



### The Wassail Parade

Jim and I with Strawberry at the Wassail Parade in Woodstock, VT on December 8th. We had a blast . . . and Strawberry was such a hit!!

Bette Butson

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GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

# Gypsy Tails

## Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.

### 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 for meritorious service to the GCSA.

### DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER FOR REGION 3

Members of Region 3 will receive ballots with this newsletter for their Director Elections. Those are members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee.

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

### ABSENTEE VOTING IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING

Ballots are being included with this 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.

### REGISTRATION DELAYS

As I am sure most of you have noticed it is taking about 4 months to get paperwork back from us. This is due to the unusual amount of registrations being submitted. If your check has been cashed then we are working on the papers. The paperwork is done in order of postmark, and remember if you have not sent the proper paperwork or photos or if you are required to send more documentation, than you will be just that much further back in line as postmark determines work order.

We have some volunteers in the area that have generously offered their time and we are contacting

them to come in in February to help with some of the time consuming work that takes us away from registrations. We hope to be up and running much quicker by March of this year.

### MERIT AWARDS PROGRAM

The tallies are being done for the year on the Merit Awards Program. Thank you all for record participation this year. Thank you all who get your Gypsy Cob out there and expose the public to this kind, gentle and spectacular looking breed of horse. Your participation in these events spreads the word on our breed and gets more and more people involved. Kudos to all of you and thanks for all your hard work.

### FOREIGN MEMBERS

As you have probably noted we have picked up another foreign country in our list of out of country members. The Netherlands. We hope to have an article soon on her participation in her country with her lovely animals. The board was invited to go to the Netherlands for their stallion inspection on January 19th, but with such short notice we were unable to make it. We will hopefully have an article soon and learn more about her horses and her involvement with the studbook in the Netherlands.

### TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Every newsletter will have 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.

# Board of Directors Meeting

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**BOD MEETING 12-13-07**

**7 p.m. central time**

**GCSA office Springtown, TX**

**Location:** Conference call  
**Attendees:** Jan Easter (Vice President), Debbie Prichard (Secretary), Priscilla Cox (Registrar and Member) and via phone, Nichole Dillon-Lee (President) and Sue Niesen (Director at Large). Cheryl Lang (Treasurer) reached @ 7.22pm and joined the meeting via conference call.

The meeting was brought to order by Nichole @ 7.04pm

## Rule Book Clarification

The first order of business was brought up by Jan. Priscilla, our registrar, has brought to our attention a clarification that is needed concerning stallion registration. If a stallion's veterinary certificate comes back with undescended testical or a bite off with teeth not touching what action should be taken?

After discussing several options it was decided to add to the existing rule: If a stallion does not pass the veterinary exam the owner will be offered permanent GCSA papers if the horse in question is gelded. Further clarification will also be given for an off bite. An over or under bite shall be no greater than the distance of one tooth thickness (buccal to lingual surface of the tooth) from a level bite. The rule book already states that no foals can be registered out of a registered stallion unless the Veterinarian Certificate of Inspection is completed and passed and recorded in the GCSA office. Cheryl motioned that these clarifications to the rule book registration section E-A will be purposed at the national meeting for membership vote. Motion was seconded by Nichole and all present approved.

## Online Rule Book

It was purposed by Jan and Priscilla that GCSA put the Rulebook on line to save costs on printing and for easier updating. New members will be required to check a box on their application specifying if they wish to receive a hard copy of the rule book or if they wish to download the information online. Rule books will still be available on request by members. All present approved.

## Membership renewal

It's that time of year again and we need to get membership renewals out. Jan and Priscilla reported that the same procedures will be followed this year. Last years response was good.

## Annual meeting dates

The date set for the GCSA National Annual Meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be on Saturday and held near the GCSA office in Fort Worth, Texas.

Elections for a board of director for Area 3 are needed this year. Nominations need to go out to area 3 members, which include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Emails to all members in those states will be sent with email addresses of our current board for questions. Nichole wishes to send out emails encouraging participation from members in area 3 for input in the new director to represent them.

## GCSA Board of Directors *President, Director from Region 5,*

Nichole Dillon-Lee,  
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*Vice-President, Director from Region 4,*  
Jan Easter, [gcsa@flash.net](mailto:gcsa@flash.net)

*Treasurer, Director from Region 1,*  
Cheryl Lang, [aislingfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:aislingfarm@earthlink.net)

*Secretary, Director from Region 3,*  
Deborah Heron, DVM,

[herondbp@bigplanet.com](mailto:herondbp@bigplanet.com)

*Director at Large, Director from Region 2,* Sue Niesen, [gypsylanemn@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsylanemn@yahoo.com)

Jan is checking into election dates, meeting locations, times, preparing annual meeting notice and voting information. Nichole suggested we amend the time restriction on ballot returns to 30 days after receipt. All present approved.

Additional rule clarifications suggested by Priscilla shall include riding class specifications section G – Jumper A = changed from 2'6" to 2'. Jumper B = 2'6". Also Section E, the additional of costume = full mane and tail with the exception of Costume and English classes.

## Advertising

### Shows

The funds are extremely limited for GCSA to pay for a show. As always we will help any member who is interested in putting on a show. In the past we have provided ribbons and awards. We have also sponsored classes supporting other cob associations that are putting on shows. Priscilla suggested we form a show committee and/or executive committee. Board members will start contacting people to encourage participation. GCSA will continue to help local clubs since memberships is still small in most areas.

## Funding/Accounting

The accountant has been contacted concerning the year-end review.

Again – funds are limited for advertising unless we want to raise our fees. Currently we have ads in two east coast magazines. Jan suggested we concentrate on one magazine on each coast and not repeat our ads in two magazines in the same area. After much debate it was a consensus to drop the Yankee Peddler and pick up a magazine that is concentrated in central US areas. The ad in the

# Candidates Questionnaire for GCSA Director

Use this form or make a copy and send in to GCSA, 1611 Old Reno Road, Springtown, TX 76082 and must be postmarked by March 15, 2008. To be eligible you must be a current GCSA Regular member and be a resident of one of the following states: Region 3: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee. THE BOARD WAIVED THE REQUIREMENT OF CANDIDATE ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL MEETINGS FOR THIS ELECTION, so any GCSA Member in this area is eligible.

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Please Print Legibly (This form will be copied exactly as you return it and mailed to the members for the election)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been a GCSA member? \_\_\_\_\_

How many Gypsy Cobs do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you shown your Gypsy Cob? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any annual meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served on a GCSA committee? \_\_\_\_\_

What other GCSA responsibilities have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

What business experience can you bring to the Board of Directors?

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Why do you want to be a GCSA Director? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you feel are the three most important issues facing the GCSA?

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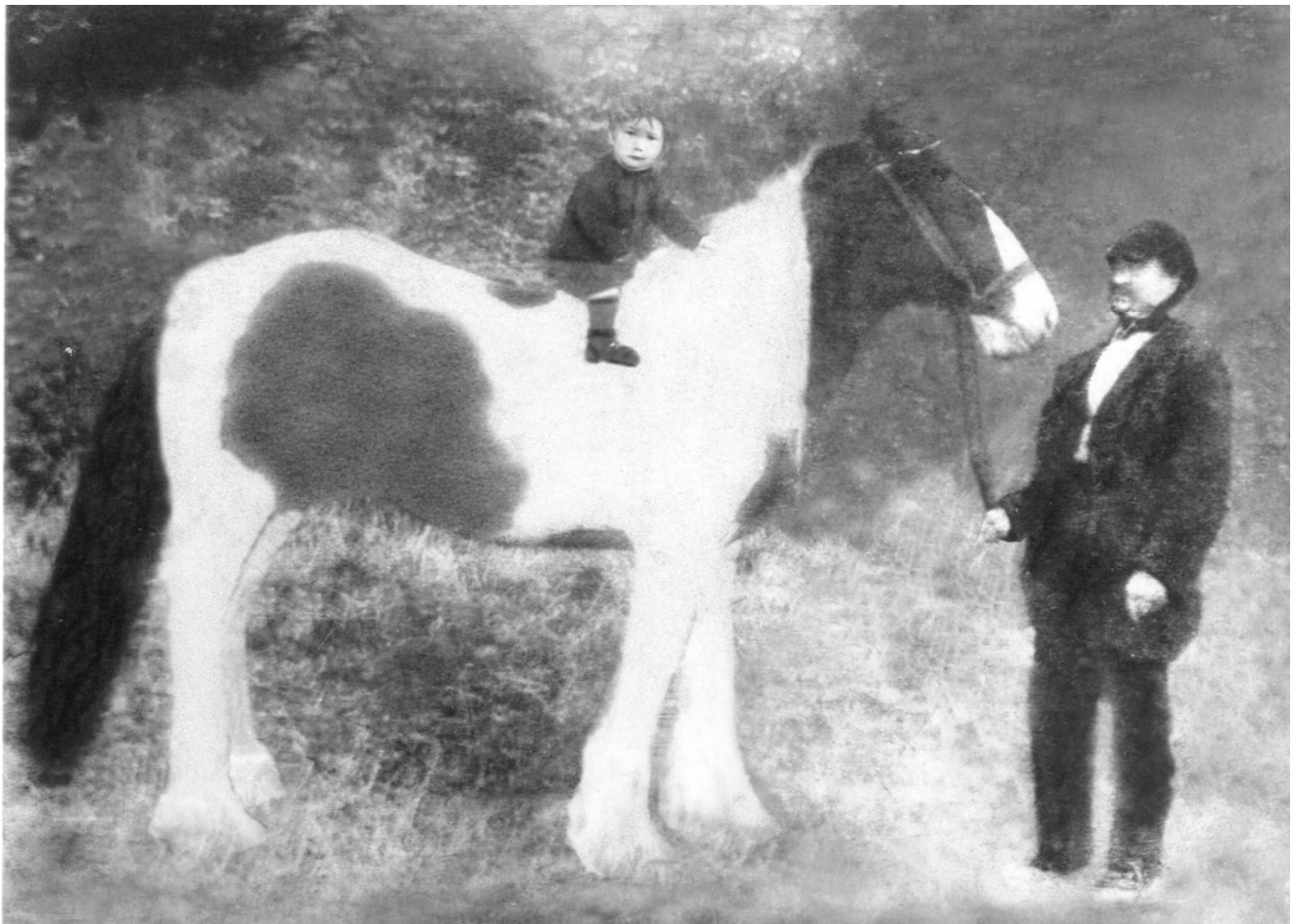
## A letter from Michael and Jane Vine

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Here is a lovely old photo of my granddad Bill Penfold, who is the young boy sitting on the back of the black and white horse and the man holding the horse is my great granddad Edward Penfold. My granddad was born in 1907. He is 2 or 3 years old in the picture. This was one of the horses which was used to pull along their gypsy wagon when they were out traveling. This photo is proof of how long gypsy horses have been around in England. For many many years. I thought you would like these pictures to put in Gypsy Cobs magazine. One photo is a photo copy of the original and the other has been done by computer on some [can't read the word] to help bring out the details.

Hope you like them. Hope you all have a nice Christmas and Seasons Greeting to you all!

Michael & Jane Vine



## Water Water Everywhere — Cheryl Lang, Aisling Farm

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For those of us lucky enough to live in areas besieged by freezing cold, snow and ice, getting enough water into our horses takes planning, fortitude, and often a sense of humor. Not to mention extra time!

Water needs to be kept open and available. Hammers, axes, an adz – all tools of winter horse keeping. Oh yes, of course we have heaters. Last year they all failed at once and by the time the newly ordered ones arrived, we were in mud season. This year they've been working great – even in our 50 degree weather! Seriously, if your heaters are not keeping your water from freezing, or tripping your breakers, do not waste any time in getting new ones. It's not only safer, but think of the time you'll save!

Water is key to the prevention for impaction colic. It's especially important to keep our horses drinking in the winter. Most do not like freezing cold water and will drink less than is optimal. We have three 100 gallon water tubs here, all with heaters, and they get refilled at least every other day. Last year when our heaters were barely working, they didn't drink nearly as much.

## Horse Alert - Stolen in England

# STOLEN STALLION



### THE PICKPOCKET.

**Heartbreaking theft of much loved family stallion 30th December 2007.  
Taken from his stable at home in Nuneaton, near Coventry, Warwickshire. West Midlands. BSPA graded 14.2hh, black and white 15 years old.  
Shod in front, chewed mane and cyst on off side fore knee.**

**Any information please contact Helen 01530 230 181.**

## winter water, continued

Feeding beet pulp mash is another way to get extra water into them, and they enjoy the warm treat. To make life easier, we put the next batch to soak when we come in from feeding.

An extra hose is helpful, we keep one inside and swap them as needed. We have water in the barn, but if you don't, pick up a water bed kit and run warm water from a hose hooked to your kitchen sink! We spent years running water through the kitchen window in our old house.

Beware of individual bucket heaters, they have been known to catch fire.

Extra buckets are helpful if you need to do water several times a day. We bring one batch in to sit near the wood stove and replace them with another set filled with warm water.

Keep it safe and simple to keep yourself sane! Mud season will be here before you know it!



## Coming Events

### March 15-16, 2008 MID TENNESSEE HORSEFEST

Franklin, TN

<http://www.midtnhorsefest.com/index.html>

We have members attending this expo, for more information on Gypsy Cobs attending and events available please contact: Chris Thompson [thefourthompsons@msn.com](mailto:thefourthompsons@msn.com)

### July 25-27, 2008 NEFC Classic Horse Show

Topsfield, MA

Topsfield Fairgrounds

More to follow on contact information. This is the yearly end of July Freisian/Gypsy Cob event that so many of our members enjoy. Contact: Cheryl Lang [aislingfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:aislingfarm@earthlink.net)

# Board Minutes continued...

Feb Ride Magazine for Equine Affair in CA will still be placed.

Fund raising ideas - Cheryl has proposed a stallion service auction and a gelding program.

BOD went into executive session 8:20p to 8:23p

Concerns about fundraisers discussed further. Jan pointed out the futurities are considered gambling in some states. Most horse organizations have a separate business for the futurity classes/ program. GCSA is a 501 C3 and a non-profit organization cannot

run gambling organizations. Since we are a small and new organization we cannot at this time afford to form a separate business entity for futurity planning and execution.

BOD went into executive session 8:30p to 8:31p

Stallion service auction discussed. Cheryl will collect more info and details will be refined and discussed at a later time.

## Old Business

Temporary registrations will be tabled at this time due to no new information.

Jan motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favour and Nichole adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.

## Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm 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*

## Hotels for Convention



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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.