

Wheel to Wheel

Newsletter for the HUB



2017

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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 letter:

For those of you wanting to learn more about dressage, I highly recommend the USDF "L" Program <http://www.usdf.org/education/judge-training/lprogram/index.asp>

While the full course is designed for those interesting in pursuing further dressage judge credentials from US Equestrian, any USDF member can audit the three sessions in Part 1. A 2012 graduate with distinction, I just finished auditing Session C this past April with Janet Foy as the instructor. We specifically covered the Collective Marks at the end of the test – how to score Gaits, Impulsion, Submission, and Rider – as well as how to write a comment that sums up the test, points out the #1 thing they need to work on, and is kind, positive, and helpful. Here are a few of my favorite quotes from the training:

"You need to put them in the right place in the class without making them bleed."

"If you didn't give an 8 for that, have another cup of coffee. Or chocolate. Chocolate is good."

"Judges are not the dressage police. We're also not the fashion police. Your job is to judge performance."

. Yours Truly, **Dr. Lydia Gray**

2017 Driving



May 20 HOW Driving & Riding Clinic, Middleton, WI

May 24 DDC Blackhawk Ridge Drive, Sauk City, WI- Wayne & Linda Schutte

May 27-28 HUB Club Clinic with Sterling Graburn, [contact: lydiagraydvm@gmail.com](mailto:lydiagraydvm@gmail.com) or 630-701-5903. Our next meeting is Saturday, May 27th, at the HUB Club Annual Spring Clinic

June TBD DDC Richard Bong State Recreation Area, Kansasville, WI- Dani Oster

June 1-4 The National Drive's Spring Fling, Lexington, KY- Virginia Goodman
thenationaldrive@gmail.com, 502-370-1848

June 2-4 Prairie State Classic Morgan Horse Show, Roscoe, IL Gail Kelce, gaidkelce@gmail.com,
815-624-7993 Three Open Carriage classes altogether on Friday

June 13-17 Midwest Charity Horse Show, Springfield, IL- Carole Kennedy, ckennedy0317@gmail.com,
217-414-1900

June 18 DDC Governor Dodge State Park Drive, Dodgeville, WI

June 17-18 Columbus Carriage Festival, Columbus, WI- Heather Kuenzi, kecponyclubcenter@gmail.com
920-285-0701

June 23-25 Metamora CDE, Metamora, MI- Darlene Daly, ddaly0037@gmail.com

June 24-25 Skunk River CDE, Ames, IA- Jada Neubauer, jada@midwestdriving.com, 515-450-4820 / 515-233-6014

June TBD DDC Sauk Prairie Recreation Site Drive, Devils Lake State Park- Southern End

June 30-July 2 CAA Carriage Festival, Lexington, KY- John Stallard, john@jsfound.org, 859-231-0971

July 1 **Northern Lights Open Driving Show**, Belvidere, IL. Contact: Kris Hall 815-871-1470

July 1 Notara Farm HDT, Verona, WI

July 13-15 Morgan Masterpiece, Oshkosh, WI- info@morganmasterpiece.com, 608-215-9530

Open to all breed carriage classes

July 15-16 **Heart of America Miniature Horse Show, Boone County Fairgrounds**

Horse Barns #4 & #5 & Indoor Horse Arena, Contact: Jean Estes 815-964-2146

July 15 A Day of Driving at FVSA, Hampshire, IL- Michael & Kelly Chuman

July 16 HUB Club Dirty Harness Day

July 22-23 Hickory Knoll CDE, Fitchburg, WI

Aug 5 Mid States Morgan Show, Hampshire, IL Kris Breyer briarpatcheat@aol.com 847-526-3012

Aug 5-6 Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow, Manchester, IA

Aug 12-13 Wade House Carriage Driving Days, Greenbush, WI- Wade House,
wadehouse@wisconsinhistory.org, 920-526-3271

Aug 12-13 A Day of Driving at FVSA, Hampshire, IL- Michael & Kelly Chuman

Aug 15- 16 Iowa State Fair Society Horse Show, Des Moines, IA- Jennifer Cannon, 515-262-3111

Aug TBD DDC Menomonee Park/Lannon Quarry Drive, Lannon, WI

Aug 30- Sep 2 Jubilee Regional Morgan Horse Show, Springfield, IL- Betsy Bishop
www.jubileemorganhorseshow.com, 217-836-5055

Sep 2-3 Jericho Open Horse Show, Jefferson, WI

Sep 5-9 All American Horse Classic, Indianapolis, IN- Steve Kildow, 765-620-5779

Sep 8-10 Villa Louis Carriage Festival, Prairie du Chien, WI. Pleasure driving event ---educational programs, pleasure classes, obstacle classes; vendors, social events .Contact: Mike Rider, 608-326-4436, info@carriageclassic.com"

Sep 16 A Day of Driving at FVSA, Hampshire, IL- Michael & Kelly Chuman

Sep TBD DDC Donald Park Drive Mount Horeb, WI

Sep 22-24 Indiana CDE & CT, Edinburgh, IN

Oct TBD DDC Didier Farm/Radtke Drive, Port Washington, WI

Oct 10-15 National Drive, Lexington, KY- Virginia Goodman, thenationaldrive@gmail.com, 502-370-1848

Oct 21 DDC Horses in the Park, Columbus, WI

October 28 Fitchie Creek FP HUB Club Fall Fun Drive. Fitchie has two bridges to cross; winding path through wooded area; mild rolling hills; grass, limestone and some blacktop paths. Trailer parking on grass just east of the entrance drive. Two shelters, restrooms and access to water. Depending on the condition of the season in late October, the water pump may or may not be operational so suggest that we bring our own water for our horses. Link to the information about Fitchie Creek

<http://kaneforest.com/ForestPreserveView.aspx?ID=20>

Nov TBD Corn Maze Drive, Spring Grove, IL- Richardson's Farm

Dec TBD Victorian Horse Drawn Parade, Sharon, WI

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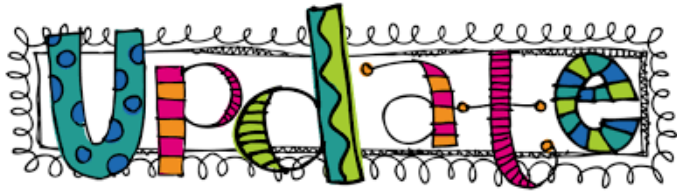


This is the link to the Hub Club Library – out on Dropbox. For those unfamiliar, Dropbox is a free computer app. that allows files to be shared on the internet. Anyone clicking on this link will get the excel spreadsheet with the most updated library on it. This link to a dropbox HUB Club folder, contains the library spreadsheet but also a number of ADS forms, event packing lists, scans of the articles that were copied as pages in the library, etc. I don't know if we plan to put the articles onto the website or the packing list or other forms. CDE entry form, cones scoring forms, etc. Anything else anyone things should go into this folder and we can share with members and they can read the heavier articles direct from the link without having to save or download to print. would like to remind everyone that we

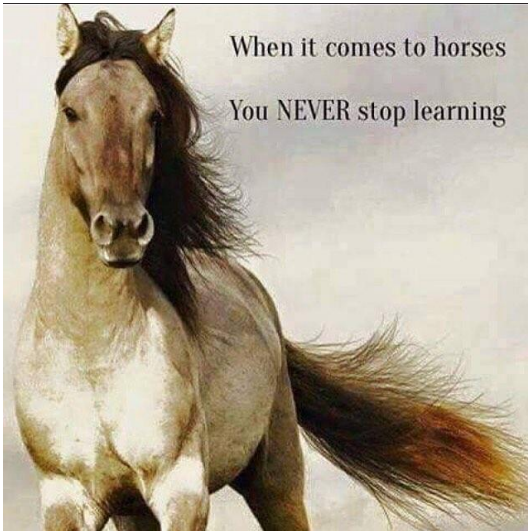
now have a mail out and back program.

If you want to check something out from the library you contact [Leslye Sandberg](mailto:leslyesandberg@gmail.com)

leslyesandberg@gmail.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.



Potluck dinner and HUB Club meeting will follow last lesson on Saturday, May 27th, 2017.



--The last lesson begins at 5pm and ends at 6pm.

-- The dinner/meeting should start at 6:30pm so there isn't a lot of flurry during the lesson.

--To keep things simple, let's have anyone who's coming bring a dish to pass as well as their own plates, utensils, napkins.

--Drinks can be purchased from the FVSA or bring your own. We will make a fresh pot of coffee.

Rather than order a meat dish or assign members food categories by last name, I think if the board, committee, drivers, and auditors can commit to certain food items we'll be in okay shape even if everyone else brings dessert or chips.

The following are the must-haves:

Meat _____

Salad _____

Potato _____

Vegetable _____

Bread _____

Dessert _____

Appetizer _____

Please let Lydia know what you plan on bringing:

lydiagraydvm@gmail.com



2017 Distance Drives

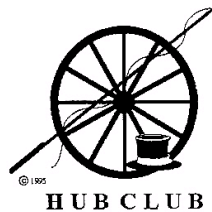
For additional information and updates, such as exact location, camping info, event times, entry fees, etc., see ride flyer available at www.umecra.com. Negative Coggins required for all events. Please note all driving events are held in conjunction with endurance and competitive trail rides – riders will be on the trail.

No memberships are required to participate and all breeds of equine (including grade animals, mules, etc.) are welcome.

Animals must be **drug-free and at least 48 months of age** to participate. Helmets, whip, spares kit, and a **non-bicycle wheeled vehicle** are required. Singles may have a groom and pairs **must** have a groom.

You may enter one or more days at each ride. For days that have multiple distances listed, you choose which distance to enter.

Event Name	Location	Manager	Manager contact	Friday Event(s)	Saturday Event(s)	Sunday Event(s)
MAY						
MNDRA 1	Hinckley, MN	Theresa Meyer	Thmeyer753@gmail.com		May 6 12 miles	May 7 12 miles
Kettles & Bits	New Prospect WI	Joslyn Seefe	joslynsfiberfarm@aol.com		May 6 6 miles 12 miles	May 7 12 miles
Glacier Trails	Palmyra WI	Romona Radtke	608.222.5200		May 13 12 miles 25 miles	May 14 12 miles
JUNE						
Endure	Chandlerville IL	Nicole Mauer Storer	n.mauerstorer@huskers.unl.edu		June 3 6 miles 12.5 miles 25 miles	June 4 6 miles 12.5 miles
ApDRA	Palmyra WI	Dawn Haas	jehass@centurytel.net		June 10 16 miles	June 11 16 miles
JULY						
Mosquito Run	Rogers MN	Sharon Hahn	Mosquitofun@usa.com		July 15 15 miles	July 16 10 miles
AHDRA I – My Backyard	Wyanet IL	Lori Windows	kickbuttshaman1@gmail.com		July 22 12.5 miles	July 23 12.5 miles
AUGUST						
Louise Riedel Memorial	Arkdale WI	Elinore Tonsor	helinoretonsor@earthlink.net		Aug 12 12 miles	Aug 13 12 miles 25 miles
Rock River Charity	Utica IL	Tony Troyer	ll4aerc@aol.com		Aug 19 6 miles 15 miles	Aug 20 6 miles 15 miles
SEPTEMBER						
Colorama Class	Greenbush WI	Pam Cotton	hellsbellsfarm@gmail.com		Sept 16 25 miles	Sept 17 25 miles
OCTOBER						
DRAWarama	New Prospect WI	Joslyn Seefe	joslynsfiberfarm@aol.com	Oct 6 12 miles	Oct 7 12 miles	Oct 8 12 miles
Iron Oak	Arkdale WI	Ruth Casserly	casserlytimruth@gmail.com		Oct 14 6 miles 15 miles	Oct 15 6 miles 15 miles
AHDRA III – Big River	Keithsburg IL	Jim Andriako	Cgswimcoach@yahoo.com		Oct 28 12.5 miles	Oct 29 12.5 miles



The HUB Club Presents

Sterling Graburn

May 27 – 28, 2017

Fox Valley Saddle Association, Hampshire, IL

Sterling spent his early childhood competing in combined training, in part as a member of the Radnor Hunt Pony Club, adding combined driving in his teens. He owes his strong dressage foundation to his mother who was always a dressage trainer first and emphasized that dressage is training in the continuum.

A nationally recognized handler of sport horses, his true love is the sport of driving. He began his driving career in 1977, and entered his first combined driving event in 1979. His first international experience was in 1984 as navigator at the World Four-in-Hand Championships in Hungary. In 1993, he was navigator for Larry Poulin at Gladstone, NJ, for the World Pairs Championship. Sterling was also groom/navigator for Dr. Wendy Ying at the 2005 World Pony Championships at Catton Hall, England.

In 2006, Sterling competed as an individual at the World Singles Championships in Italy where he was fourth on the marathon and the highest overall placed American driver. He has thrice won the FEI Top Driver Award, North American Challenge, Single Horse Championship. In 2008 he won the USEF National Combined Driving Single Horse National Championship.

Sterling competes in both Pleasure and Combined Driving, with singles, pairs, tandems, unicorns, and four-in-hands.

--The clinic will be held at the Fox Valley Saddle Association, 44W300 Rohrson Rd., Hampshire, IL, which has an indoor arena, outdoor arena, and outdoor grass field for cones and obstacles, weather permitting.

--Individual lessons will be offered for \$125 each, payable to The HUB Club. 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 permanent 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 and will be available for purchase by others.

--All drivers, passengers, grooms, and navigators 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 Lydia Gray for more information at lydiagraydvm@gmail.com or 630-701-5903



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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 _____

WHAT TO MAIL:

___ REGISTRATION FORM

___ CHECK MADE OUT TO "The HUB Club"

___ COPY OF YOUR HORSE'S CURRENT COGGINS FORM

WHERE TO MAIL:

Terri Delke, 7100 W. Layton Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220

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Auditor Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

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

- Lunch is included Saturday and Sunday with your audit fee
- Folding chairs are available; bring your own if that would be more comfortable.
- No dogs please

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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Cross Training Circe

Many of you know my Morgan mare Circe, who turns eleven this year. I got her as a two year old, thinking I needed a faster horse. I got what I asked for, plus a great work ethic and an independent spirit. More on the independent spirit aspect another time. So, appropriately challenged, I went on to learn how to drive a horse that required more from me and have been very happy that I did.

In the process, with two to drive and limited time, I stopped riding. After a while I began to miss it. Circe had been ridden twice as a three year old but nothing since then. Recently, I heard there was a new dressage trainer at a stable where a friend was boarding. Time for some training.

You can see from the photos that this seems to be going very well. The sessions with trainer, Patti Gruber and working student/assistant Emma have been very low key, starting with simple ground work and light lunge work. Circe has accepted a rider with a "so-what" attitude, as expected. At her fifth session last week, Patti rode her off line for about fifteen minutes. Circe stayed calm, accepted leg pressure and responded well to a different bit. Of course, she's a driving horse with solid basics!

Meanwhile, I have been working on getting my seat back by riding Jade, my Morgan/Percheron mare. Jade, who also drives, seems happy to be doing something different again too. I think cross-training Circe will benefit all three of us. I'll send some updates as we progress.

I would love to see articles from others in this club who both ride and drive their horses or work in different disciplines, driving or otherwise. Does anyone do Ridden Dressage? Cowboy Dressage? Saddle Seat? Hunt Seat? Team Penning? Roping? Trail Competitions? Distance Driving? What's that thing where you ski behind your horse? Does anyone still farm with their horses? This newsletter is a great forum for sharing. Let's share.

Emily Berendt



Trainer and assistant getting Circe used to having someone stand over her and put weight in the stirrups.



Emma is up! Third lesson.



Patti rides Circe. Fourth lesson



Patti and Circe stop to make sure Circe is comfortable with the open door before approaching.

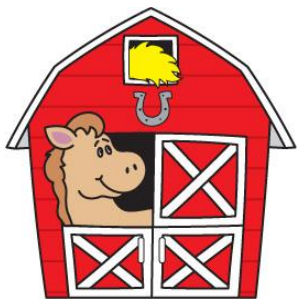
Our driving horses all ride.....some have been shown under saddle as well.



Al's current driving horse, Angel (Merriehill Angel Dust), has been very successfully shown breed driving as well as carriage driving and hunt seat....Cross training is very useful. Riding our driving horses has always been suggested by all of the clinicians/trainers we have worked with.

Kris Breyer





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**Show
Gig for
Sale**

Built by Todd Frey of Frey Carriage, Columbus, Wisconsin. Gig is about 15 years old, lightly used. I have used it at a few shows and it is very well balanced and smooth riding. It has a beautiful dark green paint finish. It has new shaft covers and includes a full canvas cover. It is in very good condition. **\$3,800** Contact Sandra Nowicki, 262-889-4802 or sannowicki@aol.com

FOR SALE: Angel, white Percheron mare, 20 yrs old, 17 hh. Very sweet, easy going. Has been driven in many parades and 3 weddings. Rides



Western, English and bareback on trail or in arena. Very smooth and will neck rein, jogs and lopes. Takes at least an intermediate rider/driver, as she will test you. Trailers, bathes, clips, ties, etc. UTD on shots, coggins, etc. Comes with western saddle, bridle, work harness with stand and forecart.

Good forever home a must! \$1800 (the carriage and fancy harness are also for sale separately) **Linda Lanzer Richmond, IL 815-546-7995**

FOR SALE: 3 Registered Morgan geldings, all Black. Ages 8, 7, and 5 years old. All three are Broke to Drive, Two are Green Broke to Ride. Asking \$3,000 each. Contact: Don Kalbantner at 815-289-8598.

FOR SALE: Neat oak hunting cart made in Pennsylvania; maroon seats for 4 humans with room for dogs below. Needs a better home than I can provide. Driven with 14 h 2 pony. In need of a little TLC \$3,500 negotiable. Call Nancy Baker 608-329-6711 or nakabak7@gmail.com



Country Carriages Road Cart for sale. Includes custom fabric cover for storage, Cart stand, cart jack, rain seat and rain seat back cover. Used with 15hh horse. 49.5" diameter wheels, 76" shafts. Show ready! Asking \$2000

Contact Cathy Thomas 608/332-8361, cathytho@gmail.com. Located in Verona, WI.

FOR SALE: 5-acre Horse Property, with 4-stall barn, 350 bale loft, 4 fenced paddocks, 2.5 acre equine seeded pasture, lighted sand arena, close to trail system, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 16x40 in-ground pool, Barrington schools. **See droneography on YouTube at "21670 N Countryside Lane, Barrington"**. Listed with Lynn Fairfield, ReMax, (847) 373-3311, listing active 1-28-17, Owners Robert & Janet Molzahn (847) 381-7347. **Selling price \$587k.**



For sale:

Pony presentation vehicle that was used in the World Pairs. We are selling our presentation vehicle as we have replaced it with an antique that we can use for our four as well as our pair.

The vehicle is suitable for 13 HH to 14-2 HH ponies. It also has single shafts and thus can be converted to a single. It has both single trees and roller bolts.

Currently it has brass hardware, but we have a full set of stainless as well. Rear wheel stainless disk brakes, two side and one rear light

can be included. We have used this for pleasure shows as well as CDEs. Condition is very good. Many photos are available. **With three lamps, pole, shafts and all hardware \$5900. Without lights \$5450.**

John & Betsy Freiburger frei@chorus.net

For sale:

We bought this vehicle new and used it much less than anticipated—maybe 10 outings. It has a pole and shafts. I'm not sure of the weight but have driven it single with the off horse, a Belgian thoroughbred cross. The brake is in the center of the floor so it can be driven easily from either traditional or traffic position and it rolls quite freely.

It's well sprung and rides quite comfortably over uneven ground as well as roads. Pictures don't show the color well—the frame and gear are all a



beautiful shade of bottle or hunter green and the woodwork is light varnished wood. Its been used for a wedding supper, an HDT, a couple of Pleasure Driving classes and three club pleasure drives. I am asking \$2,600. Call me at 630-363-4619 with any questions. Grace Frejlach-Grubb



For sale:

The gig is most suitable for a cob size horse/pony, however the horse shown in the picture is a 16.3 field hunter. It's royal blue with gold pinstripes and has natural oak wheels and shafts. The interior is black velvet and as comfortable as any loveseat. it has been used at Villa Louis, Iron Horse CDE as well as many pleasure drives and the Sharon WI lighted Christmas parade. I'm selling it for \$1800.

Call me at 630-363-4619 with any questions. Grace Frejlach-Grubb



FOR SALE: This buggy was restored by Amish, Ben Yoder. Beautifully restored, in excellent condition, ready to hitch. I had many fun rides for eight years, prior to retiring my horse. Asking \$4,950. We will also accept a reasonable offer. Best regards, Joe [Yoder & Associates, Inc. Woodstock, IL 60098 Phone:815-337-3533 Fax:815-337-3535 craig_yoder@yoderassoc.com joe@yoderassoc.com](#)



Trail Riding in Kane County Illinois

As the season changes from winter to spring, it's time to hitch up the cart and go for a drive. Not everyone is lucky to live or stable their horse near a quiet road and driving around the property or in an arena can get a bit boring, especially if you have been driving indoors all winter. For my navigator and I, we seek out the forest preserves in Kane County with trails designated for equine use.

The month of February had been unusually warm and dry, so we took advantage of driving at Muirhead Springs, Bowes Creek and Fitchie Creek Forest Preserves. Each one has horse trailer parking, wide limestone trails with interesting views, bridges to cross and hills to get your horse in condition (of course there is also restrooms available and during the late Spring through Summer water pumps too).

Muirhead Springs is a forest preserve on 797 acres with rolling hills over natural prairie and over 4 miles of limestone trails. Entrance is located on 42W855 Bahr Road, Hampshire, IL 60140, approximately 1/2 mile east of Route 47. This preserve provides a good work out to start conditioning your horse.

Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve is located on 466 acres of diverse landscape. The 3.5 miles of trails meander through wooded savannahs, meadows, and across creeks. The trails consist of limestone paths, grass mowed paths and blacktop. Main Entrance (North) -39W933 Russell Road, Elgin, IL 60124 is the entrance to the trailer parking area. It is approximately 1.5 miles southwest of US Route 20 off Plank Road. This year's Fun Drive will be held at this forest preserve.

Bowes Creek Woods, the site of last year's Fun Drive, is entered via 9N420 Crawford Road, Elgin, IL 60124, approximately 1/2 mile south of Bowes Road. There is no designated horse trailer parking, so need to park in the lot and be mindful of other park patrons. This preserve is on 391 acres with nearly 2 miles of rolling hilled limestone trails that wind through meadows, oak savannah and bridge crossing Bowes Creek. There is a great view of the forest preserve from the overlook hill.

We were not so lucky in March with the snow and then the rain that has continued through April closing the trails of most of the forest preserves for equine use, however the Great Western Trail remains open all year round. Our drive was pleasant especially with the blooming of the spring flowers and trees.

The Great Western trail is a converted railroad line with several bridges crossing over creeks and streets. The trail is composed of limestone screenings and blacktop and in general parallels Route 64 (North Street). There is horse trailer parking off Hanson Road in Lily Lake as well as at Leroy Oakes. The trail belonging to Kane County is about 13 miles long, with the Hanson Road parking lot located about in the middle, Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve at the east end and County Line Road at the west end. This trail is basically straight, lined with trees on most of the trail. It is a favorite trail for joggers and bicyclists, so be aware since some of them may not practice courtesy. When equine trails are open, horse trailer parking is allowed at Leroy Oakes.



Driving the Great Western Trail this April

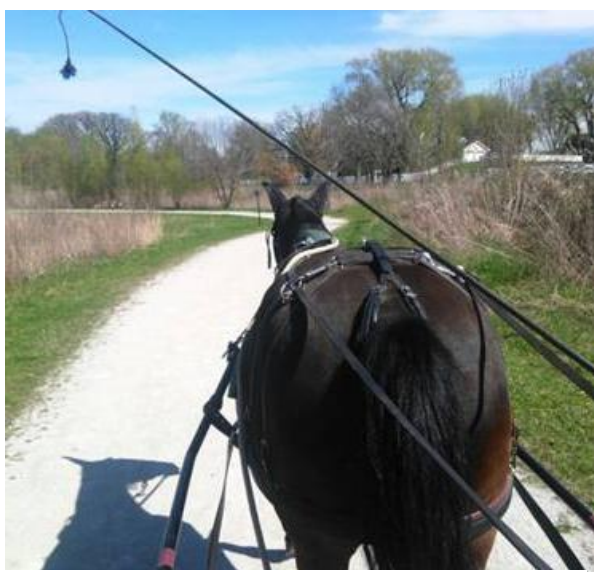
There are other forest preserves for equine use in Kane County with great trails and the following link for the list of forest preserves and trail maps as well as information on the opening or closing of the trails:

<http://www.kaneforest.com/findPreserve.aspx>

Hope to see you driving in the forest preserves soon!

Linda Fidler
HUB Club member and Kane County Mounted Ranger.

Driving at Bowes Creek Woods Last Fall



This one is on the trails at Fitchie Creek.



This photo was taken when we were driving at Muirhead Springs

ASK WHINNEY

This is an opportunity for all members, but especially novice drivers, to get input and advice from other members. Each month we will be posting an anonymous question raised by a Hub Club member and asking you, the membership to respond from the deep and vast store of your driving knowledge and experience. So let's go!



QUESTION: When, Why and How should I feed my horse beet pulp?

Next Month's Question: Can horses get sunburned?

4 Things you (probably) didn't know about beet pulp

Although the popularity of this fibrous feedstuff continues to grow, misconceptions about it remain. **EQUUS JAN 15, 2015**

Chances are you're pretty familiar with beet pulp. Most of us have scooped and soaked our fair share of this sugar-industry-byproduct-turned-equine-feed. The remains of sugar beets used in the manufacture of sugar, beet pulp is high in digestible fiber and a good source of "safe" structural carbohydrate-based calories, making it a popular horse feed throughout the country and around the world.

Straight from the bag, beet pulp is dried and shredded---almost resembling tobacco---or pressed into solid pellets. Soak either form in water for about a half-hour, and you'll have a soft, soggy mash.

Yet as simple and easy as beet pulp is to feed, it has long been the subject of myths and misunderstandings in the horse world. Some of these misconceptions are harmless, but others could lead owners to needlessly rule out beet pulp as part of a horse's diet or, conversely, rely on it too heavily and for the wrong reasons.

To make sure that doesn't happen at your barn, we've compiled a list of four important facts about beet pulp. Read through them so you can make sure your horse gets the greatest benefit from this versatile feed.

Fact 1: Beet pulp doesn't have to be soaked prior to feeding.

Let's tackle the big one first: Despite what you may have heard from other horse folk and the dire warnings you may have read on the Internet, equine nutrition experts are unified in their assurances that beet pulp---in any form---does not need to be soaked in water before it is fed to horses.

Yes, beet pulp is a dried product and, yes, it will expand as it absorbs liquids in a horse's digestive tract. But as Pennsylvania State University equine nutritionist Burt Staniar, PhD, explains, "that expansion is not going to cause your horse's stomach to explode. It's not even going to cause him to colic. Beet pulp simply doesn't do that." Staniar says the "expand and explode" myth may be rooted in the warning to avoid feeding more than two pounds per day, which actually has more to do with nutritional imbalances than with the physical expansion of the beet pulp itself.

Nor does dried beet pulp increase the risk of choke. In horses, choke is a blockage of the esophagus, not the airway as in people, but it can be just as serious. Beet pulp, however, has an undeserved reputation for causing the condition. "Choke isn't related to what's in the diet," explains Josie Coverdale, PhD, a professor of equine nutrition at Texas A&M University, "but rather how fast the horse eats it. A horse can choke on unsoaked beet pulp, sure, but he can also choke on soaked beet pulp, or alfalfa cubes or senior feed. A horse can choke on nearly anything if he eats it too quickly."

Anecdotal reports about horses colicking or choking on dry beet pulp are out there, but scientific research tells another story. "There have been studies where horses have been fed large quantities of unsoaked beet pulp. They found no adverse effects," says Betsy Wagner, PhD, an equine nutritionist with Auburn University.

That said, soaking beet pulp does offer some benefits. "Soaked beet pulp is a great source of water," says Wagner. "Around here, in Alabama, it's common to add soaked beet pulp to a horse's diet in winter simply to keep

getting water into him when he might not otherwise be drinking. I think that's a great idea." Similarly, feeding soaked beet pulp in the summer or when a horse is stressed or ill can improve hydration. Just be sure to feed it soon after soaking, especially in hot weather.

Fact 2: Beet pulp provides a type of fiber that offers unique nutritional advantages.

"The main role of beet pulp in a horse's diet is fiber, just as with hay," says Staniar. "But the beet pulp fiber is not the same as the fiber in hay. It's much more easily digested, so it's processed faster. We don't think of fiber as providing much energy---and in the human diet it doesn't---but in horses it's a significant source of energy. Because the fiber in beet pulp is digested quickly, the energy and the calories it provides are available to a horse much faster than those that would come from hay."

This, says Staniar, makes beet pulp a useful source of energy for horses who need a boost for athletic efforts or to support other functions, such as lactation. "It's going to have more benefit for [equine athletes or broodmares] than, say, an easy-keeper gelding who spends most of his day in the field," he says. "And in cases where horses need more calories, adding beet pulp to a diet may be a better option than adding more hay because of the difference in fiber type."

For the same reasons, beet pulp is often a good choice for older horses who have trouble chewing or digesting hay. "It can be very beneficial for older horses whose teeth or digestive tracts can't handle other types of fiber," says Coverdale. "In fact, many of the senior feeds that are formulated as 'complete feed'---meaning they include fiber---are beet pulp based."

Beet pulp fiber provides another advantage: promoting healthy gut flora. "A horse extracts energy from fiber via fermentation in the hind gut," says Staniar. "That fermentation is done by bacteria, and different types of bacteria ferment at different rates." A gut that is accustomed to only slow-digesting forage may be overpopulated with that type of bacteria, an imbalance that can lead to digestive upset.

"You want to support all those microbial populations," says Staniar. "So when your horse has to make a transition in diet or location, he is going to be better able to adapt digestively. A little bit of beet pulp in every diet can help keep the population of fiber-digesting bacteria in the gut balanced so those changes won't be as disruptive."

Fact 3: Beet pulp contains very little sugar. "Plain beet pulp is very, very low in sugar; it isn't sweet at all," says Coverdale. "If you pop some in your mouth expecting it to be, you're going to be disappointed. It's pretty boring and tasteless."

In part, beet pulp's unearned reputation as a high-sugar feed comes from its origins. "The name 'sugar beet pulp' is very misleading," says Staniar. "Remember that this is a byproduct of the sugar industry. By the time it makes it to the feed store, all the sugar has been extracted. That's what the sugar industry wants, and they just pass along the rest to us."

In fact, molasses is often added to beet pulp to make it more palatable to horses. But even then, the amount of sugar isn't enough to worry about unless your horse has a specific sensitivity to sugars. "There's only about 3 percent molasses in those formulations," says Wagner, "which doesn't make a huge difference in terms of energy content, but it does make it tastier. If you have a horse with a history of insulin resistance or metabolic issues,

you'll want to eliminate the molasses because you're cutting back on all sugars. And horses with hyperkalemic periodic paralysis [HYPP] need to avoid molasses for other reasons [see "For HYPP Horses, Hold the Molasses," page 48]. But if your horse doesn't have any of those issues, there's not enough molasses in the sweetened beet pulp to trigger anything."

If sugar or molasses in your horse's diet is a concern, look for "plain" beet pulp, which most feed companies sell in addition to formulations with molasses added. Just check the label. But even if you can't find unsweetened beet pulp, there's still a fix: "If you soak, then squeeze beet pulp and drain off the water, you'll remove most of the molasses," says Staniar. "That's an easy way to reduce the sugar content if you can't find plain beet pulp."

Fact 4: Beet pulp can help you stretch your hay supply.

Sometimes, despite your best efforts, you may find your hay supply running low, which is obviously a cause for concern. Without a source of roughage, a horse's digestive system can't function properly. That's where beet pulp comes in: It can take the place of hay---at least partially---helping you stretch your supply until you can restock. "In this area of the country, we go through a drought every so often, and people get very interested in alternative sources of fiber and roughage," says Coverdale. "Beet pulp is a good option." The conversion rate is straightforward---for every pound of forage you take out of the diet, add in a pound of beet pulp. Start this when you know your hay supply might be getting low and you may be able to make it last long enough until you can refill the hay shed. There is a limit to how much substitution you can safely do, however.

"I wouldn't recommend replacing all the hay in your horse's diet with beet pulp," says Coverdale. "Although the fiber content is similar, the vitamin and mineral content of beet pulp is very different than that of hay. When you rely on it too much, you can create some significant nutritional imbalances in a horse's diet."

Beet pulp, for instance is low in phosphorus compared to its calcium content. "The calcium/phosphorus ratio is about 10 to 1, which in small amounts isn't a problem for a mature horse," says Coverdale. "But in large amounts or in a growing horse or a lactating mare, that could cause issues with bone development." To prevent such imbalances, she says, the general limit for feeding beet pulp is no more than 10 percent of a horse's diet by weight, which works out to no more than two to three pounds a day for an average-size horse."

Wagner cautions against trying to "eyeball" the correct amount of beet pulp to feed a horse. "You've got to remember it's 10 percent by its dry, unsoaked weight," she says. "You have to weigh the feed, not just consider scoop size. Beet pulp is light and fluffy. A pound of beet pulp is going to look like a lot more than a pound of alfalfa pellets, for instance." Wagner adds that she keeps a fish scale in her feed room so she can hang a bucket to weigh out rations quickly and accurately.

Coverdale adds that the "scratch factor" of beet pulp may not be high enough to safely replace all the hay in a horse's diet. "You need to take into account the physical attributes of long-stem roughage," she says---"the fact that a horse has to chew it and that it provides bulk in the gut. We know this is all-important in ruminant digestion. We need more research into that in horses, but it stands to reason it would be."

Of course, says Coverdale, there are always exceptions. "In many older horses, particularly those with dental problems, hay isn't even an option anymore," she says. "In those cases, the rules go out the window and you do

whatever you can. Beet pulp might be the only source of fiber an older horse can get. In those cases, I'd recommend a senior feed containing beet pulp that's designed to be a 'complete' feed and replace hay. The nutritionists at those companies will have created a balanced diet, so you don't need to worry about vitamin and mineral deficits. Trying to come up with your own formulation by mixing beet pulp with regular feeds can be very difficult and is unnecessary these days; the calculations have already been done for you with a commercial feed." If all this information has you thinking that you want to add beet pulp to your horse's diet, check to make sure it isn't there already. "Beet pulp is already in a ton of commercial grain mixes," says Staniar. "It's gotten increasingly popular as we've realized its nutritional benefits, and it shows up in all sort of places."

Specialty feeds are particularly reliant on beet pulp. "Beet pulp is a major component of the high-fiber, low-sugar feeds that are so popular right now," says Wagner. "It's really the perfect ingredient for those---a good source of 'cool' energy. And if you look at senior feeds, you'll see it's a primary ingredient; that's the reason those feeds soak up water so well. I think there are plenty of people out there who don't realize they are already feeding beet pulp. And there are probably people thinking they'd never feed beet pulp, for whatever reason, but their horses are already thriving on it."

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Learn All About Feeding Beet Pulp to Your Horse

Beet Pulp Is Great for Horses That Need to Put on Weight

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Beet pulp has a bad reputation that's somewhat undeserved. It's actually a great feed for horses that need to put on weight and require a feed that doesn't make their blood sugar spike and dip. Many owners like feeding it to their horses over the winter as they feel it is a nice change for the horses who eat nothing else but dry hay. It also adds a little extra moisture to the horses' diet and reduces the amount of hay they eat. Distance riders like it for getting moisture into their horses when they are working hard. Beet pulp doesn't have all the nutrients that a horse needs, so it should only comprise a portion of a horse's diet.



What Is Beet Pulp?

Beet pulp is what is left of a sugar beet after it has been pressed to remove the moisture. The resulting liquid is processed to make sugar, and the leftover pulp is shredded or pelleted and used for livestock and is an ingredient in cat and dog food. Sugar beets don't look like the common garden beet, but like very large, lumpy white radishes. Beet pulp for horses is sometimes mixed with molasses so it tastes better. Triple Crown Feeds, manufacturers of horse feeds, explains in depth, what beet pulp is and why it can be a good addition to a horse's diet.

The sugar beet is a root crop that flourishes in temperate climates where the growing season is about five months long. Farms can be found in California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota,

Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

Beets are planted in late March/early April and harvested in late September and October. When fully grown, a sugar beet is about a foot long, weighs 2-5 pounds, and is about 18% sucrose.

Is Beet Pulp Safe to Feed?

Beet pulp in its dry form has been blamed for causing colic and choke. One myth is that eating dry beet pulp can cause the horse's stomach to rupture. However, eating too much of any feed can cause colic and pelleted feed of any kind can cause choke. If your horse bolts its food, you will have to be careful with any form of pelleted or extruded feeds. To slow the horse down you can soak the feed, put large rocks in its feed tub it must pick around or try something like a Pre-Vent Feeder. If your horse eats a belly full of beet pulp or any other concentrate, perhaps because it escaped its stall and broke into the feed room, it will be in danger of colic and laminitis. But beet pulp is no less safe than any other feed.

Is Beet Pulp Good for My Horse?

Some believe that beet pulp is really just a filler. However, it is a very digestible feed and great for horses that have insulin problems like Cushing's, horses that have dental problems like missing teeth, or are otherwise "hard keepers."

How Do You Feed Horses Beet Pulp?

Although you can feed dry beet pulp, try feeding soaked beet pulp during the winter months. Mix one part beet pulp to four parts water. If you want to feed quickly, you can use hot water and it will expand within 15 minutes. Just be sure it's cooled off before feeding. Don't let it sit wet in feed tubs as it will ferment quickly. Ontario Dehy Inc., manufacturers of beet pulp for horses, recommends feeding up to 1.5 to 2 percent of your horse's body weight per day.



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