



Janet Ross, and My Little Star
Photo by Cythia Raught

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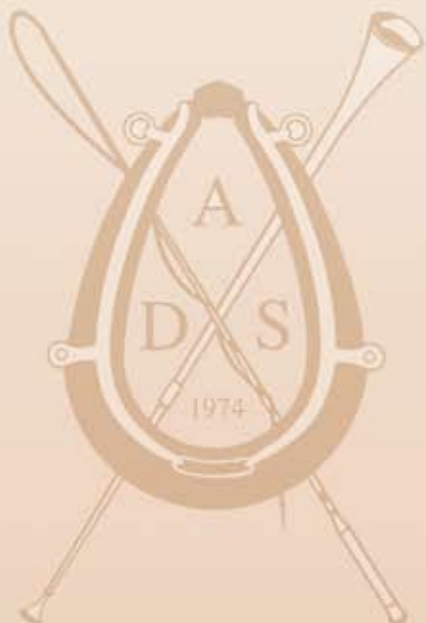
Driver Chester Weber Named 2008 Equestrian Of Honor By USEF

Ocala, FL – Combined Driver Chester Weber has joined an elite group of equestrians who have been named the best of the best by the United States Equestrian Federation. Weber has been named a 2008 Equestrian of Honor by the USEF. Weber isn't the only one on Team Weber to earn such a prestigious recognition, as his Combined Driving horse Jamaica has been named a 2008 Horse of Honor. Weber, Jamaica and the rest of his team dominated the field of Combined Driving during 2008 and a nomination in each USEF category is a fitting end to a stellar year.

Weber is one of only seven honorees selected as a 2008 Equestrian of Honor. All of the honorees will be recognized at the Annual Pegasus Awards Dinner at the USEF Annual Meeting in Cincinnati in January, and one of the seven will walk away with the USEF's most prestigious title, the 2008 USEF Equestrian of the Year. Jamaica is one of five horses named as this year's Horse of Honor, and is in the running for Horse of the Year title.

While Weber's horse Jamaica has made headlines with his rags-to-riches story of being rescued from a slaughterhouse and sold to a tourist carriage business, it is easy to see that Weber is the man behind the horse. Weber trained Jamaica to his current position as a world-class horse on his four-in-hand team, a team that has won the National Four-in-Hand title six years in a row. As a 2008 Equestrian of Honor, Weber was awarded the Becky Grand Hart Trophy from the USEF. Weber not only competes at the top of the driving world, but he is an avid promoter of the sport, an educator, a selfless volunteer and a valued colleague. In addition to his outstanding competition accomplishments, Weber is active on several USEF committees and is a prime mover in the organization of three combined driving events, including the top rated CAI-A Live Oak International.

The true test of Weber's character came in 2008 when his friend, eventer Darren Chiacchia, was injured in a disastrous fall which left him incapacitated and in the hospital in critical condition. In the midst of preparing for the National Championships, Chester acted as CEO of Darren's business, managing Darren's farm and overseeing the staff, horse sales and lessons. This selfless act proved that Chester is not only a true champion, but also a man to be counted on. Weber experienced a banner year in 2008, becoming the first American to win an individual medal at the Four-In-Hand World Championships in The Netherlands. His list of accomplishments throughout the years is long, including competing in the World Equestrian Games and the World Championships.



A Message from The Executive Director



It's that time of year again when the office is in its "renewal frenzy" mode. To date we have processed more than 1,500 renewals but we still have more than 1,200

memberships to renew for 2009.

Recently, I had a conversation with a 78-year-old woman who was renewing her membership after a few years' absence. She remarked to me that her ADS membership was important enough for her to make a financial sacrifice in another area of her life in order to purchase her membership.

Rest assured that the ADS Board of Directors and its employees realize and appreciate every member's commitment to the society. We have spent a considerable amount of time preparing a budget for 2009 that is both conservative and responsible. In 2008 we anticipated a financial loss but are happy to report an actual gain of more than \$4,000.

Renewal time is also a great opportunity to connect with people interested in becoming a member for the first time. Most often these new members are interested in connecting with local driving clubs or finding a horse trainer or driving instructor in their area. It's always gratifying to help these folks get together with one of the most friendly equestrian communities out there... carriage drivers!

Happy and safe driving in 2009!

Susie Koos Acker

"Driving" A Self-Supporting Community"

By Pat Cheatham, ADS Vice President

We were on our way home from a weekend that included a wonderful one-day local event at Rene and Tom Gillis' Gillcrest Farm in Windsor, South Carolina when the tread came off one of the tires on our horse trailer. Sally reminded me that we had a spare tire and one of those great roll-on trailer jacks (how do they make plastic that strong?). We have US Rider coverage but decided on "do-it-yourself". We got out, changed the tire and went on our way. Earlier in the weekend, Tom Gillis came to our rescue by repairing a balky hydraulic system on our trailer. Got a problem? Call a driver (or their partner). We all know examples of the driving community's self-reliance and support for each other – in short, we're a pretty tough bunch. I'm no prognosticator and my 401k choices will tell anyone that I can't foresee the future, but I do believe that the spirit of the driving community will help us have a great year in 2009.

For starters, we are a very self-supporting community. While many sports rely heavily on sponsorships, drivers have generally paid to play. Our event organizers work hard to contain costs, drivers (and their friends and families) volunteer and the businesses that cater to driving support all type events from club meetings to picnic drives to FEI-level competition. To me, it's this tight-knit reliance on fellow drivers and ourselves that supports our sport in tough financial times. Attendance at local events is great, our membership is actually growing slightly, we balanced the ADS budget for 2008 and the number of ADS-recognized events has increased. Admittedly, I'm an optimist, but these facts seem reason to believe that our sport and our ADS are doing things right and doing the right things.

My optimism doesn't blind me to areas where we need to improve. Comments from two online surveys of ADS members say we continually need to work on communications. With that in mind, we're beginning a new column for the Wheelhorse entitled, "We Heard You!" where we'll tackle the issues and questions in the driving community. We'll begin with the Rulebook, one of the main functions of the ADS and an issue that's always on someone's mind. If you have an itch to have something explained, let me know. I won't have the answer most of the time, but I'll bet I can find an ADS member who does.

I hope each of you has a great year and that you and your pony reach your goals.

2009 Rulebooks Now Available

You can now download your copy of the 2009 ADS Rulebook from the Members Only section of the ADS Web site. The Rulebook is available in a variety of formats to suit your needs.

The *changes illustrated* version, shows in red what has changed from the 2008 version.

The *changes incorporated* is a clean copy of the current Rulebook with no text mark-up.

Each of these versions is offered in a single page (bigger type) or two pages per sheet format. One version you can read; the other saves you paper!

You may also order a printed version from the ADS office; the cost is \$10. Call 608-237-7382 to order, or go directly to the ADS online store and purchase your copy.

ADS Fund Update: 2008 Club, Competition and Member Initiatives

Support The ADS Fund

by Jamie O'Rourke

The 2008 Club, competition and member initiatives benefited our sport through the ADS Fund. Thanks to widespread participation throughout the regions, many new and expanded programs were available to ADS members nationwide. They were possible through the generosity, hard work and leadership of individuals and organizations such as the National Drive led by Mike Lyon, Pat Cheatham and Thom Mesick, The Brandywine Valley Driving Club. Wendy Ying and Heather Schneider each spearheaded fundraising programs benefiting our Single Horse World Championship Team. Katydid Driving supporting International Training. Claire Reid, Kelly Valdes and The Laurels at Landhope International CDE produced fundraising for our Young Drivers. Clubs around the country solicited the contributions of their members to support ADS programs.

In 2008, because of the hard work of these and many other individuals and organizations working in concert with the ADS Fund, we were able to provide more than thirty grants benefiting every region of the ADS. They have supported the launch and continuation of regional meetings, as well as outreach and learning opportunities for all ages, levels and abilities in Oregon, New York, Washington State,

Indiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Maryland, Ohio, California, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas, Florida and Vermont. Your generosity is bringing new opportunities for you and all of our members to enjoy and grow in the sport.

Successful approaches have ranged from silent and live auctions to raffles, barbecues, calcutta's, organization of friendly competitions and the relief of disagreeable tasks--all benefiting the many aspects of carriage driving. Contributions in every form are important to the future of our sport and greatly appreciated.

The ADS Fund depends on the enthusiasm and backing of our members. Your help individually and through your clubs and competitions to further the work of the ADS Fund to the benefit of the sport of driving is essential. If you would like to help the ADS do more for driving--whether individually or through your club, competition, show, drive or by developing a fundraising project--we would welcome your assistance. Please contact Jamie O'Rourke for more information about how you can help at 484-832-4365 or ADSFUND@aol.com.

Thank You!

Hours to Drive Program Winners

Congratulations to our first 100-hour pin recipients in the ADS Hours to Drive program. The next milestone for this group is the 250-hour pin, and it looks like a couple of drivers are close to that mark already!

The pinnacle of this program is the coveted 1000 hour pin. To earn Hours to Drive pins, ADS members complete a log form that records all the hours they spend on the box seat. Members must return their log form to the ADS office by November 30 to receive credit. The ADS then calculates hours and distributes pins.

A more detailed article about the drivers will be in the March issue of the *Whip*.

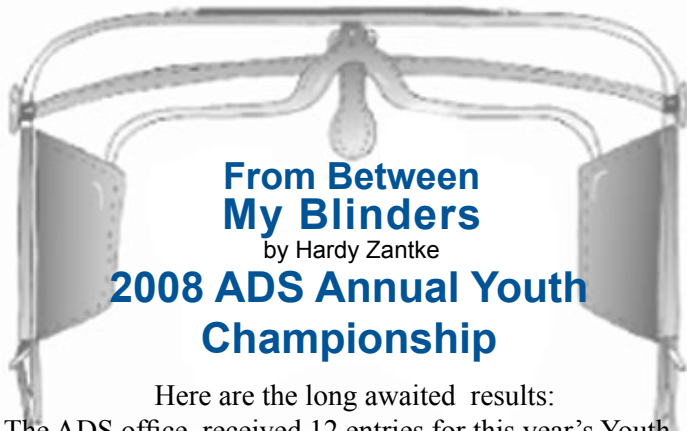
For a log form and more details on the program please visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/rec_hours_drive.asp or contact the office.

| Driver | Location | Hours |
|------------------|------------------|--------|
| Janet Buys | Moorpark, CA | 107 |
| Melanie Brooker | Lancaster, CA | 176 |
| Susie Snow | Santa Ynez, CA | 112 |
| Jeri Miller | Hershey, PA | 100 |
| Suzanne Campbell | Vilonia, AR | 182 |
| Hanna Howell | Eliot, ME | 190.5 |
| Victoria Da Roza | Walnut Creek, CA | 148 |
| Theresa Adams | Rockton, IL | 181.5 |
| Daniel Rosenthal | Milford, NJ | 101.5 |
| Nancy Murphy | Hilton, NY | 100 |
| Sandra Swift | Oak Hill, FL | 101.5 |
| Adena Ray | Arlington, WA | 192.75 |

Classified Ads

Classified ads are accepted for *The Wheelhorse* at a cost of \$1 per word with a \$15 minimum for a one-month insertion in the next available *Wheelhorse* publication. For two issues, the cost is \$2 per word, etc. Payment must accompany ad text (checks, Visa, Mastercard accepted).

COMPETITION CONES: \$27 each. Marker Balls \$2.70 each. For practice at home, Pleasure Driving Shows, and CDEs. Accepting MC/Visa. Phone Gayla Driving Center 1-800-360-5774. (KY)
BORIUM SHOES: Large selection of Borium shoes plus custom work. www.theblacksmithshop.net 800-840-7463.



From Between My Blinders

by Hardy Zantke

2008 ADS Annual Youth Championship

Here are the long awaited results:

The ADS office received 12 entries for this year's Youth Championship. I had hoped for a few more, but it's a good start for the first year. Please help spread the word so we get more entries next year, especially among our young Recreational drivers, who might not be ADS members yet. They all can start their logbooks now as this year's competition period for the 2009 ADS Annual Youth Award goes from January 1 to November 30.

There were two entries for the Recreational Driving Championship and the 2008 ADS ANNUAL YOUTH RECREATIONAL DRIVING CHAMPION is 18-year-young HANNALEA HOWELL from Eliot, Maine with 190.5 driven hours in her logbook. In second place is 10-year-young Jason Korell from Santa Rosa, California with 46 driven hours.

Three young drivers sent entries for the Pleasure Driving Championship. The 2008 ADS ANNUAL YOUTH PLEASURE DRIVING CHAMPION is 16 year young VALERIE DINGMAN from Fredonia, Wisconsin with 25 points (13 for a 1st place at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic show in a Working Pleasure class with 11 entries, and 12 for a 1st in a Cones class of 10 entries at the same show).

In second place is 16-year-young Taylor Nedurian from Muncy, Pennsylvania with 15 points 6 for a 1st in a Junior Working class of 4 entries at the Brandywine Valley Pleasure Driving Show, and 9 for a 1st of 7 entries in the Ride & Drive Class at the same show. In third place is 19-year-young Kylie McGillivray from Limehouse, Ontario with also 15 points 8 for a 1st in the Small Single Pony Turnout class of 6 entries at the Walnut Hill Pleasure show and 7 for a 1st of 5 entries in a Cross Country Obstacle class at the Metamora Pleasure show. Kylie also had another 6 points for a 2nd place in the Progressive Obstacle class of 6 drivers at the Metamora Pleasure show, 5 for a 2nd place at Small Pony Reinsmanship class of 5 drivers, 4 for a 3rd of 6 drivers in a Working Ladies class all at the same show,



Valerie Dingman and Paint Rocks Shacona

and 2 for a 4th of 6 entries at Progressive Obstacles at Walnut Hill, while Taylor Nedurian had 6 points - a 1st of 4 entries at the Junior Reinsmanship, 5 for a 1st of 3 in Junior Obstacles, 4 for 1st of 2 in Junior Scurry all at Brandywine, and 4 for a 1st of 2 in Junior Whip Working at the Pleasure Driving in the Park show, which finally breaks this long standing tie in favor of Taylor. (She also had a 1st of 4 at that show for a Break & Out class, which however is not an ADS class, so couldn't be counted).

Seven entries for the CDE Award were received. The 2008 ADS ANNUAL YOUTH COMBINED DRIVING CHAMPION is 20 year young ALICJA PIOTROWSKI from Caledon Ontario with a low score of 82.98 points achieved at the Preliminary Level at the Gayla Bluegrass CDE. (37.82 in dressage, 45.16 on the marathon and double clean in the cones).

In second place is Kylie McGillivray from Limehouse, ON with 84.37 points from 120.53 points at Bromont International CIA-A minus 30 percent credit for Advanced level. Third is 14-year-young Jan Jan Hamilton from Aiva, Florida with 100.65 points at the Preliminary level at the Metamora XXIII CDE.

Fourth is 16 year young Maggie Sullivan from Guilford, CT with 101.13 points from 118.98 points at the Elk

CreekCDE - 15 percent credit for Intermediate level. Fifth is 15 year young Brianna Ek from Southern Pines, NC with 101.67 points from the Preliminary level at the Pine Tree CDE, and sixth is 15 year young Jacob Arnold from Snow Camp, NC with 106.25 points from 125 points at the Pine Tree CDE - 15 percent for Intermediate level credit.

18-year-young Samantha Orem from Sumterville, Florida was placed H.C. with 92.80 points from 132.57 points at the Sunshine State

CAI (which unfortunately was before the opening date so couldn't be counted) - 30 percent credit for Advanced.

The three winners are eligible for an ADS Grant of up to \$750,- for each of them to attend an ADS Youth Clinic in 2009. They will also receive a special sports jacket showing their Championship. Our Whip Editor will be in touch with them and run a profile on each of them in the March Whip. Congratulations to all the participants and especially to the three winners. Well done. I hope we see your entries, as well as many more, at the end of November 2009.

Happy and Safe Driving to all.

We Heard You...

Two e-mail surveys of ADS members tell us that the Rulebook – why it changes, why it has rules for every level from Training to FEI, why it’s published the way it is – is a mystery to many. A couple of examples and responses follow.

“Stop with all the rules and rule changes...”

We Heard You: First, the reason for rules is for the safety of both our horses and the human participants at ADS events. Second, the rules ensure a level playing field for everyone. In competition, the rules ensure competitors, organizers and officials work from a common understanding. We realized there was a good bit of confusion over when and how rules would be updated. Consequently, the ADS Rules Committee standardized the rules change process in 2008. With the new process, you may make rule change suggestions (to be considered for implementation in 2010) until the first of June 2009. After the appropriate technical committee reviews the proposal, we post it on the ADS Web site as a Rule Change Proposal (RCP) for member comment. This is one of the most important parts of the process – an opportunity for the ADS driving community to have its say. The technical committees review member comments and finalize the rule for a vote by the ADS Board of Directors. If approved, the new/revised rule is posted to the ADS Web site during early December and is effective with the new year. In the end, it’s your Rulebook - this year’s edition has 16 changes based on ADS member suggestions. Don’t like a rule? Think a new one is needed? Send in a suggestion to add it, change it or delete it altogether. This is our sport and we get to make the rules.

“Print the rule book in the old format – it’s easier to read and handle.”

We Heard You: The Web site version of the ADS Rulebook allows you to have the format you want. After downloading the document, you can print any part or all of the rules. Downloadable versions of the Rulebook, including the original format, are available for layout and printing in formats that should suit anyone, from the economical two-page version with normal print size, or the one-page version with enlarged print requested by many members. The ADS and the Rules Committee are committed to providing as much leeway to customize your Rulebook as is possible.

“Make the rules easier to understand. Simplify things.”

We Heard You: One of the best features of the Web site Rulebook is the simple, quick and easy ability to see what’s changed. You have the option of viewing/ downloading (and printing if it’s helpful) a version that highlights changes. In this version of the Rulebook, all additions are underlined and in RED. All deletions are printed with strikethrough and in RED. Finally, a sidebar appears next to every change. So much for additions and deletions. In an effort to distinguish rules that apply only at ADS levels (Training, Preliminary and Intermediate), the Combined Driving rules highlight the appropriate text in BLUE. Finally, the digital version of the Rulebook allows you to use a search function to locate any word or phrase in the document.

Do “...not make (rules) that force Training and Preliminary CDE people to be financially encumbered, i.e., proposed wheel width change.”

We Heard You: One of the rule highlights of 2008 is the “rule” that wasn’t and it illustrates the point that the ADS is YOUR ADS. The rule proposal to standardize track width for Competition C – Obstacles (aka cones) at ADS levels (Training, Preliminary and Intermediate) came from ADS members. The Combined Driving Committee solicited member comments on the proposal and even offered the convenient option of a ‘mailbox’ to the committee. The committee considered several hundred comments and, as a result, will not be developing any rule change proposals mandating standardized track widths. Any future RCPs on this issue would be for an organizer’s option to use track width criteria. The system worked! The committee considered a proposal from ADS members that affected ADS members and listened to what those members had to say. In short, We Heard You. Remember, this is the same committee that changed the rule requiring standing presentation at ADS levels and now allows organizers the option of Presentation on the Move.

Publication Changes

As part of our cost saving measures for 2009, the Omnibus will now mail as a supplement to the *Whip*. To make sure that the mailing dates for the Omnibus didn’t change, we altered the production calendar for the *Whip*, which is as follows:

| | Copy/Ads Due | Date Mailed |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Buyer’s Guide | 1/15 | 2/15 |
| March Whip | 1/18 | 3/1 |
| May Whip/ Omnibus | 3/15 | 5/1 |
| August Whip | 6/15 | 8/1 |
| November Whip/ Omnibus | 9/15 | 11/1 |

2009 Calendar of Events

Bold Type Indicates an ADS Recognized Competition

All driving activities may be listed in the Calendar, but as space is limited, please submit only dates of activities that are open to all ADS members. For a complete up-to-date calendar listing, visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/calendar.asp.

January

- 17 **GMHA Sleigh Rally:** Offering Working classes, Reinsmanship Obstacles, and Cross-Country Pace. For details and entry form www.gmhainc.org
- 24-25 **NATURE COAST HDT:** Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson FL; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Black Prong Equestrian Center W: 352-486-1234, C: 352-615-6460 blackprong-center@aol.com
- 25 **St Paul Winter Carnival Sleigh & Cutter Festival:** Phalen Park, St Paul, MN; All breeds of horses and ponies and all types of sleighs are welcome. Ribbons awarded in multiple classes. John or Mary Block, 651-433-5312 johmarl@frontiernet.net
- 29-2/1 **Equine Affaire®:** The Nation's Premiere Equine Exposition & Equestrian Gathering; Pomona, CA www.equineaffaire.com
- 29-31 **CAA Learning Weekend:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Wiersdale, FL. Details Jill Ryder 1-859-231-0971

February

- 7 **NW REGIONAL ADS MEETING:** Rose Tree Restaurant, Castle Rock, WA; Exit 49 on Interstate 5 in Washington. 8 am to 4:30 pm. \$15 fee includes lunch. Silent Auction and discussion of rule changes, desire for change, dates of driving activities for 2009. All are welcome.
- 7-8 **FLORIDA STATE FAIR:** Florida State Fairgrounds; www.floridastatefair.com; Pony, VSE, Single Horse, Pairs/Multiples, ADT Hazards/Cones; Amy Uniss, W: 813-740-3500, C: 813-477-3136, F: 813-740-3502, unissa@doacs.state.fl.us;
- 8 **SWEET HEART ADT:** Hesperia, CA; www.whiprsnappers.com; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Suellen Hall, H: 661-944-4677, suellenhall62@yahoo.com.
- 14 **Gilcrest Farm Winter Series Mod HDT:** Windsor SC; www.gilcrestfarm.com Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Irene Gillis, H: 803-648-4500, C: 803-646-1175. ponylady@earthlink.net
- 14 **Saratoga Driving Association Presents "Get Ready for Spring: A Midwinter Driving Conference":** Verdoy Firehouse, Latham, New York; Scheduled speakers include Holly Pulsifer & Scott Monroe. Come learn and network in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Lunch included in registration. Carol Frank 518-459-1235
- 20-22 **FLORIDA HORSE FESTIVAL & CARRIAGE SHOW:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort; www.fcmr.org; Junior, VSEs, Singles, Pairs, Multiples Horses and Ponies; Kacy Tipton-Fashik, H: 352-598-3034, W: 352-750-5500 x 229, C: 352-409-1398, F: 352-753-3105, kacy.fashik@fcmr.org;
- 26-3/1 **SUNSHINE STATE CAI:** Florida Horse Park; www.fhorsepark.com; Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Susan Gilliland, H: 352-489-6586, C: 813-220-8226, F: 352-489-9284, s_gilliland@msn.com

March

- 1 **2009 JULY-DECEMBER, OMNIBUS ENTRIES DUE**
- 7-8 **BLACK PRONG HDT:** Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson, FL; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Black Prong Equestrian Center, W: 352-486-1234, C: 352-615-6460, blackprong-center@aol.com
- 11 **Gilcrest Farm Winter Series Mod HDT:** Windsor, SC; www.gilcrestfarm.com Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Irene Gillis, H: 803-648-4500, C: 803-646-1175. ponylady@earthlink.net

- 14-15 **ARIZONA HDT:** Goree Farms, Coolidge, AZ; www.azcarriage.org; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; ADCS HDT Committee, H: 928-636-4228, mjatonna@commspeed.net
- 19-22 **LIVE OAK INTERNATIONAL CDE:** Live Oak Plantation, Ocala, FL; www.cailiveoak.com; Inter., Adv.; Susan Gilliland, H: 352-489-6586, C: 813-220-8226, F: 352-489-9284; s_gilliland@msn.com
- 28-29 **NTW SUNRISE RIDGE HDT & DRIVING WEEKEND:** Paradise, TX; www.northtexaswhip.org; Train., Prelim.; Kate Morgan, H: 817-523-4616, C: 817-688-9580, F: 817-523-4616 (call first please); katermorgan@gmail.com

April

- 2-5 **Equine Affaire®:** Columbus, OH www.equineaffaire.com
The Nation's Premiere Equine Exposition & Equestrian Gathering;
- 4 **Gilcrest Farm Winter Series Mod HDT:** Windsor SC; www.gilcrestfarm.com Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Irene Gillis, H: 803-648-4500, C: 803-646-1175. ponylady@earthlink.net
- 4 **CHAPTER ONE FARMS SPRING ADT:** Pedricktown, NJ; www.chapteronefarms.com; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Helene Paxton, H: 856-299-5124, W: 410-620-3462, C: 443-253-4135, Fax: 856-299-6772, hpaxton@chapteronefarms.com
- 10-12 **SOUTHERN PINES CDE:** Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC; Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Claire Reid & Kelly Valdes, H: 910-692-4164, C: 910-603-2449, fkvaldes@aol.com
- 18-19 **SPRING FLING ADT:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort; www.cypresskeep.com/springfling; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Erika Matulich, H: 813-982-2200, C: 813-784-8484, F: 813-982-9709, ematulich@ut.edu (e-mail is preferred method of communication, put "Spring Fling" in your subject line);
- 24-26 **The Southern Ride and Drive:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Weirsdale FL; 400 acres with 7 miles of paved roads and numerous trails includes access to world's largest private collection of American and European Carriages. On hand, top driving clinicians able to assist you and your horse. Registration and payment due March 30. Shannon Southwick 352 750 5500 ext. 249 stephanie.sutch@fcmr.org www.fvmr.org
- 24-25 **Martins Auctions:** New Holland, PA; 38th Annual Spring Auction of Coaches, Carriages, Sleighs, Appointments and Antiques www.martinsauctioneers.com
- 25-26 **PLUM CREEK CARRIAGE CDE & COMBINED TEST:** Agarita Ranch, Lockhart, TX; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Sharon Gorry H: 913-728-2197, C: 512-585-5450, swgorry@sunflower.com
- 24-26 **RAM TAP CDE:** Ram Tap Show Grounds, Fresno, CA; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Gene Hagberg, H: 559-689-3186, C: 559-389-6041, showtime93653@hotmail.com
- 25-26 **GREAT OAKS HDT:** Great Oaks Farm, Newnan, GA; Train., Prelim.; Mary Deatherage, H: 256-964-1999, W: 256-313-5344, C: 678-360-1359, F: 256-964-1999 (please call first), marydeatherage@bellsouth.net or deatheragem@bellsouth.net

May

- 2-3 **MIDWEST DRIVING CONFERENCE:** Fitchburg, WI; Two days of demonstrations, seminars and trade show. Attendance is limited to 125 people and is open to ADS members and the general public. Go to www.HickoryKnoll.net

- 2-3 SHADY OAKS SPRING HDT**, Shady Oaks, CA.
Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Bonner Murphy, W: 209-462-2209, C: 209-481-0843, Fax: 209-462-9780, bnnmrphy@aol.com
- 9-10 GMHA DRIVING TWO-PHASE & ADT**: Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock, VT; CDE: Training, Prelim., Inter., Adv.; ADT: Train., Prelim., Inter.; : Karey Manner, W: 802-457-1509, F: 802-457-4471, kmanner@gmhainc.org
- 15-17 GAYLA BLUEGRASS CDE**: Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown, KY; www.gayladrivingcenter.com; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Debbie Banfield, H: 502-863-5113, C: 502-542-0032, F: 502-867-0081, gayla3329@aol.com
- 15-17 VINEYARD CLASSIC CDE**: Woodland Stallion Station, Woodland, CA; www.wssvineyardclassiccde.com; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Harriet Merritt, H: 925-968-9805, C: 925-548-5566, hl_merritt@yahoo.com
- 17 27th ANNUAL MY LADY'S MANOR PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**: Spring Valley Park, New Freedom, PA; www.mlmdc.org; Open Horse/Pony, Multiples, VSE, Junior, Novice Driver, Novice Equine; Dana Bright, H: 717-246-2351, cdeponyz@comcast.net or Anne Council, H: 717-993-8956, C: 717-880-3840, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net
- 23-24 CAROLINA CARRIAGE CLUB DRIVING HDT**: Foot hills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon, NC; www.carolinacarrriage.org; Train., Prelim.; Price Story, H: 828-891-7571, C: 828-242-7954, F: 828-891-9453, p_story@bellsouth.net or Sue Hrizuk, H: 864-224-6046, suecapt@yahoo.com
- 29-31 GARDEN STATE CDE**: USEF Selection Trial for Pairs and Ponies; Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, NJ; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Horse Park of New Jersey (Heather Walker), H: 908-439-3171, C: 908-343-6476, F: 908-439-3318, walkers_whimsea@yahoo.com
- 30-31 NEBRASKA'S PIONEER CDE**: Lancaster County Event Center, Lincoln, NE; Train., Prelim., Inter., Cheri Sahn, C: 02-670-2358, H: 402-492-8028, W: 402-393-5421 Fax: 402-393-2374, ponymom23@yahoo.com
- 30-31 PLEASURE DAYS CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW**: Tejon Ranch Equestrian Center, Lebec, CA; www.whiprsnappers.com; Novice Whip, Open Horse/Pony, Multiples, VSEs; Veronica Campbell, H: 562-431-7264, W: 562-431-7264, t.v.campbell@verizon.net
- June**
- 6 CONNECTICUT VALLEY HDT**: Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam, CT; www.cvdridingclub.com; Train., Prelim.; Bill & Nancy Lawson, H: 860-349-8745, C: 860-490-4667, wwwlawson@sbcglobal.net
- 6-7 TEDDY BEAR'S CDE**: Mead, WA; www.teddybearfjord.com; Train., Prelim., Prelim. Open; Warren & Sylvia Riddle, H: 509-464-4490, W: 509-926-6217, F: 509-928-8689, info@teddybearfjord.com
- 6-7 MHDVA BLUE RIBBON CLINIC & HORSE SHOW**: Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI; www.mhdva.org; Junior, Novice Whip, Novice Horse/Pony, Open Horse/Pony, Multiples, VSE, Draft; Michelle T. Ridley, H: 517-712-7085, ridley@msu.edu
- 7 BRANDYWINE CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**: Ludwigs Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA; www.bydc.org; Junior, Novice, Open Single Pony/Horse, Multiples, VSE, Park Type, Draft Type; J. Samea Baker, H: 610-310-0962, baker_js@yahoo.com
- 13-14 ELK CREEK CDE**: Fair Hill, Elkton, MD; www.fairhillinternational.com; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Diane Trefry, W: 410-755-6855, C: 443-553-1453, F: 410-755-6110, dtrefry@verizon.net or Lisa Singer, H: 610-388-7901, C: 610-960-8695, F: 610-388-2473, chateauog@aol.com
- 13-14 ORLETON FARM EDEN HILL PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**: Stockbridge MA; Juniors, Novice Whip, Pony, Horse, Multiples, VSE's; Harvey Waller H:413-298-3119 C: 413-441-4682 hwaller562@aol.com
- 13-14 SUMMER FESTIVAL CDE**: Wilton, CA; www.claystation-horsepark.com; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Clay Station Horse Park, H: 916-687-7948, F: 916-687-7948, claystation-horsepark@frontiernet.net
- 19-21 METAMORA CDE XXV**: Windrush Farm, Metamora, MI; www.metamoracarriagedriving.org; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Jim Pierce, H: 810-664-2102, C: 248-495-8089, jastone-oak@aol.com
- 19-21 COLUMBUS CARRIAGE CLASSIC**: Fireman's Park, Columbus, WI; Juniors, Novice Whip, Novice/Open Horse & Pony, Multiples, VSE's Drafts : Debbie Bevan 608-692-6465, bevan@maqs.net
- 19-21 HAPP's CDE**: Ethel WA; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Maureen Harkcom H: 360-978-4562, W: 360-978-5064, maureen@happsinc.com
- 26-28 BROMONT INTERNATIONAL CDE**: Bromont, Quebec; Train., Prelim., Inter., FEI; Roger Deslauriers H: 450-534-0787, C: 450-534-9524, F: 450-534-0417 info@internationalbromont.org
- 27-28 SKUNK RIVER HDT**: Three G Farms Equine Center, Ames, IA; www.bitsiowa.org; Train., Prelim.; Mary Winter, H: 515-232-3019, C: 515-450-1041; mwinter@iastate.edu
- 27-28 SHADY OAKS SUMMER HDT**, Shady Oaks Ranch, Lodi, CA; www.shadyoaksevents.com; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Bonner Murphy, W: 209-462-2209, C: 209-481-0843, F: 209-462-9780; bnnmrphy@aol.com
- 27** Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels Pleasure Driving Show: Hughesville, PA; Your choice of a one- or two- day show, championships in all divisions including grand champion for the two day combined high scoring pony, horse and novice. Tina Cornell, 570-784-4793
- 28** Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels Sporting Day of Traditional Driving: Hughesville PA; Pony Horse and Novice; Tina Cornell, 570-784-4793
- 28** **BUCKS COUNTY CARRIAGE CLASSIC IN THE PARK** Bucks County Horse Park, Revere, PA; Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon; Teri Lewis, H: 610-847-8077, C:610-847-8597, hitchingpostfarm@frontiernet.net
- July**
- 1 LICENSED OFFICALS' APPLICATIONS FOR PROMOTION DUE**
- 3-4 METAMORA CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW**: Metamora, MI; Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Dressage; Barbara Chapman, H: 810-678-2500, C: 810-614-3887 adsbarb@hotmail.com
- 3-5 THE CDE AT INVALE**: Philomath, OR; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Bev White, H: 503-829-7828, grovenhurst@molalla.net
- 18-19 HICKORY KNOLL CDE**: Fitchburg, WI; Train., Prelim., VSE, Pony, Horse Multiples; John Freiburger frei@chorus.net; Limited to 54 entries; must be an ADS member.
- 18-19 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION**: Cazenovia, NY; Juniors, Novice Whip/Horse/Pony, Open, Multiples, VSE; Lisa Shotzberger, H: 610-469-6556, C: 484-942-5750, fredshotz@yahoo.com
- 25-26 EAST AURORA CARRIAGE DRIVING & COMPETITION**: Chur Equestrian Center, Knox Farm State Park, East Aurora, NY; Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance, Liz O'Donnell H: 716-389-5724, LizOdonnellEASD@aol.com

OMNIBUS CHANGES

Nature Coast, FL: Competition date changed to January 24-25, 2009 because of conflicts with the USEF & ADS meetings. TD Marc Johnson

Plum Creek, TX: Intermediate will use dressage test #4.

NTW Sunrise Ridge HDT, TX: Has added a VSE Preliminary Division

Arizona ADT, AZ: MaryBeth Goree to judge cones.

Ram Tap CDE, CA: Shavings will not be provide by show management but will be available for purchase.

25-26 CARRIAGES IN THE PARK, CLEVELAND CDE: Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cleveland, OH; Train., Prelim.; Robert Burrows, H: 330-334-1528, W: 330-697-8325, C: 330-697-8325, rburrows@opgmail.com

August

TBA ADS ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING, Mid -Atlantic Region

1-2 SARATOGA CARRIAGE CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW: Berkshire Equestrian Center, Richmond MA; Class include Obstacles, Arena Driving, Dressage Working and more. Gina Handy 518-583-4316

23 FOX VALLEY PLEASURE SHOW: Fox Valley Saddle Assoc, Hampshire, IL, Pleasure, Obstacles, Combination; Julie Kneip H: 847-742-7982, C: 630-940-4160 julie.kneip@ryancompanies.com

September

1 2010 JANUARY TO JUNE, OMNIBUS ENTRIES DUE

4-6 INDIANA CDE: Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN; www.iwwi.org; Train., Prelim., Inter.; David Sadler, H: 217-548-2300, C: 217-621-5547, F: 217-548-2400, davlin@sadlerfarms.net.

11-12 WOODLAND FARM CDE: Goshen, KY; Prelim, Interm; Steve Wilson, W: 502-582-6300, C: 502-345-3940, rcundiff@bwventures.com

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