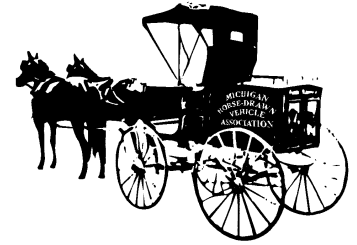


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*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR*

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## FROM THE EDITOR

First of all I need to apologize for not getting the newsletter out sooner. I had great plans to finish “after Gladwin” then “after Lake City”. I had some computer issues, then I had some health issues. I was in the hospital twice in October, once for IV antibiotics for an infection and the second go round for an allergic reaction to the antibiotics, and as a complication I also developed a blood clot in my lung. October was not much fun for me, but I had many blessings. Thank you all for the cards and prayers!

I am also lacking in photos as I did not attend several events this year. I did make it to Sleepy Hollow, Gladwin and Lake City, so those are the highlights for me. But did not get new pics from Gladwin or Lake City, as I brought my camera but not my charge cord.

Most of this year I was working an average of 72 hrs a week as we were very short handed, with a dispatch staff supposed to be 8 people, we had 2 new girls training, and one yet to be hired. With my revelation in October that life is too short, and I’m very fortunate to be here to share that revelation, I have informed my supervisors at work that I will no longer be voluntarily working that amount of hours, so next driving season should be at more events. I’m setting out on my new life philosophy at the wrong time of year, as I have become a fair weather horsewoman. I don’t like the cold weather and even less so being on blood thinners, so won’t be doing much other than feeding my critters thru the cold months. If anyone is so inclined, I have 2 critters that need schooling to see if they have a career as driving horses or not, they really need to earn their keep.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you all be Blessed as I have been this year!

## Sleepy Hollow

I was able to join a very nice group of both riders and drivers at Sleepy Hollow State park, again this year, Thank you to Sleepy Hollow Trail Riders (SHTRA) for the invite! Thank you Gale Moore for hosting and all the extra work you put into the weekend.

I again brought Milton the Swedish Gotland, as I had no extra folks with me, Joyce Miller was able to join me and was a wonderful groom. Weather was very nice and the bugs didn’t carry you away.

Both Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast was served courtesy of SHTRA, with potluck dinner on Saturday afternoon. Lots of wonderful food and fellowship.

If you’ve never been to Sleepy, you’re missing out. If you have non-equestrians in the home there are plenty of other things to keep busy with. Fishing, swimming, hiking, biking, boating, it has a great lake to paddle in, whether you prefer to kayak or canoe

In addition there are several new improvements going on in the park, most remarkable was new cabins built by the beach, (from Sleepy Hollow website) Built in 2014, this ADA accessible, family friendly cabin offers two bedrooms, living/dining area and a modern bathroom with shower. The kitchenette includes a sink/faucet, microwave oven, coffee maker and toaster oven. Each bedroom includes a full size bed with a single bunk above. Those renting the cabin must bring own bedding and cooking supplies. A private outdoor grill, fire circle and picnic table overlooking 410 acre Lake Ovid are along the pathway to the cabin entrance.

In addition to swimming, boating and fishing opportunities within walking distance, there is also easy access to over 23 miles of Sleepy Hollow’s hike, bicycle and equestrian trail system.



## GLADWIN CARRIAGE FESTIVAL

The festival this year was under new management and several changes were made. Friday was check in and the pleasure pace, not mentioned was the fact that you could do the pleasure pace on Saturday if you wished. Saturday was the parade and all the games, including the old fashioned baseball game. An attempt was made to have a "Parade of Breeds", also on Saturday, with the awards ceremony held Saturday night, and no events for Sunday. I typically don't get up to the fairgrounds before evening so I rarely if ever have driven on Friday. It is enough for me to settle the horse, put equipment away, attend driver meeting to obtain information and set up camp before dark. I also went ahead and did a drive about town with Linda Aloyo and Joyce and Norm Miller on Sunday, prior to packing up and going home. I don't have numbers of attendees, but it appeared that about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the vendors that have traditionally been there were not in attendance. I particularly missed the group of musicians who play the dulcimers and Silverfox, the Native American Flutist.



The Gladwin Historical society is working toward rebuilding the festival and sounded as if they have many plans for Carriage Festival 2015. Currently on their website as Aug 7-9, 2015. If anyone has photos they'd like to share, feel free to send them to me, I was counting on obtaining them from the photographer there who left their info at my stall and when I tried to upload photos, found no such webpage, which was all the info that had been left. I was joined again this year by my cousin and her daughter and a friend of the family. I had great plans this year to be able to do the parade without assistance, (I had brakes added to my cart so I could stop and stand). My cousin went ahead and walked with us anyway, which turned out to be a wonderful thing, at the farthest point from the fairgrounds at the last corner before Main street, my newly upgraded cart folded up, my passenger was able to jump off, my cousin was able to grab Milton and hold him while I extricated myself from the cart.

God was watching out for me for sure! The two girls went ahead and walked the parade and handed out candy, Jeanette and I walked the pony back to the fairgrounds and got back at the same time as the rest of the parade. I offered the pony to a couple other people to drive if they came up, because the only thing I was going to do was the parade with him and the rest of the events were to be done with Dream (the appaloosa). Good thing they didn't count on it! Milton got a free weekend of doing nothing but eating and getting pet! Dream did the pleasure pace, the games and the Sunday drive, and I wasn't bringing him and the wagonette if my cousin didn't come.



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## STARR COMMONWEALTH

Cancelled due to lack of participation. Starr Commonwealth is a lovely place to drive and especially nice for a young or green horse. Rustic camping at the lake, driving thru the grounds on combination of gravel, blacktop and wooded trails, with minimal traffic thru the facility. You can bring your horse down to and into the lake, and the grounds are easily covered in a short 1hr drive. Joyce puts on a fabulous lunch every year and goes above and beyond putting this drive together. It is extremely disappointing to go thru all the work and have no one show up. Since I can drive alone at home I suggested that we meet for dinner instead of both of driving down to Albion and then she didn't have to cook anything either. We met and had a wonderful dinner and a nice visit and Joyce even did all the driving and came over to Port Huron, (she wanted to shop at Mary Maxims). I got the best end of the deal, instead of driving 4 hrs to Albion, I drove 15 mins to Port Huron, and slept in my own bed after dinner!

## LAKE CITY aka NORTHWAY HACKMANS DRIVE

Linda and Richard Wells again put on a wonderful drive at their farm in Lake City. Much smaller group of attendees this year, I believe only 8-10 horses and 2 of them belonged to Richard. Potluck dinner on Friday and Saturday night in the barn under the chandelier, nice group of friends attending the potluck and enjoying the hospitality.

## LAKE CITY CONT.

This year I brought Milton and the newly repaired/re-inforced cart. Joyce joined me on Saturday for the day and we took to the trail behind the houses. Milton worked really hard in a couple of areas to get thru the sand and up the hills, but did a valiant job, though finished the drive under protest, stopping and standing on several occasions, including on the blacktop within about 10 yards of the turn back onto the gravel road, about 2 miles from the farm, he was just convinced that he couldn't take another step.

## THE NATIONAL DRIVE

I had great plans to attend the National Drive again this year. This was not to be, as mentioned in the beginning of the newsletter, I wound up in the hospital just prior to the drive and try as I might to convince the Doctors that I needed to get out on time to travel to Kentucky, they all looked at me rather skeptically. I really did plan to attend even against medical advice, until I got my infusion of IV antibiotics before being discharged and it was taking 2 hours to do, and was going to be the same at home. I could not justify 4 hrs sitting at the campsite with my IV pole for company, so sadly called my sister, my stallmates, and the National Drive and cancelled out.

## NATIONAL DRIVE, CONT.

There were a few attendees from our club that did make it, and I understand that it was a great year to miss. Rain, Hail, Tornadoes, and only one day of sunshine. The hardy folks from MHDVA were still out driving despite the not so welcoming weather..

Karen Huyser attended the National Drive this year. This year, there was a silent auction item of riding in the coach. Karen won the event and was able to ride on top of the London Coach. It was so cool to watch four Hackney/Perschoron horses being hooked. It was such a great experience to ride on top!!!

Dorothy Childs and daughter, Julie also enjoyed the National Drive. Jackie and Mike Mingas and Julie Bates also attended. It was a rather rainy year but always a fun event to attend. This year there was a used tack sale. Quite a lot of items were offered for sale.

There were a lot of wonderful clinicians available for lessons. If you can, look up the National Drive for next year. Dorothy hope to see you there!!!

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## MHDVA CLASSIFIED

For Sale: **Meadowbrook** style cart, spares box, step in the rear, one seat lifts up for easy entry, 2 sets of wheels (48" and 52"), \$1600. Pictured below.



For Sale: **Smuckers Harness.** Black Pleasure (wide) backpad, deluxe breast collar, false martingale, deluxe bridle, stand-up rein turrets, extra hip and neck straps, all russet reins. Metal parts are stainless steel as much as was available. No patent leather except a tiny bit on browband. \$800

For Sale: **Letties ladies driving gloves,** \$100, used only for a few shows. These are fabulous gloves, reinforced in all the right places for driving.

For Sale: Wire wheeled, metal **pony cart**, has interchangeable, pole and shafts and a set of metal sleigh runners. \$400

For Sale: Other **misc. driving items;** wool lap robes, men's hats, women's hats, sleigh bells, 5 1/4" snafflemouth liverpool, ear doilies, black fleece harness pad, hatpins, nice gloves (thin and soft, but not Letties), various driving whips, and tons of other horsey stuff for riding and driving, too numerous to mention.

For any of the items above: contact Susan at [myerssus@msu.edu](mailto:myerssus@msu.edu). For those who do not have access to email, you may call between 5pm and 8pm weekdays and 10am to 8pm weekends (517) 694-6490.

## FOR SALE:

Pony sized easy entry cart with harness for 12 hand pony or donkey for sale.

Also Draft size easy entry cart.

Pictured below - American Cart and Harness easy entry cart (made in the USA). The wheels are 44". The shafts are 98" long and 37" wide at narrowest point. Cart weighs approx 250lbs. The seat is 44" wide, good for 2 good sized adults.

The shafts are metal and are removable for transport. It has flush hubs and seat is adjustable for balance if necessary. It is ready to use, no work needed, as it has a fresh coat of paint and poly. Comes with the cart stand and whip socket. Make me an offer

Cady Ness-Smith  
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Fx: 517-338-5001  
Email: [sascns@flash.net](mailto:sascns@flash.net)

## CARRIAGES/CARTS:

Meadowbrook two wheel carts. Plans, parts, or custom made carts. Easy entry.

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Phone: 231-924-3796

Email: [jack@meadowbrookcarts.com](mailto:jack@meadowbrookcarts.com)

Wen: [www.meadowbrookcarts.com](http://www.meadowbrookcarts.com)

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Moore [48848@yahoo.com](mailto:48848@yahoo.com)

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3 mini Chariots available, \$650 each

Lull Carriage Company Sleigh. This was manufactured in Kalamazoo, MI between 1891 and 1920. It has doors (in working order) and also springs. Shafts included (may have been repaired at some point. Seat is original with straw filling. Sleigh is painted black and red. Horse sized. Asking \$1250 517-281-9139 or [sascns@flash.net](mailto:sascns@flash.net)



## FOR SALE:

### Harness

Leather horse harness , \$200 obo

Call Michelle VandenBoom

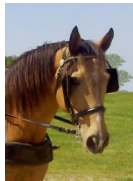
810-305-1280 or email

[zambo48049@yahoo.com](mailto:zambo48049@yahoo.com)



## Barb's Drive—May 10-11

By Miss Daisy



What a GREAT weekend we had down in Metamora. Barb Chapman & Frank Andrews were such gracious hosts and made us all feel so welcome and comfortable with nice big roomy stalls and lots of light, fresh air and grass if our owners took us out to it.

But let me tell you how Saturday morning at home started out. My owner (*Linda Aloyo—a wonderful lady*) came over to feed us by 7AM...she NEVER let on that she & I were going away for the weekend (*if she had, I would have worked real hard at pulling a shoe off or something, you know the usual*). She cleaned up our rooms and then took her pet dog Freida for a walk and then went home.

A couple hours went by and when she came back I noticed she parked on the other side of the big garage out by the road. Then I noticed the gate to the pasture had been closed, otherwise I would have made a break for it through the river that was between our corral and the pasture. But there was no use trying to avoid her because I know she will not give up till she catches me. Besides she put some of the “good” hay in the managers and I wasn’t going to leave that.

Then came the halter, she gave me a quick brushing and off to the trailer. Buddy said one good-bye to me and went back to eating. I made a couple feeble attempts to say “no I don’t want to go in the trailer” but then jumped in ONLY TO FIND...YES YOU GOT IT...THE GOOD HAY IN THE HAY BAG... WOOHOO...LET’S ROLL!!!

After about 30 minutes on the road, I heard a loud noise and some weird noise after that. Evidently my owner didn’t hear it in the truck because we kept going. Then a nice lady in a black SUV pulled up next to the truck and started waving at my owner; next thing I knew she was pulling off the side of the road near an exit.

She came back to check on me; I was just standing there watching traffic go by. She walked around the trailer and I hear her say “REALLY???” Then she went back to the truck. I am not sure what happened after that but I must have waited in the trailer for an hour before a man in a big truck came. I heard my owner talking to him about air in the spare



(whatever that means) and a flat tire. He sounded like a very nice man and was very polite. My owner told him something about buying road service through US Rider not two weeks ago and then this happens...he said it would not cost her a dime and that they would bill US Rider. She said PRAISE GOD!!!

Before long we were on the road again for about another hour. We ended up at the place we did a CDE at the year before. I walked out of the trailer and she took me into a big beautiful fancy barn with cobblestone on the floor...the sound of my steel shoes on cobblestone sounded pretty cool, like something out of a movie (so I’ve heard tell). I was put in a stall that was big enough for a couple of horses and met plenty of my neighbors too.

Linda came an curried, brushed me and harnessed me up and we went for a nice long drive thru the beautiful dirt roads of Metamora. There were lots of other horses around to say hi to and when I seen a farm that I would have liked to live at I tried to turn in the driveway but Linda said no.

We drove up and down the rolling hills and had a grand time just enjoying the beautiful weather.

Later that day she took me out to enjoy some really good grass by the barn and then I heard her talking about a pot-luck whatever that is and really good food.

After a good nights sleep, Sunday morning after breakfast Linda decided to saddle me up and go for a ride. We started down the road but after going down the hill we went into the trails. I “knew” the way back to the barn and was thinking if we hurry and get this ride over, I can get back to my new friends sooooo, when she wanted to trot I trotted as fast as I could...she loved it! When she asked for a canter we started out slow but as we were going up a hill, she loosened up on the reins and we hand-galloped. I glanced back and she had the biggest smile on her face. Later I overheard her telling someone about how exhilarating our ride was.

The pictures below show me

and my new friend standing in the hall waiting for our owners. I’m the cute one in the black stockings. And LOOK who happens to be walking by, our host Barb. I like her, she is so friendly and offered for us to come back and enjoy her trails anytime.



I also overheard Linda talking about a campfire Saturday night and the horror stories that were being told. She said something about a Gynecologist, a Surgeon, a Nurse and a Police Dispatch person that were talking about some weird things that happened on their jobs...I think she called it an early night and went to bed.

THANK YOU TO BARB & FRANK for sharing your place with us, it was so much fun and we hope to be invited back again next year!



## Fall Harvest Drive at Glen Willow Farm Oct 18-19

By Linda Aloyo

October 18th brought some blustery weather at Glen Willow Farm in Silverwood. I was not surprised that no one brought their horses to drive as I kept saying "if I wasn't hosting this drive...I wouldn't have come" LOL.

Saturday morning brought some cool temps and wind (not desirable around farm land)...Nancy Caulfield showed up mini-less and helped Sue tremendously with hooking her Newfoundland pony Solomon pictured to the right and then Nancy stayed the night to enjoy a "Man from Snowy River" movie & pizza.

Melissa my riding friend also with a buckskin showed up horseless because she was interested in learning to drive. Then Mary Beardsley and her friend showed up horseless too so after a wonderful lunch we hooked Daisy to a carriage Sue had with motorcycle tires and threw a bale of straw on the back for Mary & her friend to sit on; then wrapped up with a couple wonderful lap blankets that Sue provided and we were off for the 5 mile trip.

At that time I hadn't put out the treasure hunt items I had planned because I really didn't expect anyone to show up because of the weather. But we had a nice drive around the area. With all the dirt roads to drive and still a bit of color on the trees, even though it was chilly we still enjoyed ourselves. Once we were past the 1/2 way point and Daisy wasn't trying to turn around anymore I let Melissa get a taste of driving. She enjoyed it very much even though I kept telling her to tighten up her reins.

Sunday morning donned chilly weather once again but SUNSHINE! By the afternoon I decided "just in case" someone brave came out I would put out the Treasure Hunt items. There were 6 items "Around the Farm" and 6 "On the Road Again". We had maps, clues and small bags to put your treasure in as you found it. Unfortunately no one showed up so I told Sue & Nancy "SOMEONE IS GOING TO DO MY TREASURE HUNT!" Of course she knew that would be her and Nancy being I had to go around picking up the items anyway. So Daisy was hooked again, I drove, Sue read the clues and handled the camera and Nancy was chosen to collect the Treasure.

By this time Daisy was very willing to stop and stand for as long as we wanted while Nancy collected the treasures. Being it was Harvest Time, all the clues pertained to something we should be thankful for and were attached to a foil covered chocolate coin of similar color or a wrapped mint. Instructions at the bottom noted "if you eat your treasure, save the wrapper". We even had prizes

for the person who collected the most treasure in the shortest time.

One of my favorite clues read: *Light Green is the color of this delicious treat, look for this treasure amongst its red friends. You'll find this treasure (Around the Farm). I put a small basket of green apples in the branches of the red apple trees with the light green coins.*



Above right is Daisy standing and waiting (she was being so good). Then Nancy found the clue of the Pink Ribbon tied around a pole, then the stalky man and then the color purple.

I won't give away too much because



I am hoping to plan another treasure hunt for next year and may reuse some of these clues.

We also had a cones course planned to set up in the arena and after practicing, when you felt you were ready we would time you and of course the one with the best time could pick a prize.

I hope this article entices everyone to join us next year "weather permitting" and remember to bring a friend to help collect your Treasures ☺.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Here we are at the end of another year with the promise of fun events in the year to come. I hope that you will keep checking back with our calendar to join events. We should have at least one event each month starting in April. Last year we did not have the attendance that we had hope to have including my attendance??? I look forward this year to marking the calendar to attend some relaxing driving events with my driving friends!!!

Have a wonderful Christmas season and start planning events for the summer and fall to come!!

As always, keep safe. This is the time of year to check and clean harness and get your carts in condition. Make sure you are looking under blankets to see that horses are not too fat or getting more thin than desired.

Happy dreams of driving!!!

Dorothy

**JAN 17** Ask the experts, 11am lunch, 12pm speaker, 1pm mtg @ MSU Brody ctr

**FEB 21** Ask the experts 11 am lunch, 12pm speaker, 1pm mtg @ MSU Brody ctr

**MAR 13-15** MSU expo

**APRIL** Martin's carriage auction, PA, [martinauctioneers@frontiernet.net](mailto:martinauctioneers@frontiernet.net)  
717-354-6671

**MAY** MDCA DRIVE— drive the trails, dirt roads and hazards contact Barb to reserve a stall 810-678-2500. must have current coggins, other questions call Jann 616-902-2937

**MAY** Mt Morris Campout, hosted by Nancy Caulfield,

**JUN 6-7** Blue Ribbon Show and clinic @ Kalamazoo fairgrounds. Contact Michelle Ridley [derby-miss48906@yahoo.com](mailto:derby-miss48906@yahoo.com)  
Pizza party and board meeting Sat night. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, Contact Michelle Ridley**

**JUN** North West Ohio show

**JUN 26-28** CAA Carriage Festival, Lexington, KY. USEF Carriage pleasure competition, held in the air conditioned Alltech Arena at KY Horse park, for more information: [info@caaonline.com](mailto:info@caaonline.com) or 859-231-0971

**JULY 11-13** Sleepy Hollow Drive and camp out weekend, contact Gale Moore, 517-290-7624 or Nancy Caulfield 810-358-8678

**AUGUST 7-9** Gladwin Carriage festival. [gladwinhistory.org/carriagefest.html](http://gladwinhistory.org/carriagefest.html)

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**AUG** Starr Commonwealth (Jerry's drive, Albion MI, contact Joyce Miller, [tylertwo76@gmail.com](mailto:tylertwo76@gmail.com) 517-321-6229

**SEPT** Win a Gin, Tim Wrights show.

**SEPT 11-13** Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI. ADS Pleasure driving event. held on the lawn of the Villa Louis Historic Site. Contact - Mike Rider - [info@carriageclassic.com](mailto:info@carriageclassic.com) [www.carriageclassic.com](http://www.carriageclassic.com); 608-326-4436

**SEPT** Lake City Drive/Northway Hackmans fall color drive

**OCT** National Drive, Kentucky Horse Park, contact Christy Warrington 270-250-4463 [tnd@nationaldrive.net](mailto:tnd@nationaldrive.net)

**OCT** Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show , MSU pavilion

**NOV 1** Annual Meeting, MSU Brody square, lunch 12pm, business meeting 1pm , speaker 2pm

To add driving activities to our Calendar of Events, contact Joyce Miller, Secretary, MHDVA [tylertwo76@gmail.com](mailto:tylertwo76@gmail.com)





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Please send a check made payable to M.H.D.V.A and  
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