

NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

October 2023

BATAVIA DOWNS NDS dinner Saturday, Nov. 18. Meet at 5:30 PM – Post time is at 6 PM We will get pictures taken in the winner's circle.
FIRM RSVP by Nov 7 to Audrey Cooper – audcooper279@gmail.com

Minutes of the Oct. 11 NDS Board Meeting

Present: Jerry Lechner, Jim Knauer, Dawn Ziegler, Mary Crinean, Jeff LaDue, Bob Brunsdon, Audrey Cooper (part of meeting)

Treasurer's Report: The club has about \$5,500 in its account, subject to payment of about \$100 for lunch expenses associated with the recreational drive.

Next event: If there is enough interest, a night at the harness races can be scheduled for Saturday, November 18. Let Audrey know at audcooper279@gmail.com as soon as possible, and no later than November 7, to ascertain interest in this event.

Christmas Tea: This annual meeting will be Dec 9 at Ogden Farmer's Library from 10-11:30 AM. Board members should get there around 9 AM to help set up. Refreshments will be provided – like last year – Our goal will be to set a calendar for 2024. **Bring a dessert or snack** and ideas about future clinics/events.

RSVP to mromeo@rochester.rr.com by Dec 2.

2024 Show: Gareth Selwood is confirmed as our judge. We need a board member to coordinate with Jerry as show manager. Contact Jerry at jer2251@gmail.com to discuss what this entails if you are interested in helping out.

Next Board Meeting: November 8, 2023 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

2023 FUTURE EVENTS

NOTE - SOME DATES HAVE CHANGED**

OCTOBER

20 Martin's Auction

NOVEMBER

8 NDS Board Meeting 7:00 PM

18** NDS Batavia Downs – Dinner and Races

DECEMBER

9** NDS General Membership Mtg-
A Christmas Tea Ogden Farmer's Library

2024

JUNE

23 – NDS Annual Pleasure Show

A sad note—

Harry Beaney passed away on Friday (9/22/23) at the age of 91.

Harry and his wife, Nancy, have been members of the NDS for over 25 years. Their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson were also members for about 10 years. Nancy, and daughter Lori, were active whips in their time. Nancy was also club secretary for 5 years total over two time periods. She was Board member for at least a total of 7 of her years as a member, according to my records.

Although Harry did not drive, he was not forgotten. He was still a strong supporter of the club and participated where he could along the way. He was particularly noted for taking wheel measurements at many of our shows.

Bob

A life well-lived and well-remembered

2023 FALL PLEASURE DRIVE

by Audrey Cooper

Fifteen NDS members assembled to enjoy picture-perfect fall day in Avon and wide, well-surfaced trails through beautiful woods and farmland along the Genesee River, a picnic lunch, conversation and laughs.

The linear trail did not require marking – no fear of getting lost! – and with a little care, was wide enough for traffic in both directions. Lindsay LaBella and her Moresian black stallion Pete; Audrey Cooper and her Standardbred cross piebald, Traveler; Clark and Maureen Romeo with their black roan Standardbred gelding, Glenn B; Tricia Anselm with her chestnut Morgan mare, Maizie; and Jim and Sue Knauer with their chestnut Dutch Harness cross, Honey, comprised the turnouts in attendance. All crossed the wide span bridge over the Genesee River that commenced the drive confidently and without incident, hoofbeats pleasantly resounding on the wooden planks.

The planned drive route was 8.8 kilometers (thank you, Tricia) or 5.468 miles, round-trip. Jim and Sue, being familiar with the trails beyond the planned route, opted to go further. Audrey drove only the planned route, but drove it three times with three different passengers, Deb Marcuccilli, Marilyn DeMayer, and Mary Crinean. Traveler was no worse for wear, being his best-behaved on the last trip but still with plenty of trot. Jeff LaDue accompanied Tricia and Bob Brunsdon was Lindsay's passenger. Dave Fanton, Laurie Drouin and Cheryl Yelle also joined in the fun.

Mary put together an array of unusual carriage-driving- and horse-related-articles and challenged attendees to guess either the proper name or proper use of each article.

Some items, like a balling gun, girth extenders, and gullet strap, were easier to identify than others. For instance, what resembles a salt shaker, but with no plug hole in which to pour the salt? A hat pin holder. How about a padded, long leather buckled strap from which a dandy brush is suspended? Ask Tricia Anselm; she won the contest!

People were also asked to identify the whip in a framed photo from a vintage driving magazine. It was someone in attendance – Bob Brunsdon!

Lots of photos were taken – please send them to Lindsay at lindsay@lklik.com for posting on the NDS website.

Many thanks to Mary Crinean and Jeff LaDue for organizing this event. We had a great time!



