



SENIOR BEGINNER CLINIC with Jeff Morse

At Green Meads Farm, Richmond, MA
July 16 & 17, 2011

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY DRIVING A CARRIAGE HORSE?



HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Many folks, especially those with a strong equestrian background, turn to carriage driving in their later years. Driving extends the opportunity to work and compete with horses, and perhaps because they tend to be older, horse drivers are very friendly and helpful to each other.

The question is how to get started, how to put a foot in the water without jumping in over your head! Or maybe someone you know is involved in the sport and you want to learn more, so that you can drive.

To try the carriage driving experience, we invite you to attend a **Weekend Beginner Clinic** sponsored by the Saratoga Driving Association in cooperation with the American Driving Society. The clinic will be held July 16 and 17 at Green Meads Farm in Richmond, MA. Jeff Morse, who has 30 years of experience training carriage horses and carriage drivers, will supervise the

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mobile: _____ Any special considerations:

Prior to applying, interested individuals should speak first with Lyn Howard to fully discuss the clinic's goals and what will be covered. Once accepted Mail checks to Lyn Howard, 8 Sluyster Rd., Poestenkill, NY 12140 Make check out to: Saratoga Driving Association.

clinic. Jeff currently chairs the Pleasure Driving Committee of the American Driving Society.

This clinic is especially designed for older participants (>55 years) with time and resources to consider this sport. A past history of horse experience is a plus, but not essential. The clinicians reserve the right to decide if applicants meet the criterion of the clinic.

The clinic will be limited to six individuals, so each person has a chance to drive multiple times, experiencing a range of horses from ponies to horses. All drivers will start out with Jeff, and later an experienced assistant will drive with them.

Between driving lessons, discussions will be held on:

1. Different carriage driving opportunities
 - Recreational driving at home or in organized groups.
 - Pleasure driving competitions
 - Combined driving events
 - Distance driving
 - Sleigh rallies
2. What is involved in owning a driving horse.
 - Shelter & Feeding
 - Exercise
 - Feet trimming and shoeing
 - Veterinary care
3. How to find
 - a safe driving horse
 - a working harness
 - a suitable start-up carriage
4. How to link up to other drivers
 - American Driving Society
 - Regional driving clubs
 - Useful publications and websites



The costs of this sport will be frankly discussed; they obviously vary tremendously between recreational driving and competitive driving. At the end of the clinic, every effort will be made to outline the appropriate next step for those participants who want to go further.

The cost of the clinic is \$200. This includes Saturday night accommodation at Lyn Howard and all meals.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information, contact:

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