

Wheel to Wheel

Newsletter for the HUB



2015

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A current negative Coggins must be on file with the club secretary in order to participate in any HUB Club event



HUB CLUB



From the Editor As your editor, I ask that you send me photos and anything else that you would like to see in the newsletter. I am more than happy to use anything you want **in the newsletter**, as it is **YOUR newsletter**. If you want to continue to have an informative newsletter, I need material from the membership. You can send them to me directly at briarpatcheast@aol.com by the 20th of each month. Kris Breyer

From the Webmaster: Please submit items for web page. Include pictures of all our members. Please send names of driver, passengers, horse(s), and description of what you are doing, and where.



Prez' message:

Apologies

to those who dusted off their sleighs hoping for a snowy winter. Not only did we not have a White Christmas, parts of our membership enjoyed a 50 degree sunny day December 26th and a few of us (ahem) may have even ridden outside!

It looks like we're going to have a good turnout for our annual meeting at Jimmy's Charhouse on Sunday January 4th. Here's what I'm bringing: the meeting agenda, our checkbook (for membership dues and clinic registration), an item to donate to the silent auction, and the prizes for High Point and Distinguished Service Awards. And I'm wearing a dressy sweater and slacks. Oh and makeup. How about the rest of you? What are you wearing and bringing?

Yours Truly, **Dr. Lydia Gray** **(Bring your calendars and checkbook!**

Pay your dues & clinic fees).





Happy Holidays

SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT JIMMY'S CHARHOUSE, ELGIN, IL.

The HUB Club Annual Meeting will be held from 12 to 4pm
at Jimmy's Charhouse, 2290 Point Boulevard, Elgin, IL.
Located right off the Randall Road exit from Interstate 90
<http://www.jimmyscharhouseelgin.com/>

Their Lunch Buffet includes wood-roasted chicken, steak stir fry, pan-fried tilapia, carrots & broccoli, mashed potatoes, salad and soft drink or coffee. We have reserved their private banquet room which can accommodate 100 people maximum, 80 comfortably, for a buffet lunch at 12 noon, followed by a meeting, then awards and silent auction.

*Your cost (per person) will only be \$15 with the HUB Club
Picking up the rest for current members of the club.*

Please remember to bring silent auction items!!!!

Please RSVP the number attending to Lydia Gray at:
lydiagraydvm@gmail.com or 630-557-0241 or
call/text: 630-701-5903

by Monday December 22, 2014.

If you only come to one meeting a year this is the one not to miss!

Thanks everyone! *Lydia*



The HUB Club Presents The 2015 Spring Clinic with Sara Schmitt

Sara Schmitt has been very successful competing in combined driving, and was a member of the 2003, 2005, and 2009 USET World Championship Teams. At the 2003 FEI World Combined Driving Pony Championships in Austria, Sara and "High Country Doc" won 6th individual overall and helped the US team to a 6th place finish! At the 2005 Championships in England they finished 10th, and in 2009 the US Pony Team finished 4th overall. In the US, Sara won the 2005 National Combined Driving Champion – Advanced Single Pony with "High Country Doc" and the same title in 2007 with "Batman." She is an ADS "r" judge.

Sara is also a USEF "S" Dressage judge, as well as a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist with over 20 years experience riding dressage! A talented and sympathetic Dressage trainer experienced with many different breeds of horses, throughout her career she has trained with several Dressage icons and been influenced by Anne Gribbons, Uwe Steiner, Jan Ebeling, Lars Petersen, and Catherine Haddad-Staller.

--Sara will be available for 8-10 lessons per day on Saturday May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd. A few lessons may be scheduled on Friday afternoon May 1st and Monday morning May 4th if there is interest.

--She will provide individual, 45-minute lessons in driven or ridden dressage, for \$125 each, payable to The HUB Club.

--The clinic will be held at Theresa Adams' farm, which is located at 5170 Rockton Road, Rockton, IL 60172.

-- HUB Club members will be given preference for clinic lessons. Registration for the clinic opens January 1 for members and February 1 for non-members. Refunds for cancellations will only be given if the slot can be filled.

--Participants may clinic out of their trailer for a daily haul-in fee of \$15 or out of a stall for a daily stall fee of \$25. Bedding is not included and is NOT available for purchase on-site. Everyone is kindly asked to clean up after their horse when they leave whether hauling-in or using a stall.

--Lunch is included for paid clinic participants (and one groom) as well as paid auditors Saturday and Sunday.

--Anyone riding or driving must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use.

-- A negative Coggins test dated within one year of the event is required. Out-of-state horses must present a Veterinary Health Certificate dated within 30 days of clinic.

QUESTIONS?

Contact MaryAnn Carter for more information at maryann-carter@live.com or 847-769-5191.



The HUB Club Presents
The 2015 Spring Clinic with
Sara Schmitt

DRIVER Name _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Cell Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

GROOM Name _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Cell Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

HORSE/PONY/VSE Name _____ ☐ Mare ☐ Gelding ☐ Stallion
Breed _____ Age _____ Height _____ Color _____ ☐ Single ☐ Pair
Level Competing _____ Clinic Goals _____

FEES
Each clinic lesson \$125 X () = _____
Stall fee per horse per day \$25 X () = _____
Haul-in fee per trailer per day \$15 X () = _____
Non-member fee \$25 _____
TOTAL _____

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DAY(S) YOU WOULD LIKE A LESSON: Fri PM Sat AM Sat PM Sun AM Sun PM Mon AM*

(circle more than one choice if you would like more than one lesson)

WHAT TO MAIL:

__ REGISTRATION FORM
__ CHECK MADE OUT TO "The HUB Club"
__ COPY OF YOUR HORSE'S CURRENT COGGINS FORM

WHERE TO MAIL:

MaryAnn Carter, 821 Winmoor Drive, Sleepy Hollow, IL 60118

QUESTIONS?

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**Lessons on Monday have not been confirmed with the clinician at this time. We are simply gauging interest.*



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Auditor Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Which day(s) will you be attending? Friday ☐ \$0 Saturday ☐ \$25 Sunday ☐ \$25 Monday* ☐ \$0

- Lunch is included Saturday and Sunday with your audit fee
- Friday is PM sessions only; Monday is AM sessions only*
- No need to bring chairs, we have plenty!
- No dogs please (we also have plenty of those)
- Auditors are asked to park between the road and the fencing

FEES

Fee per Day Number of Days
\$25 X =

Non-Member (add \$25) _____

Please make check payable to The HUB Club

TOTAL _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK to:

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Buying Sleighs: One Collector's Experience

by Jaye-Allison Winkel with Greg Cuffey

"Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh..."

Greg Cuffey, sleighing with the Standardbred "Thorpe's Magic"

I love sleighs. Like many people, I think sleighs are beautiful and sleighing has a romance all its own. I love to look at sleighs and watch others sleighing, and I've gone out with borrowed sleighs a time or two, but if I was setting out to buy a sleigh of my own, I'd have just about as many questions about this purchase as I had when I bought my first cart and harness. I am lucky, however, that I know someone who knows much more about sleighs than I do, and he loves to share that knowledge with others. Greg Cuffey lives in Gorham, Maine, with his wife and two daughters, and over the years Greg has collected and restored dozens of antique sleighs. He's even built a few from the "ground up". To learn more about

sleighs and what to look for when buying them, I visited Greg at his farm and we toured his collection.

When asked what people should look for in buying an antique sleigh, Greg's first response was "don't pay too much". From his experience, there are many antique sleighs out there that are in good, usable condition and need a minimum of work to be enjoyed. Settling for a "fixer-upper" sleigh isn't always necessary, and the cost of restoring a sleigh can very often leave the owner with a sleigh that isn't worth the investment put into it, and can cause the owner to miss a few sleighing seasons during the restoration process. Here in northern New England, Greg says that usable sleighs in decent condition can be found in the \$400 - \$900 price range. Sleighs in the \$300 - \$500 price range may need some work, but shouldn't need complete restoration, unless they have very special historical significance. Albany Cutters are an exception; expect to pay upwards of \$3000 for one in good condition.

Suggestions for buying:

- Buy in the "off season", during Spring and Summer.
- Check out local Auctions, Barn and Estate sales.
- Be willing to travel further from large cities; good quality sleighs owned by wealthy families were sold to farmers outside the cities when automobiles became popular. Greg calls this the "sleigh migration", and is the reason that some of the nicest sleighs are found in rural areas, where automobiles came later.

What to look for in a sleigh

Upholstery

One of the most expensive components of a sleigh to repair or replace is the upholstery. Replacing the upholstery in a single seat sleigh can easily cost \$300 or more. If the fabric is worn, torn or faded, it may still be a good purchase as your lap robes will cover much of the seat and the sleigh can still look pretty at sleigh rallies. If the seat cushion is missing but the back cushion is still intact, this can give you a good starting place for replacing the seat, as the style of upholstering is there for you to refer to. Unfortunately, seats are often missing in sleighs and Greg says he's seen quite a few on the roadside on the way to big auctions, as owners forget to remove them or tie them down for shipping.

Paint

Repainting a sleigh will always take longer than you think it will. If the paint is original and in fair condition, you may prefer to leave it as is and enjoy the antique look. Preparing an antique sleigh for painting requires a LOT of sanding and may also require the use of paint strippers. Be careful that you aren't spending too much money on a sleigh that you'll regret repainting later!

The Dash

While cracks in the curved dashes of Portland-type sleighs appear to be a very serious defect, these are actually quite easy to fix with the "bend-able" plywood that is available to today's carpenters. If the original framework is intact, the plywood can be bent to match and the dash will look as good as new.

The Body

Sleighs were built to flex and shift more so than carts, so don't be surprised if the sleigh seems "loose" if you push on the body while it's sitting in the barn. A few cracks here and there in the body won't cause problems, but resist the temptation to fill them, as this can make them look worse in the long run. No matter how old the sleigh is, the wooden parts are bound to expand and contract with changes in the moisture content of the air.

If any wooden parts of the sleigh body need to be replaced, Greg recommends using oak or poplar. Stay away from softwoods like pine, as the pine sap will ooze out of the boards later, even if it is painted.

The Runners

Look for wear on the metal runners toward the front of the sleigh, where the most abrasion occurred. Greg says that, even if you do find the metal runners well worn, these are fairly easy to replace with new metal. Check the wooden parts above the metal runners as well as you can, but be aware that rot in the mortise and tenon joints may be impossible to see unless the sleigh is dismantled. These types of repair will require a skilled carpenter's help.

Be on the lookout for tiny drill holes in the wood that could indicate powder post beetle damage.

The Floor

Floor boards almost universally need to be replaced on antique sleighs. Greg recommends using poplar wood for the floors, as it is light but strong.

The Shafts

Sleigh shafts are often split or cracked, probably due to being stepped on during the harnessing process. Shafts are easy to replace, with new shafts readily available from Amish craftsmen.

Be sure to try the shafts to the sleigh before purchasing! As the shafts are removable, they can be easily mixed up in the sale barn, and you could go home with shafts that don't fit.

Ornamental Metalwork and Bells

Like the bells, if you can find a sleigh with its ornamental metalwork intact this is a definite plus. Compare both sides of the cart, checking to see if the parts match. If you find a complete set of metalwork on at least one side of the sleigh, at least you have a pattern from which to have the other side restored.

If you find a sleigh with its original sleigh bells intact, you may have found something really special! Sleighs and their bells are often separated, as the bells are worth quite a bit on their own. Whip sockets often go missing, as well.

"Anything's possible"

As sad and worn out as a sleigh can look, there's almost always hope for a new life, if you're willing to put the work into it.



After



Before

Photos from Greg Cuffey's sleigh collection



Before



After

This sleigh received new upholstery, paint and shafts.



Before

This sleigh was originally used for hauling block ice.



After

Now, it's a fun family sleigh!



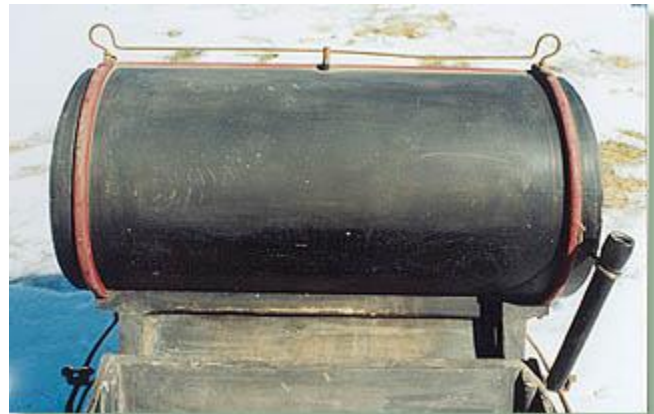
This sleigh was purchased in the condition you see here for only \$400. Note the bells on the shafts - what a find!



Greg bought this sleigh for \$500 in its current condition, a beautiful find.



The upholstery's worn, but still in usable shape.



Look at this dash! Perfect condition!

Ride in Balance, Move in Balance, Live in Balance



Sign Up NOW!
Registration Form
on next page



A Body Concept Workshop for Equestrians

January 17-18, 2015 - Sunflower Equestrian Center, Bristol, WI

Sunflower Equestrian Wellness in conjunction with IDCTA and USDF presents a unique weekend of learning, exploration and discovery - how various movement modalities can positively impact the riding relationship you have with your horse. We will explore both Eastern and Western concepts - Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates and Balimo. Each concept learning session will feature a lecture, a mat workout and an hour long small group lesson where you will explore what you learned on the ground from the back of your horse!

Featured presenters:



Brian Springmeyer



Beth Sabor



Jennifer M. Kotylo

Yoga - Saturday, January 17 - Morning Session

8:00 am - 8:45 am Breathing/Yoga Lecture

8:45 am - 9:30 am Breathing/Yoga Mat Work

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Group One Mounted Session - Breathing/Yoga

11:00 am - 12 noon - Group Two Mounted Session - Breathing/Yoga

Pilates - Saturday, January 17 - Afternoon Session

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - Pilates Lecture

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm - Pilates Mat Work

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Group One Mounted Session - Pilates

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Group Two Mounted Session - Pilates

Tai Chi - Sunday, January 18 - Morning Session

8:00 am - 8:45 am - Tai Chi Lecture

8:45 am - 9:30 am - Tai Chi Mat Work

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Group One Mounted Session - Tai Chi

11:00 am - 12 noon - Group Two Mounted Session - Tai Chi

Balimo - Sunday, January 18 - Afternoon Session

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - Balimo Lecture

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm - Balimo Mat Work

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Group One Mounted Session - Balimo

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Group Two Mounted Session - Balimo

RIDER & AUDITOR REGISTRATION FORM

Ride in Balance, Move in Balance, Live in Balance—A Body Concept Workshop for Riders

Rider or Auditor Name: _____

Address _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Rider Fee: Non IDCTA Member \$300, IDCTA Member \$280. \$ _____

Fee includes 4 lectures, 4 mat work outs and 4 1 hour Small group lessons lunch both Saturday and Sunday and snacks. A maximum of 10 riders will be accepted.

Auditor Fee: Non IDCTA Member \$100, IDCTA Member \$90. \$ _____

Fee Includes 4 lectures, 4 mat workouts and watching the small group lessons, lunch both Saturday and Sunday.*

Lunch is NOT included if payment is received on or after January 6th.

(WALK IN AUDITORS will be accepted at a fee of \$125 for 2 days. No lunch included.)

Stabling Fee: \$45 per horse per night. Number of days \$45/day \$ _____

USDF University Credit Fee: \$5 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please send registration form, a copy of your horse's current Coggins (if riding) and a check made payable to: Lydia Gray

To: Lydia Gray, 43W991 Oakleaf Drive, Elburn, IL 60119

Lunch options: please circle one choice per day

Saturday: (Panera)

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Greek Salad

Italian Sub Sandwich

Sunday: (Honey Baked Ham)

Club Sandwich

Chef Salad

Veggie Sandwich

For questions, or further information, please contact Lydia at lydiagraydvm@gmail.com or 630-701-5903. Details on the workshop will be emailed to participants closer to the weekend of the event!



SALES BARN

SHAREBOARD AVAILABLE

for proven driving pony at Indian Hills. Want to gain experience for shows? Zella is a 14-year-old, stocky, 14-hand Morgan x Welsh Cob pony available to share board at Indian Hills Stables in Gilberts, IL. Fun, easy, no vices. She is a great trail pony as well and has given beginner lessons to small children. You can use my marathon carriage and road cart. This pony has won CDE's at preliminary, placed well in her first intermediate, and has done a couple of pleasure shows. She's suitable for CDE, pleasure shows, trail driving, and riding. I can help you, and we can work things out if you want to compete. She loves to work! \$225 monthly for share of board. Call Kandi 919-357-8068 or email kkkline@yahoo.com. Thanks, Kandi Kline

FOR SALE: \$900 pony sized cart, and new neoprene harness. Kathy Soberg

815-943-2526 or 815-354-3365



For sale:

Easy entry cart and tack. Fits large pony or small horse.

Includes

bridle with driving bit, extra 4 – ½ inch bit, harness, breeching with crupper, reins, pads, no-flat tires, extra singletree and sleigh runners.

Gently used condition. South Elgin location. Contact Margaret Lewis at emmayell@yahoo.com or 630-460-1163. \$500 OBO



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Delayed steering, hydraulic disc brakes. Was \$9525, now \$6000. Cob to horse. More pics available. Lonnie Leavitt, Silver Lining Farm, St. Louis at barnfrau@gmail.com.



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Foundation Morgan Mare. 5 yr old Chestnut. 14.1 H. Started with ground driving. I have started her under saddle. Very smart and very brave mare. Loads, stands for farrier, ties. Bought for my sister.....now she needs her own person! \$1200 Sheri Haviza
glacierfarm@yahoo.com 262-473-1142



Freiburger Carriage Works must make room for 2015 models.

Have demonstrators and slightly used marathons available

Jaguar: horse size, slightly used: \$7950 new: now \$6660, IRS, air ride, stainless package, all the bells and whistles.

Bobcat: large pony cob demonstrator: \$6950 new: now

\$ 5950, stainless steel package and brakes, fifth wheel driver control.

Tiger: large horse/warm blood, used 100 hours, new \$8736, now \$6750, four seats, four wheel brakes, fifth wheel control, etc.

Runabout, used but immaculate: Oak bodied pair for cobs or large ponies, made to fit Haflingers and Fjords \$5500 frei@chorus.net



The Jaguar

Buggy for parts or restore. No running gear but I do have an axle or two, minus the wheels. Free to whoever might want it. I can even deliver if it's not too far. Carl Gorra 630.699.9276 I am located in Warrenville, IL. cagorra@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Meadowbrook with 48 inch wheels. I used it for 15.2 hand horse. \$1200 or best offer. Located in Woodstock.

Call 815.861.096 Or email mankepatti@gmail.com **Patti Manke**



<https://www.dropbox.com/s/lu9f3hc8iem169k/HUBClubLibraryUpdated.xlsx>



This is the link to the updated Hub Club Library – out on Dropbox. For those unfamiliar, Dropbox is a free computer app. that allows files to be shared on the internet. Anyone clicking on this link will get the excel spreadsheet with the most updated library on it.

I would like to remind everyone that we now have a mail out and back program. If you want to check something out from the library you contact Leslye Sandberg lsandberg@permatron.com and include your mailing address. The item will be mailed to you. We ask that you return the item in a timely manner in the preaddressed envelope that will come with it. You will have to pay the return postage.

In upcoming issues I will be showcasing some of the new additions.

And again I ask for your suggestions for items to add to the library. Note that any horsey movies or videos you have that you no longer want or need, can be donated to the library as well.



December 23, 2014

...It is with heavy heart that I inform you that Bar Nothing Arion also known as the Team Adams right horse "Dozer" was euthanized today after complications of colic. He has had these problems all along so it was no surprise when Glenn called me early to say Dozer was not well. Among other things, he was a vet's delight with allergies, lameness, sarcoids, and miscellaneous other ailments. He partnered with his half brother Jeep and brought many CDE blue ribbons



to the barn. He was excellent at dressage as well as trail riding. Dozer was a black Morgan gelding 11 1/2 years old and was such a love. of course he was my favorite horse. He will be missed by the other black Morgans: Jeep, Phinn and Bella. Thanks for the comfort of our two legged friends, Demi, LeAnne, Glenn, Walter and Dr. Deb Sink. Thanks for all the condolences on Dozer's passing. You can't imagine how heartwarming they are. So, hug your horse, enjoy your friends and be kind to the folks who need kindness the most. Look forward to a new year

with great possibilities. *Theresa Adams*

Wheel to Wheel

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HUB CLUB Membership Application Year _____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE :(home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____



Please check preference: Newsletter sent via email _____ U.S Postal Service _____
Also member of: _____ ADS _____ CAA, _____ USEF, Local club _____

MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: 18yrs or older, 1 vote per membership

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Couple and any underage children (<18), immediate family, 2 votes per membership.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Child under 18yrs of age, no voting privileges. (Must have an adult member as sponsor).

Also, parent/guardian must sign on application for Junior Members to participate at club events.

I accept the benefits, obligations and responsibilities of membership and agree to abide by the HUB Club bylaws
Signature(s): _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date : _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$25.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$35.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

*New memberships received after June 30 will be pro-rated for 6 months

Send check with completed forms to: check # _____
date _____

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