



This photo taken by Linda Brown of a new owner with her first Gypsy Cob. Could that smile be any bigger? Think these 2 will get along famously. She comes to visit her new foal every chance she gets, even though it is a 2 hour drive.

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GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

# Gypsy Tails



## Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.

### Ballot and Special Meeting Notice

A special meeting for a ballot has been called for June 30, 2008. The items below were asked by membership at the annual meeting to be voted on by special notice.

#### Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. to change it's name to Gypsy Horse Registry of America, Inc.

Youth to pay a one time fee of \$10 for their membership, and remain in good standing till the age of 18 years old.

Replace Article VII-Directors Section 1, Enumeration and Qualifications (A) Number of Directors (1) to read Each region shall have one (1) Director.

Delete Section 3 Term (B) Limitation of Term (this limited an officer to only 6 years service.)

Change regions to as follows: Region 1. CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WDC, WV

Region 2. IA, IL, IN MI, MN, MO, OH, WI

Region 3. AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN

Region 4. AR, AZ LA, NM, OK, TX

Region 5. CO, KS, MT, ND, NE, SD, WY

Region 6. AK, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA

Region 7. Any foreign country

A prepaid postcard ballot has been included with this newsletter for all eligible members. Please circle yes or no or abstain and sign and print your name and place pre-addressed post card in the mail. Thank you.

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 20, 2008

## GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC

### Annual Meeting Minutes

**Special Location:** Dos Gringos Restaurant and Cantina, Fort Worth, Texas

**Board members in attendance** = Nichole Dillon-Lee (President), Jan Easter (Vice President), Debbie Heron Prichard (Secretary), Sue Niesen (Director at Large) arrived late due to a prior commitment to have a gypsy at the local human society function.

**General Members in attendance** = Priscilla Cox, Justin Prichard, Brenda Hearon, Randy Hearon, Jennifer Alexander, Kari Gallup-Aker, Linda Brown, Greg Griffin and Maureen Griffin.

The Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. was called to order by Nichole Dillon-Lee at 2:41 pm CST 4/12/08.

Board members were introduced prior to the start of the meeting; Nicole acknowledged the Treasurer who was unable to attend this year, Cheryl Lange.

Organizational overview section in the meeting notes was pointed out. All meeting attendee packets included a breeder's list, Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc pamphlets, a flier of the GCSA ad and a Carriage Driving World magazine containing our newest ad.

### Organizational Overview

GCSA in a non profit organization formed exclusively for education, scientific and animal husbandry, defined as follows:

Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of the Gypsy Cobs, to promote and coordinate Gypsy Cob show activities, promote and encourage exhibiting Gypsy Cobs in open classes, coordinate and cooperate in providing qualified judges for Gypsy Cob shows, and in devising and adopting Gypsy Cob rules, regulations and standards.

Cooperate with other organizations with similar interests as the Gypsy Cobs.

Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Gypsy Cob owners, associations, clubs and enthusiasts, for the purpose of stimulating popular interest in Gypsy Cobs.

Own, operate and maintain a registry and stud book for Gypsy Cobs wither solely or in cooperation with other organizations.

### Financial Report

Member packets included 4 page Profit and Loss statements for the 2007 year. The statement or registries accounting books are available to view at the home office in Springtown, Texas. At this time most of the funds is divided amount promotions. Also, due to our numbers being up, we are no longer sending out registrations via certified mail unless requested. This has decreased our mailing expense.

We are currently working on fund raising via the Cafe Press Store on the website and possible a stallion auction in the future.

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# Merit Awards Program Champions for 2007

## A Mares 3 Years and Older

Beibhinn Blue A00000308 –  
Syneva Peters



Luck of the Irish A000003007  
– Syneva Peters



## B Mares 3 Years Old & Older

WCF Gypsy Diva  
B00000340 – Michelle & Neil  
Purcell



## A English Performance

Luck of the Irish A000003007  
– Syneva Peters



## A Stallions 3 Years and Older

Luck of the Irish A000003007  
– Syneva Peters



## B Stallions 2 Years Old & Younger – Tie

Rogans Storm  
B00000268 – Michelle & Joe  
Osgood



## A Western Performance – Tie –

Beibhinn Blue A00000308 –  
Syneva Peters



## B Mares 2 Years Old & Younger

My Sweet Teagan  
B00000187 – Michelle Osgood



PGH Gypsy Geronimo –  
Michelle & Neil Purcell



# Merit Awards Program Champions continued

## B Stallions 3 Years Old & Older

Connors Malachi B00000258  
– Joe Osgood



## B Geldings 3 Years Old & Older

Enchanted Kearney –  
B00000019 – Michelle, Emilie  
& Joe Osgood



## B Color Stallion

Rainbow Cailean –  
B00000286 – June & Wendell  
Ayers



## B Color Geldings

Enchanted Kearney –  
B00000019 – Michelle, Emilie  
& Joe Osgood



## B Color Mares

My Sweet Teagan B00000187  
– Michelle & Joe Osgood



## B English Performance

Alfie Moon B00000167 – Julie  
Gladstone

Photo not available  
at time of printing

## B Western Performance

Connors Malachi B00000258  
– Joe & Michelle Osgood



## B Utility

Connors Malachi B00000258  
– Joe & Michelle Osgood



## B Exhibition

WCF Gypsy Diva B00000340  
– Michelle & Neil Purcell



## Renaissance Anyone?

The first time I ever saw a picture of a Gypsy Horse, I was captivated. Then I started noticing them in different equine magazines I picked up. They were magical creatures, far beyond my reach. Filed away in the back of my mind, on a sort of hypothetical wish list, you know? Having grown up breeding Morgans, Shires and Percherons, and having recently watched the bottom drop out of the draft horse market with the demise of the PMU farms, seeing sale barns full of wretched horses, I had sworn off of breeding any more horses, ever, so as not to add to the population of unwanted horses needing care.

As fate would have it, about 4 years ago I saw a Gypsy Horse mare at a Renaissance faire in a pony ride with a llama, a steer and a donkey, being ridden in circles by squealing children. She had such patient eyes, her sweet nature shone out. When the ride paused, I had to have my hands on her, knowing what she was, hoping they didn't and I might bargain for her and take her home. Nope, not for sale, and yes a Gypsy.

And so the quest began, never really admitting to myself just how much I really had to have one, just window shopping. Searching websites, for sale ads, researching the origins of these wonderful horses. I

was looking for a filly or a mare, just one..... Then he appeared. CDF Quite Frankly, Stormy for short. He trotted across the computer screen and into my heart. A weanling stallion, piebald, silver eyes and a floating trot. No, I had not planned on a stallion. Yes, I had to have him. Lost, I was totally lost to a terminal condition called Gypsy Horse Fever.

Then Evie winked at me from England, and had to have an airplane ticket to Texas. OK, got my dream. Oops, WHO is that? Galway Princess Piper, by Galway Warrior caught my eye. No, I did not need another horse. Especially a horse that needed harness thrown higher than my head, I had nice COBS because of that, right? But Piper is my forever baby, too. A dream I hadn't even known I had till *deja vu*. Sitting on Piper tonight as she munches hay, my heart is so full, so satisfied with awe at their trust in me, and the reaction they get from everyone. Trained to drive, she is still not trained to ride, though she tolerates me just fine to sit on her back and lay across her neck and dream. She looks like a million dollars in harness and her (Cajun) trainer Russell Comeaux (amazing

harness man, race horse shoer and track starter at Evangeline Downs in Louisiana) said "Dis mare, she's eat up with de class, y'know, lak dem li'l Gypsy hosses you got." Another convert!

Yes, I will have a couple of foals per year, one Cob and one Drum. The lesson I have been taught by these kind



horses is to never say never! Someone might steal into your heart, as Stormy, Evie and Piper have done.

Today Stormy is all grown up, lives with his mare Arwen Evenstar, and proud, patient, trustworthy, they pull my carriage at ..... a Renaissance Faire!! Four Winds Faire in Troup Texas. Lovely faire, family atmosphere. Every weekend in March and the first 3 of April annually. Cannons, belly dancers, flags flapping in their faces, knights in shining armor, real jousting, pirates, dancing bears, hoop skirts, 'gypsies' on stilts, musicians, bagpipes, running children, fools, Queens, Kings and all. These wonderful horses take it all in stride. True to the essence of the breed, their eyes mirror the soul of the Gypsy Horse. Intelligent, kind, tractable, willing, strength embodied, inspiring me to be worthy of them, a better person than I was before. When we're not giving someone a tour of the faire in the carriage, the horses are surrounded by young and young at heart who, just like me, have to have their hands on the marvelous, irresistible Gypsy Horse.

Evie had her second foal by Stormy today, Strawberry Renaissance.. Piper is due by the end of April with a Lion King grand baby. These horses are so rare, so highly sought after, so charismatic I believe that there will be a special place for a special few. If not, then I'll just have a few more horses of my own! I am the richest person I know. I have my own Renaissance of the heart,



## Mare Stare

One of our members told us about this and we thought we would share... what an interesting concept.

*It's late at night and you are surfing the internet, trying to stay awake. You lazily glance at your mare on cam, wondering when she will foal and allow your life to return to normal. You haven't slept straight through the night since foaling season began, and you longingly think of your pillow...and your eyes start to drift shut.....*

*You awake in a panic and glance again at the monitor to find your mare munching on hay, seemingly unconcerned that you are watching her...and your night drags on.*

Does this sound like you and your foaling season ritual? It doesn't have to be this way...there are people who will help!

Welcome to Mare Stare, an online foaling community where thousands of viewers help farm owners keep an eye on their stock and their property. Mare Stare, LLC ([www.marestare.com](http://www.marestare.com)) hosts over 250 live cameras all over the world, and we are growing.

### So, how does it work?

You purchase a cam...nothing expensive or special, just a good clear, quality cam. You add a video capture device, and the software that Mare Stare provides, and then for a very small fee you stream your camera to Mare Stare where it's broadcast live all over the world.

We can suggest cams and equipment for you and we will walk you through every step of your setup.

Actual photo taken from a live cam



### What are the benefits of having a cam online?

First and foremost...peace of mind. With a public cam you will have others watching while you rest, or work, or shop. We have a large online community where you can tell others about your animals and learn mo

re about the birth experience, or help others to learn from your experiences. It's a strong family community where we look out for each other.

Private cams are also available, giving you the same peace of mind by being able to see your stock while you are away from home, but knowing that you alone will view them.

We have saved the lives of many mares and foals by catching a labor in progress while the owners were sleeping or away from home. Our viewers have seen mares begin to colic and alerted their owners. Cast mares and foals have been rescued because our viewers called the cam owner. These alerts have been priceless.

Online cams can be used for so many reasons, other than foaling...use it for sick animals that need to be monitored, show off an animal for sale, watch



weanlings as they adjust to their new environment or just watch your property away from home.

Mare Stare's hosting service is not limited to equine. We have llamas, alpacas, goats, kittens, puppies and even cow cams online. The possibilities are endless, and the advertising is overwhelming.

Our online forum receives over 18,000 hits per day, which equals over one million hits per month. Having a cam online has more than doubled the exposure to our farm owners and their websites/farms.

We would love to have you join our online family. Come visit us at [www.marestare.com](http://www.marestare.com) and see what you've been missing.

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Heather Troglauer

Owner

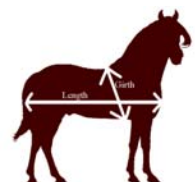
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Another kewl site to check out on the web is

<http://www.gaitedhorses.net/Articles/horseweight.html>

It will estimate your horses weight by giving girth and length measurements,



# Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

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Fundraising ideas were briefly discussed. Overall, now that the registry is established the members attending expressed the need for more funds to assist in sponsoring shows and events. A few members asked about raising fees to help improve the budget. Jan pointed out that our fees will be going up slightly if receiving a passing vote today. It was echoed by several that they would pay an increase in fees to help provide more funds for show assistance. The discussion then turned to participation and that more member participation is also needed and they are ready to help. Nichole pointed out that on a local level our member numbers are low but we are here to help get regional groups together or for any suggestions for fund raising.

The GCSA original loan from Jan Easter has still not been paid back.

One member asked if it would be possible to cut the cost of the newsletter by posting online only. The registrar, Priscilla, recommended not doing this as some people only have dial up and the feed back from our newsletter is that it is greatly appreciated by of our members. It may be possible to allow people to choose if they wish an online newsletter instead of a mailing. Jan pointed out that meeting minutes are in the newsletter and if we offer it online we would have to remove the minutes and mail separately to members or not offer the newsletter online. She then reminded all that meeting minutes are always available to view at the home office.

## Summary of Accomplishments to Date

Registry was incorporated May 5, 2003.

Initial board of directors meeting was held June 21, 2003.

Official Rule Book completed June 25, 2003.

### Website

Initial publication – June 2003

Online forms - November 2003

Revised website with new graphics – January 2007

There were 4 published GCSA Newsletters in 2007

Publications this year

Carriage Driving World – March, 2007

Carriage Driving World – May, 2007

Equine Journal – May, 2007

Ride Magazine – June, 2007

Ride/ Western Times – September, 2007

Current membership = 337 total members

40 Founding Lifetime

61 Lifetime

236 Regular/ Associate

Current horse registrations = 505

## Goals for 2008

Increase participation in the Merit Award program –

Parades, open shows and pretty much all activities are eligible for points.

Increase registration

Increase membership and membership participation

Become a member of USEF and USDF

Currently the USEF is revising their requirements. We are extremely close to the number of registered horses they require and are hopeful that with their revised program is instituted we will qualify for membership.

Increase participation in parades

Pinto will allow Gypsy Cobs in the pony division.

We are not eligible to apply again this year but will again in 2009. The more the Gypsies are out in the public eye the better reception we are getting from organizations like Pinto. We will apply again to the Snaffle Bit Association. Again, now that there are Gypsies out in cattle classes getting exposure it is just a matter of time before they are accepted to show in other organizations.

Develop fundraisers – briefly discussed earlier

Continue Unity talks with GCDHA

Currently steps have been taken by the GCSA Board of Directors and the GCDHA Board of directors concerning the merging of the two registries. Details can not be discussed at this time. Hopefully in the next few weeks an agreement will be reached and the information put before the general membership to be voted on according to the GCSA Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Jan Easter is currently in the process of adding Pay Pal to the website as well as forms for online registration, merit awards program and others.

It was asked by a member if year to date MAP points could be accessed online to encourage the spirit of competition in the Merit Award program and allow exhibitors to follow their standings.

A separate youth program will also be added.

## Discussion of the Proposed Amendments and Vote

The floor was open for discussion on the proposed amendments. A question was asked concerning Stallion Inspections. A stallion can be inspected anytime before 5 years and if he passes can be used for breeding purposes. At 5 years a stallion must pass a stallion inspection if the owner wishes to maintain stallion papers. A stallion's foals can not be registered unless he has passed a stallion inspection and the proper forms filled with the GCSA registrar.

A break was taken while votes were tallied @ 3:21pm

Meeting brought back to order 3:36pm

2 ballots were returned abstaining from voting

# Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

Revision; *Bylaws of the Gypsy Cob Society of America Inc, Article VII – Directors (page 11)* to add region 6

Region 6 Any foreign country other than Canada or Mexico.

Revised in accordance with the previous revision passing; *Article VII – Directors* Section 3, Term C Schedule of Elections to read: Elections will hear after be held in each region as follows: Region 6 in 2012 and every three years after.

Votes For = 32;

Against = 1

Abstained = 1

Revision passed.

Revision; *Premium Evaluation System*, B the GCSA using Inspectors Carded by the GCSA will carry on inspections for a Premium Evaluation.

Votes For = 32

Against = 1

Abstained = 1

Revision passed.

Revision; *Registration Procedure*, (1) Responsibility (a) All stallions must be DNA tested and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection of Stallion completed, passed and filed before any resulting foal or foals from future breeding will be considered for registration. After the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection of Stallion results are on file with the GCSA, the stallion is not required to be tested again. If the stallion fails the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection of Stallion, no future foals will be registered out of the stallion and the owner will be offered permanent/ further GCSA papers if the horse in question is gelded.

Votes For = 32

Against = 2

Abstained = 0

Revision passed.

Revision; *Riding Class Specifications*, (G) Jumper (5) Height of obstacle must be:

Section A's: a minimum of 2 foot (60.90cm)

Section B's: a minimum of 2 foot, 6 inches (76.12)

Votes For = 34

Against = 0

Abstained = 0

Revision passed.

Revision; *Exhibitor Responsibility*, (E) Gypsy Cobs shall show with full mane, feather and tail. (Exceptions: braiding of mane and tail is optional in English and Costume classes.

Votes For = 34

Against = 0

Abstained = 0

Revision passed.

Revision; *Fee Schedule*,

Code	Item	Member \$		Non-member	
RGR	Registration (EU Passport \$10)	50	100		
TRN	Owner transfer, within 6 months	25	50		
THL	Owner transfer, after 6 months	50	100		
TMP	Temporary to permanent, within 6 months	25	50	50	
TML	Temporary to permanent, after 6 months	50	100		
DUP	Duplicate certificate	30	60		
LSE	Lease fee 50	100			
LFT	Membership, lifetime	500	NA		
ANL	Membership, annual	40	NA		
ASC	Membership, associate	35	NA		
YTH	Membership, youth 10		NA		
SRO	Stallion report, on time	NA	NA		
SRL	Stallion report, late (+\$10 per mares)	25	50		
FPR	Farm prefix reservation	100	100		
DNA	DNA testing	40	80		
EMB	Embryo transfer enrolment	50	100		
EML	Embryo transfer enrolment late (before foaling)	75	150		
EMF	Embryo transfer enrolment late (after foaling)	100	200		
EXP	Expedite fee (per horse)	25	50		
RCM	Return via Certified mail	20	20		
INS	Insufficient funds charge	15	25		
SAF	Show application (per judge)	25	25		
JUD	Judge's card application	25	25		
JUA	Judge's card annual fee	25	NA		
MAP	Merit Award Program application	20	NA		
CLB	Club annual fee	50	NA		

# Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

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SYN	Syndicate few	50	100
ALM	Annual Meeting	20	40
SWB	Stallion page on website	100	NA
FSW	For sale on website	100	NA
	Votes For = 28		
	Against = 5		
	Abstained = 1		
	Revision passed.		

**All revisions up for vote passed.**

## **MERIT AWARD Champions 2007**

### **A - Mares 3 Years and Older**

Beibhinn Blue A00000308 – Syneva Peters

### **A - Stallions 3 Years and Older**

Luck of the Irish A000003007 – Syneva Peters

### **A - Western Performance – Tie –**

Beibhinn Blue A00000308 – Syneva Peters

Luck of the Irish A000003007 – Syneva Peters

### **A - English Performance**

Luck of the Irish A000003007 – Syneva Peters

### **B - Mares 2 Years Old & Younger**

My Sweet Teagan B00000187 – Michelle & Joe Osgood

### **B - Mares 3 Years Old & Older**

WCF Gypsy Diva B00000340 – Michelle & Neil Purcell

### **B - Stallions 2 Years Old & Younger – Tie**

Rogans Storm B00000268 – Michelle & Joe Osgood

PGH Gypsy Geronimo – Michelle & Neil Purcell

### **B - Stallions 3 Years Old & Older**

Connors Malachi B00000258 – Joe & Michelle Osgood

### **B - Geldings 3 Years Old & Older**

Enchanted Kearney – B00000019 – Michelle & Joe Osgood

### **B - Color Stallion**

Rainbow Cailean – B00000286 – June & Wendell Ayers

### **B - Color Geldings**

Enchanted Kearney – B00000019 – Michelle & Joe Osgood

### **B - Color Mares**

My Sweet Teagan B00000187 – Michelle & Joe Osgood

### **B - English Performance**

Alfie Moon B00000167 – Julie Gladstone

### **B - Western Performance**

Connors Malachi B00000258 – Joe & Michelle Osgood

### **B - Utility**

Connors Malachi B00000258 – Joe & Michelle Osgood

### **B - Exhibition**

WCF Gypsy Diva B00000340 – Michelle & Neil Purcell

The Western category was the largest and most competitive. The winner acquired 1600 points in order to take the award home.

An inspirational slide show was presented by Jan and Priscilla of all the winners.

*Service Awards – the names will be forever posted for outstanding contributions to GCSA*

**Janeen & Tim Dillon**

**Jeff & Christine Bartko**

*In the near future this award will be by member nominations.*

## **New Business**

Nichole asked if anyone present had new business to present

A member asked if the annual meeting could be webcasted. Nichole pointed out it would have to be pass word protected and although in theory it may be beneficial the attendance and spontaneity would surely go down.

Maureen Griffin presented a motion – In an effort to unify members and to clarify services provided I would like to make a motion for a name change to Gypsy Horse Registry of America. The motion was seconded by Kari Gallup-Aker and discussion began.

The board members who are involved with talks with GCDHA reported that a name change has been agreed upon if the two registries are in agreement and voting membership approves of the merger. A member brought up that if the talks stall out of fall through it will be another year behind changing the name. Many members felt that the proposal of Gypsy Horse Registry of America simplified the name as well as removed the English Cob which is poorly understood in the US. Those present were asked to vote and all were in favor of the motion.

The next ballot for membership vote will include a name revision motion to modify the Gypsy Cob Society of America to Gypsy Horse Registry of America along with bylaws, articles of incorporation and rule book changes. This would require two thirds of the general membership vote to pass.

Jan asked those present for help with the website. At this time our website person has ownership of coding and if an error occurs GCSA will have to pay that person to fix any problems. It was suggested that we just link to the page. The board will investigate to see if this is possible.

## **Additions, Changes and Clarifications to the Rule Book or By-laws**

# Annual Meeting and BOD Minutes, continued

Priscilla, registrar, discussed revisions to allow for youth to pay one fee for membership that will allow them to remain in good standing until they are over 18 years of age.

Division of the zones to distribute the membership more evenly discussed.

Due to the limited number of members – it was discussed to remove the limitations on length of terms of the board. At this time director elections from the general membership has been very low on participation.

Directory of members with a list of their talents/ experience/ expertise was suggested for the website. This may aid in member participation regionally as well as locally for fund-raising, shows and events.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.28pm.

## BOD MEETING 4-12-08

Meeting was called to order by Nichole Dillion-Lee (President) at 4:37 p.m. central time

**Location:** Dos Gringos Restaurant and Cantina Immediately following the Annual meeting.

**Subject:** Merger between Gypsy Cob Society of America (GCSA) and Gypsy Cob and Drum Association (GDCA)

**Attendees:** Nichole Dillon-Lee (President), Jan Easter (Vice President), Debbie Prichard (Secretary), Sue Niesen (Director at Large), Priscilla Cox (Registrar and Member), and Cheryl Lang (Treasurer) via phone.

Cheryl was updated on the Annual Meeting votes and motions.

The board briefly discussed the motion during the meeting to revise the associations name from Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc to Gypsy Horse Registry along with Bylaw, Articles of Incorporation and Rule Book changes and unanimously agreed to prepare the motion for general membership vote.

Deb motioned to post-phone preparation for at least 2 weeks in the interest of the unity talks with GCDHA. Sue Seconded the motion and all were in favour of giving the Unity talks 2 more weeks to advance.

Nominations for a new board of director from Region 2 (Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin) are needed because the Director from that area moved.

Elections for new offices among the Board of Directors

President – Jan Easter

Vice President – Nichole Dillon-Lee

Secretary – Sue Niesen

Treasurer – Cheryl Lang

Director at Large – Debbie Heron Prichard

Meeting was adjourned 5 pm.

## Porsche's Blog (tales of her Combined Driving adventures with Bill & Kathy Dunn)

As you remember last time.....

*Porche was started by Gold Medal & World Driving Championship trainer Mary Gray. Mary fell in love with Porche's willingness to please, disposition, forward movement and consistency. So off the Dunn's have gone to pursue Porsche's driving career.....*

Here is the Photo of Porsche going through the Obstacle Course. That's me driving along with our Trainer and Navigator Mary Gray. ( your allowed to have a Navigator in the Obstacle Course ). "

This is the last one of the three ADT's, when we received Reserve Champion.

Thank You, Bill Dunn

Hi Jan,

Thought I'd let you know we competed in another ADT yesterday and this time we took the Blue Ribbon !



Photo courtesy of [www.shootthathorse.com](http://www.shootthathorse.com)

**Bill driving Porche, with Gold Medal winner/trainer Mary Gray as navigator. Doesn't Porche look like she is having a blast?**

Dressage score of 55, first in hazards, and first in cones.

We have now been judged by four different Judges and our Dressage scores have all been in the mid fifties. Better than the Morgans and Arabs. Who said a Gypsy Cob can't do Dressage ?

Rgds, Bill Dunn

# Versatility Ranch Gypsy! - Syneva Peters

All these fabulous photos were taken by Pam Peters

The Versatility Ranch Horse Show derives from early ranch work, where a versatile horse was a necessity. This show combines all those talents into a lot of classes, and the goal is to have a versatile horse that will score well in different types of ranch work. The classes for this include: Ranch Trail, Ranch Cutting, Working Ranch Cow Horse, Ranch

roping talent also (even though we had never actually practiced with a real cow) and almost caught the cow on the first throw! Had his rider been a better roper, we probably would have caught, as it was no fault of Ziggy's. The Ranch Trail and Pleasure Riding classes went really well also, and the judge had many good things to say about him. In fact, the day was filled with people com-



Paonia, CO; owner and manager of Edoras Stables, LLC [www.edoras-stables.com](http://www.edoras-stables.com)  
Here is a link to the pictures from the event.

Pleasure Riding, and Ranch Conformation. A reining pattern, roping, and one person penning are some of the things included in the cow classes. The Versa-



ing up to me and telling me how impressed they were at Ziggy's ability. Even the die hard Quarter Horse fans had nice things to say about my "hairy pony." This show (held April 5, 2008)



[times.webshots.com/album/563014970vps](http://times.webshots.com/album/563014970vps)  
FBBy I will keep you posted on the Extreme Cowboy Race! ~Syneva~

*Please go look at the photos there are so many more than I could fit in here!*



tility Ranch Horse competitions are generally filled with Quarter Horses and Paints, but that doesn't mean other breeds can't compete! To my knowledge, Ziggy is the first Gypsy Cob to compete in a Versatility Ranch Horse show and he did amazing! Before the show Ziggy had only worked cows one other time! In the Ranch Cutting class he was able to cut the cow from the herd and pen it in the time allowed! In the Working Ranch Cow Horse class he showed that he has



was the first of six that will be held throughout the summer and fall. Ziggy is competing in the Junior Horse division and I plan on taking Ziggy to all the shows that I can (a couple of the shows interfere with other Gypsy shows or expos). This is a big step for the breed to really show what these wonderful horses can do! I feel so blessed to have this opportunity and to show the versatility of the breed! Luck Of The Irish aka Ziggy is a four year old stallion by Legend Boy. He is owned, trained, and shown by myself, Syneva Peters of

