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FROM THE EDITOR

2016 Already! This year looks to be very promising (to myself anyway) to be a horse and fun filled year. After being sick in the Fall of 2014, I made changes in my life to not focus so hard on working for a living, I plan to continue with this plan. I will work to fund my recreation. I will still have to work overtime, because my co-workers also expect to be granted time off to enjoy their lives, imagine that! I have switched to the life of a Day Shifter after spending most of my career working 3p-11p and then 6p-6a, this is a vast change. This means that I don't have to flip flop sleeping or skip sleeping to participate in life.

Last time I touched base, I had found a home for my quarter horse mare and had a teenager working with Miles the Welsh cross, Next plan is to actually see if Miles knows anything about driving, if he does you may see a fat white pony at some of the events this year, otherwise he needs to go to a home where he can be used. I still have my faithful Dream and Milton. This years adventures will also include an Alaskan Cruise in May to celebrate my 1/2 Century Birthday.

My fall excursion was held in September/October and began at my cousin's house in Jasper NY, and ended at the National Drive. My cousin told me she was in the heart of Amish country, and we'd been planning to get together for over a year and I had promised to bring the horse and carriage over and spend some time. I did not think to ask, nor she to mention that she is in the foothills and her house sits at 1900 feet, the driveway is a quarter mile climb and the definition of flat is the hills of KY. This being said, Dream and I are flatlanders, with the hill around our house being the railroad crossing. Poor Dream was ready to strike!

The first day of driving included a trip to the Amish market, which amused the local Amish to see and "English" driving in a "Fancy" Carriage around their neighborhood. The local school children stopped their ball game to gawk as we passed by (we got a kick out of that). Several Days were cold

and rainy so only went out 3 days with the carriage, Dream didn't mind a bit having to stay with the goats and alpacas and coming out to graze while us humans cleaned his stall. Thoroughly enjoyed the visit, taught my cousin to spin wool and harness a horse and suggested brakes for her vehicle if and when she gets her own horse.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Here we are at the end of another year...Where does the time go? Why does it seem that each year is faster than the last? I am happy looking back on the past year that I was able to attend the drive that was hosted at Barb Chapman and Frank Kennedy's beautiful property. It is always a delight to drive at that venue!!! I hope to see this event on our 2016 calendar of events. This year, I was able to attend 4 CDE's. I love going to these because the conditioning of the horse raises the priority of driving on my list of "Things to Do". I love drive but there are always so many pressing things to do that it can become low on the list unless I have conditioning that needs to be done!!!! You probably think that this a very strange way to prioritize but it works for me...I love to drive my pony!!! After so many years of driving, Nicki and I finally received a Blue Ribbon at the CT at the Indiana CDE. Thank you to so many individuals for your pointers to improve my dressage and get through the cones!!! What would I do without Dennis Yancho, Brian Roberson, and Judi Campbell to name just a few...

That brings me to the coming year...I hope the club can add some fun events to our calendar of events...At the recent membership meeting, I asked the membership for ways to increase participation...We will try some one day events, youth events, and events spaced around the state. Keep checking our calendar. Contact the person sponsoring the event if you aren't sure what you need to bring or how conditioned your animal should be for the event. We will try to make sure everyone get some type of notification about events...Hope to see you a lot in 2016!!!

Just a note, we will be having three ask the expert meetings this year!!! Jan, Feb and March. . Cady and Judi have some great speakers lined up and the food is always great at Brody Hall at MSU. Plan on attending these meetings for some great information, great food and fellowship!!!!

Happy Driving, Dorothy

ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS PARADE

Once again an MHDVA member chipped in to help out a local Historical Society.

Bailey Boy and Don Kangas was in the Rochester Christmas Parade Sunday, December 6 which started at 2:00 in the afternoon, the temps were almost 50 degrees (not bad for December). Bailey & his whip Don volunteered to be put to this beautifully restored surrey for the Rochester Avon Historical Society which carried society folks including a woman who is 98 years old! Diane Don's wife and Tina walked besides as grooms and notice that Bailey also donned sleigh-bells. What a good boy and a beautiful sound for the holiday season!

They were #40 in about 115 entries which was also televised on ABC TV.



Mike and Jackie Minges put to Faith



NATIONAL DRIVE—LEXINGTON KY

By: Michelle VandenBoom

This October found me heading back to the always wonderful venue of Lexington KY for the National Drive. I was unable to attend as planned in 2014 and the Drive graciously used the 2014 reservation for the 2015 event. Several club members were able to join me there, among those that I know were there, Jim and Melody Derbin, Jim and Karen Huyser, Mike and Jackie Minges, Dorothy and Julie Childs, Julie Bates, Anita Alden and crew and Melissa Boyd and crew working safety again.

My sister Peggy and niece Amanda were able to come over from Nashville and join me for a couple days and then I joined up with a nice lady from Black Swamp, Bobbie Povolny for the rest of the week. We had great weather, had only a little rain and one really cold night.

There were several accidents this year as well, one was quite serious with the persons hospitalized for several days, one happed to a lady down the barn from us and was very fortunate, in her incident her young horse first broke a trace, they were driving a Meadowbrook and were able to dismount and repair the trace, they put him back to the vehicle and he became agitated over a group of ponies that he sighted a long way across the field, they were preparing to unhook and walk him back when he bolted and pulled his driver down and took off back to the barn with cart still attached. When the driver was re-united with the horse he had flipped the cart and broke the traces etc. again and was standing shaking waiting for his humans, very fortunate minor injuries to the driver and horse both and no others involved. Safety is stressed always, and there is a wonderful crew that responds to any horse emergency, a crew for the horse, a crew for the persons and a crew for the vehicle.

If you are planning to attend the 2016 National drive, the camp ground will be very crowded with Trick or Treaters as they are having their Halloween event. Early reservations are a must. if you are planning on camping at the horse park.



Maizy waiting for hookup



Melody & Karen waiting for obstacle course



Jim heading Courtney (gorgeous girl)



Dream heading into the Secretariat Center

The 5th Annual Northway Fall Drive by Linda Aloyo

Once again the last weekend of September brought forth another beautiful weekend for Richard & Linda Wells who graciously share their homestead with Driving & Riding friends from all over the state of Michigan. Even if you have never met Richard & Linda and decide to come to their drive, this couple will treat you like they have known you for years. What wonderful hosts!

We missed seeing the fall colors by a couple weeks this year but that didn't stop us from having a fabulous weekend...well for most of us, but more about that in a few minutes. Richard is quite the photographer and passed on a thumb drive to me with "LOTS" of pictures of his drive. Now trying to pick and choose is tough but I will do my best.



with their gaited saddle horses.

Richard took some wonderful photos and I will do my best to add names to these pictures, but unfortunately my memory does not serve me so well, so if I can't remember or get someone wrong...I am sorry.



Above: Don & Diane Kangas/Reinholm pose with their Tennessee Walking Horse Bail Jumper or Bailey for short. Below: Coming back from a successful drive.



For the most part everyone had a great time and enjoyed the dirt roads, trails and the regular trip down to the lake and as usual we all enjoyed a couple wonderful more than you can eat potluck dinners under the chandelier in the barn.

As you can see there was quite a group there this year. I think almost all the stalls were full plus 4 round pens, the front pen and one "easy to catch" horse out in the pasture. Richard had sold all of his horses except his Morgan gelding. His neighbor had a Morgan gelding that she wanted trained to drive so Richard took on the task and Wa-La, they have a pair which spend the winter at his neighbors farm and spend the summers in the lush grass pastures at the Wells farm. (See cover photo).

My friend Lois and I arrived early Friday and in no time at all set up camp next to the barn. We had plenty of time to sit and relax and visit while Daisy stretched her legs out in the round pen. We had a bit of paperwork to attend to and Richard & Linda bought everyone these real cool long sleeve orange shirts this year with a picture of a horse & carriage and a big tree losing its leaves. On the back was the names of the horses that was attending the drive, real cool.

There was always someone coming and going in various carts, carriages, horses & ponies. Rob & Jann Normington even came



Above: Pat O'Leary & Richard have been buddies since Boy Scout days. Pat's wife's name is also Pat. Looking handsome in their new matching shirts.



Below: Sue Osborne driving her Morgan Donagel with passenger Renee Aloyo. This was Sue's first time coming up with a horse and to quote her words..."it was lovely, just lovely".



This is Mr. Ed being schmoozed by Sherri Bisballe. Mike Foote owns Mr. Ed and was kind enough to take their lovely family Troy, Henry & Thomas for a drive. Nancy Caulfield heads Mr. Ed.



After a full day of driving, food, friends & a warm fire is a wonderful way to end the day.



Now for more pictures of the fun at Lake City continued...



Above: Richard Wells & Gracie. Nancy helped with a harness and adjustments on this pony so he would be a happy pony while driving.



Karen & Jim Huyser driving Cortney a Gypsy Vanner.

Diane was telling me that Karen & Jim was following them down a trail when they took a wrong turn and ended up in a peat bog. Karen got Cortney turned around but Bailey had to be unhooked and walked out as the cart had sunk up to the axle. All went well, they hooked Bailey back up and Don & Jim put trees & branches across the trail so no one else would go that way.



Ms Daisy owned by me, down by the lake. Below is my husband Renee heading Donagal during a pit stop.



Gale Moore getting ready to head out driving Merlin.



Nancy Caulfield driving Devan & Darla with Martha Nitz along for the ride.



Then while we were out driving, look who we spotted driving their minis down the road, Rainelle & Greg Matte driving Cora & Mike. They took a picture of me while I was taking a picture of them. LOL



Carri Bar and Melodie Moore driving King Arthur.



Julie Bates *above* helps Leigh Ann Curtis get hitched. *Below* Leigh Ann & Wayne driving Baron & Millie, 1/2 Arab, Thoroughbred & Percheron crosses.



Kim Moore driving Sebastian in a Cart Gale designed and built.



Northway drive continues...



Here is Rob & Jann Normington who came up to ride Charm & Kat with their little dog Sissy tagging along. Thanks one again to Rainelle for more lovely pictures.

Below is Lois Andres & Mary Wrigley driving Woopy. Mary wanted to show Lois (who owned Buddy...see Buddy story) how much fun ponies can be...



Below pictured here is Mary's other pony Twinky with Mary's friends Val Lau and Donna Apostle.



What started out as a pleasant afternoon drive turned into a bit of a nightmare as this group along with several others got lost in the trails. Unfortunately up north as most know, cell phones are not much help when there is no signal to be reached. And after a few 2 many bouts with thick sand and too many hills, Twinky let everyone know she had had enough. A pony rescue was in order and the Huysers took their trailer out to rescue a very tired and out of shape pony. All and all everything turned out fine and Twinky was back to driving the next morning.

We will surely try to get the trails marked better next year and anyone that would like

to come up a day early to help is more than welcome.

And where would we be without the breakfast Chuckwagon?



Gale Moore is known far and wide for his famous breakfast meals of Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, pancakes and whatever anyone brings his way to cook. Most everyone chips in with slabs of bacon and eggs and Gale & Mike cooked until everyone was full.

Below is Gale's brother Kim with the camp coffee tent...these guys really know how to camp in style.



The crowd was lined up waiting to feast. I was at the stove there warming up tortilla's for anyone who wanted a breakfast burrito.



Next years drive Lord willing will be the last weekend of September; get your reservations in early for 1 of 11 stalls or a round pen. Richard is most accommodating to find a place for everyone's comfort. We'll try to do better to get the trails marked so plan on joining us for the 6th Annual Northway Fall Drive in 2016.

I would like to acknowledge our friends Sherri & Angela Clarke who was up with their horse Chauncey too. Unfortunately we missed getting a picture of them but they were a big help with picking up tables and chairs for meals.

I personally would like to thank everyone who helped by sending me pictures, names, information that helped me complete this article. If I missed anyone, I apologize. And a BIG THANK YOU to Richard & Linda for hosting this wonderful drive. Hope to see everyone again next year.



Remember Buddy?

By Linda Aloyo

A good friend of mine Sue Osborne told me one time: there are good driving horses and there are horses that drive and there are horses that don't drive.

I did everything by the book with Buddy. I envisioned by September we would be trotting down the road in a cart putting many miles behind us.

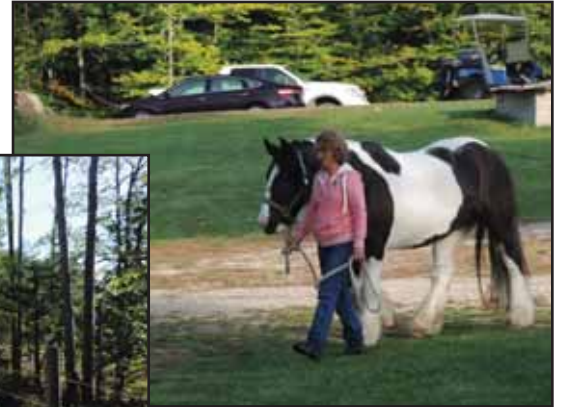
I mean when we first bought Buddy, he was a quiet well mannered horse that seemed to have no fear. This was his year as so many of you seen me out there with Buddy at event after event.

I did all the ground work. We were harnessed and pulling the tire down the road time and time again. We started working with the poles and that is where all my hopes and dreams for Lois seemed to fall apart.

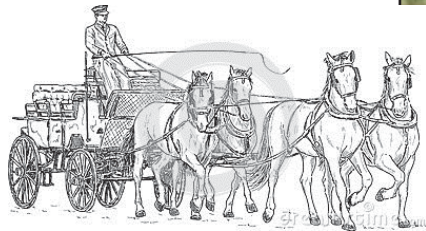


Sue had helped me with the poles...this is a rare shot...he was not "hooked" to the poles, we didn't dare because we both had a gut feeling...and I'll finish this story with Buddy's last chance at the August clinic.

More Pictures from lovely
Lake City Drive.
Compliments of
Rainelle Matte



How relaxing for Equines,
Canines and us Humans too.



***Please be sure to give a warm
welcome to our new members:***

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May 7-8 Bombproofing & Safety Clinic

Hosted at the beautiful WindRush Farms in lovely Metamora , this weekend proves to be educational, fun and exciting.

Bring your scariest objects to add to the bomb proofing clinic. Drive the trails and utilize the hazards of the historical grounds of the Metamora Combined Driving Event. Enjoy driving the tree lines and covered dirt/gravel roads in the area.

And of course be ready for a Saturday night potluck that NO ONE walks away hungry from. Hopefully the weather will be nice enough to enjoy a campfire also.

Stalls are available for the weekend, please bring your own bedding and call ahead to for reservations.

What a wonderful way to start the Driving New Year!

Below is Michelle VandenBoom driving Dream in the indoor hazards.



Driving Clinic *hosted by* EATON SPECIAL RIDING VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION Aug 29-30th

Saturday, August 29 - 9 to 11:30am

If you want to learn more about harness fit, harnessing, selecting a carriage that fits and safety, this clinic is for you! Cost \$25. Questions are encouraged. Live demonstration will occur. Stacey Giere, from Brecksville, OH will be our clinician.

Stacey has driven many breeds in the carriage ring: Welsh, Arab, Hackney, Shetland, Morgan, draft crosses, donkeys, mules and minis.

She takes part in Combined Driving Events and Arena Driving Trials and is currently competing with a pair of Dartmoor ponies in the Preliminary division as well as a single horse in the Intermediate division. She also competes in Training level with new, young, green client horses.

Sunday, August 30, Driving Derby 9-? *(Now this sounded like fun!)*

Come for a fun time driving your horse. The Derby features no show clothes and no carriage/horse cleaning!!! A dressage test (pattern to be driven) will be mailed upon entry as well as a safety check sheet. You may have the test called while you drive. In the morning, dressage will be driven. The afternoon will consist of driven obstacles and cones. Two levels, training and preliminary horse, pony, VSE and pairs will be offered. The event is for the beginner as well as the experienced to come together, learn and have fun!!! Stacey Giere will be our judge. Cost \$25.

Stacy will also offer lessons both Saturday & Sunday.

There is stabling about 5 miles away with huge box stalls for \$10 a night and large tie stall on site that must be reserved ahead of time.

Potluck Lunch for both days. *(Now this sealed the deal for me...I'm going!)*

Buddy's Last Chance

I really would have loved to take Ms Daisy to this clinic. It sounded like a lot of fun. Geez from what I understand Dorothy Childs (MHDVA President) has been doing these clinics for several years but this was the first time I opted to check it out. This was Buddy's year though...I had started his drivers training several times and he always got put along the side when it was time to get Ms Daisy in shape for the CDE's. But this year I decided to forgo the showing (other than helping Sue Osborne show the ponies) and dedicate my time to getting Buddy driving.

Like I said, everything was by the book. I took my time, tried to make everything a pleasant experience. I rode Buddy several times next to the cart while Lois drove Daisy.

Buddy excepted the harness, a few times we had a couple of mishaps. He did well in the blinders though a few times jumped at different noises. I always added different obstacles or noises to our routine. I drove him in the arena one handed while pulling a kids rattley wooden wagon with bells and plastic bottle in it. We walked over tarps and plastic bottle and repeatedly dragged the tire down the road while following Daisy's cart.

But when it came to the shaft poles, I started getting a gut feeling I didn't like. My head had visions of driving Buddy down the road putting tons of miles on him. My heart fell in love with this guy because of his beauty, gaits and kindness. But my gut said, "something isn't right" when it came to the poles.

So this clinic was perfect for evaluating will Buddy make it or not as a driving horse.



Stacey was wonderful...she listened as I explained what I had done with Buddy and where I was at and she said ok, let's harness him and see where we are at.



She drove him around the arena, we stopped and chatted several times and Buddy just stood there waiting for his next cue. After 15 minutes or so, we decided to hook to the tire.



Buddy was so well behaved, Stacey had complimented on me as to how well I had done with him and said she did not see any reason he wouldn't make a nice driving horse. Then for some unknown reason we thought we would try the shaft poles with him. We unhooked the tire and Stacey was standing at his right side adjusting some harness while Dorothy and I were standing in front of him. Nancy slowly approached Buddy with the poles in an upright position which he had never seen them that way and both Dorothy and I said "watch out, he is getting a worried look on his face" and within seconds he bolted to the right knocking Stacy down (thank God she wasn't hurt) and went bucking around the arena to the other end and stopped and froze. My heart sunk. Stacy got up and said "didn't see that coming" and walked slowly down to Buddy, straightened his harness and picked up the lines and drove him around the arena up to the front to let the audience know that Buddy just told us his mind cannot handle all that it takes to be a driving horse and he will make someone a wonderful riding horse because that is what he enjoys.

My heart was broken and I had to break the news to my best friend Lois and I knew it would break her heart too. Yes we knew we could probably send Buddy out to some Amish trainer that would "make" Buddy a driving horse but at who's expense? Would he be safe enough to hand over to your grandmother someday or would I always have that gut feeling that it was only a matter of time. We couldn't take that chance. Threw a lot of tears the decision was made to sell Buddy. We did a lot of praying and asked God to bring the right person that would love Buddy like we did and treat him well...and do you know what?...He did in a little girl named Ava from Nebraska. She wants to show him 4H and dreamed of having a horse that she could take to the State show and Buddy will serve her well. He has started a new adventure and we stressed strongly...this horse is NOT a driving horse.

This is Ava with her new show horse. She said she loves Buddy very much and I don't think she could wipe the smile off her face if she tried.

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Now for the rest of the story...

A few of us from afar stayed the night at a lovely ladies farm with stalls big enough to house several horses. With the horses tucked comfortably away in their stalls, the rest of us went out to dinner. What crazy horse people, we chatted and laughed and had a great dinner and then Dorothy took me back to my truck and trailer at the barn. After checking on the horses, I retreated to the quietness of my trailer and called it a night.

Come morning we loaded up the horses, cleaned the stalls and were on our way back to the Eaton Riding Arena. Today a few more lessons and then the Driving Derby!

was had and of course the Potlucks were AWESOME!

Now from what I understand, Dorothy and numerous other volunteers put on this driving clinic every year. It is a wonderful time to break up the season to just come and have fun with your horse and play, or if you are more on the serious side to take a few lessons (for a great price mind you) and get some pointers or get evaluated, but either way look for this event next year and make a point to come join the fun. *Happy Driving!*



Above: Julie Bates with a tired Dolly ready to call it a day. Dolly and Mufasa seemed to be the "go to" ponies. They seemed to work flawlessly for each driver and allowed even the beginners to have fun.



Above Sue Osborne enjoys watching during a lesson as Stacey picks up Donegal's lines.



Above: Kay O'Daniel drives the course using Julie's pony Dolly.

If It Wasn't For Friends Like You by Brace E. Easley

If it wasn't for friends like you,
the world would be so dark and drear;
You have a way about you that is
honest and sincere.
One can't be lonely very long or
get to feeling "down",
You have a built-in sunshine
That follows you around.
If it wasn't for friends like you,
I think I'd lose my faith in man;
You always have a cheery word
and always understand.
Your actions speak much louder
than your words can ever do;



Here Jenny Heinrich takes a lesson from Stacey while driving Julie's pony Dolly.



Above: Jackie Minges came all the way from Ohio to play as she races around the course driving her pony Faith.



Below left & below: Mary Margeson driving Mufasa (I love that name) with Dorothy Childs as navigator as Mary negotiates the course and makes it seem to be an endless breeze!

As lessons were going on in the HUGE Dressage arena outside, others were off playing in the Driving Derby which consisted of cones & obstacles sort of like an Arena Driving Trial. Each person was timed and you could try the course several times if you liked to try to beat your last time. A fun time



I know I'm better and I'm
blessed, just for
knowing you.
So today I want to tell you,
In case you might not
know, how very much your
friendship means...
The older that I grow.

In Honor of my friend Lois who had to give up her friend Buddy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 20 Ask the Experts @ Brody Hall/MSU - Lunch @ 11am, Mtg @ 12pm and speaker @ 1pm, Speaker Tom Guthrie on Rotational grazing and manure management "GAMPS"

MAR 11-13 Expo @ MSU (no MHDVA booth this year)

MAR 19 Ask the Experts, MSU, @ Brody Hall, Speaker Dr Frank Reilly, insulin resistance and how to identify and treat

APR 7-10 Equine Affair, Ohio Expo Center 740-845-0085

MAY 7-8 Bomb/Proofing and Safety Clinic and Drive, Barb Chapmans Wind Rush Farm, Metamora, (bring scary things for clinic)
Saturday, Bomb proofing and safety, Potluck dinner. Sunday Drive at Will, Hazards open, and lots of dirt roads. Contact Linda Aloyo 810-397-1589

MAY 14-15 KENTUCKY CDE, see ADS website.

JUN 3-5 MHDVA Blue Ribbon Horse Show, Kalamazoo MI. Saturday ADS classes. Dressage @ 8am, ring classes to follow after lunch break, Sunday Clinic and Non-ADS fun classes. Judge John Greenall from Vermont.

JUN 24-26 METAMORA CDE, Wind Rush Farms, cones marathon or combined test of cones and dressage, if willing to volunteer contact Metamora Driving Club for info.

JUL 29-31 OHIO CDE ADS Website



AUG 12-14 Gladwin Historical Soc, Carriage Fest, gladwinhistory.org Current coggins required, Stall fee \$30 with \$10 rebate of cleaned. Camping \$25 per site, with water and electric. NO PARADE THIS YEAR

AUG 26-28 INDIANA CDE

SEPT 17-18 CUMMINGS CENTER—Scavenger hunt, Contact Linda Aloyo @ 810-397-1589

SEPT (Tenative) Win a Gin, Tim Wrights show.

SEPT Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI. ADS Pleasure driving event. held on the lawn of the Villa Louis Historic Site. Contact - Mike Rider - info@carriageclassic.com www.carriageclassic.com; 608-326-4436

SEPT 23-25 Lake City Drive/Northway fall color drive lawells126@gmail.com

OCT 11-16 National Drive, Kentucky Horse Park, contact Christy Warrington 270-250-4463 tnd@nationaldrive.net, CAMP RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE EARLY, DUE TO HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AT THE CAMPGROUND

OCT 22 Continuous drive Metamora

OCT Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show, MSU pavilion



OCT (Tenative): **Campout, ride/drive Elk Hill Trail Camp**, Vanderbilt MI (Pigeon River Forest), if interested contact: Michelle VandenBoom 810-305-1280

NOV 6 Annual Meeting, MSU Brody square, lunch 12pm, business meeting 1pm, speaker 2pm

NOV 11-13 Novi Expo, must have a mini to participate in Mini Mania, Volunteers needed to help with booth and during mini mania. Contact Cady Ness-Smith

To add driving activities to our Calendar of Events, contact Joyce Miller, Secretary, MHDVA tylertwo76@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Believe it or not...

Membership Dues are due again...WOW has this year flown by, but this year we have a membership drive contest...drum roll please...

Brian & Kathy Robinson have put out a challenge to all of our members that whoever recruits the most new members to the MDHVA for the calendar year 2016 (I am sure there will be a cut off date TBA) will be guest of Brian & Kathy's for a very expensive dinner out.

Make sure your new recruits write your name on their paid membership app and have them mail it to:

Linda Aloyo
4123 S. Portsmouth Rd.
Bridgeport, MI 48722

Someone is going to have a lot of FUN!



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