



Bob Burrows driving his pair at Gayla CDE. Photo by Jim Leiby

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Miranda Cadwell at Royal Windsor Horse Show

By Mike Arnold

Miranda (Randy) Cadwell, of Southern Pines, North Carolina began her 2009 FEI Horse Pair competition at the Royal Windsor Horse Show held in Windsor, England May 14-17 . In a field of 21 Horse Pairs, Randy placed 5th in Dressage, 11th in the Marathon and 9th in Cones, finishing 9th overall. It was a very respectable showing, especially for her first competition with this pair.

“The course was muddy and the water was very deep, I was very proud of my horses. They kept the power on the whole way around “ said Randy after the Marathon on Saturday.

Winner of the Individual Gold Medal for Pair Ponies at the 2007 World Pony Championships, Randy is long-listed to compete at the 2009 Pony Championship in St Martin Greven, Germany and has joined her sister Keady Cadwell as a long listed driver for the 2009 World Pairs Championship in Keckskemet, Hungary.

Randy plans to continue competing in Europe through the Saumur CAI in France, which has been approved as a USEF selection trial for the 2009 World Pairs Championship. Randy and navigator Bev Monroe are competing with Scampolo and Lord Minster, Dutch Warmbloods owned by Keady, and with a spare, Pascal, also a Dutch Warmblood, owned by Boyd Exell.

For a more detailed feature on Randy Cadwell's campaign to compete in the World Championships, see the August 2009 Whip.

Photo by Viki Herbert



A MID-ATLANTIC WEEKEND OF PLEASURE DRIVING
MORVEN PARK INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER, LEESBURG, VA
AUGUST 6-9, 2009

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend committee invites you to the 2009 Regional Meeting and the National Membership Meeting of the American Driving Society, to be held at the Morven Park International Equestrian Center, Leesburg, Virginia. Morven Park is a historic estate that has been home to two past governors of Virginia, was the home of the Morven Park International Equestrian Institute, and also houses the Museum of Foxhounds and Hunting.

The weekend's goals have always been: good driving, good friends, and good food, with a little education and entertainment thrown in for good measure! You will also have the chance to meet ADS Board and Committee members, and participate in the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

The stables will open at 11 AM on Thurs, August 6 and close at 3 PM on Sunday, August 9. Driving activities will be planned throughout the weekend as well as fun things for people without horses, see the schedule. Drives will be marked and posted on the main notice board.

Our gathering place for this year will be a 40x60 foot tent that will be set up near the stables and will be "Command Central" with a notice board posted with up-to-date information for each day. It will also be our dining hall and meeting place for informal discussions.

Dinner on both Friday and Saturday will be in the tent (country casual attire). Friday night will be Italian Night and Saturday dinner will feature a real open air barbeque. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting will be held prior to Friday night's dinner. During and after Saturday's dinner, we will have a silent auction of driving related and other items donated by driving enthusiasts, equestrian supply companies, and other vendors, proceeds to go to the ADS Fund which supports all activities in our sport of carriage driving.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend Committee 2009

Samea Baker (Chair) 610-310-0962 or airesade@yahoo.com
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Cell phone **EMERGENCY CONTACT** with the ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
between Thursday morning, August 6, 2007 and Sunday morning, August 9, 2007.

Samea Baker 610-310-0962
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Susie Koos Acker 608-235-1755

PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE NUMBERS EXCEPT FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES DURING THE WEEKEND

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOST HOTEL: Lodging Information: [Holiday Inn, At Historic Carradoc Hall](#), 1500 East Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176, 703-771-9200, Fax 703-771-1575, \$115 per night, Reserve before July 7, mention the American Driving Society.

Lansdowne Resort : 44050 Woodridge Parkway, Lansdowne, Virginia 20176, Reservations: 877-509-8400

aloft Dulles North: 22390 Flagstaff Plaza Ashburn VA 20148, Phone: (703) 723-6969

Hampton Inn & Suites Leesburg: 117 Fort Evans Road NE, Leesburg, VA 20176 P: 703-669-8640 Fax: 703-669-8641

Best Western Leesburg Hotel: 726 E Market Street, Leesburg, VA, 20176, P: 703/777-9400

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All drivers must be a current member of ADS and/or one of the regional ADS Driving Clubs.
2. Anyone attending the Driving Weekend eighteen years and younger requires the signature of a parent or guardian.
3. Grooms /assistants must turn 14 years of age by December 31, 2008 and be skilled enough in horsemanship and driving to render assistance.
4. Full refund of all fees if entry is canceled prior to the registration deadline. Refund of registration and stabling cancellation **received IN HAND** by Tuesday, August 4, 2009 upon presentation of veterinary note. Food fees refunded for late cancellation only if we can sell your food tickets.
5. **The organizers place a premium on safety.** Your vehicle and harness must be in safe condition. ~~We DO NOT allow pneumatic or wire-spoke wheel vehicles.~~ All turnouts **MUST** fill out the safety questionnaire and go through our **SAFETY CHECK** prior to their first drive – **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You will be given a visible tag when you successfully pass the safety check. This tag is to be clearly displayed on your turnout throughout the weekend. Horses should be fit and well schooled for driving in open fields and along dirt roads, where you might encounter deer, riders, hikers, bikers, and possibly some automobiles and other carriages. (You do not need to go on public roads with automobile traffic in order to enjoy the grounds.) All carriages must carry a **spares kit**, which will be checked during the Safety Check. Bicycle flags and slow vehicle signs should be on all carriages. We also strongly recommend each person on your carriage wear an **ADS medical armband** that provides specifics on an individual's medical situation in case of an emergency. ADS armbands can be ordered on the Registration Form or purchased at the Registration Desk throughout the weekend. Line drives will be in contact with the stables via cell phones. If you prefer to drive with a small group or alone, we strongly suggest you carry some means of communication (**cell phone or CB**).
6. **Leaving horses unattended while put to a vehicle or removing the bridle or detaching the reins from the bridle BEFORE UNHITCHING ANYWHERE on Morven Park grounds is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in revocation of driving privileges for the remainder of the weekend with no reimbursement of fees.**
7. Novices are welcome and encouraged to attend this event but you and your horse(s) should be sufficiently schooled to handle open spaces and you and your horse(s) should be traffic-safe. There will be at least one line drive each day; some will be specifically geared to the newcomer while others will be planned for more experienced drivers and horses. When you are not driving, there will be ample opportunity for you to learn more about your horse, your harness, your carriage, etc.
8. Children, if accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian(s), are welcome at this event. Qualified children between the ages of 14-18 are allowed to drive if accompanied by a knowledgeable driver who is their parent, guardian, or instructor. However, all junior whips **MUST WEAR PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR.** Failure to do so will result in loss of driving privilege for the turnout by ANY driver (junior or adult) for the remainder of the weekend with no reimbursement of fees.
9. Morven Park has 120 permanent stalls for our use.). Doors are sturdy. **THE ONLY BEDDING PERMITTED IS SHAVINGS.** You may bring your own bedding or request it on the registration form, but other types of bedding are not allowed. If this presents a veterinary problem for your animal(s), contact Samea Baker. You may request a stall for use as a tack room (same fee as other stalls). If there is room we will try to accommodate. Stalls will be assigned to registered drivers with animals first. We ask that you try to share tack stalls in order to maximize use. If you don't know anyone to share with, request a tack stall, enclose full payment, and indicate "will share". We will refund half the cost if we can arrange a "tack-roommate" for you. If you live close to Morven Park, you are welcome to trailer in each day. There is a \$10 day fee. However, all horses staying on the grounds overnight must be in a stall.
10. Unfortunately there is no covered storage for carriages. It is definitely best to bring a tarp to cover your vehicle overnight or store in your trailer to protect it from dew or, dare we mention it, rain.

11. August weather in Virginia is characterized by the three H's, hot, humid, and sometimes hazy. Appropriate dress for the weekend is cool, comfortable, and casual. There is no need to plan anything fancy for dinner, but you are welcome to do so if you wish. Nights can be cool, so come prepared if you will be camping.
 12. **ATTENTION COACH DOGS:** Dogs must be leashed at all times on the grounds unless they are in/on a vehicle. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS EVEN FOR THE BEST BEHAVED DOG IN THE WORLD.**
 13. The organizing committee has secured permits for the tent on Friday and Saturday night for those participants who would like to BYOB beer or wine. Please do not consume or possess alcoholic beverages at any other times or places.
- **IF YOU CAN'T FIND THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTIONS IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE LISTED ON COVER PAGE.**

See you in August!

Mid-Atlantic Weekend of Driving and ADS Annual Meeting Tentative Schedule

Thursday August 6

- 9 am - 12 noon, LO Clinic Introduction to Judging Multiples (**This portion of the clinic is available for those LO that are interested, it is not required.*)
- 10 am – 12 pm Museum Tours
- 1 pm t- 5 pm, LO Clinic starts, classroom discussion session
- 6:30 pm – 9 pm, Licensed Officials Committee (closed)
- 4 pm - 6 pm, Executive Committee

Friday, August 7

- 9 am – 11 am, ADS Marketing Committee
- 9 am -11 am, Mock Pleasure Driving Show
- 10 am – 4 pm, Tours of the Mansion
- 10 am – 4 pm, Line Drives around the Park
- 11 am – 4 pm, CAA Proficiency Program
- 11 am – 1 pm, Membership and Clubs Committee Meeting and Luncheon
- 1 pm – 3 pm, Regional Directors Committee
- 3 pm - 5 pm, Governance Committee
- 3 pm - 5 pm, Rules Committee
- 9 am - 1 pm, LO Clinic Live Judging practice, TD issues
- 1 pm - 2 pm, LO Clinic Lunch Break
- 2 pm - 4 pm, LO Clinic Clinic Wrap up, evaluations of morning practice
- 4 pm – 6 pm, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting
- 6 pm, Friday Night Italian Dinner

Saturday August 8

- 9 am to 12 noon, Multiples Learn What it Takes (open to general membership \$25.)
- 9 am – 11 am, Recreational Committee
- 10 am – 4 pm, Line Drives around the Park
- 1 pm- 4 pm, CAA Proficiency Tests
- 2 pm -3 pm, Drive in Front of Mansion
- 11 am – 1 pm, Dressage Committee
- 1 pm – 3 pm, CDE Committee
- 3 pm – 4 pm, Pleasure Driving Committee
- 1 pm- 3 pm, New Driving Events, How to Organize
- 3 pm -4 pm, Event Standards Committee
- **4- 6 pm, ADS Annual Members Meeting**
- 6 pm, Saturday Steak and Ribs barbecue Dinner

Sunday August 9

- 9 am to 1 pm, **ADS Board of Director's Meeting**

Mid-Atlantic Weekend of Driving and ADS Annual Meeting

August 6-9, 2009
Morven Park Leesburg, VA

Registrations must be received postmarked by July 24, 2009

RETURN TO :Gayle Stinson, 368 Jonestown Rd,Oxford, NJ 07863

Phone: (908) 470-0500, Fax: (352) 465-2947,E-mail: welshponypower@yahoo.com

NAME: _____ ADS #: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (home) _____ Email: _____
(cell) _____

Regional Club Affiliation : _____ Brandywine _____ DelMarVa _____ Garden State _____ GEA
 _____ Hunterdon _____ James River _____ My Lady's Manor _____ Piedmont
 _____ Plantation _____ Potomac _____ Susquehanna W & W
 _____ Shenandoah _____ Other _____

WHIP I will be coming for : _____ Weekend \$80.00 _____
 One day (circle day) TH FRI SAT SUN Per /day \$30.00 _____
 I will bring # _____ Grooms or guests Weekend \$30.00 _____
 TH FRI SAT SUN Per /day \$15.00 _____

One groom/assistant suggested for singles. One groom/assistant REQUIRED for Pairs/Tandems. Two grooms/assistants required for unicorns/four in hands. All other passengers will be considered GUESTS and will require a registration fee.

HORSE'S NAME	BREED	HEIGHT	SEX	COLOR	SPECIAL NEEDS
1					
2					
3					
4					

STABLING Per horse, entire weekend \$80.00 _____
 Per horse, per night \$30.00 _____
 Day fee per trailer \$10.00 _____
 I would like a tack stall (will share yes no) Same fee as horse stall _____

STALL DEPOSIT Separate check please, will be returned on check out when stall is stripped.\$50/stall _____

BEDDING SHAVINGS AVAILABLE AT \$8.00/bag _____ #bags _____

CAMPING FEES Four spaces available with electric, no water \$30.00/night _____
 Rough Camping available, no fee, BUT NO SHOWER FACILITIES ON GROUNDS

DINNERS FRIDAY NIGHT # attending @ \$25.00 _____
 SATURDAY NIGHT # attending @ \$25.00 _____

MULTIPLES CLINIC short lessons with Mickie Bowen driving multiples \$25.00 _____

MEDICAL ARMBANDS \$10.00 _____

CAA PROFICIENCY TESTS

Facility fee covers all levels	\$20.00	_____
Level 1	\$60.00	_____
Road Test	\$15.00	_____
Road Test book	\$10.00	_____
Level 1 book	\$15.00	_____
Level 2	\$45.00 per unit	_____
Level 2 book	\$15.00	_____
Level 3	\$55 per unit	_____
Level 3 book	\$15.00	_____
Total for CAA Proficiency Test		_____
(include in total registration to Mid Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend)		

TOTAL Registration fee,Stabling,Bedding,Dinners,Camping,Armbands	TOTAL	_____
	Check #	_____
	Stall deposit check #	_____

ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING WHIPS, GROOMS, PASSENGERS, AND GUESTS MUST PRINT THEIR NAME AND SIGN AND DATE THE FOLLOWING RELEASE

I understand that neither the American Driving Society ("ADS"), its officers, The ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend Committee (the "Committee"), its officers and members, and/or any officials of the ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting and Pleasure Driving Weekend, August 6-9, 2009 (the "Event"), nor the property owners accept any responsibility for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horse, owners, riders, drivers, grooms, passengers, attendants, spectators or any other person or property in connection with this Event. I hereby expressly agree for myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents: (1) to be bound by the rules and the by-laws of the ADS and any local rules of this Event, (2) that every horse, driver, attendant, groom and/or passenger is eligible as entered; and (3) to accept as final any decision of the Event officials on any question arising under the ADS rules and by-laws or any local rules of the Event, and agree to hold the ADS, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and Event officials and organizing committee harmless for any action taken. I am fully aware that horse sports, including driving, and this Event involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death and by participating I do so voluntarily and expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss, and I agree to indemnify and hold ADS, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Event officials and organizing committee, harmless from and against all claims including any injury or loss suffered during or in conjunction with the Event, whether or not such claim, injury or loss resulted, either directly or indirectly, from negligent acts or omissions of the ADS, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Event officials and organizing committee.

SIGNATURE OF WHIP _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF GROOM _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF GROOM _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF CHILDS PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____
 (Participants 18 years and under require the signature of a parent/guardian)

SIGNATURE OF GUEST _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF GUEST _____ DATE _____

MAIL TO: Mid-Atlantic Driving , c/o Gayle Stinson, Treasurer, 368 Jonestown Road, Oxford, NJ 07863-3137
 Make checks payable to: Mid-Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend or M.A.R.P.D.W.

Please check that you have enclosed all of the following:

- ____ Completed registration form (one per whip) including signed release
- ____ Copy of negative Coggins test for each horse/pony (Dated since 08/09/08)
- ____ CHECK FOR TOTAL OF REGISTRATION FEE
- ____ SEPARATE CHECK FOR REFUNDABLE STALL CLEANING DEPOSIT



Participate in Your Society

The American Driving Society, needs your participation at our Annual Members Meeting, August 8, 2009, at Morven Park, Leesburg VA. While we prefer seeing our members in person we know that's not always possible, therefore we have provided you with a Limited Proxy form. This form will insure that your voice is heard at the meeting. By completing this form and mailing or faxing it back to the ADS office, your vote will be cast by your appointee or if you do not appoint someone your vote will be cast by the Society's President, Jim Keathley.

If you have any questions please feel free to direct them to the ADS office at 608-237-7382 or e-mail them to info@americandrivingsociety.org

Return by Friday, July 24, 2009 to:

American Driving Society
PO Box 278
Cross Plains, WI 53528

or

Fax: 608-237-6468 or 608-798-0994

AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY LIMITED PROXY

I am a member of the American Driving Society, Inc. (the "ADS"). I hereby appoint _____, or in the event that I have not inserted a name in the preceding blank, then on August 8, 2009, Jim Keathley, President of the ADS, as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the meeting of the membership on _____, which I am not able to attend. With respect to any ADS matter on which I have not previously instructed my proxy, I wish to have my vote cast as an abstention.

This Proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of the American Driving Society with the following explanation:

In accordance with the law of the state of New York, the state in which the American Driving Society is incorporated, our annual membership meeting must have at least 100 voting members present, in person or by proxy, in order to be considered a legal meeting.

Your prompt return of a signed proxy will allow the ADS to conduct legal business at the Annual Members Meeting, August 8, 2009.

Member Name: _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

A Message from The Executive Director



I spent this past Memorial Day holiday weekend with my husband, working on a new pony cart for my daughter and me to use for this show season. I

sanded and wiped clean the wheels and the shafts, while my husband primed and sealed the wood. It was quite a team effort, with thoughtful discussion and a lot of elbow grease.

Working together with others is also a key ingredient to the future success of the ADS. One of the most endearing aspects of our sport is the way husbands, wives, partners, friends, trainers, coaches, club members, organizers, drivers, navigators, grooms and volunteers all work together to help make driving a fun and safe activity. Often these partnerships blossom into new ADS memberships as more and more people are brought into the sport as a spectator or a helper, discover that they like it, and want to give it a try themselves.

We are creating new relationships at the national level as well, through our [Breed Partner Program](#). Recently the [American Haflinger Registry](#) and [Friesian Horse Association of North America](#) have joined the [American Morgan Horse Association](#) as members of this program. Through these connections, we will be able to provide our members with information about driving opportunities that exist through their breed organizations. In turn, the ADS will get the chance to spread the good word about driving to owners of horses whose breeds typically perform in harness as well as in other disciplines. Our ultimate goal: to increase all breeds' participation in our sport, thereby enriching the ADS driving family

Susie Koos-Acker

A Midyear Perspective

By Pat Cheatham, ADS Vice President

As summer begins, my ponies are sleek and shiny, the hay is growing and the ADS year is half done. This month's column is more bits and pieces than anything else. However, I want to put first things first. I want to congratulate Life ADS member Dana Bright as the winner of the inaugural presentation of the Mather Memorial Trophy in honor of the late Sue Lyon. The Mather Trophy, a new perpetual trophy given by the friends and family of longtime ADS member Sue Lyon (who passed away in February), is awarded to the winner of the Pony Pairs and Tandem Class at the Devon Horse Show. Congratulations on a great performance by Dana and her ponies in winning an award in honor of one of our longtime members.

Given the tough economy, our competitions are doing pretty well. An unofficial and decidedly unscientific poll of events in the first half of the year reveals that where events are close to groups of drivers, the turnout is good--even better than normal in some locations. It does appear that travel costs are impacting those shows where competitors must make long drives to attend.

You'll have received a note by now from ADS Fund chairman Jennifer Matheson as a reminder that the fund and your sport need your support to ensure the programs of the ADS continue. While many of us plan our giving for a particular time of the year, I ask that you seriously consider a contribution right now. Educational programs (including two soon-to-be-released videos, one about how to measure carriage wheel widths for cones competitions and classes, the other on proper techniques for setting cones), and support to driving camps are two of the many initiatives that benefit from your support of the ADS Fund. Our Team USA competitors for both Pony and Pairs World Championships also benefit from ADS Fund support. While I'm on the subject of world championships, I'll make a shameless plug here for Pony Team shirts and baseball caps (www.ponyteamusa.com). The shirts and caps are as great as the cause of supporting our friends and fellow ADS members as they represent us at the top of our sport. Go on-line, buy a shirt for your favorite driver and support Pony Team USA.

In the July Wheelhorse, we'll begin a comparison of your ADS with other national driving organizations. We'll review the British Driving Society (BDS), Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS), German Federation, Carriage Association of America (CAA) and others. We'll profile their member numbers, services they provide, publications, costs and other benefits. If you have a personal relationship with a national carriage organization--especially for a nation other than those listed--please share it (fathorse@bellsouth.net) so that we can learn from others.

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ADS Quote of the Month:

"Some people drive to work. I work to **drive!**"

-- Montana ADS member Marilyn Henderson

ADS Fund Update: Education Efforts Continue

By Jamie O'Rourke

This is a financially challenging time for all non-profits, especially those with smaller membership—a category that includes our American Driving Society. In spite of the challenges posed by current economic conditions, the ADS Fund is working to continue its support of all facets of our driving sport. Good stewardship and creative partnerships are creating new opportunities for drivers throughout the Regions.

Recently approved grants support organizers, providing new tools and educational opportunity for volunteers, the promotion of driving to a broader audience and the encouragement of youngsters, novices and international level competitors. The ADS will be represented for the third time at Equine Affaire in Springfield, Massachusetts. This well attended event has proved to be a successful outreach to breeds and disciplines, enticing them to learn more about the ADS and driving. Northeast Regional Director Marc Johnson leads a group of enthusiastic volunteers who make it all possible. Similar efforts have been organized this year by Julia Skelley at the Maryland Horse Expo and Marcia

Bozeman at the Hoosier Horse Fair. How-to videos now in production will make the running of competitions and training of volunteers much easier. Thanks to the initiative of Jeff Morse, Chair of the Pleasure Driving Committee, and Gerry Pearson, Chair of the Education Committee, the videos will be available to all ADS members.

In July the ADS and USEF will again join together to produce a joint training opportunity for Young Drivers and those bound for the World Championships. This venture, made possible through the generous efforts of Claire Reid, Kelly Valdes and Tucker Johnson, provides our Young Drivers with an unparalleled opportunity to observe, work and learn with aspiring US international competitors and with US Team Coach Boyd Exell. This opportunity will take place July 16-18 at Big Sky Farm in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Proceeds from a barbeque on July 17 will benefit the 2009 US 2009 World Championship Teams and ongoing ADS Fund program. Please contact Jamie O'Rourke (484-832-4365) for more information and tickets.

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Finally, I want to revisit a topic from earlier this year. We receive occasional suggestions to establish some sort of event category to cover “backyard” or “fun day” events and competitions. Although we may not package it as such, your ADS does just that. What support does a club or organizer need in order to put together a one-day local event? Rules for classes, access to a list of folks qualified to fairly judge performance, forms, dressage tests and event insurance are

all available to ADS clubs and individuals. ADS clubs and members may even request support for new events from the ADS Fund. Between the services and information provided by your ADS and support of other ADS members, you have just about everything you need to start a new event.

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).

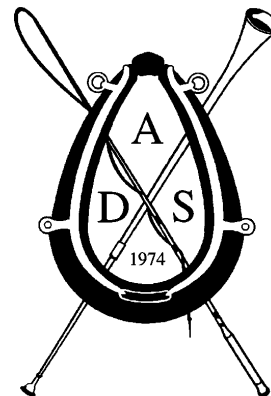
PAIR OF SIX-YEAR-OLD GRAY MORGANS: A very well broke pair used to go to church, work cattle and pleasure riding and driving. Gelding and mare out of full sisters. Once in a lifetime opportunity. 417-746-4845

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)

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USEF NEWS:

Looking at ‘Competition Lite’

When it comes to the need for simplifying horse events, “The issues extend from the biggest to the littlest,” says ADS Southwest Regional Director Ruth Graves. She represented ADS at the inaugural USEF All Breed Retreat, held at the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show (Katy, Texas) in April.

Among the Retreat’s main objectives was for Recognized Breed Affiliates and the USEF to “create a competition environment which is easier to navigate for exhibitors, secretaries and . . . management,” according to a report on the Retreat by Lori Nelson, USEF Assistant Executive Director, National Affiliates. Representatives of a number of Breed Affiliates, as well as from the Carriage Driving, Reining, and Hunter/Jumper disciplines (all of which include equines from various breeds), participated.

The next step: “The representatives of the specific Breed Affiliates go back, meet with their group and talk about the discussions at the meeting,” Nelson said in mid-May. Concepts under discussion included “creating a different category of competition with exceptions to some of the requirements for a USEF-recognized A, B, C or local rated show. That is still very much in the development stage. We’re thinking that each breed may have its own idea of what needs to be required” and which current requirements might be relaxed.

ADS Regional Director Graves sees a parallel between the USEF initiative to develop a simpler category of competition standards (sometimes referred to by the working label ‘USEF Lite’ or ‘Competition Lite’) and challenges facing the carriage driving community. “The ADS has to do the same thing. It has to make things easy for the people who put on events. Every organization, from the largest to the smallest, struggles with how to meet the needs of members: Instead of complicating their lives, try to make it simpler. When the ‘USEF Lite’ concept was mentioned, my ears pricked up from an organizer’s standpoint as well as from a member’s standpoint. If they [USEF] are going to lead the way in developing something that’s simpler and less onerous for organizers in particular, we need to do it.”

Attendance at the Retreat was also a valuable opportunity for ADS to reach out to a wide range of breed organizations, Graves added. After some teleconference meetings, the next in-person All Breeds Retreat will take place in Lexington, Kentucky at the end of June. According to Lori Nelson, after a lot of discussion that is specific to the needs of particular breed registries (versus particular disciplines), the USEF expects later meetings of the Retreat to once again invite Discipline Affiliates including carriage driving.

Chester Weber Joins USEF Dressage Search Committee

World Champion Combined Driver Chester Weber has joined the USEF Dressage Search Committee as the committee chair. The committee’s goal is to find a new National Dressage Coach and Chef d’Equipe to guide the American Dressage Team through the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Chester was asked by John Long as USEF CEO to join the committee after the original seven members had met and went to work at electing a chair for the committee. Chester’s wealth of international competition experience and his understanding of the coaching and Chef d’Equipe needs of an international discipline such as dressage will enable him to bring an objective view to the search, said Gil Merrick, Assistant Executive Director, Sports Programs at the USEF. “I am very honored to be a part of this search committee. Finding the right coach is crucial to helping the American dressage team reach its goals,” Chester commented.



(Above) Gil Merrick of USEF congratulates Chester on his chairmanship of the Dressage Search Committee.

For more information on Weber and his combined driving team, visit their website at www.chesterweber.com.

As AMHA Celebrates a Century . . .

The Morgan Horse Club, later renamed the American Morgan Horse Association, Inc., was formed at the Vermont State Fair in 1909. Justin Morgan, the breed's foundation sire, was foaled 120 years earlier in 1789.

The American Morgan Horse Association is an ADS breed partner. www.morganhorse.com

Morgans Led Stable Scoop Breed Series

Morgans were the featured breed in an April 17 Stable Scoop Radio Show that is still available on the Stable Scoop Web site. The show included international driver Donna Crookston (who drove the Morgan RG's Black Cadillac for the US team at the 2008 World Singles Championship) as well as AMHA Executive Director Julie Broadway.

The Stable Scoop Radio Show, which is part of the Horse Radio Network, plans a series of programs highlighting different breeds. Morgans were the choice for the inaugural program because of their long history and popularity in the US. To listen to the April 17 show, which is Episode 35, go to www.stablescoop.com. If the show is no longer on the home page, click the button on the right to scroll to earlier episodes.

Mason-Dixon Driving Challenge

In celebration of AMHA's 100th anniversary and in partnership with the American Driving Society, the season-long Mason-Dixon Challenge is sponsored this year by Driving Essentials, Inc.

Any exhibitor in a carriage driving class that has at least two entries at a participating show is eligible for the Challenge's year-end award. Four Morgan shows are included in this series: Mason-Dixon, Mid-A, Old Dominion, and the New York Regional. Points are awarded as follows: 7 for 1st, 5 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd, 3 for 4th, 2 for 5th and 1 for 6th.

The Challenge results will be announced October 1, 2009. The winner will receive a driving whip, gloves and bragging rights!

From the Licensed Officials Committee

Licensed Officials and Learner Applicants Please note these dates:

Complete applications received between January 1 and April 2 will be reviewed and acted on by June 1.

Complete applications received between April 2 and August 1 will be reviewed by the committee at the annual meeting.

Complete applications received between August 2 and October 1 will be reviewed and acted on by December 1.

Complete applications received between October 2 and December 31 will be reviewed by Feb 2

Applicants will be notified of results within two to three weeks after review.

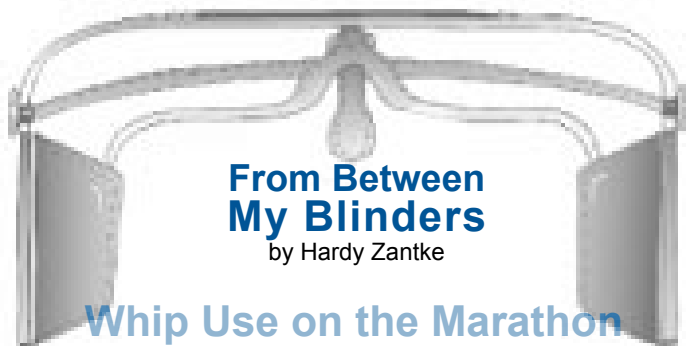
Only complete applications will be accepted by the office. Do not send applications to LOC Chair.

Tom Hilgenberg Honored

The Licensed Officials Committee has granted Tom Hilgenberg "Judge Emeritus" status in honor of all of his contributions to the sport of carriage driving as an ADS Official, past ADS President and international competitor.

At the first World Championship for Single Horses held in Ebbs, Austria in June 1998. Tom and his Morgan Who's Zoomin' Who ('Gus') were part of the US team that won the silver medal. Tom finished seventh out of 63 drivers to become the highest-scoring American.

Tom Hilgenberg was named to the American Morgan Horse Association Hall of Fame in 2000.



The April Wheelhorse included a rule change proposal (RCP) by the CDE Committee: to re-instate the requirement to carry a whip in hand on CDE marathons in accordance with ADS General Rules. The Committee submitted the RCP because the removal of the various penalties in the 2009 CDE rules for dropping of the whip were read by some to imply that a whip did not need to be carried any more on the marathon.

Since we have seen Ground Juries becoming more sensitive about abusive use of the whip on the marathon and the new rules seemed to not require a whip to be carried any more on the marathon, some drivers have opted to just leave the whip at home to make sure that they could not be criticized for whip abuse. Although I can understand the dilemma, I think to not have a whip in hand is the wrong decision. Not only is the whip in hand with carriage horses (as opposed to the more docile draft horses) a safety issue, but it is also one of our very important aids, and not only as a forward driving aid.

So what do the drivers use as aids when driving without a whip? Their other two aids: voice and reins of course. There is nothing wrong with using those two, but as with the whip, they must be used properly. While there is no penalty for excessive yelling at your horse, it certainly can create a turn-off for spectators. But when, due to the lack of a whip, drivers return to the old fashioned, milkman-style rein slapping on the backs of their horses--not only is that rather unsightly, but if done too strongly it can also really jerk the horse in the mouth. I think Ground Juries might find that just as good a reason for a penalty under the cruelty article as whip abuse. (Oh, and I have nothing against the milkmen; ours did the rein slapping quite gently and there it was not abuse.)

So what do I suggest? As in the past, drive with your whip in hand *all the time*--regardless of whether the CDE Rule change proposal to require it passes--although I certainly hope it does. It is safer and, used properly, will make you a better driver. Most experienced four-in-hand drivers would not put down their whips, even in a marathon obstacle, where the beginners have their hands full with handling the four reins and are tempted to put down the whip. But the experienced four-in-hand driver knows that he will need the whip to touch that inside wheeler just at the right moment to avoid hitting that inside post in a tight turn.

So then I get the question: "How can I make sure that I am not penalized for abuse of the whip?" Trying to keep it simple, my answer is: "Use the whip on the marathon the same way you would feel comfortable using it during your dressage test. Use it as an aid, but don't put any force into your arm. You can touch your horse, but don't hit him" Then you should be safe.

So what has changed over the last few years? Why are Ground Juries so much more sensible to the whip abuse issue? Most of us drivers of the older generation have never thought twice about giving our horses a good smack at the right moment, and many of us still believe that to be the proper training method. Just when he thinks he might not want to enter the water, a hit with the whip at that very moment often helped him to overcome his thought of hesitation. So to us, that was a proper aid. Why is that no longer allowed on the marathon?

Here is my answer: My generation was likewise used to getting a similar smack from parents, teachers and even other adults. Yes, there could be overuse at times, but most of us thought there was nothing wrong with a slap on the hind end of a youngster. That, my friends, as we all know has changed in our society. Teachers aren't allowed to hit a child and neither are parents. What we thought normal, as grandparents most of us are not allowed to do with our grandchildren anymore. So our younger generation has a different standard and feels very different about physical punishments. That same younger generation now makes up a good portion of our spectators, so we must keep the changing times in mind, and adjust our methods accordingly. That is the reason we are no longer allowed to give our horse a good smack with the whip to make him gallop faster out of the marathon obstacle! But don't slap him with the reins either, and try to keep the yelling down, too. If he is trained well, he'll give you all his speed anyhow. So rather concentrate on accurate and good driving. That will give you the fastest time.



Bill Allen driving marathon in Florida.
Photo by Louisa Emerick

Latest on Land Use Issues

ADS Joins ELCR Petition Coalition

By Susie Koos-Acker, ADS Executive Director

ADS recently joined other equestrian organizations in signing a letter to the Congressional Horse Caucus in support of H.R. 1831, legislation increasing tax incentives for conservation easements.

Easements are tools that help conserve farmland, trails and open space.

The Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) has partnered with the Land Trust Alliance to support federal legislation that prevents the loss of open space. While there are many existing tools for conservation, one of the strongest is the tax incentive for landowners who permanently retire development rights on their land. These incentives are currently set to expire at the end of 2009. The incentives allow horsemen, farmers, ranchers, and family land businesses to remain prosperous and viable, when they might otherwise not be able to continue to keep their land productive. These working lands include land available for farming, trails, boarding stables, breeding farms, riding academies, horse shows, forage and grain production or any of the other uses of open space; all of which affect the horse community.

In addition to ADS, signers of the petition included national organizations such as American Endurance Ride Conference, American Horse Council, and American Quarter Horse Association as well as numerous state horse councils and regional equestrian and land preservation groups.

Find out more at <http://www.lta.org/easementincentive/>

ELCR Awards \$10,000 to Conservancy

Michigan's Highland Equestrian Conservancy was presented with a check for \$10,000 for their winning proposal to preserve land for equestrian use in Highland, Michigan. The check from Breyer Animal Creations and the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource was presented at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event on Sunday, April 26. Sharon Greene accepted on behalf of Highland Equestrian Conservancy.

Her group, based in southeastern Michigan, will use the \$10,000 grant to purchase land that connects a road in neighboring Rose Township to Highland Oaks Park, a popular park for local trail riders, uniting two tracts of land zoned for equestrian use. This purchase will help preserve the area's equestrian way of life, that is, like so many, struggling with encroaching development.

www.highlandequestrian.org

Recreational Trails Program Reauthorization

By Bridget Harrison

The American Horse Council (AHC) is working to preserve the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP). If Congress does not take action this year this program could no longer be available to recreational riders.

The RTP provides funding directly to the states for recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. It was created in 1991 as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and was last re-authorized in 2005 as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. This law is about to expire. The RTP will have to be re-authorized in the next national surface transportation program bill if it is to continue.

Since its inception, the RTP has provided approximately \$677 million for thousands of state and local trail projects across the country, including many that benefit equestrians. RTP projects consist of construction, maintenance and restoration of trails and trail-related facilities, as well as the acquisition of easements or property for trails.

Although each state manages its own program, 30 percent of RTP funds must be spent on non-motorized projects like equestrian trails, 30 percent on motorized, and 40 percent on multi-use projects.

"The RTP is one of the few sources for federal funding of trail projects that are not on federal land. The program is a great resource for equestrians to fund projects in their state and local parks," said AHC Legislative Director Ben Pendergrass.

In the coming months Congress is expected to begin work on the next five-year highway bill. The AHC, in conjunction with a broad coalition of recreational trail users, is requesting that Congress not only re-authorized the RTP, but also increase funding for the program to \$555 million to be spent over the five years of the bill.

The AHC urges recreational riders and drivers to contact their members of Congress to voice support for this program.

"Every time we turn our backs, we lose land to development," says Sharon Greene of Highland Equestrian Conservancy.

t's not enough to be aware," agrees Deb Balliet, ELCR CEO. "You have to take action and be advocates in understanding and conveying appreciation of the value of horses."

Calendar of Events

Bold Type Indicates an ADS Recognized Event or Deadline

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.

June

- 12-14** **MIDWEST YOUNG DRIVERS CAMP:** Baraboo WI, Domino Stables. Open to 11-18 yr old drivers interested in learning more about competing in ADS driving events. Cost \$120 for ADS members 160 for non-members (includes a 1 year membership) Contact Myrna Rhinehart, 608-254-5351 rhinestone4@verizon.net
- 27-28 Muffy Seaton Pleasure/Combined Driving Clinic: East Aurora, NY; Personal instruction from an expert in the field, for both you and your turnout; Contact: Liz, P: 716-380-5724, lizodonnelleADS@aol.com.
- 27-28 Florida Carriage Museum and Resort: Siesta Clinic 1 Topics include Accupuncture- Wendy Ying, Tradition and CDEs- Gloria Austin, Navigator Clinic, Harness Types- Harvey Lagassee, contact Ellen Ettenger, 352-615-6460 or shorty1956@gmail.com. Register at www.fcmr.org
- 27 MTCC One Day Event; TN: VSE, Single Pony, Horse, Multiples, Drafts & Juniors; Ardeth Obenauf 931-294-2615 la zyao@united.net
- 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 Carriage Barn: NH; The 2nd Level Introduction to Arena Driving. Carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140

July

- 19 Summer Arena Driving Trial Series: Carriage Barn, NH; Cost is \$65 per Entry An extension of our popular Winter Frostbite series gives you a chance to further your Dressage, Cones, and Obstacle skills as a preview of the Fall events Limited to the first 25 entries, so register early Carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140

August

- 2-10/1** **LICENSED OFFICIALS APPLICATIONS DUE:** will be reviewed and acted on by December 1.
- 6-9** **ADS ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING, MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL WEEKEND & PLEASURE DRIVING OFFICIALS CLINIC:** Morvan Park Leesburg, VA ; See ADS Web site for more information
- 9 Summer Arena Driving Trial Series: Carriage Barn, NH; Cost is \$65 per Entry An extension of our popular Winter Frostbite series gives you a chance to further your Dressage, Cones, and Obstacle skills as a preview of the Fall events. Limited to the first 25 entries, so register early Carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140.
- 13-16 FEI WORLD PONY DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Greven-Bockholt , Germany. www.greven2009.de
- 15 Trace Pace : Trinity Stable in Canterbury NH (rain date 16th); Barry Berube, barry@trinitycarriageshop.com.
- 19-23 FEI WORLD PAIRS DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Kecskemet, Hungary. www.kecskemet2009.com.

September

- 1 **2010 JANUARY TO JUNE, OMNIBUS ENTRIES DUE**
- 19-21 Baroque Solstice Performance Show: USEF, Classes include, Driving, Rail, & Halter. www.donidafarm.com Gwen Blake 360-507-9306
- 19 Trinity Stable HDT: Trinity Stable in Canterbury NH; (rain date 20th). Barry Berube, barry@trinitycarriageshop.com.

October

- 2-12/1 **LICENSED OFFICIALS APPLICATIONS DUE:** will be reviewed and acted on by February 2
- 6-11 National Drive: Lexington, KY; The drive is the largest gathering of recreational drivers in the country. www.nationaldrive.net
- 17 Big and Small Equine Fun Show: Denton, MD; Sponsored by www.DelmarvaDrivingClub.com, for Draft and Draft-like in harness and Equines under 12 hands. Fun low key event. PL Hatch 240-274-6180.

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January

- 10 **ANNUAL ADS BOAD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING,** Louisville, KY, in conjunction with USEF Annual Meeting (Jan. 6-10).

February

- 5-7 **SUPER CLINIC (TENTATIVE):** Tampa, FL. Will coincide with the Florida State Fair show..

March

- 25-28 **LIVE OAK INTERNATIONAL CDE:** Live Oak Plantation, Ocala, FL; www.cailiveoak.com; levels: Intermediate, Advanced; contact Susan Gilliland, H: 352-489-6586, C: 813-220-8226, F: 352-489-9284; s_gilliland@msn.com.

October

- 7-9 **ADS ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING** held in conjunction with World Equestran Games, at Gayla Driving Center in Georgetown, KY.

OMNIBUS CHANGES

ELK CREEK CDE: Change in Officials Sem Groenewoud – President of the Ground Jury, Martha Nicoll – Member of the Ground Jury (Previously President)
NASHOBA CLASSIC: All emails related to the show should go to jillcox@attglobal.net.

In response to ADS member comments, the Wheelhorse Calendar of Events will henceforth include changes in Omnibus listings, ADS meetings, deadlines for Licensed Officials applications, and those events sponsored by or of interest to ADS members. Please submit activities for publication in ADS publications and on the ADS Web site to the ADS office. View Omnibus Web pages for complete updated information. http://americandrivingsociety.org/06_omnilistings/adsomnibusindex.asp



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