

Ohio Valley Carriage Club

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OVCC Meet & Drive Little Indian Creek Farm, Fayetteville, OH Sunday, August 21, 2011

Time: Hosted by Janice & Vaughn Panek

10:00 AM to Noon - Safety Challenge (*Read Below*)

Noon to 1:00 PM - Lunch & Meeting – Bring your own lunch & beverage

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Drive OR continue safety challenge

Thus far in 2011, we have had two programs devoted to the year's goal of providing carriage driving information. In February at the Little Indian Creek Stables, information was presented on harness styles and safety, with real practice for drivers who pre-registered for the clinic. In March, at the Brown County Fairgrounds, several experienced members of OVCC shared their knowledge on vehicle selection and annual maintenance. This next meeting continues the effort to provide drivers with opportunities to learn to help their horses/ponies to work safely.

Driving on trails, in arenas, and in parades all have the potential for situations that could be frightening to equines; plastic bags blowing in the wind, flashing cameras, noise of loudspeakers, rumble of motorcycles, and **many** other potential challenges. While we never know what can frighten a horse, we must always work to help our horses and ponies to deal with the object or event, and have trust in us as owners/drivers to help them through the situation. With that in mind, we are providing a variety of situations that might be found while driving. Each owner can present the challenge in the best way for their horse(s), by leading the horse, ground driving the horse, putting the horse to the carriage and driving through the obstacle, or a combination of any of these. Safety is first priority. There will be seasoned whips to help as needed, but this will primarily be a time

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for the owner to work independently with their animals in the way that best suits them.

10am to Noon: Parade readiness/working toward bomb proofing horses

Noon to 1pm: Meeting and lunch (bring your own food & beverage)

1:30 to 4pm: Continue working on challenges in the indoor arena and in/around the barn OR drive on local secondary roads to the Little Indian Creek Nature preserve, on paved and gravel roads. Distance approx. 5 miles.

All members are invited, even if you don't bring your horses. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity, and a great place to ask questions and gather information. Additionally, we hope that many of the experienced members of the OVCC will come to assist those less experienced during the morning session.

However, for those who plan to come for the afternoon **drive only**, you can park at the Little Indian Creek Stables. There is no place to park large rigs at the preserve.

NOTE: This is for members of OVCC and affiliates of the Little Indian Creek Stables only. (*Rain date is August 28th*)

Directions: Website: <http://indiancreekhorses.com>

From I-275: Exit at Route 50, Hillsboro. Stay on Route 50 thru Fayetteville, and cross Route 68. Continue on Rt. 50 for approximately 2 miles. You will see Murray Corner Rd on the right, and Route 251 on the left. Turn Right onto Murray Corner Rd and go approx 500 feet, to Little Indian Creek Farm, on the left.

From Lebanon area (back roads): Take Rt 48 to Rt 123, and stay on 123 through Blanchester to Rt 68. Turn Right (South) onto Rt 68 and continue to Fayetteville. Turn left at traffic light onto Rt 50 and continue for approximately 2 miles. You will see Murray Corner Rd on the right, and Route 251 on the left. Turn Right onto Murray Corner Rd and go approx 500 feet, to Little Indian Creek Farm, on the left.

Thanks!

Thank you to Nancy Jackson for working with Armco Park personnel to arrange a lovely drive in July! There was a good turnout of drivers and riders. It was a hot day, but there was also plenty of shade under the Park's big trees.

Thank you to Alyce Sheehan for organizing the Club's participation in Oxford's Bicentennial Carriage Parade! It really turned out well, and we all appreciate the work Alyce put into the coordination of events. (Thoughts on the Parade by Alyce are below.)

Oxford Bicentennial Carriage Parade, by Alyce Sheehan

The sun was shining and we had a great breeze on Sunday as eight elegant carriages participated in the Oxford Bicentennial carriage parade. We had great police support and Oxford COP (Citizens on Patrol) also helped in traffic control. Residents had been informed of the carriage parade along Brown Road and College Ave so many of them were out cheering us on and enjoying the parade from their front lawns!

When the carriage parade got into town, most horses handled the cobblestones and fancy pavers at the intersections really well. A couple not so well (like my Pearl)!

The announcer had a fabulous voice and the scripts that each participant had sent in for him to read helped the spectators learn a little something about antique carriages and the sport of driving. It was fun stopping in town and getting to talk to some folks!

The Barker Farm offered a nice large field as a staging area and the Barker family were wonderful hosts supplying water for the horses, mowing the field in advance of our arrival, and importantly marking the pot holes in the field!

All in all a great success considering everyone had a safe drive on a beautiful day!

(The parade organizers would like us to consider making this an annual event. We will discuss at the August 21st meeting.)

Upcoming Events

Oeder's Lake Meet & Drive, Maineville, OH, Sunday, September 11th

Bring your own lunch and beverage. Lunch and meeting at Noon, with drive to follow. As approved by the membership earlier this year, a donation will be made to the Lebanon Citizen's National Bank for the Les Oeder Memorial Fund.

Southern Ohio Draft Horse Associate, Inc. Show, Hillsboro, OH

Friday- Sunday, September 16, 17, 18

In September of this year, The Southern Ohio Draft Horse Association (SODHA) will celebrate its thirty-sixth year as a fellowship of draft animal lovers. It is an occasion such as this that people tend to reflect upon the past and realize the changes that have occurred over the years.

Location: Highland County Fairgrounds, 604 John St., Hillsboro, OH 45133

Schedules/Forms: Go to <http://www.sodhashow.com/>

The National Drive, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY

October 4-9, 2011

Location: Lexington, KY

Information: Go to www.nationaldrive.net

NKHN Carriage and Driving Show, Alexandria, KY

Saturday, October 22 2011, 10:00 - 7:00

Join us at our NKHN Carriage and Driving Show! See meticulously restored antique vehicles as well as the most modern, pulled by horses, ponies, drafts, and minis! Exciting timed obstacle and roadster classes, and an end of day parade drive around the grounds.

Location: Alexandria Fairgrounds

Contact: Bill Kraatz, Charlie Poppe, Dick Lockhart, or Jim Mayer

Treasurer's Report

Bev McCoy reported that we have \$958.03 as of July 17, 2011.

Insurance

Our contract with Huntington Insurance has been renewed for another three years, and no policy changes have been made.

For Sale: Ten year old registered Clydesdale Bay, black mane and tail four white socks. Marked perfectly. Beautiful horse. Call Mike Burke (513) 774-9111, cell (513) 910-2383.

For Sale: Draft Horse Gig. Black with grey pin stripping, cane sides, Bedford Cord Upholstery. Great shape, 54" wheels. Asking \$4,000. Call Mike Burke (513) 910-2383 cell home (513) 774-9111.

2011 Calendar of Events & Activities

August 6	Dayton Horse Show, 2 carriage classes
August 21	OVCC Meet, Safety Challenge & Drive – Little Indian Creek Farm, Fayetteville, OH (August 28 rain date)
Sept 2-3	Alexandria Fair, Alexandria, KY
Sept 11	OVCC Meet & Drive, Oeder’s Lake, Maineville, OH
Sept 16-18	Southern Ohio Draft Horse Association, Inc., www.sodhashow.com
Sept 24-25	Hermitage Class HDT, Goshen, KY
Sept 29-30	Brown County Fair, classes both days (October 1)
October 4-9	The National Drive, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY www.nationaldrive.net
October 6-9	Lexington Classic CDE, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
October 22	Northern KY Horse Network all carriage/driving show, Alexandria Fairgrounds, KY
October 14-15	Martin’s Auction, PA
October 22	Northern KY Horse Network (NKHN) Fall Carriage/Driving Show, Alexandria, KY
October 23	OVCC Meet & Drive, Backscheider Farm, Owensville, OH
October 29-30	Clay Maier Long Reining Clinic, Fairborn, OH
October 30	OVCC Drive, Can’t Well Farm, Lebanon, OH
November ?	OVCC Meeting at Poppe’s
December 3	Lebanon Annual Horse Drawn Carriage Parade & Christmas Festival
December ?	OVCC Christmas Party