



*Greg and Jennifer Wiessner of North Yarmouth, Maine enjoy their dinners at last year's Skyline Farm lobster bake.
Pam Ames photo*

Down The Lane



SUMMER 2008

SKYLINE FARM
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6th Annual Lobster Bake, Live Music, Silent Auction - Saturday, July 12

Lobster Bake, Bagpipe Performance by Jeff Herbster, Concert by Carolyn Currie, Saturday, July 12, 5-9 pm.

Come join old friends and make new ones at Skyline Farm's 6th Annual Lobster Bake. This is Skyline Farm's biggest event of the year and an important fundraiser that helps us sustain our activities throughout the year. The complete lobster or steak feast costs \$50 per person and even includes lemonade and dessert! We also will be offering complimentary hotdogs and sides for children under ten. For the first time, this year we will be offering a supervised children's craft table so the entire family can be included.

The night will kick off with a bagpipe performance by Jeff Herbster of Brunswick, Maine. Please bring your own beverage and join us for Social Hour, during which we'll offer a Silent Auction of enticing items from Skyline's supporters. (Please see page 3 for some previews.) Then be prepared to enjoy your meal overlooking Skyline's picturesque fields while enjoying a perfect summer evening in Maine.

Once again, we are preparing a traditional Maine lobster bake. The seafood option will include lobsters and clams. In addition, we will have a steak option for those who'd like to have a change of pace (or combine with a partner for a surf 'n turf!). In either case, your meal includes fresh home-baked rolls, corn-on-the-cob, red potatoes, coleslaw, watermelon, blueberry cake and lemonade! Please ask about group discounts for groups of eight or more.

Cumberland, Maine's own Carolyn Currie will provide authentic, locally-flavored entertainment to round out

the evening. Carolyn is a folk-inspired artist who has been compared to Dar Williams and Catie Curtis, among others. She has delighted audiences throughout the United States playing her original, award-winning music at festivals, including the Pacific Northwest's Bumbershoot and Folklife Festivals, California's High Sierra Music Festival and Napa Valley Folk Festival, Colorado's Telluride Bluegrass festival and Rocky Mountain Folks Festival, New York's Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, and the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas.

To stay true to our goal of being a "living" museum, Skyline Farm will again feature horse-drawn carriage rides through the fields for \$10 per person, plus our museum exhibit "Summer Fair" will be open for viewing when the festivities wind down.

Don't wait - please make your reservations now by contacting Greg Wiessner at (207) 400-7809 by Monday, July 7. Payment can be made at the lobster bake by cash, check (payable to Skyline Farm) or major credit card. All profits will go to benefit Skyline Farm's operational expenses.

SCHEDULE:

5:00 - 6:00	Musical Introduction by Jeff Herbster, Social Hour, and Silent Auction to 7:30
6:00 - 6:45	Lobster or Steak Dinner
6:30 - 8:00	Concert by Carolyn Currie
7:00 - 8:00	Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides (\$10/person)
7:45	Silent Auction Winners Announced
8:00 - 9:00	Carriage Museum Exhibit Open

Summer Fair Museum Exhibit Deserves a Blue Ribbon!

“Summer Fair, A Day at the Races” is Skyline Farm’s 2008 summer exhibit in its Carriage Museum. The exhibit, which runs through Aug. 24, is open: every Sunday from noon to 3 pm, during events at the Farm, and by appointment.

“Summer Fair” gives viewers a snapshot of a typical day at the local town fair circa 1900. This was a time when townfolk throughout Maine met at their sandy oval (racetrack) to show off their crops and canned goods, newest horse-drawn vehicles and finest bred livestock.



Winning blue ribbons and the year-long bragging rights attached to them were the prizes of the day.

Opening Day of the exhibit on May 4 attracted 35 attendees who issued many compliments about the show assembled by several Trustees, headed up by Gregory Cuffey. His creative vision and talent produced six new horse silhouettes to help interpret a “day at the races.” Ursula Baier, Cynthia Henriques, Sheila Alexander, Jane Gordon and John Sowles also worked tirelessly to prepare the exhibit.

We are especially grateful for our Annual Business Sponsors’ contributions toward our general operating support. Please consider contacting them for your business needs.

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Silent Auction Items...A Teaser....

We're still on the lookout for more!

Bring extra cash, your checkbook or credit card to Skyline Farm's Lobster Bake Silent Auction so you can take advantage of some special deals! Here are a few teaser items to get you excited about bidding...

- Tired of pouring gas into your power boat? Maybe it's time to convert to a sea kayak! You can bid on a used 16' Perception Aquaterra, in good condition, and burn your own fuel getting there.
- No need for a splitting headache this winter...let someone else have it! You can bid on 4 hours of wood splitting time & save YOUR time...and back!
- A handy 1-year mailbox rental from the UPS store in Falmouth will keep that mail headed your way.

- Dance your way to optimal health through Nia! Nia is a fitness and lifestyle practice that uses movement to find health; eclectic in what it has to offer.
- Be SEEN with an advertisement in "Kidz'n Maine" monthly paper! A six-month Resource Listing will belong to the highest bidder...a \$450 value!
- Professional Photographs...maybe of you! Get captured at a sitting with Monica Moore, photographer. A great opportunity!
- And LOTS of other interesting goods and services generously donated by friends of Skyline Farm.

If you have something you'd like to donate to the lobster bake silent auction, please contact Diana Logan at (207) 829-3187. We're grateful for your contribution!

Skyline's 6th Annual Summer Carriage, Sleigh & Antiques Auction - July 12

Consign Now!

Plan to attend Maine's premier auction for horse-drawn carriages, sleighs, driving & riding appointments, carriage & wagon parts, harness, miscellaneous horse related items, antique & collectibles.

Mark Saturday, **July 12th** on your calendar. Benefit auctioneer Phil Stanton will be joining us once again. The auction is located at Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth and starts at **10 A.M.**

A fee of \$15 is charged to register for a bidders package for 2 adults, including the catalog. Purchases can be

made by cash, check or credit card.

Contact Greg Cuffey now for consignment contracts or more information at (207) 239-5782.



*Scene from the 2007 Carriage, Sleigh & Antiques Auction
Patti Mikkelsen photo*

Henry Fest, an Acoustic Music Festival - August 23

4th Annual Henry Fest on Saturday, August 23

Skyline Farm will be the host site for the 4th Annual Henry Fest, an acoustic music festival. The event includes workshops, performances by workshop participants and students of 317 Main Street, a community music center, and plenty of music by performers such as: David Surette & Susie Burke, Aoife O'Donovan, Matt Flinner, Jerks of Grass and The Stowaways.

Workshops will be held in the morning and performances will start later in the morning and run through the evening. Food, refreshments and carriage rides through the fields will be available for purchase.

This year Henry Fest will also include the Cumberland Farmers' Market from 1:30-3:00 pm, and Skyline Farm

will be opening its carriage museum for the "Summer Fair" exhibit from 3-6 p.m. Admission to this exhibit is included with Henry Fest admittance.

Advance tickets are available at 317 Main Street, Yarmouth or Ames Farm Center, 14 The Lane, North Yarmouth. Admission fees are: Family \$40, Individual \$20, Student \$10. There is a 10% discount if tickets are purchased before July 4th.

For more information about Henry Fest, or to order your tickets through the mail, call 317 Main Street at (207) 846-9559 or e-mail: frontdesk@317mainst.org.

On the web, you may also find additional information about Henry Fest and 317 Main Street at henryfest.com and 317mainst.org respectively.

On the morning of June 20th, more than 50 early automobiles arrived at Skyline Farm as part of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America's National Chrome Glidden Tour. The VMCCA was formed 70 years ago and used the name 'veteran' to refer to cars built before 1911; those that had survived difficult circumstances. In 1982 VMCCA recognized the increasing interest in preserving the 'veteran' cars of later eras, and instituted the "Chrome Glidden Tour" for cars of the 1930's-1970's. This event is held annually in different parts of the country, allowing owners of newer collector cars to enjoy touring.

At the turn of the century, automobile travel was difficult as the road systems around the world were generally not well suited for the 'horseless carriage'. The transition from horses to cars started arriving in Maine very early. Wm H. Chapman, manager of Chapman Electrical, built an electric car in 1899 out of two bicycles that he built at his bicycle shop at 163 Kennebec St. in Portland. However, the United States Long Distance car, c 1903, is believed to be the first gasoline propelled car to arrive in Portland. An early article in the Portland Evening Express explains that when these cars arrive on the streets "reckless men. . . took their own and everybody else's life in their hands, just for the chance of riding around in a noisy, ill-smelling machine on wheels that didn't have to be pulled." There were so many objections to cars that the phrase "get a horse" was born and used frequently. Cranking, the only method of starting the old 'one-lungers', often resulted in a sprained or broken wrist and was termed "getting kicked". Pictures have been found that show that as late as 1905, cars like the two-cylinder, water cooled Schacht high wheeler still had a whipsocket. Whether this was an oversight on the part of horseless carriage makers, or left on in case the car broke down and had to be hauled home by animal power is open to debate.

Times may have changed but it is interesting to note that as long ago as 1910, people were concerned about gas mileage. A 1910 Hupp roadster, owned by Ellsworth J. Mansfield of Yarmouth, made the newspapers when it was reported to have been driven 100,170 miles and got 25 miles to the gallon of gasoline! Manufacturers of the car offered Mr. Mansfield a new car in exchange, but he decided to exhibit it instead. This year, one Chrome Glidden Tour participant with a 50's car declared he would be "taking the nickels out of my 1955 'penny-loafers' to help with gas."



Newspaper clipping from the Portland Evening Express, Saturday, May 25, 1935 edition. The photo shows the 1910 Hupp roadster owned by Ellsworth J. Mansfield of Yarmouth (on left). Passenger Earl A. Blake is pictured on right. This four-cylinder car weighed 900 pounds and had a maximum speed of 45 m.p.h. It had acetylene lights and 3 1/2 inch tires.

Before arriving at Skyline Farm during the VMCCA one-week tour in Maine, participants visited other historic collections of early transportation vehicles. They started at one of the world's finest and largest collections (nearly 100) of brass era cars at the Seal Cove Auto Museum on Mt. Desert Island. They also viewed cars and planes at the Owls Head Transportation Museum, and the private collection of classic and antique cars belonging to Bob Bahre at Paris Hill. His home is the former home of United States Vice President Hannibal Hamlin. It was Cyrus Hamlin, whose father was a twin brother of Vice President Hannibal Hamlin, who built the first steam engine seen in Maine.

The cars that visited Skyline represented 14 different makers of fine cars that are most remembered for their big fins and lots of chrome. They were driven here from 18 states. Some, like the 1959 Edsel, were from as far away as Utah. The tour stop was a must-see for a dose of old-car nostalgia.

Special Note About Seal Cove Auto Museum

Barbara Fox reports that the Seal Cove Auto Museum on Mt. Desert Island, near Bar Harbor, was established by Richard C. Paine whose daughter Tina Weeks lives in North Yarmouth. He collected what was probably the finest collection of Brass Era cars in the world and they were housed at a small 'museum' there. The museum is open 7 days a week and the admission price is \$5. Please support this rare collection by making it part of your summer excursion to a gorgeous part of Maine.

Dog Day 2

Saturday, September 20 (rain date: September 21)

10 am to 3 pm

\$10/adult; \$5 for kids 8 and under - dogs get in free!

All proceeds benefit Skyline Farm.

The dogs are returning! Bring your dog to Skyline Farm to CELEBRATE DOG with fellow canine enthusiasts at our Second Annual Dog Day. Demos of dog hobbies, training clinics, fun and games for dogs and their humans and more will fill the day.

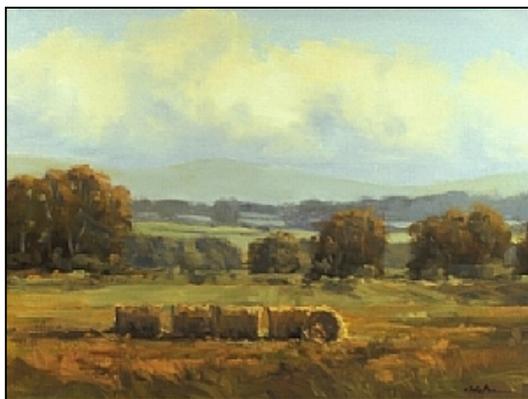
Spectators with their dogs will be invited to try their paws out on an agility course. Professional trainers will be on hand to spread the word about the power of positive-reinforcement training. Merchandise will be for sale and lunch will be available.

Attending dogs must be well-socialized and on-leash. Please leave reactive and aggressive dogs at home (but you should come so you can get some good training tips!). If you would like more information or if you're interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Diana Logan, professional dog trainer, at (207) 829-3187.

"Fertile Ground" Art Exhibit and Sale with Silent Auction - Opens Sept. 12

"Fertile Ground" Art Exhibit and Sale with Silent Auction

Come one, come all, to Skyline Farm's 3rd annual invitational art exhibit & sale, one of its most significant fund raisers! "Fertile Ground" will showcase contemporary Maine artists whose paintings, photographs and sculptures are inspired by the rural farm landscapes and open spaces of Maine, "the way life should be". Interpreting this theme will be Maine painters Louise Bourne, Beth Carlson, Mary Cupp, Brita Holmquist, Sue MacDonald, Kathi Peters, Karen Pettengill, Dennis Poirier, Ann Stein-Aaron, Anne Tarbox, Carolyn Walton, Roger Williams, and Neil Wyrick; photographers Gene and Debra Cyr and Jennifer Smith-Mayo; and sculptors Georgette Kanach and Patrick Plourde. Hopefully, you can visit the Farm and find that special piece of art from these very talented Maine artists!



*Oil painting named "Pastoral" by artist Carolyn Walton of Freeport, Maine
<http://carolynwalton.com>*

The show opens with an artists' reception from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, September 12th. Please join us in mingling with the artists and enjoying some light refreshments. "Fertile Ground" is open free of charge from 12 - 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday from September 13 - October 19, 2008, or by appointment. A Silent Auction, featuring artworks and related items donated by the artists and local businesses, will run concurrently with the art show. Bidding action will begin on September 12th and conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 19th. We hope for many "bidding wars" to break out during that time span.

Artists are generously sharing a portion of each artwork's sale and 100% of the funds raised from their Silent Auction donations to benefit Skyline Farm's programs and operations.

A portion of the carriage museum's unique collection of carriages and sleighs will complement the art exhibit. Please plan to attend other Skyline Farm events that will also occur during September and October: Antique Appraisal Day, Dog Day, Maine Carriage Day and Pumpkin Fest.

Contact Pamela Ames at (207) 829-5708, or info@skylinefarm.org for an appointment or if you'd like more information.

*"Portland Seed", by sculptor Patrick Plourde of New Gloucester, Maine
<http://www.patplourde.com>*



RRCT Monitors Skyline's Conservation Easement



*Amanda Devine trains future land stewards on May 27.
Pamela Ames photo*

Royal River Conservation Trust (RRCT) Monitors Skyline Farm's Conservation Easement

RRCT holds the conservation easement on 46 acres of Skyline Farm, which means that this land can never be developed.

Annually a representative walks the property to make sure no buildings have been erected in the woods or fields. On the evening of May 27, Amanda Devine, Stewardship Coordinator for the Royal River Conservation Trust, set out to conduct the monitoring and also used it as an

opportunity to train a cadre of soon-to-be stewards who walked the farm's property as a learning opportunity. In the future, each steward will then be responsible for monitoring other properties that RRCT holds easements on.

Skyline Farm was very proud to be the "showcase easement" and host such an enthusiastic and observant group of people. Bird and animal activities were also discussed along the way. Spotting 3 deer grazing at the edge of the field topped off the evening's dusky walk.

"Celebrate Horses & Carriage Driving" Day - May 17



*Sheila Alexander kneeling in foreground is teaching at the harnessing station. Patsy O'Brien standing in background is the instructor at the rein and whip handling station.
Diana Logan photo*

The Maine Driving Club and Skyline Farm collaborated on the production of "Celebrate Horses & Carriage Driving" Day, an outgrowth of the 1st Annual National Carriage & Driving Month designated for May each year. The concept was to vault equine-related activities into the public eye.

The event was a hands-on learning experience guided by Maine Driving Club members and Skyline Farm volunteers. Seven Learning Stations were set up and staffed by experts in various specialties:

- Donna Thurston and her steed Ben of Winterberry Farm, North Yarmouth, Maine gave a *Driving Demonstration*.
- *Different Harnesses and Carriages* was presented by John and Colleen Bursley of Log Cabin Farm, Bowdoinham, Maine.
- *Safety Checklist for Purchasing an Antique/Used Carriage or Sleigh* was outlined by Fred Burk of Burk's Buggy Shop in Bethel, Maine.

- *Driving Turnout Do's and Don'ts* were explored by Mary Fowler of Chrysalis Acres, Freeport, Maine.
- *Skyline Farm Carriage Museum's "Summer Fair" Carriage Exhibit* was hosted by docents.
- *Basic Rein/Whip Handling* was presented by Patsy O'Brien of Snowfields Farm, Pownal, Maine.
- *Basic Harnessing and Parts of the Harness* was explained by Sheila Libby Alexander of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Horse-drawn wagon rides up and down The Lane were piloted by Luther Gray. An ominous weather report resulted in a smaller turnout of visitors than anticipated, but the ones who came all enjoyed the convivial atmosphere under unexpectedly clear skies. The primary organizer of the event was Maine Driving President Elizabeth Tewksbury who is to be congratulated for skillfully planning this well-executed event!



*(On left) Sandra Galley of Andover, Massachusetts gets advice on proper turnout from Mary Fowler at her booth set up in the Visitor Center.
Patti Mikkelsen photo*

Skyline's riding arena, trails and fields were absolutely spectacular this Spring.

By the end of April, both horses and humans at my barn needed some sunshine, fresh air and room to run. We found just that at Skyline.

Joining Mesa, my horse, and me on my weekly excursions was Erin Murphy, my riding buddy; and her horse, Duke. Upon arrival, Erin warmed up Duke in the riding ring, while I let Mesa eat clover. Just a year ago, Erin and Duke rode for the first time together outside an arena. The Skyline trails are well-suited for beginners. The bridges are secure. The trails are wide and have plenty of clearance. Pairs can travel side-by-side or riders can let the more experienced horse lead. Woodpeckers fluttered from tree to tree as we passed.

The open fields were Mesa's and my favorites – we love to canter across the edge of the woods and then race up the hills. As we trotted through the tall grass, bobolink's bobbed and swooped along ahead of us.

The experience has been so rewarding for Erin that she and her family became members of Skyline Farm this Spring. Now Erin can enjoy all the wonderful amenities of Skyline's grounds any time.



Sturdy footbridge constructed by Ben Klar and his fellow scouts as an Eagle Scout project in 2001. Howard Mikkelsen photo

Skyline Farm Membership Form

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 Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail _____

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- event reminders newsletters no e-mails, please

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- Individual \$35
- Family \$50
- Participating \$100
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- Benefactor \$1,000

**** Equine Membership Levels:**

- Student \$40
- Individual \$50
- Family \$90
- Other Gift:** \$ _____
- TOTAL:** \$ _____

*** Regular Membership entitles you to:**

Free spectator admission to Sleigh Day, Maine Carriage Day and Pumpkin Fest. Skyline Farm newsletters and event calendar. 15% discount on Skyline Farm logo items. Invitation to members only interpretive tour of the Skyline Farm Carriage Collection.

**** Equine Membership Benefits:**

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Please make your check payable to 'Skyline Farm' and send to:
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Your membership is effective through
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2008 SKYLINE FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All event proceeds benefit Skyline Farm, a nonprofit organization, which owns an historic farmstead, including a carriage and sleigh museum, and offers trails through its woods and fields for public use. FMI: Contact event chairperson, visit www.skylinefarm.org, info@skylinefarm.org, or (207) 829-9203.

<p>May 4 through Aug. 24</p>	<p>“Summer Fair” Carriage Exhibit <i>Sundays, 12-3, or by appointment</i> Skyline Farm Carriage Museum portrays a snapshot of a typical day at the fair in the early 1900’s. Free admission. Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 239-5782 <i>(see page 2)</i></p>	<p>Sept. 13</p>	<p>Antique Appraisals <i>10-2</i> Learn what your antiques are worth! \$10 per item, or 3 for \$25. A professional appraiser will assess each piece. Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 239-5782</p>
<p>Morning and evening events on July 12</p>	<p>Carriage & Antiques Auction <i>6th annual, 10 am</i> Come find that carriage, sleigh, antique or collectible to add to your collection. Donated and consignment items needed. \$15 for catalog & registration for 2 bidders. Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 239-5782 <i>(see page 3)</i></p> <p>Lobster Bake, Concert & Silent Auction <i>6th annual, 5 pm</i> A summer evening of enjoying Maine’s favorite shellfish (turf option) and the sounds of live music. Bid on an eclectic array of Silent Auction items. Carriage rides (fee). Info: Greg Wiessner, (207) 400-7809 <i>(see page 1)</i></p>	<p>Sept. 20 (rain date Sept. 21)</p>	<p>Dog Day, “Celebrate Dog” <i>2nd annual, 10-3</i> Bring your dog to Skyline Farm to celebrate dog with fellow canine enthusiasts. Demos of dog hobbies, training clinics, fun and games for dogs and their humans and more will fill the day. \$10/adult; \$5 for kids 8 and under dogs get in free! All proceeds benefit Skyline Farm. Info: Diana Logan, (207) 829-3187 <i>(see page 5)</i></p>
<p>Aug. 23</p>	<p>Henry Fest 2008 <i>morning to late evening</i> A community festival featuring acoustic music. Food available. Carriage rides available (separate fee). Info: (207) 846-9559 <i>(see page 3)</i></p>	<p>Oct. 12</p>	<p>Maine Carriage Day <i>31st annual, 9:30 am</i> A Country Drive, Picnic, and Sporting Afternoon; an old fashioned day of carriage driving. Spectators can view the horse-drawn vehicles as they are driven in the ring and down country roads. Spectator admission: \$5 per person. Free for Skyline Farm members and children 5 & under. Info: e-mail us at info@skylinefarm.org</p>
<p>Sept. 13 through Oct. 19</p>	<p>“Fertile Ground” Art Exhibit and Sale with Silent Auction <i>Saturdays/Sundays, 12-3 pm or by appt.</i> Artworks by Maine painters, photographers, and sculptors are complemented by carriages and sleighs. On Friday, Sept. 12 from 5-7 pm, meet the artists on opening night. Start bidding on donated silent auction artworks. Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 <i>(see page 5)</i></p>	<p>Oct. 18</p>	<p>Pumpkin Fest <i>9th annual, 3-5 pm</i> A wonderful event for the whole family, featuring traditional Halloween party festivities. \$10 per carload. Free for Skyline Farm members. Wagon rides (add’l fee). Info: Jennifer Kimball, e-mail her at info@skylinefarm.org</p>
		<p>Nov. 9</p>	<p>Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive <i>3rd annual, 10 am</i> Kennebec Morgan Farm in Woolwich, Maine, offers beautiful vistas for riders and carriage drivers. \$20/entry. Info: Becky Totten, (207) 522-9668</p>



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Kathleen and Chris Koch of Florida pose with their 1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertible during a rest stop at Skyline Farm as part of the Chrome Glidden Tour. He drove a motor-coach to the starting point in Bar Harbor (near where they will be spending a portion of their summer), while she drove a Ford F-350 towing the Caddy in an enclosed trailer.

Patti Mikkelsen photo

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