

# NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

September 2024

## Heads Up!

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

in person at the

### Ogden Farmer's Library

**Saturday, September 28**

from 11 AM – 1 PM

**Donuts and Cider Provided**

## 2024 NDS Fall Fun Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Audrey Cooper's Farm

Three fun activities

1. Obstacles in the Dressage Ring
2. Weird and Whacky Trail Drive
3. A Day at the Races

\*Mary and Barb Crinean in charge

More info in article below

### Minutes of the NDS Board Meeting Sept. 11, 2024 via Zoom

**Jerry Lechner opened the meeting at 7:00.**

Members present were Jerry Lechner, Reenie Romeo, Erika Martin, and Audrey Cooper.

#### Old Business

#### Intro to Driven Dressage Clinic

August 4, 2024

Jerry complimented Audrey on the successful clinic with Tara Defendorf at Audrey's place. Many thanks also to Tricia Anselm who worked with Audrey to make that happen.

#### Pleasure Drive- Date changed to Oct 13

Mary Crinean and her sister are in charge.

Location- Audrey Cooper's farm

1. Obstacles in the dressage ring
2. Weird and whacky trail drive

3. A day at the races; ¼ mile straight line race at the trot- entries divided by size:

minis, ponies, and horses

RSVP- Ten people need to be registered by Oct 3. See article below for more information.

#### Next Meeting

**General membership meeting at Ogden Farmer's Library Saturday, Sept 28 11:00 A.M.**

- **WE WILL DISCUSS NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR.**
- Jerry will bring donuts
- Reenie will bring 2 gallons of cider and cups.





# GYPHY HORSEMAN'S CORNER

by Audrey Cooper

## FALL FUN DAY



Mary Crinean and her sister Barb are putting together a fun day for October 13, squeezing the date in between the steeplechase races in Geneseo and Martin's auction the following weekend. Halloween turnouts welcomed! Helmets required.

There will be three separate events staged during the day. Try one, two or all three! Obstacles in the dressage ring to challenge driver's skill, horse's nerves, and lots of laughs. Weird and whacky trail drive in which drivers may go out alone or with a passenger on a set trail course, recording the strange and unexpected animals seen along the trail. Natural hazards include a water crossing. Finally, a quarter mile stretch race strictly on the trot, entries divided by size. No cross and jostle; everyone stay in their lane. Post positions drawn.

Awards and prizes! Lunch provided! Starts at 10 a.m. at Lake Content Farm, 279 East Manitou Road, Hilton, New York. Right off Lake Ontario Parkway.

RSVP by October 7<sup>th</sup> to Mary Crinean (585) 694-1635 or Barb Crinean (585) 638-6190 or (716) 970-2526. This will be a go ONLY if we get enough RSVP's.

## OUT AND ABOUT

Many of our members had a busy show season after the NDS show in late June. Locally, Nicole Cable was High Point Lady to Drive and Reserve Champion in both Horse and Pony divisions at the show at Avon Driving Park. Jess Clark and Teresa Jackson also acquitted themselves commendably there.

Among the competitors at the Lorenzo show were Tricia Anselm, Sharon Baum, Nicole Cable, Chuck Hendershot, Diana Hildreth, Teresa Jackson, Nicole McPhall, Sheila Mueller and Leigh Semilof.

Leigh Semilof and Nicole Cable ventured to the mid-west recently to compete at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. We look forward to hearing from them about this show!

Tricia Anselm got reserve champion at Great Lakes Carriage Classic in the utility pony division with Sunny Acres Amazing a Morgan bred by Dale and Nancy Vidler.

# INTRODUCTION TO DRIVEN DRESSAGE

Tara Defendorf coached six whips in the rudiments of driven dressage on August 4. Tricia Anselm and Jess Clark were the most experienced whips in this exercise. Tricia and her Morgan mare, Sunny Acres Amazing Girl (Mazie) have been quite successful in their debut season this year and so have Jess and her VSE, Velvet.

The rest of us included Reenie Romeo and Frank Kraemer with Glen B; Audrey Sears with Bug; and Audrey Cooper with Cappy. Jerry Lechner, Terry Brooks, Mary Crinean, Barb Crinean, Judy Kraemer and Diana Hildreth were also in attendance to assist and observe.

Driven dressage looks deceptively easy but when practiced faithfully and with an understanding of the concepts will result in improved driving finesse and a more obedient and relaxed horse. For most people it is part of the competitive aspect of a combined driving event (CDE) but it can also be part of training at home for the pleasure driver.

## Pics from the Driven Dressage Clinic



Left to Right  
Bug – Whip Audrey Sears  
Cappy – Whip Audrey Cooper  
Velvet – Whip Jess Clark  
Glen B – Whip Frank Kraemer