

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 AM-2:00 PM AHCA Committee Meetings  
2:00 PM-5:00 PM HCF Board of Directors’ Meeting  
6:00 PM AHCA & NEHCA Directors’ & Guests’ Dinner

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 AM-3:00 PM AHCA Board of Directors’ Meeting  
12:00 PM-3:30 PM Registration & Trade Show  
3:30 PM Welcome by NEHCA Director Dick LeClar  
3:30 PM-4:30 PM The Cow Power™ Program  
• Dave Dunn, Program Manager, Green Mountain Power  
Dave began his energy career in 1992 developing the dairy farm energy efficiency program for Vermont. In 2002, he turned his attention to renewable energy by leading the company to create Vermont’s first and most successful voluntary renewable energy choice program, The Cow Power™ program and the Renewable Development Fund. The program has been involved with the development of 17 farm based generating facilities. This is how they tell their story: “From cow poop to cow power - we have a new way to power Vermont”.

4:45 PM-5:30 PM Approaching a Project Milestone & Looking Toward the Future

• Dr. Bryon Wiegand, Professor Meat Science, University of MO  
Dr. Wiegand, the principal investigator for the scientific study of Highland beef, assisted the Beef Marketing Committee and Highland Cattle Foundation with the development of the protocol for the study and has overseen the research and data collection. As the study has now hit the 90% mark in samples submitted, he will share further preliminary findings. Watch as Dr. Wiegand discusses some exciting trends seen thus far in the samples submitted and what lies ahead for AHCA breeders regarding the research. He will also share some suggestions for additional research that could provide guidance on Highland genetics reaching further into beef production in the USA and beyond.

6:00 PM-9:00 PM Junior Dinner, Cattle Skill-a-thon & Wicked Cool Pool  
6:00 PM-9:00 PM Dinner & Annual General Membership Meeting

This is the formal annual meeting of our Association. Updates include reports from the President, standing committees and regional associations. Make your vote count in the membership’s election of At Large Directors. The Highland Cattle Foundation will announce the Memorial Junior Scholarship winners.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 AM-8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet & Trade Show  
7:00 AM-8:30 AM AHCA Board of Directors’ Meeting & Training Session  
Buses depart hotel lobby 9:00 AM and return per schedule below

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Tour, Lunch & Speakers at Trafalgar Square Farm  
Trafalgar Square Farm is 350 acres in the heart of the Green Mountains featuring rolling pastures and vast woodlands with over 40 years of experience breeding Highland cattle. The working farm raises and sells quality Highland breeding stock including semen and embryos, as well as producing and selling dry and wrapped hay. It is home to as many as twelve horses at any time, some boarded and some our own. Trafalgar Square Books, a thriving publisher and distribution warehouse, is also on the property. Enjoy a wagon ride through the vast green pastures with views of the majestic mountains, rolling farmland and grazing cattle. Enjoy a delicious chicken barbeque lunch sponsored by Trafalgar Square Farm.

• Andrew Beals, Technical Manager Wholesale Feed Division, Poulin Grain  
Poulin Grain is a fourth generation, Vermont family owned and operated company specializing in high quality livestock, dairy, equine and pet feeds. With Poulin Grain since 1998, Andrew has been involved in retail and purchasing. Today he spends most of his time providing nutrition and management information to dealers and livestock owners throughout New England and New York State. This is on a one to one basis, both at the store and frequently during farm visits and topic oriented customer seminars. He will lead an educational workshop on minerals as part of your cattle’s diet.

Choose one of these two options for the afternoon.

Bus departs Trafalgar Square Farm 1:00 PM and returns to hotel 4:30 PM

1:00 PM-4:30 PM Visit President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site  
Plymouth Notch is the birthplace and boyhood home of Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States. The village is virtually unchanged since the early 20th century. The homes of Calvin Coolidge’s family and neighbors, the community church, cheese factory, one-room schoolhouse and general store have been carefully preserved and many of the buildings have their original furnishings. A National Historic Landmark that features one of the Northeast’s largest early 20th century agricultural equipment collections.

4:30 PM Dinner on Your Own  
Downtown Killington is a short drive away with shops, restaurants and ample opportunities to kick up your heels. Several eateries offer shuttle service from the hotel.

OR  
Bus departs Trafalgar Square Farm 1:00 PM and returns to hotel 8:00 PM

1:00 PM-3:30 PM Visit Billings Farm & Museum  
Billings Farm was established by native Vermonter Frederick Billings in 1871 when he set out to build a farm and forestry operation that would serve future generations. His farm flourished and today is still a first-class dairy, operating with a museum of Vermont’s rural heritage. It continues a tradition of agricultural excellence through the stewardship of his granddaughter Mary French Rockefeller and her husband, conservationist Laurance Spelman Rockefeller.

3:30 PM-8:00 PM Dinner on Your Own & Shopping in Woodstock  
Described as "The Prettiest Small Town in America" by *Ladies Home Journal* magazine, Woodstock represents the quintessential Vermont experience. Visitors delight in the bustling downtown area with its intimate cafes and hidden side streets along with the central square, called the Green, which is bordered by restored late Georgian, Federal Style and Greek Revival homes.

1:00 PM-8:00 PM Junior Program at Billings Farm & Museum and Pizza in Woodstock

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 AM-8:30 AM Continental Breakfast & Trade Show  
Buses depart hotel lobby 8:45 AM and return to hotel 10:30 AM

8:45 AM-10:30 AM Gondola Ride to Killington Peak - OPTIONAL  
Enjoy a relaxing mile and a quarter ride to the top of 4,241-foot Killington Peak in the enclosed six passenger K-1 Gondola. Mountain views stretch for miles across surrounding states from the trails or Peak Lodge.

Buses depart hotel lobby 10:45 AM and return to hotel 10:00 PM

10:45 AM-5:00 PM Tour, Lunch & Workshops at Star Lake Cattle Company

Travel to the picturesque Lakes Region of neighboring New Hampshire for a full day of events at Star Lake Cattle Company. It is a 1700 acre farm in rural central NH with a herd of nearly 100 Highland, Angus and crossbred cows and steers. The farm visit includes hay ride tours of the facilities, pastures and lake. Join us for a casual lunch and catch up with your fellow Highland breeders. Lunch sponsored by Star Lake Cattle Company.

1:00 PM NEHCA Annual General Membership Meeting  
Juniors Learn Bovine Basic Physical Exam  
Back to Basics Interactive Workshops

• Carl Majewski, Extension Field Specialist, Food & Agriculture, UNH Cooperative Extension  
Carl has been with the UNH Cooperative Extension since 2002. Prior to that he worked as a crop consultant and researcher at the W.H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute in Chazy, NY. Most of his experience and expertise pertains to field crop and forage production but he enjoys working in all areas of agriculture and different types of farming operations. Carl will discuss forage quality... how we define it, how we measure it and how we can make sure we’re providing high-quality hay and pasture to our livestock.

• Ed Canane, Owner, Cascade Brook Farm LLC  
Cascade Brook Farm is a New Hampshire Farm of Distinction and USDA Certified 100% Grass Fed Cattle. Ed and his wife, Cindy, work to maintain a clean and healthy environment for their animals and to produce the best food possible. The farm consists of 180+ owned acres of managed forest, grasslands and wetlands. He is active in the VT Beef Producers Association, VT Grass Farmers and American Angus Association. Ed will share beef marketing from the perspective of the small producer and what strategies he uses to successfully raise, promote and sell his products.

• Dr. Matthew Rolleston, DVM, Owner, Rolleston Veterinary Reproductive Services LLC & Autumn Mist Farm LLC  
Dr. Rolleston has been raising registered Highland cattle for the last 17 years at Autumn Mist Farm. He graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University in 2011. Matthew is a large animal veterinarian specializing in bovine medicine, reproduction and embryo transfer. He lives in Maine with Courtney and their two children Cara and Harper Rose. During his talk he will be covering basic herd health, vaccinations and advanced reproductive technologies including artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

• Dick LeClar, Owner, Double LL Farm  
Dick is a NEHCA Director and has been a member of NEHCA and AHCA since the 80s. He has owned Highland cattle since 1986 and trailered them throughout the USA. He will discuss safe trailering practices along with decisions to be made on the type and size of trailer to meet your needs.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Social Hour with Cash Bar

6:00 PM-10:00 PM Banquet & Auction  
Dick LeClar will emcee festivities under the tent at Star Lake where the prestigious Highland Member of the Year and Hall of Fame honors will be awarded. Roll of Excellence (ROE) winners will be revealed with prizes presented. He will use impressive skills to auction items to benefit NEHCA, HCF and AHCA. The silent auction, as always, will have a vast array of Highland collectables, livestock supplies and unique wares. This is a collaborative event between Star Lake Cattle Company and AHCA. Always a great time and fitting close to a wonderful trip to New England!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DEADLINE June 1, 2015

Registration  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$185 / adult = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$110 / child (ages 6-21) = \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, age & shirt size (adult size) of each child attending:

Gondola Ride OPTIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Trade Show Booth OPTIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE  
Number Attending Each:  
\_\_\_\_\_ President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site  
OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Billings Farm & Museum

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover  
Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Please email, mail or fax form and payment by June 1, 2015 to:  
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Registration fee includes:  
All activities, transportation during convention,  
two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners.  
*All fees non-refundable.*