



President’s Message:

Despite our very best efforts in planning events during the first half of our season, we are batting 2 for 4! We did have two very successful clinics but were rained out for the social drive at Ferguson Forest and the Fun Day at our farm. However, we were delighted by the numbers who were planning to attend. We do have several other events planned during the rest of the summer so check the calendar in this newsletter for dates.

We appreciate the fact that gas and diesel prices are certainly going to affect our hobby. I predict that people may start to limit the venues that are a long distance from home. Entries at Metamora and Walnut Hill are down which suggests that I’m correct. This makes it even more important that you take advantage of the events in your area. Your attendance is what makes us keep working on your behalf. In an effort to encourage people to come out, we are going to have a draw at each social drive and the winner will receive a \$25 coupon for fuel.

When I was out driving on the odd sunny days we were blessed with, I noticed my horse, Thorn, had to deal with an over abundance of horseflies, which seem to have doubled in size this year. Liberal applications of a various number of fly sprays on the market seem to have little effect. This is no surprise to you I’m sure. In an effort to find a solution I have been doing a little research on effective and

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environmentally friendly fly repellents. In doing so, I came across a new product that is in the testing stage and seems to be showing promise. I was asked to use it on Thorn and after being assured it was safe, agreed to try it. I’ll keep you apprised of my findings. Wouldn’t this be a real boon to the horses industry if it proved out! I think the product would fly off the shelves (no pun intended).

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer with your horse. Drive on!

– *Mary Mulligan*

Welcome New Members...

Danielle Mercier
 Valerie Wilkinson
 Shauna Orr & Michel Viger
 Kirsten Brunner
 Mary Trafford

EOPDS Members Out & About:

- At the Southern Pines CDE in April in North Carolina, **Tina Sully** finished sixth in the Preliminary Single Horse Division and **Peter Harding** won the Intermediate Pairs Division.
- All American Driving Society officials are required to attend an ADS clinic every three years in order to retain their Pleasure Driving Judge's or Technical Delegate's Card. As part of this ongoing process, **Margaret Monnelly** attended an ADS PD clinic at My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show, Winterstown, Pennsylvania, in May. Her most recent competition as an active official was in the role of course designer at the East Aurora Pleasure Driving Show in New York State on July 26 and 27.
- **Wayne Byrne** and **Barry Beach** organized a clipping clinic in June for miniature horse owners, most of whom are EOPDS members. Two professional clippers spent the day both demonstrating and later assisting participants in clipping their own horses.
- On June 15, **Wayne and Gwen Byrne** and **Barry and Sandra**

Beach travelled to the Central Ontario Pleasure Driving Show at Deer Ridge Farm in Loretto where they were responsible for organizing, running and judging the cones and cross-country sections of the show.

- At the Metamora CDE in Michigan in June, **Peter Harding** placed first in Intermediate Pair Horses.



Peter Harding negotiating a hazard at the Metamora CDE. Photo: Kathy Harding

- **Tina Sully** competed with Tattoo at the Bromont CDE in June in the Preliminary Single Horse Division.
- **Barry and Sandra Beach** attended the Ontario Morgan Horse Championship Show in Newmarket on July 12 where Barry acted as the cones steward and Sandy scribed for the judge for the cones classes.
- At the Metamora Pleasure Driving Show in Michigan July 18-20, **Sandy Beach** acted as the scribe and scorer for the cones and cross-country while husband **Barry** was the cones and cross-country steward. They noted that

16 out of 51 entries were from Ontario.

- In July, **Mary Mulligan** and **Lynda Rivington** competed in the carriage division at the Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association show in Richmond, and at the Metamora Pleasure Driving Show in Michigan, bringing ribbons home from both shows. **Maney McNeil** groomed at the Ottawa Valley show and **Margaret and Pat Monnelly** assisted at both competitions.



Mary Mulligan and Thorn warming up at the Ottawa Valley Light Horse Show. Photo: Maney McNeil

Based on wise words from Mary Mulligan, I decided not to trailer down with my own horse, and accepted Kirsten Brunner's kind offer to drive her retired CDE mare Astilbe.

But first I had to get to Beaverwood Farm in Hillsburgh. March's first horrendous storm blew in and, faced with the prospect of being snowed in, I jumped in the car a day early to try to beat the weather. The storm caught me in Peterborough, and there I stayed for 36 hours. Then a window of clear skies opened, and I finished the trip down, blessing Mary Mulligan every mile of the way.

It was the wrong time to breathe easy. The next day we were greeted with the second horrendous March storm, complete with strong winds and deep drifting snow. At Beaverwood, two tractors worked all day Friday and Saturday to keep the lane open. Amazingly, almost all the participants managed to make it, some trailering horses. A few unexpectedly open spots were quickly claimed by people who had planned to audit the clinic and were offered resident ponies to drive.

The clinic was a great experience. Bill's advice was music to my ears as a former dressage competitor, totally in tune with classical traditions. His main theme in the clinic was finding the right impulsion and contact, and the right timing for giving and taking. Three days, and three lessons of really hard work, not to mention the challenge of keeping frozen fingers in a fist to hold the reins – and then the payoff: five minutes of beautiful work, with Astilbe extending and collecting her trot tension-free and completely in rhythm. Horses and

Clinics

The Joys of a Winter Clinic *By Diana Trafford*

Brave? Foolhardy? Or maybe both, as it turned out. Remember last winter?

The idea of participating in the **Bill Lower** clinic in early March seemed just the thing to beat the winter blahs and beef up the motivation level.

drivers all had their own success stories, and everyone looked happy as they wound up their sessions.

Happy was not the word for me when I reached home. There at the end of my lane was a 10-foot drift, a narrow tunnel dug out by a backhoe so I could get off the road, and a pair of snowshoes set out by my neighbours so I could navigate the final hundred feet across the drifts. So what do you think? Brave – or foolhardy – or both?

Loss of Kitty:

The members of EOPDS wish to express our condolences to **Diana Trafford** on the recent loss of her beloved "Katerina". We know she gave you many hours of enjoyment, Diana, and you will treasure the wonderful memories you have of her. We will miss seeing Kitty at all of our functions.

Gerry McCallum Clinic ***By Mary Mulligan***

What a way to start off our '08 driving season! Our first event was a driving clinic at Sunset Farm. The weather was perfect and the event went off "without a hitch" (no pun intended). **Wayne Byrne** and **Barry Beach** did a tremendous job of organizing the two days. We owe them and their supportive wives, **Gwen** and **Sandra**, a great vote of thanks for their hard work. From the time the participants came down the lane and received their attractive badges until they drove out the lane with big smiles on their faces, each participant had a totally positive experience.



Charles Lalonde enjoyed the McCallum clinic with his Canadian. Photo: Maney McNeil

Gerry McCallum, the clinician, who is a well-known driver from the Toronto area, shared his expertise with us and each of the 21 auditors and 19 drivers soaked up his knowledge. Gerry has had much experience training, driving, judging and successfully showing in pleasure shows in Canada and the States over many years. He seemed to take a genuine interest in each horse he was presented with, as well as their drivers.

Gerry has a common-sense approach and made many practical suggestions. Each horse showed marked improvement at the end of his session. His love of the sport is evident and this, in turn, inspired his students to improve their driving skills, which will increase their enjoyment of the sport. Thank you, Gerry!

To round out the two days, tasty, nutritious lunches were provided by **June Pelot** and **Jennifer Rennie** (with **Rob Rennie** ably assisting). This fostered a great social hour at noon each day. Coffee and Jenn's yummy cookies were also made available throughout the day and kept our energy level up. Thank you ladies and Rob!

Draws for many gifts were made during the lunch hour, adding to the excitement. We appreciate the donations from all.

We hope Analong is having a good rest after being a perfect role model for the harnessing portion of the clinic. She stood like a rock for the whole thing. Thank you, **Maney**, for donating her services!

The arena was in great shape as were the grounds and for that, we thank Tim McMullen.

One could see **Ian Mulligan** buzzing about both days putting out small fires for “damsels in distress”. What would we do without him? Thanks, Ian.



Young EOPDS driver Savy Mykytyn preparing for a lesson at the McCallum clinic with her Friesian. Photo: Maney McNeil

Lastly, “thanks” to our participants. Without you availing yourselves of the opportunity provided for you to learn more, there would not be a clinic. It is one of the mandates of EOPDS to further the education of our drivers and we feel we accomplished this during the weekend. Now, your job is to practise, practise, practise! Drive on!

Kirsten Brunner Clinic ***By Sally Jorgensen***

On May 27-28, Mian Farm in Manotick hosted a driving clinic with Kirsten Brunner. Kirsten is a three-time winner of the Canadian Equestrian Federation Award of Merit, holds the CEF

Coaching Level 1, Coaching Driving Level 1, and the CEF Examiner Licences. She is no stranger to the area, and many EOPDS members have attended her clinics in recent years.

Of the 13 participants this year, 12 were EOPDS members. The sessions covered a wide range of exercises, reflecting the range in experience of the drivers. With the participants who were attending their first clinic, Kirsten worked on basics, from long lining to the Achenbach style of holding the reins, to smooth transitions and crisp halts. For the seasoned competitors who were attending to have some specific areas tweaked before the summer show season, Kirsten focused on more subtle aspects, such as clearly distinguishing between the working, collected and extended trots.

There was also a session for the three participants with minis, and one lesson with a pair. As well, cones were incorporated in the appropriate sessions.

Several of the participants commented on Kirsten’s ability to gear the sessions to both the drivers’ and horses’ abilities and experience. She was able to instill confidence where it was needed – personally speaking, that in itself is an admirable goal of a clinic! All in all, a very satisfactory two days. Thanks to **Mary and Ian Mulligan** of Mian Farm for the facilities and arrangements.

Gerard Leijter Clinic ***By Kathy Harding***

Thorah Farm, home of **Sue and Ken Mott** near Angus, Ontario, was the venue for a three-day clinic June 18-20 with Gerard Leijter, one of the top

combined pairs drivers in the world. Gerard has been coming annually to Thorah Farm for several years now to run driving clinics, and this year **Peter Harding** was lucky enough to be invited to participate. So once again, **Peter, Kathy, Amy, Jumper and Joe** hit the road.

Gerard is a well respected driver, trainer and clinician. In 2001, he was a member of the team that won the Team Silver Medal at the World Pairs Driving Championships in Germany. In 2000, he placed second in Europe. Since 2000, he has been in the top three on the Dutch national team.

In 2006, he was sixth in the World Pairs Driving Championships in Poland, driving a pair of horses that were loaned to him from two different owners just two weeks before the Championships. The horses had never been harnessed together, so that is quite a remarkable achievement! Gerard is from Holland originally, but he has been living in Belgium for the last six years, and is now competing under the flag of the Netherlands Antilles.

Every lesson began with Gerard watching each driver drive for a few minutes, and then driving the horses himself for a few minutes so he would know just what he was working with. After examining and adjusting everyone's harness, giving thorough explanations for each change that he made, each driver got a detailed lecture on the bits that they were using, exactly what each horse was feeling with the bit and how to adjust the horse's responses to the bit according to need.

Gerard is an extremely knowledgeable horseman, an outstanding teacher, and a really nice fellow. This weekend he taught everyone from beginners to advanced level drivers, and even two handicapped drivers. Everyone came away delighted with their results.



Wayne Byrne practising tandem driving at Kateland Farm

Kateland Farm Clinic By Barry Beach

This was a clinic which I organized for myself, wife **Sandra**, daughter **Heather**, **Wayne and Gwen Byrne**, and their grandson **Jordan Alma**. Heather and Jordan participated as part of the EOPDS Junior Driving Program. The clinic was held on July 14 and 15 at Kateland Farm, just north of Rochester, N.Y.

Lessons were given on single, pairs and tandem driving, starting at 7a.m. until 5p.m. each day. Evenings were spent discussing both our needs, and the results of the lessons. We all learned a lot and the hospitality of the Kateland Farm people was superb!

Owned by Ted and Joy Jenney, Kateland Farm is the home of 68 Miniature Horses (VSEs) and is recognized as one of the best VSE driving stables in North America. The lessons were given by

their granddaughter, Jessica Jenney, a very knowledgeable horse person, using their horses and vehicles.



Gwen Byrne gets some driving tips from Jessica Jenney at Kateland Farm

Sandra and Gwen took single horse lessons, Wayne took tandem driving lessons, Jordan took pair driving lessons, and Barry and Heather took both single and pair lessons. We would strongly recommend their services to anyone with an interest in Miniature Horse driving.



Barry Beach concentrating on pair driving at Kateland Farm

Trips

The “Horse” Bus Trip By Micki Moir

On April 2, 56 eager horse people, including nine EOPDS members, joined the Leeds County Draft Horse Association on their bus trip to Saint-Pie, Quebec, for a tour of Robert

Carriages and the St. Hyacinthe Veterinary Clinic. Once the bus was loaded, we headed down the “scenic” 401 through Montreal to St. Hyacinthe University where we were divided into four groups. Each group put on “plastic boots” to prevent cross-contamination, was assigned a guide and then taken on the tour. Our guide was a 17-year-old enthusiastic technician who worked in the surgery department.

St. Hyacinthe Vet Clinic

The clinic has ceiling slings for moving draft horses from stalls across the aisle into surgery and a table for other breeds if they have to lie on their backs. Some patients had an intravenous tube and a basket-like muzzle on their face-mouth to prevent drinking and/or eating so they were ready for surgery, or any other procedure. Stalls were set up to operate on moms so baby could be close but not in their way. The clinic’s track lighting, tables and instruments looked very much like a medical ward for people.

St. Hyacinthe is changing some rooms from bovine to equine and they were not all completed during our visit. When finished, they will be the top facility in Canada with state-of-the-art equipment. One vet from Paris is staying there for two years and then going to Guelph for two years. When he returns to Paris, he plans to set up a similar facility.

Robert Carriages

After the tour, we had coffee, discarded our “boots” and mingled with our guides for a short social. Then we proceeded to the Robert Carriage Factory a short distance away. We toured Denis Robert’s long building which houses 100 employees. Every aspect of carriage making is done in that building from

bending the iron, welding it for the frame, and making wheels both wooden and iron to installing the upholstery. One man demonstrated how they put the rubber tire on a wooden wheel. Very impressive.

Then we proceeded out to the showroom to view the finished product. Absolutely gorgeous! When we came back outside, Cinderella's white carriage with gold plush seat covers was waiting in the laneway. However, none of us was getting married that day!

We loaded up our bus and drove next door to his barn. It is fairly new with an arena attached. The left side has four spacious stalls on a central aisle and four on the right. A wide connecting walkway leads to another eight stalls for boarders. Upstairs is a viewing room where you can look into the arena and/or have a meeting. He had eight beautiful Morgan horses that he shows in Quebec and the U.S. We all had many questions and comments while we admired them. Mr. Robert enjoyed showing them to us.

I really enjoyed my day with other horse enthusiasts and would recommend this trip to everyone. The Leeds County Draft Horse Association is hoping to go to the Royal Winter Fair for a day of hitch classes in November if anyone is interested.

Martin's Carriage Auction ***By Sally Jorgensen***

After hearing for years about the semi-annual Martin Carriage Auction in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, I decided this year to join the EOPDS contingent (**Mary & Ian Mulligan, Lynda Rivington, Margaret Monnelly,**

Maney McNeil, Barry Beach, Wayne Byrne and Roger Quesnel). Seven hours of the increasing greenness, road kill and indifferent food served by fantastic waitresses that characterizes highway travel south in the U.S., I arrived in Lebanon. The others had not yet checked into the hotel (Quality Inn – close by, reasonably priced), so I hopped over to the fairgrounds.

My eyes nearly bugged out of my head. The building was enormous – it had to be to accommodate the nearly 200 vehicles that were consigned to the indoor auction on the Friday. Every conceivable sort – gigs, surreys, phaetons, sleighs, marathon vehicles, stagecoaches – you name it and it was there.

I promptly fell in love with the most exquisite four-passenger sleigh I have ever laid eyes on. The shine on the finish was deep enough to drown in. The colour was lovely, and the pin striping and scroll work would have done a baroque artist proud. I left a little puddle of drool as I crooned and patted it. Alas, not the vehicle for me as it was far too beautiful to use. It would break my heart to scuff it and drive it through the cow pats.

Day 1

The next morning we all got to the auction early and made a beeline to the vehicles that had caught our fancy before the bidding started. Tip to the wise – check where your seat is in relation to the loud speakers. Ours were right in front and it was deafening. (At various times Margaret and Mary would chat to me – or at least I could see their lips move. I would just smile brightly and nod my head vigorously without hearing

a word. Goodness knows what I have agreed to do.)

The auction itself was slick, smooth and fast. It had to be to get through all the vehicles. Finally, the vehicle that had interested Lynda came up. A beautiful pony phaeton that must have been built with her pony, John Henry, in mind. Ian had agreed to do the bidding for her. The price crept up before Ian made his first bid. The auctioneer didn't see him. Lynda turned white. A loud whoop and wave finally got the auctioneer's eye, Lynda exhaled, and the bidding once again reverted to more subtle nods and finger waggelling. Three minutes later, all in, all done. Lynda looked stunned. We cheered. The phaeton was coming home. I slipped away to pat the sleigh one more time.



Lynda Rivington enjoying the pony phaeton purchased at Martin's Carriage Auction. Photo: Maney McNeil

In addition to the auction there were several vendor booths with appointments, books, etc., and one with the most beautiful hats! I thought I was being foolish when I succumbed to a feathered creation, but later that afternoon I caught Mary and Lynda with telltale bags under their arms too.

Prices

Personally, I thought the prices for the vehicles were a little on the low side, even with the 10% buyer's premium which was added to the sale price. There were many vehicles under \$1,000 and a large selection of very finely refinished ones in the \$2,000-\$5,000 range that would not have returned the refinisher a minimum wage for his/her work. The stagecoach went for \$35,000. For the fancier carriages, the lamps on them usually were sold separately – and the going rate seemed to be 25-30% of the selling price of the vehicle. Seemed strange to me, but the experienced hands didn't blink at the prices.

If I thought the vehicles were reasonably priced, I thought the people bidding on the appointments (which were sold later in the afternoon) were totally deranged. My jaw dropped so low it hit the floor and I squeaked in disbelief when a whip sold for \$1,100. The knowledgeable ones nodded and murmured "a genuine Holly whip you know". Barbarian that I am, I could only think "crooked stick with a string on the end to whack a horse with".

Day 2

The second day of the sale had a field full of vehicles in various states of repair, as well as some fine ones that were consigned too late for the Friday indoor catalogue sale. There were also tents full of tack and miscellaneous horse related items. Wayne, Barry and Roger were seen cruising the field looking for project vehicles. By this time, though, I was horsed out, so I hit the road home before the bidding got serious.

An added bonus happened when **Morris Kerr**, a renowned driving judge who

knew many of our group, joined us for breakfast. Listening to him was not only pleasant but worth the price of a clinic as he mused about show driving.

All in all, a most enjoyable and informative weekend. Not only did I learn a lot about carriages, I also got to know some of the EOPDS members better, and a finer group of people would be hard to find.

Competitions

EOPDS Snowbirds Win Again at Southern Pines CDE

By Margaret Monnelly

Congratulations are due to **Peter Harding** who won the Intermediate Pair Horse CDE Competition at Southern Pines, Carolina Horse Park in North Carolina on April 11-13. **Tina Sully** won the sixth place award in a class of 14 single horses.



Peter Harding at the Southern Pines CDE.

Described as a “Mecca for the driving world”, Peter and Tina have spent part of the last two winter seasons training their horses in the Southern Pines area.

Pat and Margaret Monnelly have enjoyed driving at will in the local area, with Peter and his pair of Canadian

horses on a beautiful April morning, just off Young’s Side Road.

Metamora CDE

By Kathy Harding

The Metamora Combined Driving Event, held at Windrush Farm in Metamora, Michigan, has long been noted for its exceptional hospitality, great volunteers and high degree of organization, as well as for the beauty of the venue -- lush forests, hills and sweeping vistas. We were lucky enough to attend the CDE there this year (June 19-22) and learned that all the rumors were absolutely true!

Peter just moved up to Intermediate this year, and although it was a bit scary at first, he is quickly starting to feel at home at this level. Although there was only one other driver in his division this year, Peter put in a wonderful dressage test and was rewarded with very high marks, enough that he stayed in first place right to the end. His horses, Jumper and Joe, were very clearly enjoying their job and feeling great, and they put on a dazzling display of synchronized cantering in the cones course (I think to Peter's amazement, as much as to everybody else's!)

Although it is a staggering amount of work to show a pair at a CDE, it is so exciting, and so much fun, that nobody even complained. The whole family gets put to work, with me, **Amy, Emily and Marko** all pitching in with gusto. It certainly makes for a memorable weekend.

There were several Canadian hitches at the show, and I believe that every one of them won their divisions. Besides Peter

winning the Intermediate Horse Pairs, Kirsten Brunner won the Preliminary Single Pony, Ray Morton won the Preliminary Pair Ponies, Darryl Billings won the Intermediate 4-in-hand, and Anne-Marie Anderson and Mike Gibbs finished first and second in Preliminary Single Horse. It was quite an impressive show for Canada. We're few but we're mighty!



Peter Harding performing in the dressage ring at the Metamora CDE. Photo: Kathy Harding

It was unfortunate that the Metamora and Bromont CDEs were on back-to-back weekends this year because it cost both shows some entries, but organizers are trying to rectify this for next year. Bromont did not offer Intermediate level this year, so attending one of the few shows in Canada was unfortunately not even an option. Next year Metamora is adding Advanced to its levels of competition, so it will be interesting to see how the show committee copes with the FEI on their doorstep, after 24 years of running their show their own way.

For anyone interested in trying a CDE, Metamora does offer Training level, and takes all the Training level drivers right under their wing, with separate course walks so they can help answer any and all questions. It would be a perfect venue for trying your first CDE! Metamora is

just one hour due west of Sarnia, which makes it one of the closer events.

Metamora Pleasure Driving Show By Margaret Monnelly

Once again, several adventurous members decided to travel to Metamora, Michigan, to participate in the second Annual Pleasure Driving show to be held at Squeaky Windmill Farm. **Mary and Ian Mulligan** entered Irish Thorn in the Open Pleasure Driving Classes while **Lynda Rivington** introduced her pony, John Henry, to their first ADS show. They arrived in Metamora following a 10-hour drive from Ottawa on July 17, so that they could enjoy the extensive groomed trails on this farm's Rolling Meadows and woodlands before the show commenced.

Audrey and Irving Rose, who are renowned in Michigan circles for their outstanding contributions to carriage driving and for their excellent hospitality, supported by a very dedicated committee of local club members, own this facility. The organizational elements were fabulous, down to the last detail. The mobile coffee and juice service was a welcome daily start in the stable area. Afternoons saw the mobile unit return with frozen Popsicles to relieve the thirst and over exposure to sun and humidity.

This show draws very high quality turnouts from Michigan and from Ontario, as well as other distant states, including New York State, Illinois and Virginia. Ontario was very well represented with 16 exhibitors. **Barry Beach** served as Cones Steward, while **Sandra Beach** was in charge of scoring.

Mary Mulligan won second in Turnout, fourth in Progressive obstacle, fifth in Cross Country, fifth in Pleasure Driving Working, and sixth in Timed Obstacles, all in the Single Horse classes. In the Single Pony Division, Lynda Rivington was second in Pleasure Driving Working, fourth in Progressive Obstacle, fourth in Reinsmanship, and sixth in Turnout. Kirsten Brunner was Reserve Champion in the Large Pony division with Beaverwood's Elderberry winning either First or Second place in all of her large Pony Classes.

On the final day of the show, following a very wet afternoon on the previous Saturday, I asked Lynda for her impression of the event. Lynda, positive as always, said that she had an absolutely wonderful time. Being her very first ADS show, it was a tremendous learning experience. She enjoyed meeting so many other Canadian competitors. Mary Mulligan commented on the beautiful countryside and the scenic grounds. Both Mary and Lynda were greatly impressed with the helpfulness and the co-operation from all the competitors, and from the people running the show. As always, **Ian Mulligan** was head of the supporting cast and ensured everyone's success, even carrying special peppermints for IrishThorn!

(Editor's note: Pat and Margaret Monnelly as well were an invaluable part of the supporting cast and we thank them.)

Insurance Queries?

In the following two articles, Sally Jorgensen looks at the benefits of OEF member insurance and the coverage EOPDS carries as a club.

Horse Insurance and the Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) ***By Sally Jorgensen***

Belonging to the OEF provides members with \$5,000,000 personal liability insurance that will protect you if you are sued by a third party because of a horse you own or lease causes damage or bodily injury to a third party – for example, if your horse kicks or bites someone causing bodily injury, or kicks a car or escapes and causes property damage.

As well, you are covered for liability up to \$5,000 if you are transporting someone else's horse, and that horse was injured as a result of your negligence and that person decided to sue you. (Note: This is not coverage for commercial transport and is not life insurance for the horse – it is liability insurance if you are sued.)

OEF membership also includes \$30,000 accident, death or dismemberment coverage relating to an accident where horses are involved.

The above is automatically given with an OEF membership. Insurance is available for other things at additional cost. I found that medical insurance for out-of-county travel was very competitively priced through the OEF insurance program as well.

An additional benefit – some coaches/instructors offer a discount on lesson charges to OEF members as their insurance costs are much lower if their students belong to the OEF.

It's something to think about. Membership in the OEF has other

benefits as well, but to me the insurance coverage is a major plus. For further information and on-line membership application, check out their website at www.horse.on.ca

EOPDS Club Insurance ***By Sally Jorgensen***

Insurance is a nasty topic, but a fact of life in these litigious times. What exactly is involved if something happens at an EOPDS event?

Let's say, for example, that Susie's horse kicks Bob's horse, or Bob's car, or even Bob, causing extensive and expensive damage. Bob goes to his insurance company. Now Bob's insurance company wants to minimize its losses, so it names in its suit Susie, EOPDS as a group, the owner of the facility where the event took place, and anyone else it thinks may have been involved as being responsible for the damage. Note: this is the insurance company's decision, not Bob's, who the insurance company will name as being responsible in whole or in part.

Bob may be the nicest sort of person who wouldn't dream of suing a person, but if he wants to get reimbursed for expenses, his insurance company will automatically go after any and all possible parties. Depending on the circumstances, the various insurance companies involved or the courts will assign responsibility to pay all or some of the damages. If you end up being held responsible in whole or in part, you had better have some insurance, or it will come out of your pocket.

EOPDS requires that its members have personal insurance liability. You were

required to show proof of this when you took out your EOPDS membership. Having a membership in the Ontario Equestrian Federation is one way to have the necessary coverage.

EOPDS as a society also has an insurance policy to protect it as a society and to protect the board members in the event of a suit against EOPDS. Our policy is the standard Equine Canada Classic Club Program which covers premises, personal injury, volunteers, automobiles and various other contingencies. Indeed our insurance policy is the biggest annual expense for EOPDS, even after we were able to find a competitive and comprehensive policy. Your Board believes it is the only prudent way to function.

The EOPDS is considering requiring all active members to be an OEF member next year.

Suggestion Box:

Do you have little bits of information you may want to share with others? Email us with your suggestions.

Sally Jorgensen has found a place that does harness repairs - good quality, decent prices - The Leather Loft in Kars. Info at www.theleatherloft.ca

Sally also recommends a great reference book on all things to do with carriages and driving - "Carriage Terminology - An Historical Dictionary - by Don Berkebile. Available from the Carriage Association of America for \$55 - or Google Amazon.com for used copies.

Young Drivers Program Update ***By Margaret Monnelly***

The first opportunity for the young drivers to participate in their bursary program took place at Sunset Farm, Stittsville on May 9 and 10, 2008. This clinic was organized by **Wayne Byrne** and **Barry Beach**. The clinician was Gerry McCallum, Loretto, Ontario. **Jordan Alma, Heather Beach, Shelby Heinbuch** and **Savi Mykytyn** took lessons from the clinician, Gerry McCallum. Overall, these young drivers presented themselves very professionally and brought very well groomed Miniatures, ponies or horses to the clinic. All had driven before in various settings. They were eager to build on their skills and drove admirably.

First of all, we should acknowledge their families and sponsors who made it possible for these young people to have access to a turnout. Without this input, their involvement would not have been as great as it was. The club also deserves recognition for initiating this program by providing bursaries to six individual students, so as to enable them to enjoy carriage driving and to receive professional training in reinsmanship skills.



Young EOPDS driver Heather Beach taking a pair lesson

Observing the lessons on both days, I was firmly impressed by their participation. It was obvious that the clinician was also impressed.

Young drivers are also reminded of the clinic which will be held on August 30 and 31 at Phantom Farm. This clinic will be given by Jeff Kohler. This may be the last opportunity in 2008 to use the balance of your bursary. If you are able to attend, kindly contact Margaret Monnelly at: monnelly@magma.ca or at 613-825-3853.



Young EOPDS driver Jordan Alma gets some tips on driving a pair from Jessica Jenney

Excerpts from Mary Mulligan's Tribute to Margaret Monnelly (April 30):

First Margaret, we'd like to show you the club plaque to which we have added your name and your remarkable number of years of service. It is a record and probably will never be repeated, let alone surpassed. Margaret took over a struggling club that was on the decline and over a period of seven years, nursed it along to become the success it is today.

As I see it, Margaret neatly divided her driving life into three distinct compartments.

First, she drove for her own pleasure and showed her pony quite extensively. This resulted in many successes and served as a role model for those of us who were drawn to competing and encouraged us to raise our standards.

Secondly, she travelled to many locations, primarily in the US, where she furthered her own knowledge and skills. She attended many clinics, workshops and meetings where she was kept apprised of all the latest rules, techniques and safety measures. She became a TD and attained her small “r” judging qualifications. Again, Margaret willingly shared all of this accumulated knowledge with us.

Lastly, she spent the lion’s share of her time doing the many tasks required as President of EOPDS. She organized shows, clinics, social drives, meetings, dinners, and horseless trots. She applied for our grants, wrote the newsletter, dealt with insurance people, and started our website. She also fielded multiple phone calls and emails with patience and diplomacy. All the while, Margaret was raising our profile with other clubs and driving associations.

We also recognize that Margaret could not have accomplished all these things without the invaluable help of two others. First, Pat her hard-working husband, who was always behind the scenes making sure things went smoothly.

The other one we would like to acknowledge, of course, is Joey! One can hardly picture Margaret without her little buddy by her side. For his efforts we’d like you to accept, on his behalf,

this cooler that has been appropriately embroidered for him.



Joey modelling his new cooler at Phantom Farm

A Special Thank You By Margaret Monnelly

To the President, Mary Mulligan, and the directors of the Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society, I wish to acknowledge their generous farewell dinner in honouring me as the Past President of our driving club. It was quite a surprise to be taken on a mystery tour of Eastern Ontario, which was finalized in a great restaurant in Cornwall on April 30.

Coincidentally, this tour took us through many areas where we have gone on social drives during the past few years. Nostalgia might have been the theme as Mary Mulligan recalled some of the highlights of the past seven years in her generous remarks at the end of dinner. Pat and I received personal emblems of appreciation. Joey, my equine companion, received a wonderful embroidered cooler in honour of being the club’s ambassador.

As I acknowledged at the annual meeting in February, our club enjoyed remarkable success and growth since 2001. Without the committed contribution of the directors and of the

membership, our collective achievements might not have been attainable. Our clinics have been very successful. A number of our members have competed very successfully at shows both in combined driving and Pleasure driving, travelling to New York, North Carolina, Florida and of course to many venues in Ontario and Quebec.

I continue to be actively involved in the directors' meetings and in the Young Drivers Program. The future looks promising for the club. I wish everyone the best in their carriage driving activities.

Calendar of Events*

Aug. 8-10: Merrickville Fair, 613-269-2229

Aug. 13-17: Walnut Hill Pleasure Driving Show, Pittsford, NY, 585-385-2555, www.walnuthillfarm.com

Aug.30-31: Jeff Kohler Clinic, Phantom Farm, Ashton; contact Margaret Monnelly 613-825-3853

Sept. 5-7: Laurels at Landhope CDE, West Grove, Pa, 610-486-6484

Sept. 10: **EOPDS Social Drive**, 1:30 p.m., Upper Canada Village, 613-258-5462

Sept. 6: Spencerville Fair, 613-658-3333

Sept. 13: Pleasure Driving Show, St. Lazare Carriage Driving Club, PQ, 613-874-1421

Sept. 19-21: Gladstone CDE, Gladstone, NJ, 352-465-0197

Sept. 20: Richmond Fair, 613-838-3420

Sept. 20: Tri-County Carriage Association Driving Show, Witteveen Farm, Brantford, 519-848-6288

Sept. 27: Carp Fair, 613-839-2172

Oct. 17-28: Martin's Auction, Lebanon, Pa, 717-354-6671 or www.martinauctioneers.com

(*EOPDS dates subject to change.)

If anyone is interested in getting together for a drive at Ferguson Forest, please contact Sally Jorgensen at 613-258-5462

Recommended Websites:

Carriage Association of America:

www.caaonline.com

American Driving Society:

www.americandrivingsociety.org

Drive Ontario: www.driveontario.ca

Drive Canada: www.drivecanada.org

Need Trailering? Here are some local shippers:

Mary Mykytyn: 613-822-0375

613-867-7447

Mark Struthers: 613-229-4826

WindDance Lane: 613-821-0819

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points, custom tailored by House of Antonio and Charles, Toronto. Lightly worn 2 seasons. \$250.

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- König boots, black, 38.5 (7¹/₂), narrow calf, 44 cm (17¹/₄”) back seam, Spanish cut tops, reinforced outer wall. Never worn. \$650.
- Other items: Show jackets, spurs, snaffles, Weymouth curbs, bridoons, etc.

Contact: Diana Trafford, 819-455-2765 or d.trafford@sympatico.ca

Morgan Mare CDE Prospect: 5-year-old dark buckskin mare who is coming along nicely in carriage. She is just under 14.2 so could show large pony division. Would make excellent CDE pony. Very typey & solid. Not timid about moving forward. Breeding is ½ Lippitt by Shamrock Seville who won many championships in hand, saddle & carriage, and out of Amberfields Picante by the versatile Springtown Champagne. Sells with guaranteed satisfaction or will refund purchase price within 10 days. Pictures available. Other Lippitt Morgan mares for sale/lease. Contact Thomas Family Morgans at rwthomas@sympatico.ca or phone 519-633-2390

Mill Run 2-Wheel Carriage: Blue with gold pinstriping. Brass trim & rein rail. Two seats: buttoned flat seat & full width wedge. Spares compartment. 49 inch wheels with flat rubber. Track

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Training: Are you interested in having your horse trained to drive? Contact Pat Wolfe at pwolfe@istar.ca or 613-256-0631. \$700 a month including board www.patwolfefjords.com

For Sale: sleigh \$550 and buggy \$1200 (photos follow) or willing to trade for 7 year or older Quarter Horse-type mare. Email for info:

lalondel@ontarioeast.com



Undercut Carriage for sale, restorable. Two front seats swivel to face back. Asking \$2000. Call Russ at 613-826-2743

For Sale:

- Black road cart. Wooden wheels are 40 inches and shafts 80 inches. Has been used with 14 hand Arabian and Quarter Horse. Suitable for pleasure or show. Photo available. Asking \$850.
- Training/exercise cart. Wooden jogging cart modified with a floor and swingle tree. Heavy duty motorcycle wheels. Slow moving vehicle sign on cart for

road work. Suitable for large pony. Asking \$650.

- Black leather harness with brass fittings and britching. Side check. Cob size. Excellent condition. Asking \$800.
- Black leather buggy harness with brass fittings and britching. Custom made. Two sizes of girth/belly band and back/loin straps so harness will fit cob to small horse. Excellent condition. Asking \$1500.
- Winter blanket and hood, 66". Good condition. Numerous blankets--winter, summer, turnout, rain and fly sheets, 68 to 72". Good to excellent condition.

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Let us know about your carriage-related activities. Send items for the fall newsletter by October 31 to Lynda Rivington, 9 Belgrave Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0L9; phone 613-567-7347; email rivington@rogers.com. Classifieds are free for club members.