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President’s Message:

With the AGM behind us and most of the planning done for the coming season we’re almost “ready to roll”. There is just one last administrative chore to be undertaken and I’d like to enlist your help as well as give you the opportunity to be a part of it.

As was mentioned at the AGM, we are in the planning stages of producing a new pamphlet which will be used in various ways to advertise our club. Towards that end, **Jacquie Young**, our graphic artist will be requiring several pictures of our members and/or their horses. If you would like to have yours considered please send them to Mary Mulligan in hard copy form by May 17. If you have several, send along two or three. There will be no extensions as the pictures will be selected immediately

following this date. Understand that some will be eliminated by Jacquie due to poor quality that won’t reproduce, too far away, too much clutter in the background, duplicates, etc.

From the ones remaining, the Board, along with Jacquie, will choose a good cross-section that will present a visual of what our club is about. Hopefully, they will include a horse, a pony, a VSE, a pair, a youth driver, one sleighing, one marathon, a social drive, a cones course, one cross-country and so on. We will also be limited to a certain number (unknown as yet). One picture could meet two or even three needs, like a youth driving a horse on a cross-country course. We might also be able to use a still life picture of a hat and whip on a buggy seat, or just a horse’s head, etc.

Whether your pictures are selected or not, they will be returned to you, provided they are clearly identified on the back. So dig into your pictures and send them along. There are no guarantees, but you just might see yourself in print! See you at the 2009 EOPDS events.

– **Mary Mulligan**

Correction: Credit for the ‘Volunteer of the Year Award’ article in the last issue should have gone to **Margaret Monnelly**.

Welcome New Members...

Katelin Everson
Barbara Broughton
Tony and Carole Pignon

Annual General Meeting

The EOPDS annual meeting took place on March 28 at the church hall in Carsonby with close to 40 people in attendance. Members had a chance to check out the new EOPDS hats and shirts on sale with the new club logo and watch a video of *Coaching in the Berkshires* before settling in for the business part of the meeting.

President **Mary Mulligan** welcomed everyone, reviewed the 2008 club activities, talked about the improved website, the newsletter, the new club logo, and a revised club pamphlet currently being designed. She also gave an overview of what's on the agenda for this year. In particular, she highlighted the social drives, the EOPDS clinic at Sunset Farms with Francois Bergeron in May, and described this year's new venture -- A Carriage Sporting Day with Jeff Kohler -- where participants will experience a low-key and fun introduction to competition. Directors gave brief summaries of their respective responsibilities, and executive members whose terms ended this year were returned by acclamation.

Following dinner, guest speaker Kevin Brunner from Hillsburgh talked about how he was introduced to sounding the coach horn -- or tootling -- through his father, Simon. He discussed the history of sounding the horn, and the various calls to relay different messages such as passing a coach on the right.

Yes, as Kevin acknowledged, the sport of coaching today is a rich man's game. He showed many of his different horns and demonstrated their sounds. At the urging of the audience, he played a jazz

number and two pieces his father and Jack Pemberton had composed for Walnut Hill and the Canadian Carriage Classic. Kevin also answered questions and displayed many books and pictures which were enjoyed by members as they were leaving. Everyone agreed it was a most interesting and educational talk.

Claus Kube won the raffle at the end of meeting, a grooming bag embroidered with the new club logo.



Photo: Maney McNeil
EOPDS President Mary Mulligan chats with guest speaker Kevin Brunner at the AGM

Out & About With EOPDS Members:

➤ **Barry and Sandy Beach**, and **Wayne and Gwen Byrne** volunteered at the Florida Carriage Driving Show in February at Gloria Austin's Florida Carriage Museum and Resort. Sandy did the official scoring and awards, while Barry, Wayne and Gwen worked with Ed Young on the cones and cross-country sections.

➤ **Shelby Heinbuch** has been awarded a \$1,000 OEF youth bursary. These bursaries go towards lessons, training and other activities to help juniors reach their 2009 equestrian objectives.

- At the Live Oak CDE in Florida in March, **Peter Harding** picked up a third in Intermediate Pair Horse dressage and a fourth in the marathon phase.
- **Eric and Dianne Moore** attended the Live Oak CDE in Ocala, particularly enjoying the marathon and the obstacle competition and coach driving event, and ran into **Margaret and Pat Monnelly** at the show.
- **Tina Sully** placed fourth in Preliminary Single Horse at the Southern Pines CDE in April in North Carolina.
- **Ian and Mary Mulligan, Maney McNeil, Tara and Shelby Heinbuch, Bill Gardner and Ken Pedlar** travelled to Jeff Kohler's Relhok Farm at Barrie April 4 for an introduction-to-combined-driving clinic put on by the Ontario Combined Driving Association.
- **Diana Trafford and Valerie Everson** attended a Bill Lower clinic April 4 at **Kirsten Brunner's** Beaverwood Farm in Hillsburgh.

EOPDS Francois Bergeron Clinic (May 16 and 17)
By Barry Beach

This will be the major EOPDS clinic for the year, given by well-known coach, judge, and clinician Francois Bergeron. This is an opportunity for both club and non-club members to learn from Francois.

One-hour lessons on Saturday afternoon and Sunday all day will be offered, along with a beginner's (to driving and also to pleasure driving showing) clinic on Saturday a.m. The clinic is open both to

auditors and to drivers with their horses, ponies or VSEs. Lunch will be provided for auditors and participants.

The clinic will be held at Sunset Farms (west of Stittsville). Spaces are limited so do not delay. To audit the clinic, the fee is \$25 for one day, or \$40 for both days (lunch included). The one-hour lessons are \$100 for private, \$70 for semi-private, or \$50 for a group (maximum of three drivers). This is an exciting opportunity for both new and experienced drivers to learn from someone with the experience, reputation and knowledge that Francois Bergeron has. For more information, contact Barry Beach, 613-839-2127, beach@magma.ca, or Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699.

Dwyer Hill Riding Club Offers New Pleasure Driving Division
By Barry Beach

The Dwyer Hill Riding Club has been holding four summer shows for many years at the Richmond fairgrounds. This year, they are offering a pleasure driving division as part of these four shows – on June 7, July 5, July 19 and August 16. The division will be held and judged separately from the hunter and western divisions, and will consist of 10 driving classes open to horses, ponies and VSEs (minis). The driving division will start at 1 p.m. and will offer cones, tandem, pair and single classes.

This will be an “entry level” driving show and offers a chance to show in our local area. The emphasis will be on fun and learning. Dwyer Hill club membership is required and class fees are very reasonable. This series of shows presents an excellent opportunity to

participate at a driving show without a lot of cost or travel. For more information, visit dwyerhillridingclub.ca or contact Barry Beach at 613-839-2127, beach@magma.ca , or Wayne Byrne at 613-838-9699.

The EOPDS extends condolences to the family of Life Member **Roger Quesnel** who passed away in March, and to **Wayne Van De Graaff** on the loss of his mother.

Combined Driving Clinic at Relhok

By Maney McNeil

On April 4, EOPDS members **Ken Pedlar, Bill Gardner, Tara and Shelby Heinbuch, Ian and Mary Mulligan, and Maney McNeil** attended an Introduction to Combined Driving and Navigating Clinic put on by the Ontario Combined Driving Association.

The clinic was hosted by Jeff Kohler at his new training facility, Relhok Farm, in Shanty Bay near Barrie. It was awesome driving up to the new facility and, once inside, it was breathtaking. I could not do it justice in explaining the light knotty pine walls accented by dark doors with different designs etched in each of the door windows.

A long row of tables and chairs was set up for the over 40 participants in the large coach house room where we were surrounded by gorgeous carriages. Off this room was the tack room where food and drinks were available all day long. The attached driving-size arena was entered from the coach house room and also from the 20-stall barn, viewing room, office and other amenities.

Verbal presentations took place in the coach house and demonstrations in the arena. A package with all the information was given to each participant, so we did not need to take notes and we have the information to study at our leisure. At the end of the day, there was a raffle and a number of prizes were given out if your number was picked; everyone was given a gift bag to take home.

The clinic started with Mary Cork explaining what is involved with the pre-competition checklist and horse inspection, while Jeff demonstrated with his beautiful bay welsh pony.

Next, Jeff talked about presentation and turnout, with Vicki Cork demonstrating with her lovely black welsh pony, Dale, put to a Meadowbrook.

The dressage portion of a CDE was thoroughly discussed by Vicki Cork who gave us many little tips. Conditioning your horse was given by Sally Irwin who talked about legging-up by "road work" and cardiovascular strength training.

Driving the marathon portion was also presented by Vicki Cork with demonstrations of the things you need to compete in a marathon, the three sections, and a sample obstacle.

Cones driving was addressed by Courtney MacGillivray and a course was set up for the participants to walk and get the feel of how to drive through the cones. Mary Cork reminded everyone to read their prize list from the show for rules, to know the ADS rules, and to either download or purchase a rule book from Equine Canada.

Finally, Bill MacGillivray, who navigates for his daughters, talked about calculating marathon times and the green cards. We were each given a calculator to practise so that we all would understand this very important part of the combined driving event.

Despite heavy rain on the Friday and snow with the cold wind on the Saturday, it was a most educational day and well worth the trip.

On behalf of the EOPDS members, I would like thank Jeff for the use of his magnificent facility and to each of the presenters for sharing his or her knowledge with us.



Photo: Marsha Kohler

O.C.D.A. participants listen attentively to the marathon presentation at Relhok Farm

Bill Lower Clinic at Beaverwood **By Diana Trafford**

Bill Lower, of Williston, Florida, was the guest instructor at a carriage driving clinic April 4-5, 2009, hosted by **Kirsten Brunner** at Beaverwood Farm, Hillsburgh, Ontario. This is the fourth consecutive year Kirsten has offered this clinic.

As a clinician, Bill brings a wealth of experience as a whip, trainer and coach. In 1981, he won the first USET national championships for four-in-hands. He competed on the USET at the 1987 Pairs world championships in Riesenbeck, Germany, and in 1990 won the USET Pairs Championship, driving a pair of

Morgan stallions. Bill has coached many top international drivers, including four-in-hand multi-time world champion Chester Weber of Live Oak Farm, Ocala, Florida. In high demand as an instructor across North America, Bill is one of the featured clinicians at this year's National Drive to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in October.

Sherri Lower, Bill's wife, of Hats Off Boutique fame, competes in FEI Advanced Single Horse with their Morgan. Bill expressed great pride that she won the dressage at Live Oak this year, though problems in cones dropped her to a fourth-place finish. Sherri also shows the Morgan in 2nd level ridden dressage.

EOPDS members **Diana Trafford** of Luskville, Quebec, and **Valerie Everson** of Rockland, Ontario, attended the April clinic. With Val's help as groom, Diana and her new Standardbred mare, JD's Abigail, were among the 16 taking part. Clinic participants ranged in age from four-year-old Kilby Brunner-DeForest with her registered (now oversize) mini Lone Star, to her 77-year-old grandmother, Erica Brunner, with her Fell pony, Countess. A wide range of experience was also represented, from relative newbies to seasoned Canadian team members Kirsten Brunner and Sue Mott of Angus.

Bill had different lessons for different horses. For some of us, the emphasis was on getting the horse more over the back and giving in the poll and jaw. "Abbi," who had just discovered this skill a week before the clinic, was as thrilled as I was to feel what lovely flowing paces we will be able to show as we make the conversion from race horse

in an overcheck to pleasure driving mare with a lower neck and a higher swinging back. For others, the lesson was “Forward!” Among these, Cynthia Zalewski, of Cheltenham and her paint mare, Katia, found a new gear, producing an impressive strong trot sure to catch the judge’s eye in the show ring.

Sue Mott and Kirsten Brunner, both competing in Intermediate CDEs, worked on developing the collection and extension required for this level. Sue brought her eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, Tristan, who she has been bringing along quietly. Sue had not competed for three years since selling her famous Canadian horse Caesar, but said she was eager to get back into showing in the CDEs. She took her time, carefully introducing Tristan to the world of competition. “In their first year, we just want them to behave well and do their work,” she explained. Her patience paid off handsomely. At the Garden State CDE last year (but cancelled for 2009), she won the Preliminary Single Horse. Sue and Tristan moved up to Intermediate level at the Lexington CDE in October, and had a dressage score of 46, putting them in second place on the first phase, but bad luck on the marathon led to elimination. “I was so proud of his dressage score in the 40s, because dressage is the basis of everything else,” she commented. Sue has made a long-term commitment to disabled driving, and she and her husband Ken host Simcoe County Carriage Driving for the Disabled at their Thorah Farm.

Kirsten worked with Bill with her homebred pony, Beaverwood Elderberry, who had a very successful season at Preliminary level in CDEs last

year. At Metamora in June 2009, they had a score of 35.64 after dressage, and won their division. Competing at Bromont at the end of June, they were a close second to Vivian Creigh. In September at the Laurels of Landhope in Pennsylvania, they stood tied for first after dressage with a score of 39.33. Some penalties in the marathon and a clear cones performance put them in second place out of a field of 16. Recently gelded (frozen semen is available), Elderberry is planning to show Intermediate this year.

(We are delighted to welcome Kirsten back as a 2009 EOPDS member, and thank her for her continuing support of our group.)



Photo: Val Everson

Smiles all around at the Beaverwood Bill Lower clinic. Left to right: Bill Lower, Kilby Brunner-DeForest driving Lone Star, Kirsten Brunner, and Diana Trafford driving Abbi

Carriage Repair **By Diana Trafford**

Spring is here and it’s time to make sure your vehicle is ready for the season. Why not head to Ste-Justine-de-Newton on Québec Route 325? There, about an hour from Ottawa, you will find “Retour aux sources”. Retired mechanic Roland Daignault and his wife, Hermance Chaumont, have a superb set of skills at your service from carriage restoration and reconstruction to upholstery and carriage top fabrication. Make time to

visit their collection of antique vehicles and new museum of household effects and clothing from bygone days. Call first for an appointment: 450-764-3538. Address: 3178 3^e rang, Ste-Justine-de-Newton, Québec J0P 1T0.

Tom Ryder (1918—2009)

By Lynda Rivington

The carriage driving community lost the dean of its discipline when Tom Ryder, legendary carriage driver, author and judge, passed away at the age of 91 in March.

Born in 1918 in Cheshire, England, Tom Ryder spent a great deal of his younger years in the middle of the East Hackney Riding District in Yorkshire. As a young boy, he was fascinated with anything to do with harness horses, in particular the Hackney. His uncle, John Partington, owned the Marfleet stud in Hull.

Except for spending a term in the army during the Second World War, Tom spent most of his life working with harness horses. He was regarded worldwide as the authority on carriage driving – in the United States, Europe, South America, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and of course in England.

His numerous books include *The High Stepper*, *On the Box Seat* (one of the definitive reference books ever written on carriage driving), *The Road and the Ring*, *A Half Century of Coaching*, *A History of British Light Horse Breeds*, and *The History of the Coaching Club* with a foreword by Prince Philip.

From 1975 to 1990, Mr. Ryder was editor of *The Carriage Journal* and wrote a series of booklets for the

Carriage Association of America on turnout and appointments. His daughter, Jill Ryder, is the executive director of the CAA. As well, he helped to organize the Carriage Museum of America and the Carriage Foundation in England.



Tom Ryder in 1955 driving Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ryan's Hackney at Kilreen Farm on Baseline Road in Cityview, now the City of Ottawa. (Photo provided by John Fullerton)

Tom Ryder's career took him back and forth across the Atlantic several times to both the U.S. and Canada. His first of two training assignments in Canada was in 1954 with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan's Kilreen Farm on Baseline Road at Woodroffe in Cityview, now part of Ottawa. He next worked for R.A. Campbell in Beaconsfield, Quebec, in 1958 and then moved on to Hawthorn Melody Farm in Libertyville, Illinois, in 1963. Two years later, he returned with his family to England where he stayed until John Seabrook of New Jersey enticed him back to the U.S. The Seabrooks had a private coaching stable, and kept horses for their own driving pleasure.

It was this time at Seabrook's that led to his position as editor of the *Carriage Journal*. When he retired from working at Seabrook's and the CAA, he moved back to his beloved Yorkshire.

In 2007, several EOPDS members travelled with the CAA to the Royal Windsor Horse Show in England and had the privilege of meeting Mr. Ryder at several functions during the show. We also spent some quality time with him over lunch (at the invitation of **Dianne Moore**) after the Reading Carriage Sale. Ever the gentleman, he patiently answered our questions (whether we were informed or not) about driving, horses and harness. He also indulged us with reminiscences of his time spent training horses and ponies in the Ottawa area and of the people involved.

On the loss of Tom Ryder, noted CAA seminar speaker Barry Dickinson made this comment: "Who is there with both the horse experience and carriage knowledge to take over the vast realm that he has covered for so long? Who is there now to answer all the questions? Tom Ryder's contribution to the driving world will last far into the future."



Meeting Tom Ryder 2007 CAA Royal Windsor Horse Show trip. Left to right: Gail Tod, Wayne Byrne, Diane Moore, Eric Moore, Gwen Byrne, CAA executive director Jill Ryder, Lynda Rivington, Tom Ryder, Mary and Ian Mulligan

The **Kirsten Brunner clinic** at Mian Farm June 3-4 is now officially an EOPDS-sponsored clinic. Call Mary Mulligan at 613-692-3296 if you are interested in participating or auditing.

Calendar of Events

(EOPDS dates and times subject to change)

May 2: Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association Auction, Fairgrounds, Carp; Rae Ann Brunton, 613-257-1558.

May 13-18: CAA trip to Royal Windsor Horse Show, England; 859-231-0971, www.caaonline.com

May 16-17: **EOPDS Francois Bergeron Clinic**, Sunset Farm, Stittsville; Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699 or Barry Beach 613-839-2127.

May 20: **EOPDS Social Drive**, Ferguson Forest, Kemptville, 5 p.m., pizza and drinks supplied for those who respond by the day before; Sally Jorgensen 613-258-5462.

June 3-4: **EOPDS Kirsten Brunner Clinic**, Mian Farm, Manotick; Mary Mulligan 613-692-3296.

June 7: Dwyer Hill Riding Club show, Richmond; Barry Beach 613-839-2127, beach@magma.ca, or Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699.

June 8: **EOPDS Social Drive**, 1 p.m., Hawkridge Farm, Elgin, food and drinks supplied for those who respond by the day before; Mary Mulligan 613-692-3296 or Sally Jorgensen 613-258-5462.

June 14: COPDA Pleasure Show, Halton Place, Georgetown; Mary Gregoris 905-939-2612.

June 13: St. Lazare Carriage Driving Club annual Ride 'n Drive & BBQ at Yolanda & Bill Doran's Bluebird Farm, St. Lazare; Carol Ann Mills 613-874-1421.

June 19-21: Metamora CDE, Metamora, Mi.; Jim Pierce 810-664-2102

June 26-28: Bromont International CDE, Bromont Quebec; Roger Deslauriers 450-534-0787.

July 3-5: Metamora Carriage Pleasure Driving Show, Metamora, Mi.; 810-614-3887.

July 4: Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association Show, Fairgrounds, Carp; Rae Ann Brunton, 613-257-1558.

July 5: Dwyer Hill Riding Club show, Richmond; Barry Beach 613-839-2127, beach@magma.ca, or Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699.

July 12: **EOPDS Social Drive**, 10 a.m., Fiddler's Green Stables, Stittsville, subs and beverages supplied for those respond by the day before; Sally Jorgensen 613-258-5462 or Ian Mulligan 613-692-3296.

July 12: OCDA One Day Driving Trial, Glencameron Farm, Limehouse, Ont.,

July 18-19: Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cazenovia, N.Y.; Lisa Shotzberger 610-469-6556.

July 19: Dwyer Hill Riding Club show, Richmond; Barry Beach 613-839-2127, beach@magma.ca, or Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699.

July 25-26: East Aurora Carriage Driving & Competition, East Aurora, N.Y., 716-389-5724.

July 25-26: St. Lazare Carriage Driving Club Intermediate Driving Clinic; Carol Ann Mills 613-874-1421.

August 12-16: Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, Pittsford, N.Y., www.walnuthillfarm.com

August 16: Dwyer Hill Riding Club show, Richmond; Barry Beach 613-839-2127, beach@magma.ca, or Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699.

August 21: **EOPDS Social Drive**, 1 p.m., Phantom Farm, Almonte, food and drinks supplied for those who respond by the day before; Margaret Monnelly 613-825-3853.

August 29: **EOPDS 'A Carriage Sporting Day'** with Jeff Kohler, Mian Farm, Manotick; Mary Mulligan 613-692-3296.

Sept. 11-13: Laurels at Landhope CDE, West Grove, Pa.; 610-486-6484.

Sept. 12: St. Lazare Carriage Driving Club Pleasure Driving Show, St. Lazare, P.Q.; Carol Ann Mills 613-874-1421.

Sept. 19: Richmond Fair, Richmond; 613-838-3933.

Sept. 26: Carp Fair, Carp; 613-839-2172.

Sept. 27: COPDA Fall Pleasure Show (TBA), Mary Gregoris 905-939-6288.

Oct. 7: **EOPDS Social Drive**, 1 p.m., Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, food and beverages supplied for those who respond by the day before; Maney McNeil 613-347-2541 or Sally Jorgensen 613-258-5462.

Oct. 16-17: Martin's Fall Carriage Auction, New Holland, Pa.; 717-354-6671, www.martinsauctioneers.com

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Classifieds

Spider Phaeton from Europe for sale. Perfect for dressage for single and pair horses; used only for two events. Track 138 cm disc brake on rear; carriage finished in dark navy blue and solid dark oak dash and fenders, stainless steel fittings. Stored inside, whip socket, shaft and pole incl. weight 200 kg. \$8,500 Cdn. Call Jeanne Di Raddo, Laval, Quebec 450-629-2345; cell 514-247-1809; email jdiraddo@sympatico.ca



Stunning looking **Paint gelding** for sale. Bobert, 8-year-old, 16h, safe and sound, w/t/c under rider, started in harness. Very laid back, country fair and parade experienced, \$4,500. Contact Ute Hamilton - Info@EquineExperience.ca



Metal easy entry training cart for sale. Horse size. Excellent condition. \$800. Call 613-692-3296



Membership Notice:

Participants in club events must have a current membership. Send proof of insurance with the renewal form (available at www.eopds.ca) to: Jennifer Rennie, EOPDS Treasurer, 7 Crantham Crescent, Stittsville, Ontario K2S 1R2; phone 613-831-2154. **Fees:** Individual \$25, Family \$35.

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Send items for the summer newsletter by July 31 to Lynda Rivington, 9 Belgrave Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0L9; phone 613-567-7347 or email rivington@rogers.com. Classifieds are free for club members.