



Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.

DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

In your last newsletter the form for members of Region 3 received nomination forms with that newsletter for their Director Elections. Those are members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee. Remember the Board waived the requirement of previous attendance to annual meetings.

We would prefer that you have internet access for notification of meetings.

ABSENTEE VOTING IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ballots were included with the previous newsletter for you to vote on proposed rule changes. Eligible members are "Regular Members are those persons who own an un-divided or community property interest in and have registered with the GCSA one or more Gypsy Cobs, Section A, B, or C, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the GCSA, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their annual dues."

If you are in region 3 please remember to fill out a director nomination form and send that in with your ballots.

TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Last newsletter had a membership renewal form included with it. If you are a founding or lifetime founding member please pass this membership form on to someone who is interested in the breed so they can enjoy the newsletters and be part of our organization.

Now might be a good time to consider becoming a Lifetime member so you won't ever have to mess with filling out this form again.... And it will also help the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. to have more funds available now for advertising and promotions. You can also renew annual memberships on the website by clicking the paypal button on the membership page.

WEBSITE

We have set the "Stallion" and "For Sale" page up now for you to promote your stallions and horses for sale. Please visit the website and follow instructions on how to be included on these pages.

Are Gypsy Cobs the Best?

You bet they are! My daughter and one of her friends playing with their horsey buddies. How can you not smile at how patient, gentle and kind these horses are?

Di Ann Towson

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GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

Gypsy Tails

Website, GCSA Store, and 2009 Calendar

As many of you may have noticed over the last year the website has a new look. The new site went live on December 20, 2006 and in reviewing the past newsletters we realized that we never informed the members that the new website was donated to the registry by an anonymous party and while long over due we would like to take this opportunity to thank the donor for providing us with a beautiful and professional site. We the Board are very grateful for the generous donation!

We would also like to take a moment to remind you that the GCSA has a merchandise store at www.cafepress.com/gcsa and we recently had an artist donate a piece of her artwork for the GCSA to use at this store under the section titled "Gypsy Art" <http://www.cafepress.com/gcsa.221403151>. You can also purchase the GCSA 2008 Calendar at this site.

If you have created any gypsy art that you would like to see featured in the shop please send a JPG file of the artwork to Nichole Dillon-Lee at nichole@photographybynichole.com and it will be reviewed by the Board to be placed in a gallery (please note that all artwork is donated and used to raise funds for the GCSA).

And last but not least start thinking of photo's for the submission of the 2009 Calendar. The deadline for photos will be in September we will be posting the calendar guidelines on the website shortly with image requirements and some tips for getting good photos of your horse for the calendar.

ANNUAL MEETING

We are gearing up for the Annual Meeting and Award Banquet on Saturday April 12, 2008 2 p.m. at Dos Gringos Restaurant, 1015 University Drive in Fort Worth, Texas a block from the Will Rogers Coliseum and John Justin Arena. There will be voting required, and we will announce and present the Merit Award Program winners and 2 special awards to Janeen & Tim Dillon & Jeff & Chris Bartko.

Combined Driving Cobs and a new business



Billy & Kathi Dunn 888.724.8938 wayfarerfarm.net 234 Kingston Road Danville, NH 03819

Hello Everyone,
 Just wanted to give you an update on what we will be doing this year. We are going to be competing in Combined Driving Events which is dressage, cross country and cones. Won't the driving society be surprised to see a Gypsy Cob??? She is awesome and very consistent. Our trainer, Mary Gray, is going to the World Championships in Germany, she has always driven ponies like Welsh Cobs and is so in love with the Gypsy's attitude and ability. Yes I'm pretty sure we are going to turn quite a few heads. And the great thing is she is very, very good at all phases of Combined Driving. I told you that her trainer, Mary Gray, is going to the Worlds in Germany but neglected to tell you she has won the Gold Medal a few years ago in Poland. She drives a Welsh Cob but has asked me if she can start training my other Gypsy Cob (Seadhna) as her second competition horse.

Which I agreed to. She had never worked with a Gypsy Cob before but has fallen in love with Porsche. She loves their disposition, willingness to please, their forward movement and firmly believes that they are very intelligent, all the qualities to make not just a pleasure horse but a combined driving horse. You can get a list of CDE events from The American Driving Society. They have a website. You may have to call them for a list. We will be competing a lot this summer. Porsche and my first competition is March 16th. We'll keep you posted throughout the season.

vidually tested by their staff, professional riders and clinicians. Best of all, their products are 100% guaranteed, tomorrow, next week and next year..no questions asked! They invite you to browse through their product line and submit your feedback. This will enable them to grow their business to serve you, the equestrian consumer. A portion of purchases made to Wayfarer Farm are donated to the [Carriage Barn Therapeutic Riding Program](#). [They have lovely Gypsy Cobs as well!](#)

Billy & Kathi Dunn www.wayfarerfarm.net

Wayfarer Farm Equestrian Products, owners, Bill and Kathi Dunn of Danville, NH started a line of quality horse products at their website www.wayfarerfarm.net. They offer the same products you will find in national equine catalogs. Because they manufacture and distribute their own products, they can offer them to you at competitive prices, just like the old days! They have selected quality stable essentials and English riding products. Their items have been indi-



Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Reservation Form

Name _____ Far,m Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Number and Names (other than name above) of People Attending _____

There will be a cost of \$12 a person. Please send a check and the form to the GCSA office by March 30th.

Send to GCSA, 1611 Old Reno Road, Springtown, Texas 76082. *you can copy this form if you wish to not cut up this page*

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Fax: 1-817-335 3408 Hilton Fort Worth hotel has welcomed many famous and important guests. None would prove to be more significant than President John F. Kennedy and the First Lady, Jacqueline. Using the hotel as a backdrop, the young President addressed the thousands who had gathered to catch a glimpse of America's most popular political figure. His final speech came minutes later in the hotel's Crystal Ballroom where 2,000 attendees joined the President and First Lady for breakfast. In only a few short hours the Hilton Fort Worth hotel in Texas would go down in history as the place where President John F. Kennedy spent his last night.

Pomona Equine Affair 2008—Stephanie Burlington

The annual California Equine Affair was held January 30 to February 2 in Pomona. Approximately 20 Gypsy Farms were in attendance. Twenty different horse breeds were represented in the Breed Pavilion Hall. Members from both associations took part in the booths, showing off our unique horses and educating the public about our breed. It is amazing how many more people are familiar with the Gypsy breed each year. The new-to-the-breed folks are always astonished at the beauty and temperament of these fabulous horses. Charlie and Jan Cox were gracious enough to bring and share their beautiful vardo next to the AGHBA booth. This always attracts the public eye.

The associations were fortunate in getting to showcase our horses to the public in two breed demonstrations on Thursday, opening day, and Saturday in the outdoor arena. Approximately seventeen horses represented the breed. As horses and riders filed into the arena, the announcer delineated the roots and history of the Gypsy horse. This magnificent animal was bred by the Romani travelers. The Romanis bred these horses for temperament, endurance and for their beauty.

Although the Gypsy horses are bred in the United Kingdom (UK) as harness horses, here in America, we are finding that the Gypsy horse excels at many different disciplines. The stallions, mares and geldings in the demonstrations exhibited this diversity. Arturo Saldana showed Stephanie Burlington's Tango (Hidden Creek Ranch) as a

western pleasure horse sporting his champion and supreme champion rosettes. Jim and Diane Harris' Lord McLeod (Happy Camp Gypsy Horses), ridden by Jenna Campbell, showed his skill over the jumps along with Nicki on the gentle Braveheart in costume. Carol Carter's Maximus (Gypsy



Jazz's Rom Tango Dansanator

Photo by Gloria Muscarella Cheval Photography

Feathers Ranch) strutted his stuff while being lunged along with Piper, from Feathered Angels of Mystic Shores. The discipline of dressage was exhibited by Ben Eby's Magnum (Gold Rush Gypsy Vanner Farms). Barbara Cross (Gaelic Farm) and Mary Lou Fharlender (Desert Winds Farm) were costume-clad on their Brian Borou and Miniver. My Sweet Lexus Harmony (Hidden Creek Ranch), 2007 champion and supreme AGHBA mare, showed the "flash" with her breathtaking, flowing extended trot along with her proud owner, Stephanie Burlington, aboard. Gypsy horse gone cow pony was presented by Lynn Straumann (Gypsy Rose Ranch) and her Ms Bodi. Ona Eby and her trainer, Jim Thomas, showed Robin (Gold Rush Gypsy Vanner Farms) in harness pulling a Meadowbrook cart.

Sunday was the final performance with the breed spotlight. Rain came but didn't dampen the spirits as owners and horses trudged and tiptoed through the mud in the barns to the indoor arena. Fans sat eagerly awaiting to be wowed by our final performance at the 2008 California Equine Affair. Through mud tinged feather, once more our incredible Gypsy horses shined! Tango of Hidden Creek Ranch performed his tricks and sat to watch the goings on as one after another of our beautiful Gypsies flaunted by. The UK met the western US with Deirdre Cash, English gone western, skidding and sliding to the a stop in front of the crowd atop Lynn Straumann's steady Ms Bodi, Gypsy reining horse.



Mamas don't let your Gypsy Lads grow up to be cowponies



Lynn Straumann on Ms Bodi, Gypsy reining. Photo by Gloria Muscarella Cheval



Jim & Dianne Harris' Lord McLeod.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to represent our breed so well! Who could not help but love these extraordinary horses!



Photo by Gloria Muscarella Cheval Photography



My Sweet Lexus Harmony

GCSA Membership Renewal Form

If you have already sent in your renewal please pass this on to someone who would enjoy having a new membership!

Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.



Membership Application

Please complete form and mail with appropriate fee to address below.
Please make checks payable to GCSA.

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| Name: | | Farm Name: | |
| Address: | | Phone: | |
| City, State, Zip | | Fax: | |
| Spouses Name: | | Email address: | |
| Website Address: | | | |
| Membership Required (Circle One) | Lifetime | \$250 _ | |
| | Associate (Annual) | \$25 | |
| | Regular (Annual) | \$25 | |
| | Youth (under18) (Annual) | \$10__ | |
| | Renewal? Yes / No | | |
| Prefix/Suffix Registration Fee: (\$50 -One time only) | Prefix or Suffix Requested: (Delete one, as applicable) | | |
| | | Item | Fee |
| Would you like to be included in a published Members list? Yes / No | Would you like to be included in a published Breeders list? Yes / No | Membership | |
| Full name of youth member and birth date, if applicable: | | | Prefix Registration |
| (Optional) Do you belong to any other registries or clubs, if so which ones? | | | Total |

Release Of Liability: This Release of Liability is made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2007 by and between Gypsy Cob Society of America, herein designated GCSA, and _____ (name of member), hereinafter designated as GCSA member and if the member is a minor, the GCSA parent or guardian, _____ (name of member parent or guardian) return for use today and on all future dates of any property, facility or services of or used by the GCSA, the GCSA member, his heirs, assigns and legal representative expressly agree to the following:
GCSA member agrees to assume ANY AND ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN OR ARISING FROM ANY GCSA ACTIVITY including, without limitation but not limited to, the risks of death, bodily injury, property damage, fall, kicks, bites, collisions with vehicles, horse(s) or stationary objects, fire or explosion, the unavailability emergency medical care, or the negligence or deliberate act of another person.
It is the responsibility of GCSA member to carry full and complete insurance coverage on his horse(s), personal property and himself/herself.
WARNING: UNDER Texas Law (chapter 87, Civil practice and remedies code), an equine professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

GCSA Member Signature Date

GCSA Member Guardian Signature Date