



November 27, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

The New England Region/Carriage Association of America has scheduled its annual learning weekend and meeting for Friday to Sunday, February 10 to 12, 2017 in Hampton, New Hampshire. The club is celebrating its forty-eighth anniversary in 2017 and is the oldest chapter of the Carriage Association of America. In that we will meet at a time that bad weather could be a factor, there is a postponement date of Friday to Sunday, February 24 to 26 to be implemented if necessary. We should know the weather patterns by Friday, February 3 and all will be notified in that case.

Our program will begin on Friday afternoon with an optional visit to the Budweiser Clydesdale Training Stable and Brewery Tour at 221 Daniel Webster Highway in Merrimack, NH. The stables are open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm but the training/exercise regime takes place earlier in the day. The brewery tours are available throughout the day but the last one is at 3:30. Lunch is available in their Biergarten. The telephone number is (603)595-1202.

Our host hotel, where all the meetings, lodging and meals will take place, is Lamie's Inn 490 Lafayette Road (Route 1) Hampton, NH. Breakfast will be served to houseguests from 7:00 am on both days and is included in the room cost. Our program includes the cost of lunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Starting at 9:00 am Saturday, there will be three speakers: Merri Ferrell, former curator of the Long Island Museum of Art, History and Carriages and private consultant, will speak on "The American System at Work—The Carriage Industry and Amesbury; John Mayer, Executive Director of the Amesbury Carriage Museum, will speak

on "A Survey of the Industrial History of Amesbury" and Jill Ryder, Executive Director of the Carriage Association of America, will speak on the 2016 Royal Windsor Horse Show and the equine celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. After lunch, we will board a tour bus and travel to historic Amesbury. We then return to the Inn to have a social hour, silent auction\*\* and dinner. We have some valuable items that will be offered at voice auction\*\* and encourage attendees to donate more valuable items for that. Email me for more information. The after dinner program is a "movie night" showing films of early New England carriage driving events.

After breakfast Sunday, at 9:30 am, we will carpool/caravan to the home of Bruce and Sarah Tompkins in Rowley, MA which is the location of the old Daniels Wagon Factory and the Tompkins' carriage house and splendid tack room. **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ATTENDEES TO NOTE THAT THESE BUILDINGS AND SOME OF THE LOCATIONS ON THE SATURDAY BUS TOUR ARE UNHEATED—DRESS WARMLY!!** At about 11:30, we will return to the Lamie's Inn for a presentation by Ken Wheeling, Associate Editor of the Carriage Journal, on "The Abbott Downing Mountain House Coaches"—a history of the White Mountain tourist trade and mountain hotels. Following Ken's talk, the regionally famous Lamie's Inn/Old Salt Restaurant Brunch will be served. The annual meeting will take place over dessert.

The NER/CAA Board of Directors will meet over breakfast at 7:30 am Sunday.

**CALL CAROL VAN SCHAİK, PROGRAM CHAIR, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
(802)226-7364 OR EMAIL [carolvanschaik@hotmail.com](mailto:carolvanschaik@hotmail.com)**

**\*\*The silent auction fundraiser will be held Saturday evening between 6:00 and 7:30. This auction helps to keep the cost of the meeting registration fee lower. A donation can be horse related or not. You may put your donation on the auction table Saturday morning. Should you have a large item, please tell me in advance.**

**I WILL NEED AT LEAST 3 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET THIS UP.**

**MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AT  
THE LAMIE'S INN DIRECTLY!!**

**490 LAFAYETTE ROAD (ROUTE 1) HAMPTON, NH**

**All presentations and meals will be at Lamie's Inn.**

**Reservations are to be made by calling (603)926-0330  
and identifying our event (special block rate). The rate is  
\$123.00 plus tax per night per room. Included in the room  
rate is a continental breakfast. Full breakfast is available.**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION BY  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 AND YOUR PROGRAM  
PAYMENT BY THE SAME DATE TO GUARANTEE  
THE CATERING.**

**NEW ENGLAND REGION/CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
LEARNING WEEKEND AND ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE  
FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 TO 12, 2017  
(postponement dates Friday to Sunday, February 24-26, 2017)**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10:**

**12:00-4:00 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdale Stable and Brewery Tour**  
**Check in Lamie's Inn Hampton, NH**  
**About 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own or with friends**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11:**

**7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST at the hotel for houseguests**  
**9:00 a.m. Merri Ferrell "The Carriage Industry & Amesbury"**  
**10:00 a.m. John Mayer "The Industrial History of Amesbury"**  
**11:00 a.m. Jill Ryder "The Celebration of the Queen's 90th"**  
**12:00 noon LUNCH at the hotel**  
**12:45 p.m. Bus picks up passengers**  
**About 5:15 p.m. Bus returns to Lamie's Inn**  
**6:00 p.m. Silent auction and social hour (cash bar)**  
**7:30 p.m. DINNER followed by voice auction by Nick Buck**  
**8:30 p.m. "Movie Night"**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**

**7:30 a.m. NER/CAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST at the hotel for houseguests**  
**9:30 a.m. Caravan/carpool to Bruce and Sarah Tompkins'**  
**12:00 noon Old Salt Restaurant/Lamie's Inn BRUNCH**  
**1:00 p.m. Annual meeting**  
**1:30 p.m. Ken Wheeling "Abbott Downing Mt. Coaches"**

# NER/CAA DUES AND REGISTRATION FORM ANNUAL MEETING AND LEARNING WEEKEND

**\*\*Full Saturday and Sunday program to include all speakers, lunch and dinner Saturday, Sunday brunch, bus tour to historic Amesbury and two books--"The Carriage Trade, Making Horse-Drawn Vehicles in America" by Thomas A. Kinney and "A Brief History of the Carriage Industry in Amesbury, Massachusetts 1831-1927" by Margaret Rice.**

**@ \$230.00/person.....**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Saturday program by Merri Ferrel, John Mayer and Jill Ryder to include lunch, books and bus tour to historic Amesbury.**

**@ \$160.00/person.....**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Sunday program to include the tour of the Daniels Wagon Factory and the Tompkins' carriage collection and tack room, books, brunch and speaker Ken Wheeling.**

**@ \$70.00/person.....**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Saturday dinner only @ \$45.00/person.....**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*NER/CAA 2017 DUES @ \$20.00/FAMILY.....**\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE NER/CAA MEMBERS FOR OUR INSURANCE!!**

Full program both days (\$230.00/person).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday program only (\$160.00/person).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday program only (\$70.00/person).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday dinner only (\$45.00/person).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING,  
 PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
 RENEWAL DUES.

*Membership includes a subscription to Equine Journal!!*

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE (home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

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