stittsville. This was an afternoon drive. We are finding that afternoon events suit quite a few people. Obviously not everyone can avail of these opportunities. The fact remains however that these events are well attended compared with some weekend events. Eleven hitches participated. Everyone sat down to enjoy a picnic lunch at the end of the drive. Another drive is scheduled at Sunset Farm on October 3rd. This is a great venue for driving, so it is hoped that we will see even greater involvement than in previous drives.

Our next drive was held at Fiddler's Green Stables on August 7th. Again we had good attendance during the long weekend. The weather was quite warm but a cool breeze in the show field enabled drivers to participate in comfort. A picnic lunch followed. Our thanks are due to Pam and Joe Nuth, who once again hosted a very pleasant social drive.

Mary and Ian Mulligan travelled to Walnut Hill, Pittsford New York on August 14th to participate in two championships at this prestigious show. Mary trained regularly in preparation for the event. The classes were very large with a minimum of 21 horses in each. Thorn won a 2nd place, a third place and fifth place ribbon. Further details regarding Walnut Hill are available on Page 3.

Last weekend Peter Harding and Tina Sully competed at the Laurels CDE in Pennsylvania. They have been training all summer for this event. It is quite an undertaking and we wish them every success at the show.

As a club we promote participation in local shows and in shows hosted by COPDA and Tri-County Carriage associations as well as St. Lazare Driving Club. There are concerns that attendance at Pleasure Driving Shows is waning. If we anticipate shows being offered, that will benefit us in the future, we need to take action now in supporting the current events, before it is too late.

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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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Box 955
6120 Rideau Valley Drive
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 8th, 9th	Ontario Combined Driving Assoc. Event	Checkmate Riding Stable Flesherton, Ontario	Anne-Marie Anderson	519-357-1628
July 12th	Sunset Farm Social Drive	Stittsville ON	Mary Mulligan	613-831-2154
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 3rd	Social Drive	Sunset Farm Stittsville, Ontario	Jennifer Rennie Mary Mulligan	613-831-2154 613-831-2154
October 15 th	Thousand Islands Parkway Social Drive	Rockport ON	Mary Mulligan Jennifer Rennie	613-831-2154
Nov 3 - Nov 12	Royal Winter Fair	Exhibition Place Toronto, ON	Tickets - from Ticketmaster (416-872-7777) or order online at www.royalfair.org	

Regrettably the Thousand Islands Parkway drive has been cancelled. See Page 8 for explanation.

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.



Mary Mulligan
competing at
Walnut Hill August 2006

Walnut Hill 2006

Imagine strolling back in time when horse and carriage were not only a form of transportation, it was also a representation of one's place in society. Eight members of EOPDS did just that when they attended the 35th Annual Carriage Driving Competition at Walnut Hill Farm in Pittsford, New York. This competition began in 1972 with the intention to, "establish an annual gathering of coaches and coachmen that would provide an opportunity to advance the art of driving and its sporting flavour." Today, it is the largest Pleasure Driving Competition in the world.

From the first class at 8:00 a.m. August 16th to the Parade of Champions on August 20th spectators and competitors were able to experience a return to the "Gilded Age" of the late 19th century. Over 250 competitors from North America and Europe participated in classical Pleasure Driving events from cross-country obstacles to ring classes. Antique carriages of every type shining brilliantly and carrying expertly turned-out drivers were out-shone only by their exceptional horses and ponies.

This ideal venue allows spectators to watch every event without leaving their seats as there is only one ring which is placed conveniently adjacent to the cross-country course. "Carriage Lane Boutiques" located directly behind the seating offers shoppers a plethora of high quality merchandise from such exhibitors as Driving Essentials and Freedman Harness. Other kiosks offering art, jewellery, books, clothing, sporting goods and furniture feature a predominantly tasteful equine theme.

EOPDS is proud to have been represented by Mary Mulligan driving her handsome 6-year-old Morgan gelding, Vigilmar Irish Thorn. Thorn valiantly competed in a total of nine classes; Mary driving him in four classes and Kirsten Brunner driving him in five. Thorn earned a second, a third and a fifth place ribbon while competing in the Road Cart and Phaeton divisions of cross-country, progressive obstacles, turnout and reinsmanship. It was with great pleasure that the following people were able to be there to support the Mulligans: Margaret Monnelly, (who helped out tirelessly), Pam and Joe Nuth, Maney McNeil, Linda Rivington, Gail Todd, Kathy Harding and Jennifer Rennie, (who all cheered endlessly). Well-deserved and heart-felt congratulations go to Mary, Ian and Thorn for a spectacular debut at Walnut Hill.

Kirsten Brunner won two Champion awards: Lady Champion and Single Horse Runabout Champion. Ken Pedlar won Reserve in the latter category as well as one first, two seconds, two fifths and two sixths in Individual classes. Jeffrey Kohler won one second, one fourth and two fifth place ribbons. For more information on class results, visit the website, www.walnuthillfarm.com.

By Jennifer Rennie

**Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Show
Walnut Hill Farm
Pittsford New York
August 16-20 2006**

Mary Mulligan's Morgan Horse, Vigilmar Irish Thorn, won three awards, Second place, Third place and Fifth place at the Walnut Hill Carriage Driving competition in the Phaeton Division. Ken Pedlar, Inverary won a ribbon in each class of the Single Horse Class put to a Runabout. He won Reserve champion in the class. Congratulations!



Ian and Mary Mulligan want to thank Margaret Monnelly for all of the expert help she gave us during the recent Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Show. We could never have gotten to the ring on time and in such fine shape if she hadn't been tirelessly working in the wings! It was very much appreciated, Margaret. Also, we want to say a big "Thank you" to our many friends and fellow club members who made the long trip down to Pittsford, New York to cheer on Irish Thorn and I, as well as the other Canadians who were competing. To Jennie, Lynda, Gail, Maney, Kathy, Peggy, Anja, Bob, Pam and Joe- You are a great bunch and we were grateful for your support and encouragement. We hope that you all enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

Mary Mulligan

MERRICKVILLE FAIR August 2006

Rhonda Elliott, Delta Ontario won several awards at the Merrickville Fair held on August 13th. She earned first place in the Lady to Drive. She also won the Cones Obstacle class. Her son, Daniel enjoyed success in the breed class and worked as a volunteer during the Cones Course.

Laurels at Landhope, West Grove, Pennsylvania September 2006

On September 7th, 8th and 9th, Peter Harding and Tina Sully competed at the Combined Driving Event, known as the Laurels. Peter, driving his pair of Canadian Horses was Third in Dressage, and completed the three day event in fifth place. Tina took 7th place in a class of 10 entries, in the Single Horse Division, following the Cross Country Marathon and Cones Obstacles. Both competitors are showing at the Preliminary Level for the first time. The Laurels has been a very exciting event for them—an experience they hope to repeat in 2007. Congratulations on behalf of EOPDS!

**Blainville Pleasure Driving Show
Saturday September 16th 2006**

This traditional event, hosted by the St. Lazare Club, was held in the Blainville Equestrian Park, just east of Mirabel Airport. The grounds are professionally maintained and the weather was ideal. All competitors used the permanent visitor stabling, which is very beneficial to the driver and to the horse.

A full programme of classes was organized in three divisions, Single Horse, Single Pony and Novice Class.

Diana Trafford, representing EOPDS, won the Single Horse Championship as well as the Grand Championship award. Shelby Heinbuck, our newest Junior driver, was Reserve Champion in the Single Pony Class. She was driving June Pelot's pony, Bambi using June's new Raber Cart. Their participation in the show was much appreciated, demonstrating cooperation between neighbouring clubs. Congratulations to Diana and to Shelby!

**Social Drive
Fiddler's Green Stables
August 7th 2006**

Seven hitches attended this drive on a very sunny afternoon. A pleasant breeze in the show field at Fiddlers' Green helped to moderate the effects of the prevailing hot weather. The extensive driving trails were prepared in advance by Joe Nuth and his staff. A Cones' Course was also set up. Several drivers practised dressage in the newly landscaped dressage ring. Participants enjoyed a picnic lunch in the catering tent.

Once again the club owes a debt of gratitude to the Nuth family for extending an invitation to enjoy their property for recreational driving.

Photographs from the Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving Show June 2006



Peter Harding driving

Preliminary Dressage Test 2

At the Ottawa Valley Pleasure
Driving Show June 2006
Peter won the High Points
Championship



June Pelot driving Bambi in the
Turnout Class at the Ottawa Valley
Pleasure
Driving Show June 2006

Photographs from the Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving Show June 2006



Pat Wolfe driving Prydarson in
Pleasure Driving Working Class
June 2006



Judy Senior driving Conquer in the
Pleasure Driving Working class June
2006



David Orman developing strategy in the
Cones Obstacle Class at the June 2006
OVPDS

Thousand Islands Social Drive at Rockport
Sunday October 15th, 2006

Note: We regret that this drive has been cancelled due to the fact that there were no local drivers, who were in a position to attend. Those drivers who had previously made enquiries about the drive will be notified by phone of the cancellation.

SOCIAL DRIVE
Sunset Farm, Stittsville, Ontario
Tuesday October 3rd
Time 1.00 p.m.

A social drive has been arranged at Sunset Farm, Stittsville, Ontario on October 3rd. 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 finger food for the social. Note that the drive is on Tuesday October 3rd and the time is 1.00 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, 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.

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Attractive, durable, easy-care, black and chrome, biothane, Road-Style, Single Horse Harness. Like new. Fits horse 15.1 - 16.2 hh. \$550.00. Call Jennifer Rennie at 613-831-2154 or email to jennifer-rob-rennie@sympatico.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

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

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100% fully registered Canadian gelding. He has lovely conformation and movement and will make an excellent driving/riding

Black in colour with a tiny star, Dreamchaser Jake Pippin(10613) is 2.

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Contact Rhonda Elliott
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Outstanding reg'd. Canadian mare. 15.1 hh, 14 years old. Sound, no vices, easy keeper. Lots of show experience (combined driving, pleasure, weddings, clinics). Ontario grand champion conformation mare as a 5 year old. Proven broodmare. Honest, excellent manners. \$8500.

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DOCTORS BUGGY, Excellent Condition,

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Pulled by 16.1 hand, 1500 pound Quarter Horse.

Driven only on Sundays by a little old lady....me!

Stored indoors at Ashton, Ontario.

Price \$2000.00

Contact: Doris Phillips, 613-250-9845

email: tango45543@hotmail.com

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MCLAUGHLIN CUTTER, Excellent condition,

Manufactured by McLaughlin Carriage Ltd.,
Oshawa, circa 1900's.

Pulled by 16.1 hand, 1500 pound Quarter Horse.

Original upholstery, Always stored inside.

Slight tear on back of seat from an over anxious
Jack Russell Terrier.

Stored indoors at Ashton, Ontario.

Price \$1500.00

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