



## Great Lakes Haflinger Association

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Feel free to contact these members and give them your support.

**Message from the President**

Greetings fellow GLHA members! I hope everyone is doing well and has survived this wet spring. We are look forward to hosting an outstanding show at Midland! We would really appreciate it if every member of GLHA could make it to the show, spectators and participants to show our Haflinger pride.

Dave and Phyllis Brugger will be our host and hostess for the summer picnic on Sunday, June 28 at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

*Jim Wiggins*, GLHA President

**NOTICE NEW WEBSITE UPDATE**

**GLHAhaflinger.com**

Due to the numerous problems we were experiencing over the past few months, the website address was changed to GLHAhaflinger.COM. (The ending was changed from “.org” to “.com”.) If you are experiencing

any problems accessing the website or forms on the site, please contact Jessica Hanney at [hanneyj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hanneyj@sbcglobal.net).

**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Alaiedon Township Hall in Mason. Thank you to everyone who attended. Once again the food was great. The unapproved minutes are available on-line.

**New Members**

Please join me in welcoming our newest member this year: Irene Gettel in East Jordan, Michigan and Willie Lehman of Crystal Valley Haflingers in Middlebury, Indiana.

**HaflingerFest Midland (GLHA Show)** will be held July 31 through August 2, 2009. The Great Lakes Haflinger Association would like to welcome you to HaflingerFest 2009 held at the Midland County Fairgrounds in Midland, Michigan.

With easy access off the interstate and all of your hotel, restaurant, and entertainment needs just minutes away. The location is as accommodating as it is convenient. The facility boasts three indoor arenas so that rain or shine you will be covered. New this year is the Haflinger Championship Circuit (formerly the Tri-State Challenge), an 8-horse hitch, as well as additional pleasure and dressage classes. Come join us for three days full of Haflinger fun!

All show information is available on the website. Friday evening will be a fun-filled night with pizza and a live auction. Please let Fran

Reygaert know if you are able to donate any item(s) for the auction so a list can be posted beforehand.

Come on out and lend a hand! At this point help is needed at the gates and hanging farm signs. We can never have enough help. If we get a lot of volunteers, there could be shifts so nobody has to be there all day.

If you'd like to lend a hand or have questions about the show, feel free to contact one of the show committee members. They'd be happy to hear from you. Your 2009 show committee is Jim Wiggins, Dave & Phyllis Brugger, Colleen Crawford, John & Michele Dunkel, and Bob McCrory.

### **Futurity**

The futurity will be held during the show in Midland on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2009. Contact Fred Ashcroft @ 810-655-4661 or [Fashcroft@comcast.com](mailto:Fashcroft@comcast.com) or Fran Reygaert with any questions. Additional information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

### **Happy Spring Friends!**

Warm sunshine here in Michigan is a welcoming site after a long winter.

Here in Dexter, my family and horses are doing very well. We've had our struggles (lay-offs, pay cuts, etc.) as I'm sure many of you are also dealing with.

Gotta love Michigan :)

We are still planning on showing our two haffies this summer but have had to make some cut backs. We've decided on three shows: GLHA Haflingerfest Midland, Ingham County Fair, and the Saline Community Fair.

All reasonably close to home and costs!

Here is where my request comes in...I really would like to show my mare in a couple pleasure driving classes this year, however, with life happening as it is I am wondering if anyone

has a pleasure cart they are not using and would be willing to loan it to me to use this year.

It would be kept covered and stored inside our barn and would be returned to you in the same condition as it was loaned. I believe I have a pleasure harness that a friend is willing to lend me to use.

I have wanted to be able to drive with my own equipment but as life happens my "wants" take a back seat to my family's needs.

For now I will keep working my haffies under saddle and basic ground work and enjoying every minute.

I do hope to join many of you in the driving ring if not this summer then next!

Have a fun and safe summer and see ya at the shows!

Lisa LaRoe

### **Summer Picnic**

Dave and Phyllis Brugger will be hosting the summer picnic (potluck) on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Lemonade and ice tea will be provided. Please bring a dish-to-pass, table service and any other drinks you'd like.

Directions to 5179 Benner Hwy. Clayton, Michigan 49235: Do not Google! Benner Hwy. is closed both directions from the Brugger's house because of water over the road and a bridge closed. Please use following directions and follow GLHA signs.

From Adrian at M-52 & M-34 go 2 miles (W), turn left (S) at Sand Creek Hwy., go 1 mile & turn right (W) at Cadmus Road, go 3 miles & turn left (S) at Sword Hwy., go 2 miles & turn right (W) at Tomer Road, and follow signs to picnic.

OR

From Hudson at US 127 & M-34 go East through Hudson on M-34 for 10 miles, turn right (S) at Seneca Road, go 1 mile & turn left (E) at Tomer Road, and follow signs to picnic.

### **World Haflinger Show**

Teri Poley is working with her agent in Austria as you read this newsletter. The tour is planning to leave May 26, 2010, and return on June 6 or 7, 2010. The World Haflinger Show is scheduled for June 2 - 6, 2010, in Ebbs, Austria with the Elite Show to follow.

Even if you're just a little interested in going on this trip, contact Teri so she can be sure you get the necessary information. See attached flyer for additional information.

### **Newsletter**

The offer is still open...if anyone is interested in coordinating the GLHA newsletter, please contact Carmen Wiggins. For now you may send information you'd like printed in the newsletter to [cjwiggi@live.com](mailto:cjwiggi@live.com). The next newsletter will be published in September.

# World Haflinger Show

**May 26 – June 6, 2010**

*Visits to Haflinger Farms in Italy and Austria with  
more itinerary to follow.*

Trip includes: Roundtrip Air (based out of Detroit)

Accommodations (double occupancy)

Breakfast and Dinners

Ground Transportation (by bus)

Guide/Interrupter

Price: Approximately \$3000.00 per person

Deposit: \$200.00 per person

Remaining balance in 3 installment payments

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Please contact a.s.a.p. to hold spot

Air can be arranged out of your closest airport

