



Piedmont Driving Club Newsletter

Dedicated to the sport of carriage driving in Northern Virginia

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Advertising, articles, show reports, and information relating to driving and carriages are welcome for inclusion in the newsletter free of charge. Please use e-mail contact below and on the PDC website on the "Newsletter" webpage to send information. Photographs of members are welcome.

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Events Schedule

1-3 August, 2008

10th Annual ADS Mid-Atlantic Region Weekend of Pleasure Driving
Fair Hill, MD

24 August, 2008

My Lady's Manor Driving Trail, Winterstown, PA
Contact Pam Schneider ~ 717-776-9748

5-7 September, 2008

Laurels at Landhope CDE (PA)
Contact Mary O'Rourke ~ 610-486-4684 or laurelslandhope@aol.com

21-22 September, 2008
Piedmont Driving Club Show
Middleburg, VA (Foxcroft)

28 September, 2008

Pleasure Driving in the Park
Bucks County Horse Park (PA)
Contact Teri Lewis ~ 610-847-8077 or hitchingpostfarm@frontiernet.net

7-12 October, 2008

National Pleasure Driving Weekend
Kentucky Horse Park
www.nationaldrive.net

17-18 October, 2008

Martin's Fall Carriage Auction
Lebanon, PA

If you know of anything else your fellow drivers might be interested in, please let me know at lppence@wildblue.net.

Farewell to a Fine Friend

I hope you will forgive me this article. I've tried very hard to make sure the newsletter has very little of a personal nature in it. But I'm going to break my rule because I think my friend deserves a public farewell.

On Friday, the 11th of July, 2008, our Haflinger, Mickey (My Michelangelo) was killed in an accident in the pasture. A partially fallen tree came down on him, pinning him to the ground, where he suffocated. Needless to say, we will never forgive ourselves for not pulling the wretched thing down when it broke off. But I can't undo what's done; there's no point in dwelling on it. What I can dwell on is what a fine, sweet beast Mickey was and how lucky we were to have him with us for the time he was here.

He was one of the funniest animals I have ever known ~ a clown in a horse's skin. Just being in his presence could often make me laugh. He liked everyone and wanted to be a part of every activity within his eyesight. When we walked the fenceline to pound in loose nails, we had to check behind us at every stop to make sure we didn't hit him in the head with the hammer ~ he stayed that close. Thank goodness for pony oversight. I'm sure I'd have accidentally done myself in a number of times on those rounds without him.

No one's breakfast was ever late, thanks to Mickey. If you weren't out the door at exactly the proper time, you'd get "The Whinny". And you'd continue to get "The Whinny" until you got yourself outside, where you'd find Mickey standing at the fenceline, watching the door and clearly saying, "What's the hold up? You're late!" He was just as careful about keeping an eye on the water troughs. If they got too low (not empty, mind you, just too low) he'd pound on the bottom of the trough to let you know it needed attention. If you weren't quick enough to get out there to fill it, stronger measures were required. The next thing you knew the trough was being dragged across the turn-out. He took his obligations seriously, but thought he ought to be able to have a little fun in the process.



There wasn't an ounce of meanness in him. He was a good-hearted fella who was getting better all the time ~ just to the stage where he was getting that lovely, wise look in his eyes. I considered him far more than a horse in my barn. He was my good friend. He is desperately missed and will be remembered always.

~ Peggy Pence

Notes and Changes (Flying Lead or Otherwise)

~ Are you involved in preparations for the show? Call Maryalice and let her know you want to help — now would be a good time to let her know you're ready and willing.

~ Does your property and/or surrounding area lend itself to hosting a Picnic Drive? Call Ann Watkins to see if there is a time in the schedule that will work for you.

~ Do you have news or information that might interest your fellow drivers? Tell me so we can put it in the newsletter! Email Peggy Pence at lpence@wildblue.net.



Bits and Pieces



~ **Zilco harness.** Used once. F/S EZ Single, w/ Black reins, \$800 OBO, Call Kim 540.554.4955

~ **Mini-size easy entry cart.** Never been used. \$350.00 Price slightly neg. (Sells new for \$479.00) Call 304-856-1654. Also, looking for a 2-wheel cart, pony size, with brakes (not a marathon.) — New PDC member, Susan Murch.

~ **2 y.o. Cleveland Bay X TB filly.** Gorgeous! White stripe; huge, kind eye; beautiful mover; gentle temperament. Took 2nd on line @ Upperville in part-bred class. \$8500.00 firm. Call Maryalice @ 540-270-6157.

~ **Yearling Cleveland Bay X TB colt.** Dark bay, no white, phenomenal mover and temperament! \$7,500.00. Call Maryalice @ 540-270-6157.

~ **Freedman Harness.** Black with chrome to fit lrg pony/cob. Very good condition. Price \$1,600.00. (540) 554-8671 or email thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net .

~ **Jeff Day Carriage.** In good condition. Maroon with shafts, pole and dickey seat. Also, marathon back step. To suit 14.00hh—15.2 hh. Offers invited. (540) 554-8671 or email thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net .

~ **Beautiful 8-year old registered Morgan mare.** She is elegant and versatile. Rides and drives — professionally trained both under saddle and for the competitive driving circuit. Pleasant disposition and positive work ethic — also enjoys pleasure riding and trails (alone or in company.) 14.3 hands. Shots, worming and farrier current. With her quality bloodlines, she'll produce gorgeous foals. \$5,000.00. Also selling harness and 2 antique Meadowbrook carts. (703) 596-4122 or (703) 618-7165.

~ **Substantial, German-made marathon vehicle.** Lightly used, outstanding condition. Includes extra bars, wheel chocks, adjustable seats, pole (no shafts). Do not miss this one! Well priced at \$6,000.00. Carl Cox //540-349-3030 or email: pleasecallcarl@hughes.net .

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