

# 2010 Metamora Pleasure Driving Show Results

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Windrush Farm, Metamora Michigan certainly saw its share of activity during the summer of 2010! Over a span of 5 weeks beginning mid June the Metamora and Carriage Driving Association (MCDA) hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> Metamora CDE, followed closely by the club's inaugural Recreational Drive, and finishing with an appropriate flourish - the 4<sup>th</sup> annual MCDA Pleasure Driving show. MCDA gratefully acknowledges that the success of our Pleasure Driving Show is the result of happy repeat customers from Canada and the Midwest that enjoy attending all of the events the club and Windrush Farm offer!

Pleasure Driving Show Officials Anne Leck, Minnesota and John Greenall, Vermont were presented with turnouts representing Michigan, New York, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois and Canadian provinces Ontario and Quebec. Debbie Bevan of Wisconsin returned to Michigan for a second year to fill the Technical Delegate position and learner judge, Mary Ann Boyden, Arizona officiated alongside.

Several competitors arrived a day early to participate in Friday's "Metamora Combined Challenge," a contest of dressage and obstacle results designed for single horse, pony, VSE and pair. Combined Challenge winners emerged based on their best combined dressage placing and obstacle competition placing.

Saturdays Pleasure Driving classes started promptly with entries well distributed across the divisions. Turnout classes transitioned smoothly from the show ring to the field for the first series of cone competitions. Ever present and pleasant volunteers directed equine traffic efficiently to keep the show schedule on track.

Enhancing the Michigan show experience, Metamora offers it's a selection of specialty classes such as the ever popular Metamora Carriage Dog class, the Metamora Cross Country Pace and the Marathon Vehicle division. In addition, the Junior division had a clever twist in its set of division classes, incorporating a costume class as a division requirement. Creativity, imagination and patience were definitely exhibited from ponies, drivers and parents!

Evening festivities progressed from a lively Cowboy Cookout on Friday complete with countrified music to Saturday night's dressier banquet and lively auction. A big thank you to donors and bidders alike. With a Pleasure Driving Show as the centerpiece and Windrush Farm as the backdrop a party was certain to evolve!

Congratulations to the following Division Champions:

**Friday's Combined Challenge**

Single Horse – Kirsten Brunner  
Single Pony – Nicole Cable  
Pair Horses – Nanda Vervoot-Steenbeek  
Pair Ponies/VSE – Jef Kohler

**Pleasure Driving Divisions**

Single Horse – Champion - Raymond Cable; Reserve – Kirsten Brunner  
Single Large Pony – Champion – Nicole Cable; Reserve – Martha Stover  
Single Small Pony – Champion – Helen Lanahan; Reserve – Eve Dexter  
Single VSE – Champion – Sue Osborne  
Pair Horses – Champion – Nanda Vervoot-Steenbeek; Reserve Jim Spangler  
Pair Ponies/VSE – Champion – Jeff Kohler; Reserve – Eve Dexter  
Novice Driver – Champion – Alison Plumbtree; Reserve – Diana Romska  
Junior Driver – Champion – Shelby Heinbuch; Reserve – Kilbey Brunner-DeForest  
Marathon Vehicle – Champion – Michael Scott; Reserve – Carol Beens

**Grand Champion and Concours D' Elegance – Raymond Cable**

Many thanks to Show Managers Mack Lawrence, Linda Piette and all of the wonderful volunteers for a job well done. Judge Anne Leck commented that, “the excellent planning was evident everywhere – from the cadres of volunteers for the obstacle classes to the pleasant parties in the evenings. From the point of view of a judge, the support from the TD, the other judge and the show officials, it was outstanding. I wish you all great success in your ambitious series of events. You are doing a wonderful job and truly setting a standard for driving competitions.”

The Metamora Carriage and Driving Association looks forward to hosting similar events in 2011. Please visit our website at [www.metamoracarriagedriving.com](http://www.metamoracarriagedriving.com) for more information.