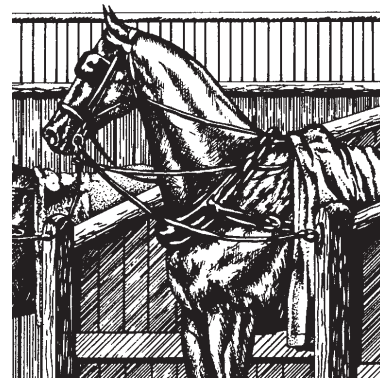


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The President's Message

by Jody Cutler

As I write this, the left coast media is full of the 100 year anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake. This event was and still is the largest natural disaster to ever hit this country. Katrina pales by comparison. An estimated three thousand dead and in 2006 dollars, \$400 billion in damages.

Because we are horse people, we spend more time outdoors than those who use the television as their principle means of recreation. Mother Nature controls a good portion of our horse related lives. The weather and the cycles of the seasons are all part of our thoughts when we deal

with our animals. Now that it is spring, babies are on the ground. Coats are being shed by both two and four-legged beasts and we are all glad for the grass, flowers, budding trees and longer days.

This is also the time to make certain your harness is in good shape, your wheels are greased and the horse remembers his lessons. Horses feel the warmth of the days and are enthusiastic about getting out. Be extra careful to not over-stress your horse. Follow through on the New Year's resolution to always wear your helmet and please DRIVE SAFELY.

News From The Nominating Committee

Dear Members!

A short note on our schedule and progress to date, and what you all should be thinking about as well.

We are looking for interested committee members and directors, as well as officers of the Board. Good driving skills are not enough, since in the capacity of committee members and board members, we are working for the American Driving Society and its membership. Our goals are to encourage and teach safe driving; promote competitive driving in the Pleasure Ring and in Combined Driving (and all its permutations: horse driving trials, arena driving trials, etc.); educate and approve, as well as hold to the highest standards, our judges and technical delegates; approve the myriad of competitions all

over the country; raise funds above and beyond our membership dues to help finance all the activities you have come to expect, but that are not even remotely paid for by our dues; plan for the future of the ADS, and last, but not least, maintain our high quality profile as the national affiliate for driving, representing the sport to the national federation, USEF, and on up to the international level.

So, we need multi talented people, who we know love driving, but who also have other skills – managerial, as in running a business; financial, as in budgeting and long term financial planning; development, as in fund-raising; education, as in planning and executing

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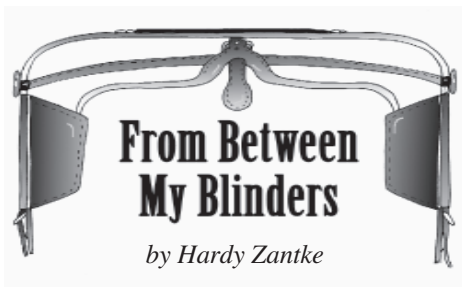
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Omnibus Changes and Corrections

Pleasure Days: May 6-7; the location
has changed to Blue Oak Farm, 2230
Misson St. San Miguel, CA.



Using All the Levels

The two World Championships last year - the Ponies in England and the Pairs in Austria - have shown that our drivers have excellent results in dressage. I believe one of the reasons for that success is our system of training our driving horses through the four levels from Training through Preliminary, Intermediate to Advanced with the well designed progression in our dressage tests. For many years the Intermediate level was hardly ever offered in the main area of our sport, at East Coast events. That left out an important step of the education of the horse. Drivers who wanted to move up had a big step to make from Preliminary to Advanced. East Coast organizers were not offering the Intermediate Level claiming there would not be many takers, since only very few drivers saw the Intermediate Level as a viable alternative. The upper end wanted to compete in Advanced and those who

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programs for us to produce materials of worth and interest about driving to our general membership, but also to work with the competitive disciplines and the Licensed Officials Committee to upgrade and maintain curricula for the clinic formats in the licensing of our officials. These are but some of the talents we seek.

We all realize that this is on a volunteer basis - we have a tiny professional office that manages the bare bones, but it is up to us to make and keep the ADS the organization that we want it to be.

We will be sending letters to our current board members, asking if they are interested in maintaining their current status; others we will be thanking and wishing well, but it is you that we really want to hear from. Those of you that have already stepped up to offer your

did not have their mind set on that goal were happy to stay in Preliminary.

The CDE Committee realized this and decided to adjust the marathon requirements for the different levels in the hope to more evenly balance the entries between the levels. The Preliminary and Intermediate levels were made a little easier to motivate upper end Training Level drivers to move up to Preliminary, and upper end Preliminary level drivers to move to Intermediate. We would like to see all those who have been competing for quite some time at Preliminary Level move up to Intermediate rather than staying at the Preliminary Level forever, even if you have no desire to ever move up to Advanced. That would balance our classes properly. Then organizers would hopefully offer that level, and the drivers who want to move up to Advanced would find the stepping stones in place.

In order to make the Intermediate level more attractive for Organizers, the ADS removed the requirement to have a third judge for that level - although three judges certainly are very beneficial to have when possible. The Dressage Committee came up with two additional Intermediate Level tests which require only a 80 meter dressage arena. They accomplished that by adjusting two of

services shall be hearing from us and we hope to be hearing from many more of you!

Thank you.

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the previous Intermediate level tests which require a 100 meter arena accordingly.

Naturally, it takes a little time to implement such changes. They were discussed and agreed upon by the CDE Committee at the 2004 fall meeting in Colorado. The rule changes and new dressage tests were then proposed and approved on schedule by the Board in the spring of 2005. Since the Omnibus deadline for the 2005 fall competitions had passed by the time the new changes became effective, the organizers could really only come on board and try it out at the earliest for the spring of 2006, this year.

I am happy to note that organizers have done so. In the spring of this year there are twice as many East Coast events offering the Intermediate Level as last year. I was able to watch the class at the Live Oak CDE recently and found the Intermediate classes well filled with 37 entries. Most were exactly those drivers who previously would have competed at the upper end of the Preliminary classes. Thank you for moving up and thank you Live Oak for offering this level. I hope other drivers and events will do the same. It is good for the education of our horses, ponies, and drivers, and that is good for our sport.

Tips for Organizers

Remember that all entry forms, judges cards, class sheets and any other documentation must be retained by the competition organizer for three years. (Article 126.k) If the organizer or secretary changes from year to year, someone should be appointed to keep the competition records so that if they are ever needed, they can be easily accessed.

Have you ever wished for something to do with all the leftover pins from previous years? Here's a suggestion: Depending on how many years your competition has existed (and you should have pins from all years to make this idea work) purchase photo frames and attach a pin from every year on a piece of stiff colored cardboard and put them in the frame, behind the glass. Have someone with stylish handwriting include the years or even a personal message on the backing. This is a nice thank you gift for loyal volunteers, sponsors, or competitors.



In Memoriam

Metta Baxter

Metta Baxter of Gainesville, Florida, passed away March 26 at her home. She was an original member of the Florida Whips, a member and officer of the American Morgan Horse Association, the CAA and the Military Officials Association of America. She was a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army and a physical therapist. She was also a well-know breeder of Morgan horses. Contributions in her honor may be made to the Metta L. Baxter, Pre-Physical Therapy Scholarship Foundation at Kansas State University, her Alma Mater, 2323 Anderson Ave., Suite 500, Manhattan, Kansas 66502-2911. Burial will take place April 19 at Arlington National Cemetery.

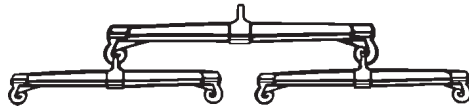
Lyll E. Mathison

Lyll E. Mathison of Waukesha, Wisconsin, passed away on February 21 at age 87. Lyll and his wife Caroline (deceased) founded Mathison Metalfab, Inc. in Waukesha in 1959, Lyll was active in the Kiwanis Club of Waukesha for 45 years, and in the Lutheran Churches of Wauwatosa and Waukesha for many years as well as many other organizations. Lyll loved caring for and driving horses as a child at the family farm, and again later in the 1980s when he purchased a team of Belgian draft horses which he regularly drove in local parades. In the 1990's he downsized to Norwegian Fjords which he enjoyed driving with his daughter Judy. (See *The Whip*, September 2005, page 37). He was fittingly carried to his final resting place by a horse-drawn hearse. Memorials may be made to the American Driving Society Fund, P O Box 278, Cross Plains, Wisconsin, 53528.

Marilyn Orth

Marilyn Orth of Southern Pines, North Carolina, passed away on March 22. She was 68. Marilyn worked for the Department of Defense for 47 years, and was a member of the ADS, the Carriage Association of America, and the Moore County Driving Club. Before Marilyn moved to Southern Pines with her husband of 49 years, Bill, the couple lived in Stockton, New Jersey where they were active in the Gladstone Equestrian Association. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20037.

Lead Bars



Q: What is the best way to make sure my horse is safe to drive on or along a busy road.

A: *The best is to accustom the horse to traffic before he is put to a carriage. Put the horse in a pasture next to road so he can see and hear traffic. Have someone sit in a stationary vehicle and talk in a friendly manner. If the horse can be ridden, get him accustomed to traffic under saddle first. You can lead a horse or pony while riding another traffic safe horse who will transmit*

confidence to the traffic-neophyte.

Many road conditions can prove dangerous to a horse that is afraid of traffic. Ditches, uneven shoulders, narrow roads can cause the carriage to tip over if the horse whips around to avoid a car or truck.

For the first few outings on a road, if at all possible, choose one that is flat, has good shoulders, and light traffic. Make sure you take a good assistant along who can easily dismount from the carriage and go to the horse's head.

Most importantly, your horse should have confidence in you as his leader. He should be trained to stand without moving for an indefinite period of time at your command.

Mid Atlantic Regional Report

Recreational Drive and Young Drivers Camp Planned for Summer

Our regional snowbirds are heading north as competitions return to the area. Many regional clubs have hosted very successful clinics already for drivers of all levels from total beginner to those brushing up on competition skills. My Lady's Manor Driving Club held a series of introductory clinics for beginners – our version of “Consumer Reports” for starting safely and economically, with enough demand for two part-tuos! Brandywine Valley Driving Club also held their Novice Clinic.

The Mid Atlantic Recreational Driving Weekend is at Fair Hill, Maryland, August 4-6, 2006. This year's clinician is Craig Kellogg. The usual entertainments – Saturday Breakfast served to you in your carriage, regional meeting and Saturday night Maryland Crab Cakes and Silent Auction to benefit the Fair Hill Trails Fund – will be repeated. As soon as the website is updated, the information will be there:

www.midatlanticads.org As usual, we need volunteers for the various activities from Silent Auction to escorted driver. Call me!

This year's Young Drivers' Camp will take two forms: drivers who are already driving can come Wednesday afternoon, camp takes place Wednesday p.m. to Friday p.m., with the option of staying to take part in the Saturday breakfast (or the rest of the weekend) AND kids who are interested in driving but have no animals or equipment will be able to come for their choice of Thursday or Friday for a day-long camp where they will learn basic driving safety, how to harness and put-to, and drive a cones course they design themselves. Contact Dana Bright for camp information, fees and form: cdeponyz@suscom.net

- Dana Bright
Mid Atlantic Region Director

Quotables

“My grooms are cool thinkers, they get very enthusiastic and give me precise information. Women are much more flexible on the marathon and can calculate much better than the strongest men; furthermore they often don't lose their heads as quickly.”

Tjeerd Velstra
from *The Driving Horse and His Schooling*

The American Driving Society Fund Update

Summer Camps Planned for Driving Youth

The spotlight is again on our young drivers and their development, summer driving camps are being organized throughout the regions. So important to the future of carriage driving, our youngsters are being provided fun filled opportunities to expand their knowledge and participation in the sport through partnerships between the ADS Fund and generous organizers.

Among the camps offered this year will be a new venue, the farm of Ann Kimberlin near Memphis Tennessee. Organized by Janice Kilpatrick and Ann, 15 children will be given three days of hands-on driving education, combined with practical demonstrations and enjoyable activities. Five counselors and the campers will receive the instruction and insight of Elizabeth Keathley, a recognized international level competitor.

Elizabeth has enjoyed success in the advanced pair horse and pony four-in-hand combined driving divisions. A wonderful teacher, she has trained with the very best drivers in the world and shares that experience by teaching all types of driving, pleasure, combined and recreational at her Cannon Carriage Driving Center located on her family's Valhalla Farm in Woodbury, Tennessee.

Elizabeth will lead the camp with the assistance of Ann, Janice and five enthusiastic counselors. The organizers are providing a group of schooled ponies from which the campers will learn. The first-rate facility offers everything necessary for a successful three days. Following the completion of sessions that will include lessons in driving, harnessing, grooming, care of equipment as well as crafts and games, there will be a graduation pleasure driving competition offering campers the chance to show off what they have learned in working, reinsmanship and turnout classes judged by Elizabeth.

Many programs like this one have been encouraged by resources made available through the ADS Fund. The

existing programs and those developing around the regions can continue and grow only through your donations. The ADS Fund is committed to provide opportunity and growth in all aspects of carriage driving to the greatest degree possible. Your ADS membership dues stretch just so far in providing services essential to the vitality of our driving sport. Much of what the ADS does to sustain driving is not obvious. The training of officials, development and publishing of rules, provision of insurance and recognition of competitions are just a few of the benefits of your membership. They may not evoke excitement, but your enjoyment of driving would be greatly diminished if the ADS were not providing these important building blocks to the sport. To move forward

on our initiatives for young drivers, regions, international hopefuls and expanded publications we need your donation, they cannot occur without it. In the last 12 months 501 ADS members and friends have answered our request for support, we are deeply thankful for each and everyone. Our goal is to double that number over the next 12 months so that we can continue to grow and increase programs important to the future of driving. Your contribution is essential.

Our appreciation for your donation is expressed in every issue of the Whip, each contributor is gratefully recognized.

For more information about the ADS Fund, please visit www.americandrivingsociety.org. or contact Jamie O'Rourke 484-832-4365

Your ADS Fund needs your help to further the important goals of the sport!

The American Driving Society Fund

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Your donation may be designated for the benefit of all of the important programs of the American Driving Society, a much appreciated option.

Or for the support of a particular initiative:

The Young Drivers Program

The International Opportunity Initiative

The Regional Development Program

2006 Calendar of Events

*Indicates an ADS Approved Competition

All driving activities may be listed in the Calendar, but as space is limited, please submit only date of activities that are open to all ADS members. Space does not allow us to list all local club activities.

MAY 2006

- 4-7 *CAI-BALLENTOWN/GARDEN STATE CDE**, Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, NJ. Training, Preliminary, Advanced. Contact: Heather Walker, H: 908-439-3171; Fax: 908-439-3318; email: walkerswhimsea@aol.com Cell: 908-343-6476
- 5-7 *CARRIAGE CLASSIC IN THE PINES**, Pinehurst Harness Track, Pinehurst, NC. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Linda Long, H: 910-692-0943; Fax: 910-692-4203; email: llong6@nc.rr.com; Cell: 910-639-2359
- 6** Indoor Combined event, Listowel, ON. Training, Preliminary; dressage and obstacle phase. Contact: Mary Cork; 705-434-4648; email: tyandaga@netrover.com; website: www.driveontario.ca/ocda
- 6-7 *PLEASURE DAYS**, Blue Oak Farm San Miguel, CA. Pleasure, Obstacles. Contact: Ron Fairbanks, H: 805-237-8476; email: lfairbanks@excite.com
- 6-7** Driving Clinic with Rowena Moyses, Wales, UK. Central Pennsylvania Carriage Driving Center, State College, PA. Contact: Lorin Nauman; 814-692-4877 or email: sinkingsprings@mindspring.com
- 14 *GMHA TWO PHASE DRIVING COMPETITION**, South Woodstock, VT. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Natalie DiBerardinis, W: 802-457-1509; Fax: 802-457-4471; email: natalie@gmhainc.org
- 18-20** The Big Perry Sale, National Carriage & Driving Horse Auction. Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry Georgia. www.bigperrysale.com
- 19-21 *GAYLA BLUEGRASS CDE**, Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown, KY. Training, Preliminary. Contact: Debbie Banfield. W: 502-863-5113; Fax: 502-867-0081; email: gayla3329@aol.com Cell: 859-333-7940
- 20 *CONNECTICUT VALLEY DRIVING TRIAL**, Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam, CT. Training, Preliminary. Contact: Andree Duggan, H: 860-345-4747;

- 20-21 Aiken Driving Club Spring Spectacular Pleasure Driving Show, Highfields, Aiken, SC. Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Joanne Goble, 803-649-0628; email: jmgray@aol.com
- 21 *24TH ANNUAL MY LADY'S MANOR PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**, Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Dana Bright; H: 717-246-2351; email: cdeponyz@suscom.net Cell: 717-471-7524.
- 21** Third Annual Sporting Day of Traditional Driving; Erik and Mary Jensen's Thistle Hill, Franktown, Colorado. Contact: Betty Cherry; 303-681-2748; email: jensen2468@aol.com
- 26-28 *BROMONT INTERNATIONAL DRIVING - CAN AM CDE**, Bromont, Quebec, Canada. Training, Preliminary, Advanced. Contact: Michel Lapierre; W: 819-478-1411; email: lapierre@9bit.qc.ca

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- 2-4 *TRINITY CDE**, Hayfork, CA. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Frances Bowersock, H: 503-824-4888; Fax: 503-824-4887; email: beesock@colton.com; Cell: 503-307-0362
- 3-4 *CAROLINA CARRIAGE CLUB HDT**, Tryon, NC. Training, Preliminary; Contact: Dale Govus; H: 828-286-4877; email: ponybaloney@bellsouth.net; Cell: 828-429-0457.
- 3-4 *MHDVA BLUE RIBBON CLINIC AND PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**, Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI. Contact: Michelle Ridley; H: 517-712-7085.
- 3-4 *NWCDE'S STONEYBROOK DRIVING TRIALS**, Stoneybrook Stables, Eagle Creek, OR. Training, Preliminary, VSE. Contact: Tish Hodges; H: 503-632-4966; email: tishhodges@msn.com; Cell: 503-312-6269.
- 3-4 *NEBRASKA PIONEER CDE**, Lancaster Event Center. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Marjean McIntyre; H: 402-781-2474; email: tenpenny@compuserve.com; Cell: 402-432-9095.

- 10-11 *PACIFIC REGION DRIVEN DRESSAGE FESTIVAL**, Arroyo Grande, CA. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Musical Kur. Contact: Ann McClure; H: 805-481-0530; email: makomc@msn.com
- 10** Beginners Carriage Driving Clinic with Melissa Boyd, Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association, Charlotte, Michigan. Contact: Tina, 989-274-5466; email: bennettmapleview@aol.com or Dorothy; 517-627-8888.
- 11** Arena Driving Trial Fun Day, Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association, Charlotte, Michigan. Very Beginner, Beginner and Intermediate. Contact: Tina, 989-274-5466; email: bennettmapleview@aol.com or Dorothy; 517-627-8888.
- 11 *BRANDYWINE CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW**, Willowdale Gounds, Kennett Square, PA. Pleasure, Obstacles, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Kail Palmer-Miller. H: 610-469-9023; Fax: 610-469-9023; email: Equineconsulting@att.net
- 16-18 *HAPP'S COMBINED DRIVING EVENT**, Ethel, WA. VSE, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Maureen Harkcom, H: 360-978-4562; W: 360-978-5064; Fax: 360-978-6667; email: maureen@happs-inc.com
- 17-18 *COLUMBUS CARRIAGE CLASSIC**, Columbus, WI. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Draft, Traditional Day of Driving. Contact: Nancy Osterhaus; H: 920-623-4925; W: 920-623-4925; email: nancy@columbuscarriagehouse.com
- 17-18 *ELK CREEK CDE**, Elkton, MD. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Diane Trefry; W: 410-755-6855; Fax: 410-398-5020; email: unicornfarm@earthlink.net
- 17-18 *EDEN HILL AT ORELTON FARM**, Stockbridge, MA. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Susan Koso, H: 978-561-1735; W: 978-232-2029; email: Isyssusan2@aol.com; Cell: 617-448-6941.
- 23-24 *GRANITE STATE MORGAN HORSE SHOW**, Deerfield Fairground, Deerfield, NH. Pleasure,

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- Obstacles, Dressage. Contact: Victoria Surr; H: 603-624-7577; W: 603-645-1811; Fax: 603-645-1811; email: info@freedomrider.com; Cell: 603-540-0933
- 24-25 *METAMORA COMBINED DRIVING EVENT XXII**, Windrush Farm, Metamora, MI Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Larry Wheeler, H: 248-969-8220; lwheeler@azautomotive.com
- 25 *SKUNK RIVER HDT**, Three G Farms Equine Center, Ames, IA. Training, Preliminary. Contact: Mary Winter, 515-232-3019; Cell: 515-540-1041; email: mwinter@iastate.edu
- JULY**
- 8** Ground Work for the Driving Horse Clinic, Catalyst Driving Center, Powhatan, VA, see www.catalystdriving.com or call 804-598-0059 FMI.
- 8-9** 2nd Upper Canada CDE, Collingwood, ON. Training, Preliminary. Contact: Mary Cork, 705-434-4648; email: tyandaga@netrover.com; website: www.driveontario.ca/ocda
- 9 *WALDINGFIELD DRIVING TRIAL**, Hamilton and Ipswich, MA. Training and Preliminary. Contact: Holly Pulsifer, H: 978-356-3655; email: hpulsifer@hotmail.com
- 15 *TEXAS ARENA DRIVING TRIAL SIX**. Miracle Farm, Brenham, TX. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Linda Yutzy; 281-373-4867; 977-277-0577; email: lindsay@2infinity.com
- 15-16 *NWCDE'S BEAVERCREEK COMBINED DRIVING EVENTS**, Lazy S Lumber Mill, Beavercreek, OR; Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, VSE. Contact: Tish Hodges; H: 503-632-4966; email: tishhodges@msn.com; Cell: 503-312-6269.
- 15-16 *BIRDS HILL INTERNATIONAL CDE**, Birds Hill Provincial Park, Winnipeg, MB. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Carolyn Lintott, H: 204-444-2514; email: cjaibl@mts.net
- 15-16 *LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION**, Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, NY. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance, Combination. Contact: Phil Ferro, H: 315-469-5030; W: 315-464-4730; Fax: 315-464-4734; email: ferrop@upstate.edu
- 22-25 *HICKORY KNOLL DRIVING TRIAL**, Fitchburg, Wisconsin. Training, Preliminary. Contact: John Freiburger, W: 608-835-0001; email: frei@chorus.net cell: 608-212-0804.
- 24 *NEW ENGLAND MORGAN HORSE SHOW**, Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton, MA. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance; Training, Prelim. ADT. Contact: Susan Koso; H: 978-777-7037; W: 978-232-2029; email: isyssusan2@aol.com
- 29-30 *EAST AURORA CARRIAGE DRIVE AND COMPETITION**, Knox Farm State Park, East Aurora, NY. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Elizabeth O'Donnell; H: 716-380-5724; email: lizodonnellEADS@aol.com; Jean Benz: 716-652-1062.
- AUGUST**
- 3-6 *DR HENRY BOYD MEMORIAL CDE**, The Horse Park at Woodside, Woodside, CA. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Kristin Wilt; H: 650-851-2140; Fax: 650-851-5015; email: kristin@horsepark.org
- 4-6 *GMHA COMBINED DRIVING EVENT**, South Woodstock, VT. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Natalie DiBerardinis, W: 802-457-1509; Fax: 802-457-4471; email: natalie@gmhainc.org
- 4-6 *IRON HORSE CDE**, Sherwood Farms, Caledonia, IL. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Sue West, H: 815-337-4617; email: sue.west@truevalue.com
- 5-6 *SOUTHEASTERN DRIVEN DRESSAGE JUBILEE**, Tennessee Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Beth Hitchman, H: 931-363-9973; Fax: 931-424-0827; email: bhitchman@earthlink.net; Cell: 931-638-3355
- 12-13 *LINCOLN CREEK CDE**, Centralia, WA. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, VSE. Contact: Mickey Lofgren; H: 360-266-9415; email: mickey@grassmountainfarm.com
- 16-20 *WALNUT HILL CARRIAGE DRIVE COMPETITION**, Walnut Hill Farm, Pittsford, NY. Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d'Elegance, Pleasure Drive. Contact: Bill Remley, H, W & Fax: 585-385-2555; W: 585-385-2555; email: billremley@aol.com
- 25-27 *CANNON CARRIAGE CLASSIC**, Valhalla Farms, Woodbury, TN. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance, Draft. Contact: Jim or Jean Keathley, H: 615-632-2528; Fax: 615-563-4517; email: jkeathley@direcway.com
- 27 *MY LADY'S MANOR HORSE DRIVING TRIALS**, Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Anne Councill, H: 717-993-8956; Fax: 717-993-8956; email: accouncil@earthlink.net ; Cell: 717-880-3840
- SEPTEMBER**
- 2-3 *INDIANA CDE**, Edinburgh, IN. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: David Sadler, H: 217-548-2300; email: davlin@direcway.com www.iwwi.org
- 2-3 * D R E S S A G E EXTRAORDINAIRE**, Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, CA. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Musical Kur. Contact: Jay Hubert, H: 209-748-5607; email: jhubert@softcom.net
- 2-4 *HIGH COUNTRY INTERNATIONAL COMBINED DRIVING EVENT**, Calgary Polo Club, Calgary, AB. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Don Mason; H: 403-946-5406; Fax: 403-946-5457; email: dhmason@aol.com
- 8-10 *LAURELS AT LANDHOPE CDE**, Unionville, PA. Preliminary, Advanced. Contact: Mary O'Rourke; H: 610-486-6484; Fax: 610-486-6814; email: laurelslandhope@aol.com
- 8-10 *VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC**, Villa Louis Historic Site, Prairie du Chien, WI; Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d'Elegance, Combination, Draft. Contact: Mike Rider, W: 608-326-4436; email: info@carriageclassic.com
- 9-10 *GMHA FALL DRIVING CLASSIC**, South Woodstock, VT. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Natalie DiBerardinis, W: 802-457-1509; Fax: 802-457-4471; email: natalie@gmhainc.org
- 15-17 *NASHOBA CARRIAGE CLASSIC**, Germantown Charity Horse Show Grounds, Germantown, TN. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance; ADT, Training, Preliminary. Contact: Wanda Chancellor; H:

- 662-893-8879; email: wchanc1512@aol.com; cell: 901-335-9730
- 16 *RHODE ISLAND CARRIAGE DAY**, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, Massachusetts. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Janice Meszoely; H: 508-339-3628; email: janice_meszoely@yahoo.com
- 16-17 *HARVEST MOON CARRIAGE CLASSIC**, Living History Farms, Des Moines, Iowa. Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Linda Brittain, H: 515-462-2289; email: hmcc@metins.net
- 16-17 *HAPP'S HORSE DRIVING TRIAL - TWICE!** Ethel, WA. Training, Preliminary. Contact: Maureen Harkcom. H: 360-978-4562; O: 360-978-5064; Fax: 360-978-6667; email: maureen@happs-inc.com
- 21-24 *CAI-B FALL GLADSTONE DRIVING EVENT**, Hamilton Farm Golf and Equestrian Center, Gladstone, NJ. Preliminary, Advanced. Contact: Ellen Ettenger; H: 352-465-0197; W: 609-586-6030 x 106; Fax: 609-586-6313 or 352-465-0197; email: shorty1956@bellsouth.net; Cell: 609-577-1487
- 22-24 *THE WOODSIDE CDE**, The Horse Park at Woodside, Woodside, CA. Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Kristin Witt; H: 650-851-2140; Fax: 650-851-5015; email: Kristin@horsepark.org
- 22-24 *PLUM CREEK CARRIAGE CDE**, Agarita Ranch, Lockhart, TX. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Jamie Leshikar; H: 512-376-2602; W: 512-589-8636; Fax: 512-376-6623; Cell: 512-585-5450.
- 23-24 *PIEDMONT DRIVING CLUB SHOW**, Foxcroft School, Middleburg, VA. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance, Draft. Contact: Marcia West, H: 434-971-8272; email: mwest@cvillefab.net
- 23-24 *LONGVIEW LAKE CDE**, Longview Horse Park, Kansas City, MO. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Veronica Wood; H: 816-540-3932; W: 913-748-3057; Fax: 913-748-3077; email: chichiwood@yahoo.com;
- Cell: 812-289-3371;
- 27-Oct. 1 *INTERNATIONAL DRAFT HORSE, MULE AND PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**, LA County Fair, Pomona, California. Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Sharon Gifford, H: 951-928-0454; W: 909-865-4091; Fax: 909-622-5652; email: taylor@fairplex; Cell: 909-374-8139
- OCTOBER**
- 1 *PLEASURE DRIVING IN THE PARK**, Bucks County Horse Park, Revere, PA. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Teri Lewis; H: 610-847-8077; W: 610-294-9154; email: tlewis@epix.net
- 4-8** The National Drive. The Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. Contact: Maureen Sayre; 513-542-2293; email: MWSayre@netscape.com
- 6-8 *CAI-B SHADY OAKS**, Lodi, CA. Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Bonner Murphy, H: 209-462-9575; W: 209-462-2209; Fax: 209-462-9780; email: bnnrMrphy@aol.com Cell: 209-481-0843.
- 7-8 *CEDAR CREEK PLEASURE DRIVING EVENT**, Greenville, TX. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Contact: Ruth Graves, H: 903-883-4638; Fax: 903-883-4638; email: rufus1953@joimail.com Cell: 903-450-6748.
- 13-15 *KATYDID COMBINED DRIVING EVENT**, Katydid Farm, Windsor, SC. Preliminary, Advanced, Training Horse Driving Trial. Contact: Bernadette Clayton;
- 20-22 *GRASS RIDGE CDE**, Sonoita, Arizona. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Jamie O'Rourke, H: 610-486-6484; W: 610-486-0710; Fax: 610-486-6814; email: grassridgecde@aol.com; cell: 484-832-4365
- 20-22 *FAIR HILL INTERNATIONAL**, Elkton, MD. Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Diane Trefry, H: 443-553-1453; W: 410-755-6855; Fax: 410-398-5020; email: tubbyhorse@hotmail.com
- 21-22 *NWCDE'S FALL FROLIC DRIVING TRIALS**, Lazy S Lumber Mill, Beaver Creek, OR; Training, Preliminary, VSE. Contact: Tish Hodges; H: 503-632-4966; email: tishhodges@msn.com; Cell: 503-312-6269.
- NOVEMBER**
- 11 *CHAPTER ONE FARMS DRIVING TRIAL**; Pedricktown, NJ 08067; Training, Preliminary. Contact: Dr. Helene Paxton; H: 856-299-5124; W: 410-620-3462; Fax: 856-299-6772; email: IM@chapteronefarms.com; Cell: 443-253-4135.
- 11-12 *HAVEN HILL DRIVING TRIAL**; Navasota, TX. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Marlene Collins; W: 936-870-6794; e m a i l : marlene@horsesensetrading.com; Cell: 936-870-6794.
- DECEMBER**
- 2-3 *BLACK PRONG HOLIDAY DRIVING TRIAL**, Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson, FL. Training Preliminary, Intermediate. Contact: Tracy Norton/Marc Johnson. H: 352-486-1234.

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Safety Checks

from the Safety Committee

There have been discussions recently regarding the inconsistency of safety checks around the country. The discussions center around various differences in how the Safety check process is implemented.

The Safety and Education Committee prepared a trilogy of documents covering the safety check process, and they have been published several times. The key document is the "Pre-Competition Check List", a copy of which is available on the ADS Web site in PDF format. This form is designed to be a self certification and serve as a reminder to the exhibitor to check out the equipment prior to an event. Unfortunately, because of the title, it has been misunderstood. Some have interpreted "Competition" to mean each segment of a CDE, rather than the entire event, which was the

original intent. It should be thought of as a Pre-EVENT check list, as it was originally titled prior to publication.

The original intent was to have each participant in a driving event complete one of these forms, and turn it in to the event management prior to participating IN the event.

The second major piece of the process is the document "Guidelines for Conduct of Safety Check". To quote from the first sentence of the Guidelines: "*These guidelines are intended to assist the Safety Steward, or the person designated to perform safety checks at any carriage driving activity, either at a competition, or a pleasure drive. They are not rules, but they fit within the rules for competitive events.*"

The guidelines help the safety checker walk through the process and point out specific items to check. Although patterned for a single, following the process outlined works for any combination of turnouts. Some specific items might change, but the procedure is the same. I hope a copy of this document has been posted on the web site before you read this.

The final piece of the puzzle is the document "The Safety Check Process". This document outlines the procedures recommend by the Safety and Education Committee for the conduct of Safety Checks. It is NOT a rule, merely a recommendation, but adherence to the process will insure that the safety process is uniformly applied throughout the country. This document will also be posted on the web site.



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