

July 2008



**West Newbury
Riding and Driving Club**
POST

WNRDC Calendar of Events

Adventure Trail Day Sunday, August 17, 2008

Contact: Felicity Beech 978-363-2021

Please join us for a non-competitive, fun, team, ADVENTURE trail ride on the lovely trails and fields at Pipestave Hill and the surrounding area. Pre-enter by August 14 and get a free hot dog lunch! All info and entry forms available on our web site, www.wnrdc.com

WNRDC Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 8, 2008 7pm

Contact: Amy Bresky 978-363-2244

Location: Home of Tony and Judy Wright, 151 Crane Neck Street, West Newbury 978-363-1501

Officers and Board will report on the activities of the club. New officers and board members will be elected. Please see page 3 for more details on the Nominating Committee.

Pipestave Hill Horse Trials Series Sunday, October 12, 2008

Volunteers needed for this event!!
Contact: Amy Bresky 978-363-2244

Go to www.wnrdc.com for all the details.

Trail Rides and Picnic Lunch **Contact:** nadyrp@yahoo.com

Let's get together for a casual trail ride! Come whenever you want and bring a lunch item to share with others. You can ride alone or join others. We will plan on a lunch at 12pm back at the trailers, so plan your ride accordingly. Drivers welcome too (RSVP needed for Maudsley). We will meet on the following dates at these parks:

Sunday September 7, 2008 Maudsley State Park

Sunday October 5, 2008 Bradley Palmer State Park

Sunday November 2, 2008 Winnepenni Park Conservation Area (Kenoza Lake), Haverhill, MA

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Member Profile : Melanie Jacobs

Nady Peters

Melanie got an early start with horses when her father started taking her for pony rides. When she was seven she went for a pony ride in Chelmsford and the people who owned the ponies were raving about her riding and talked about ponies for sale. When she got home, she got to tell her mom how dad had bought two ponies: one for her and one for her brother!

It would not take long for the whole family to get the bug. Her mother used to watch her from the window riding the pony at first, but soon both parents got involved with the horses. This led them to breeding Missouri Foxtrotters and they went from zero horses to 20 in a span of five years. Melanie grew up riding with Groton Pony Club with a Welsh-Arab cross. Everyone in the family rode the trails while Melanie's passion became eventing with her next horse, a Thoroughbred. When she was a late teen, she imported a Trakehner from Germany who became her next eventing horse.

Melanie left horses for about ten years after getting married and having two children, just dabbling a bit here and there. Once she moved to Groveland and saw horses in other peoples' backyards, the bug came back. She first started leasing horses until she bought her current horse, Kieran, three years ago. Kieran is a 15.3h Appendix Quarter Horse. She takes lessons with him and enjoys trail riding. She also bought a pony, Snickers, for her children (Matthew, age 8 and Patrick, age 5). She still remembers the day the

horses were arriving at the barn, "It was like Christmas morning."

Sadly, they lost the pony last November. Her horse was quite lonely as he was suddenly alone in the barn, so Melanie decided to move him to a local barn. Her children now get to ride some of the horses at that barn. Boarding Kieran is allowing Melanie to thoroughly enjoy him while not having to muck stalls.

Melanie has been a great help to the West Newbury Riding and Driving Club as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Pipestave Horse Trials Series and will also help out getting volunteers for the Adventure Trail Day in August. You will surely see her on the trails or at one of our events!



Melanie and Kieran

Another Great Pleasure Show

On June 29, 2008 we held the third annual WNRDC Pleasure Show, which was once again a great success and a fun day! We thank Kathryn West McLeod and Felicity Beech for leading a fantastic group of volunteers and we also thank our sponsors. We couldn't have done it without you!



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New club member, Makayla Lingeran (12) of Merrimac negotiates an obstacle on the trail course with Diamond Jack 1) dismounts 2) pours a cup of juice, and 3) leads her horse over a set of ground poles with cup in hand. Jack, Deb Hamilton's horse, had his eye on the grass but his competent handler was well able to keep him on task.

WNRDC News and Announcements

Club Officer and Board Elections– Nominating Committee participation needed

Our current President, Amy Bresky will be stepping down as President at the end of this year, as she is no longer a full-time local resident. She will remain actively involved with the club. According to our club Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is being formed and will be led by Kathy Feehery. This Nominating Committee will be nominating candidates of expiring Officer and Board of Director positions. These nominations will then be voted on by the general membership by mail-in ballot or at the Annual Meeting. We need two members to join Kathy Feehery on the Nominating Committee.

Please contact Kathy **ASAP** at 978-363-5424 or feehery@comcast.net if you are interested in joining the committee.

Come Have Fun at our First Adventure Trail Day Sunday August 17, 2008

Please join us for **WNRDC's ALL-NEW ADVENTURE TRAIL DAY**. This will be held during the morning of Sunday, August 17th in place of the August Horse Trials. We are offering something for EVERYBODY (juniors to senior citizens) in a low-pressure non-competitive environment.

The route will be through the lovely trails and fields at Pipestave Hill, Mill Pond, and the surrounding area. You will have the opportunity to jump both cross-country and stadium jumps of all sizes and to negotiate various trail obstacles – as you wish – or NOT.

A taste of what the trail obstacles might include was demonstrated in the trail classes at the Pleasure Show as you can see in the pictures of Makayla Lingerman on page 2.

Don't miss the fun! Put your team of 2-3 people together now. For lots more information and entry form please go to: <http://www.wnrdc.com/adventuretrail.cfm>

Adventure Trail Day Volunteers

The Adventure Trail Day will need far less volunteers than the Horse Trials – the main reason we are doing it! However if you are not riding, not vacationing and you'd like to help give directions, help explain obstacles or spot a jump we do need a few volunteers. We expect you'll enjoy watching the action. Please relieve Felicity and Kathryn of volunteer angst by letting us know if you are up to help with this inaugural event. Contact Felicity 978-363-2021 or fbeeche@comcast.net if you can volunteer for a couple of hours on the day or the day before for set-up.

Life in Maine is Good!

A letter from member, Joan Cameron— on life and adventures in the woods of Maine

Well, we're finally slowing down on the projects here in Alna, Maine.

It's wonderful to have over 13 acres of field and we are slowly getting it all fenced in for the horses to graze. We still have 2 large horses (my wonderful Quarter Horse Beau, and my friends Quarter Pony, Nugget), my 2 minis (Chewy & Libby, yes Ellen, they are fat!!) and have added 7 bunnies (long story) and will soon be adding 2 Nigerian dwarf goats. We're turning into a real farm. We love living in Alna and have made many nice, new friends.

The most exciting thing to happen is that Beau and I tried out for the Maine Equine Search & Rescue Team. In order to be accepted your horse must accept many different challenges. Among them is tolerating being loaded onto a strange trailer by a strange person, ponying another horse and being ponyed, demonstrating being ridden at all gaits and remaining under control....no big deal, right?

Except while you're demonstrating this there are 4 wheelers zipping all around, chain saws cutting wood and a gun being fired. (I love my horse.) You then have to ride them out on the trail while brush is being cut with a chain saw not 10 feet from where you have to go, dogs are running through the woods and crashing out of the bushes and onto the trail with you (Good boy...did I say I love my horse?). If you're both still in one piece, then you get to prepare your campsite for the night. You may only use what you have been able to pack on your horse, which of course is a challenge when you have an English saddle!

To the rescue comes Snugpax who makes saddle bags for English saddles. So, I strung up a hammock between two trees, tied my horse to a tree using the blocker tie ring and a spare lead line, used a sterno mini stove to cook supper and breakfast, piled hay and a bucket of water (which were the only things we were allowed to cheat on) next to the tree for Beau and got ready to snuggle in for the night. (Did I tell you I love my horse?)

Ooops, not yet....now we had to tack up and do a night ride. I've never been out on the trail at night so it was a real treat. The fireflies were out and it was beautiful.

Thank God horses have better night vision than we do, as I couldn't see a darn thing. (Good boy...love this horse!) Okay, off to bed now. Notice I didn't say anything about sleep....as sleep did not happen. I was worried about Beau being tied to a tree all night and hung my hammock close by. It's amazing how many times during the night a horse blows his nose, who knew?? I counted 34 times (still love my horse!). At 4:30 I couldn't stand it anymore

and just got up. What a surprise, two others were up as well.

We made our breakfast over a fire we lit ourselves and then prepared to go on a mock search. The info we were given was a 34 year old female, by the name of Brittney, had been missing for two days. The place she worked had reported her missing. She had moved to the area a year ago, no family that they knew of. It was unusual for her to miss work. She did like to go for walks in the woods. That's all we knew.

We were sent out in teams of two, my partner and I were the first to go. As we rode into the woods we each searched the side closest to us while scanning the trail in front of us as well and paying attention to where our horses looked. You watch for signs of brush disturbance, footprints, clothing, etc. As we searched, we called her name. About 10 minutes into the woods we heard a whistle blow and observed our horses look in the direction that it came from. Your horse is a valuable partner in the search and you need to trust and pay attention to what they tell you. We hollered her name and again heard a whistle. We told her that we heard her and to keep blowing...we followed the sound and found her. She was badly bruised (great make-up job) from having fallen down a small gully, had an injured arm and didn't know what day it was. As we dismounted and tied our horses to trees we saw she was wearing a pistol. We asked her if she could please remove the gun and place it on the ground and walk to us. She did as we asked. As she approached us she got dizzy and explained she had just gotten stung by a bee, was allergic to it as well as to epinephrine (thanks guys for creating this challenge). We immediately used our radio and announced that we needed an ambulance and were going to put her on a horse and take her out. We got her mounted and got her out in time. Yay!

I've had CPR, GPS & compass training, and will now under go some basic search and rescue training. It's an all volunteer group of great people, most of us are in our 50's and up. We look forward to being of use whenever possible.

Well, that's my big news and if any of you are headed up this way, feel free to stop in. We have a guest room that awaits you and love having company. Hope all is well with all of you.

Take care,
Joan Cameron

Spotlight on Rescues

Chris Phaneuf

As the economy has worsened, "free horse" ads seem to be on the increase and many local equine rescues have seen an increase in surrenders, while adoptions and donations are decreasing. While some horses in rescues may have health or behavioral problems that make them better suited to be companion horses, there are plenty horses in need of homes that can make wonderful riding and driving partners.

Many of you may be familiar with Bernadette Hamilton's cool Clydesdale "Dan". Dan rides and drives, and made quite an impression under harness at the Pleasure Show a few years ago. Everyone who "oohed" and "ahhed" over him might not have known that a few years back he was rescued, emaciated and severely lame from canker, by the MSPCA in Methuen. Bernadette was kind enough to share her perspective on adopting Dan, "It was just the best thing we have done. Dan is the greatest. My husband Bill got involved with him as well. We both learned to drive, and Judy Lawless got Dan going under saddle. Dan was incredibly well-trained in harness, which was great for us as beginner drivers, and he will go anywhere in harness or under saddle."

Bernadette also had high praise for the MSPCA. The MSPCA worked with them for several weeks to make sure they were comfortable around Dan, and could effectively treat his canker. As she says, "They made sure we went into this with our eyes wide-open."

Dan always participates in the "Horses Helping Horses" ride for the MSPCA, which this year will be held Sunday October 5th at Salisbury Beach. If you would like to join the ride, or sponsor Dan in his quest to help other horses like him, you can contact Bernadette or go to the MSPCA website, http://www.mspca.org/site/TR/HorsesHelpingHorses/General?fr_id=1190&pg=entry.



Dan and Bernadette in the 2006 WNRDC Pleasure show

WNRDC's very own Mary Martin has been heavily involved in rescue throughout New England, including working with New England Equine Rescue (NEER). One of the horses NEER helped save was a trick horse named Noir. Noir suffered from sarcoids, which can be expensive to treat. NEER fundraised to have him treated, and now this gorgeous nine-year old horse has a lifetime ahead of him. Per doctor's orders, a run-in situation where Noir could see

- but not be in with - other horses was needed. He also couldn't lean on any fencing and re-open the healing wound. Ellen Alden offered her lower run-in where Noir could see Buddy and Echo. Jack added extra electric to keep Noir from leaning on the fences. Noir has been under Ellen's watchful eyes for a couple of months now and NEER thanks Ellen for all she has done! He is well-trained, and made his show ring debut at the WNRDC Pleasure Show. Noir's entire story, as well as information on how to adopt or help horses like him can be found at <http://www.newenglandequinerescues.com/aboutus.htm>



Noir at the WNRDC Pleasure Show with Rider Hannah Bachellor



Noir with Julie LeDonne and Mary Martin at Ellen Alden's

My own experience with rescued horses prompted me to write this article. I have two wonderful rescues that are both leading active and productive lives. Both came from Saddlebred Rescue in NJ, <http://www.saddlebredrescue.com/>.

"Ranger" is a registered Saddlebred gelding who spent several years with the Amish. He is without a doubt the smartest, kindest and most willing horse I have ever owned. We use him as a trail and companion horse, as he is a good and steady influence on the more "rambunctious" members of our herd! He is currently on lease to someone who needed a confidence builder after a bad fall off a younger horse. Saddlebreds were originally used and bred to go long distances on Southern plantations, and he is extremely comfortable to ride. He's bombproof, halts at the whisper of the word "whoa" and has never met a person or horse he didn't like.

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Ranger

manners, clips, loads, and is good for the vet and farrier. Someone along the line put a good deal of time and effort into this mare, so it makes you wonder where her life almost took a wrong turn.

Adopting a horse in need can be a wonderful and fulfilling experience, but I would encourage anyone who wants to adopt to work with a reputable rescue that will be honest about the horse's abilities and limitations, as well as any special medical or shoeing needs. Since many times a horse's past history is unknown, it's important to have a good trial period in which you can figure out any quirks the horse may have, and if you feel safe and confident handling the horse. Once you've found the right match it's worth it!

My other rescue, "Mary", now known as Cassie, also came from Saddlebred Rescue (even though she is a Morgan). She is currently on lease with a young girl who is doing a wonderful job training her as a dressage horse. Cassie is your typical "energizer bunny" Morgan, but has no vices and is very safe to work with. She has wonderful ground

Members News, Announcements, Classifieds and More

For Sale: 2004 Ford F150 F/X 4X4 Supercab, Towing package w/elec brakes & hitch, 4 door/six passenger, remote start, keyless entry, Rhino bed liner, much more. \$12,300 or BRO, call Sue at 978-979-1922

For Sale: Pleasure Carriage — Comfortable 4 passenger, natural oak finish, very good condition Amish made, cut under, with shafts and pole to fit 15-16h. horse(s). The rear seat comes out to make space (for a picnic basket, etc) Asking \$3,000. photos available Call Nancy at 978-363-1877

For Rent: Highpoint, A 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom spacious waterfront home on the water in historic Governor's Harbour on the friendly Bahamian island of Eleuthera is for rent for \$2000 a week (\$2500 a week for holiday weeks). There are wild horses on the island and the most incredible beaches you've ever seen. 15% of any rental proccured through this ad will be given to ECTA. Call Linda Bennett 603-778-2353 or e-mail 1lindab@comcast.net.

For Sale: Pipin Hot Weedo, 3 year old Registered Appaloosa Gelding, DZ Weedo Grandson, 83% Foundation Pedigree Designation, CRHA eligible. He should mature to 15.2+ hands. Piper is easy to work around, willing to please and a generally good-natured boy. Piper has been backed and is ready to be started. He has always been a perfect gentleman with everything introduced. Piper has solid foundation bloodlines. He trailers like a charm and stands quietly for the vet and blacksmith. \$2,450 to approved home only. Please contact Tanya for more information 603-394-7387 or TanyaKehoe@hotmail.com.

Pedigree can be found at <http://allbreedpedigree.com/pipin+hot+weedo>

View photos and ad <http://appaloosa.myhorseforsale.com/appaloosa-for-sale-in-new-hampshire/-194/>

For Rent: House for rent in horse country! Beautiful 7 room, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with full basement and attic for rent in South Hamilton, NH. Parking for 3 cars. Many gorgeous stable facilities in the immediate area to board your equine friends. Excellent school system. Country living with easy commute to highways and Commuter Rail only 1 mile away. Living room & bedroom sliders open onto deck overlooking private backyard. Woodstove in basement hooked into forced hot water heating system as an alternative to alleviate fuel costs. Fireplace in Living Room. Please contact Tanya at 603-394-7387 or TanyaKehoe@hotmail.com. Contact Realtor, Eric Towne 800-224-2153 x 2268. For pictures visit www.EricTowne.com and search for MLS # 70775908 \$1,800/month + utilities.

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Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society's (MRFRS) barn relocation program. MRFRS often has cats at their main shelter or at their Danville, NH cat sanctuary that find it difficult to adjust to life indoors but would make perfect barn cats. All they would ask for is shelter, food and water and in return, they would earn their keep by controlling the rodent population in your barn. Please consider adopting a barn cat or two and help local cats and a local shelter. Interested parties can call MRFRS at 978-462-0760 and leave a message or email info@mrfrs.org for more information on the program.

For Sale: White Birch Garth: Morgan Sport Horse, lovely mover, flashy black with some white markings, 15h., pinned at 2nd level dressage shows, 17yrs. young, great trail horse, used to ring work. Nice manners. Priced to go to a good home.

Free: Emmy: Great versatile Morgan mare with ground covering trot, drives great, wonderful trail horse under saddle, does well in local shows, 14.3h., 23 yrs young, sound with lots of "go", sensible, nice manners. *Free* to a good home. Call Sam or Kim MacGown 978-346-8412 or 978-270-6688

WN 14 acre Horse Farm. Restored and expanded Cape style home (11 room, 3 bedroom, 3 bath), impeccable 4 stall barn with attached office/studio, plus 3 run-ins, fenced paddocks and pastures, graded outdoor ring PLUS Morton Indoor arena! Trails at Riverbend are minutes away. One of a kind, \$1.35 million.

WN 8 acre estate. Reproduction Colonial home (12 room, 4 bedroom, 3 bath) at the end of a cul de sac, abutting Myopia Trails. Room for a small barn, paddock, \$875,000.

Newbury Antique. Overlooking the Parker River, nicely updated Colonial home (10 room, 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath) with charming old mini-barn on 3+ acres, \$535,000. Contact Deb Hamilton at 978-499-888 or Deb@DeborahHamilton.com



Ellen Alden has moved from Driving 101 to Driving 202. Look at her go, driving her young filly, Sweetie, at Pipes-tave!

Congratulations to a number of our members who competed at King Oak Dressage Days in Southhampton, MA in July:

Amy Bresky competed in her first FEI Prix St. Georges tests of her life and got 61.1% and 61.6% with her Hanoverian gelding, Welkin (age 11). Amy imported Welkin from Germany a year ago, sight unseen, through Verne Batchelder. She is now qualified for her Silver USDF Medal and will be competing in the Regional Championships in Saugerties, NY in September at 4th Level and possibly Prix St. Georges if she gets another qualifying score at her next show.

Kathy Feehery rode her Hanoverian mare, Firenze ("Flo"), in several 2nd Level dressage tests with good scores and got her second qualifying score, so she is going to the Championships in September as well.

Judy Wright rode her new horse, Rambo, in several 1st Level tests and won one of her classes with 66%!

Our new member **Joan Carlson** also had a great time competing at 2nd Level with her horse Darwin.

Longtime member **Kim France**, now living in Peter-sham, MA, rode her new horse, Nick, to a win at Training Level.

Fun at the Summer Barbeque



Kathy Feehery snacks on strawberries. There was a cornucopia of strawberry deserts .



Members gather under the umbrella during a rather stormy barbeque.

WNRDC E-MAIL RULES AND WNRDC YAHOO GROUP

Our rules about the use of Club e-mail have changed, as our organization has grown. Since we now have an active Yahoo group available free to all members, it was decided to have Club members send out all classified (for sale, etc.) materials there, rather than through the Club e-mails. Members are welcome to post any of their classified items there. The Yahoo group is very user-friendly and instructions for signing up and using it are listed below. The Club e-mail will now provide information about WNRDC Club and related topics only.

Through the WNRDC Yahoo Group you can send and receive messages from members on a variety of things such as horses for sale or lease, items for sale, available stalls, trail rides, and share some pictures!

How to join: If you want to join only the mailing list for the group, send a blank email to wnrdc-subscribe@yahogroups.com. If you have a yahoo

e-mail address, or don't mind creating one to log into the group, send an e-mail to wnrdcnewsletter@yahoo.com and request an invitation to join the group.

How to post a message: Send your email to wnrdc@yahogroups.com and everyone who is subscribed to the group will receive it. Remember to add your name at the bottom of the message as we may not know from your e-mail address who you are.

How to visit the group on the web:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wnrdc/>

NOTE: WNRDC Membership is required to join the group

Don't forget to renew your membership. If you don't know when your membership expires, please contact Suzy Winsor at wnrdsecretary@aol.com

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