

Frank Pitts, Intermediate Pair Horse division, drives the Arizona HDT's Covered Wagon hazard.



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IMPORTANT: From the Nominating Committee

March 12, 2010

Dear Members of the ADS:

This is an open letter from the Nominating Committee, informing you of our activities.

Most importantly, there will be the Annual Meeting of the Members October 8, 2010 at Gayla Equestrian Center in Georgetown, Kentucky to elect a new slate of Directors! The new Board of Directors will then elect new officers..

There may be motions from the floor (from you, the Members) for Directors' seats. This requires written consent from the nominee and a biography/list of his or her qualifications to be read aloud.

For the officers' seats, which are elected by the Board, there may also be nominations from the newly-elected Directors. These nominations would have the same requirements as for other nominations from the floor.

Members who are not able to attend may wish to submit proxies to members who are going to the meeting, so that the absent member's vote may be counted. The Board may not use proxies to elect officers.

We have been very busy interviewing people and searching for new faces for the next President, Vice President and numerous other Directors' positions. If you have an interest in serving the ADS in any capacity, please let us know. We try to maintain complete confidentiality regarding our deliberations. Please feel free to contact any one of us, or all of us.

Thank you for your attention.

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A Message from The Executive Director



My contacts are glued to my eyeballs as I have just finished the first round of edits on the event listings for the 2010 July-December *Omnibus*.

Of the 43 shows that ran last year, five will not back this season; however, they have been replaced by new shows so that we still have 43 shows in our fall 2010 calendar.

One of the new events is our first ADS-recognized Continuous Drive, to be hosted by the Saratoga Driving Society August 8 in Kinderhook, New York. Barbara Akers and her crew are sure to provide participants with a “memory making” event. Kinderhook is home to the beautiful Lindenwald historic site, former residence of US President Martin Van Buren.

Many of the new events in the *Omnibus* are opting for the Horse Driving Trial (HDT) format instead of the full CDE. These include the Duck Club HDT in Oxnard, California. It is held on a game preserve that is ideal for carriage driving in the summer when the duck ponds are naturally dry. The HDT format helps build the interest in the event without organizers going to the expense of installing permanent obstacles and longer trails on these semi-private grounds.

Overall the July-December 2010 show season looks like it’s shaping up to offer an impressive variety of competitions and levels, allowing everyone, whatever your skill level, a safe place to play!

Susie

Who Are Those Guys?

By Pat Cheatham, ADS Vice President

Sometimes an idea will leap onto paper without much effort. At other times I sit, stare and believe that this is the most difficult task I’ve ever undertaken. Writing on any schedule can quickly run me up against an editorial deadline with the panicked realization that I have no earthly idea what to write.

I rifle through my stack of the *Whip* and go to the ADS Web site to review past *Wheelhorse* issues, searching for both ideas and inspiration. In doing so, I’m struck by the steady, ongoing contributions of some members. I’m reminded of several slogans and icons regarding longevity and plain stick-to-itiveness, ranging from John Cameron Swayze’s famous “It takes a licking and keeps on ticking” description of the Timex watch, through the Energizer Bunny to Butch Cassidy’s comment regarding the folks tracking him and the Sundance Kid: “I couldn’t do that. Could you do that? Why can they do it? Who are those guys?”

“Those guys” in this context are the stalwart contributors to both of our publications, the *Whip* and the *Wheelhorse*, as well as those who keep everyone straight on the Carriage Driving List (CD-L). Currently, the top of that roster has to be Hardy Zantke: He writes for both our publications, is a frequent contributor to the CD-L and writes for *Carriage Driving World* in between treks to Mongolia, New Zealand and other exotic posts. Other names that frequently grace our pages these days include Jeffrey Westney (who most recently wrote on tandem driving in the February *Whip*), Pam Knisley (that’s her spectacular coverage of the Lexington CDE and Live Oak), Melinda Takeuchi (who covered the 2009 Four-in-Hand championship in Beesd, Holland and tells in the May *Whip* about re-habbing a difficult horse), Louisa Emerick (see her February story about equine photography), and Ann Davis (who is authoring our new series of consumer service pieces). Deby Stewart regularly gives a newcomer’s perspective on our sport in her “Training Level” column in each *Wheelhorse*. Some others who have built the editorial reputation of our magazine include Natasha Grigg, Lyle Peterson and, of course, our Editors (Charles Kellogg, Ann Pringle and now Sandra Cooke).

That list is by no means complete. Many ADS Board members contribute through educational pieces and updates on the activities of our committees. Several take the time and creative energy to ensure our publications are fresh, educational, informative and exciting. Through the efforts of these regular contributors and those of family members, show organizers, officials, and others, the *Whip* consistently provides more editorial content than the whole of other driving publications!

If you enjoy the photographic and editorial efforts of your fellow ADS members, let them know. Write a Letter to the Editor (sandra.cooke@americandrivingsociety.org), drop an e-mail to the author of a column you particularly enjoyed (or disagreed with) or the creator of a photo that thrilled you.

Better yet, pick up your own pen, laptop or camera and help continue the tradition of the “those guys” who make our ADS what it is.

ADS Webinars: New Topics Scheduled for April

The ADS webinars took a brief hiatus in March to allow us to catch our breath from the overwhelming positive response we have had for these dynamic educational events. If you missed "Harness, Bits and More" with Jeff Morse, it has been posted to the ADS Web site and is available for download at www.americandrivingsociety.org/webinars.asp along with the answers to the questions Jeff was not able to cover in the live webinar. Also posted are the webinars on Continuous Drives and Super Reinsmanship.

Next up, April 15, will be Dr Rich Forfa presenting "Conditioning the Driving Horse." Dr. Forfa is a long-time ADS member and an equine veterinarian located in Maryland. He is also an active CDE competitor. He will explain the physiological effects of exertion on your horse, give you tips to help you discover if your horse is stressed, and teach you the proper way to cool a hot horse. He will also provide you with an exercise routine that you can adapt to your situation and your horse's current level of activity, to help you reach your competitive goals.

On April 28, Shelly Temple will present "Driven Dressage, the Basics." Shelly, who won the FEI Single Pony division at Live Oak this year, has competed at the Advanced Level in CDEs since 1997. In 2007, she and her Morgan, Cooper, were members of the US Team at the World Pony Championships, contributing to the team's bronze-medal-winning performance and placing second in Dressage with one of only two scores in the 30s. Shelly competed at FEI level in ridden dressage, is an ADS and USEF 'R' Judge in Combined Driving, and is an active competitor, instructor, trainer and clinician. She serves on the ADS Licensed Officials and Dressage Committees, and on the USEF Driving Technical Committee. Read more about Shelly at www.catalystdriving.com.

ADS Fund Update: Big Sky Camp Returns

By Jamie O'Rourke

US Equestrian Federation World Championship Four-in-Hand trainer Peter Tischer from Germany will return to Big Sky Farm to lead the fifth ADS/USEF Joint Young Driver Camp and World Championship Training Session this summer. Peter has been training the US four-in-hand drivers over the last year in anticipation of the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky in October. The Big Sky Camp, made possible through the generous efforts of Claire Reid, Kelly Valdes and Tucker Johnson, provides our young drivers with an opportunity to observe, work and learn with aspiring US World Driving Championship competitors and the US Team Coach. This opportunity is being reprised July 1-4 at Big Sky Farm in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Eight ADS young drivers will be invited to attend the three-day session, where they will benefit from training whose fundamentals are equally applicable to Pleasure and Combined Driving. The weekend will bring top Pony and Pair Horse Drivers together for coaching in preparation for their next World Championship campaign. The youngsters will work with these drivers before and during their training sessions. Each young driver will then receive hands-on instruction from a mentor who is a USEF long-listed driver.

If you are between 14 and 21 and interested in taking part in this unique opportunity, please send your driving resume/application by May 15, 2010 to your Regional Director; their contact information is on page 3 of the *Whip* and on the ADS Web site. Local housing will be provided for the campers and driving activities will take place at Big Sky Farm, site of the Pine Tree CDE. The camp fee is \$600; Jean Austin du Pont Young Driver Grants of up to \$500 are available on a need basis through the ADS Fund to cover travel expenses and camp fees. Mrs. du Pont, a founder of the ADS and Honorary Governor, was a noted breeder of Welsh ponies and an accomplished whip.

The camp combines many ADS Fund programs: the International Opportunity Initiative, Young Drivers Program and Regional Development. Thanks to the hundreds who have supported the ADS Fund, these programs have developed from wishful thinking to an exciting reality. During the camp and training session, Big Sky Farm will host a benefit barbeque in support of US 2010 World Championship Teams and ongoing ADS Fund programs that support every aspect of your sport. Look for details in future issues of the *Wheelhorse* and in your mail.

More information for Young Drivers is available at americandrivingsociety.org in the Young Drivers section. For Camp and grant applications, email adsfund@aol.com or call Jamie O'Rourke 484-832-4365.

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. Payment must accompany ad text (checks, Visa, Mastercard accepted).

PONY 4-IN-HAND: 14.1 hh geldings all six black Welsh breed w/passports. All shots up to date. Please contact Munro Russell, 434-964-6958 or splitcreek@aol.com.

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

LOC Report: Super Clinic in Tampa a Success

The American Driving Society was pleased to host Dr. Franz Vetter as our featured presenter at the 2010 Super Clinic held in Tampa, Florida February 5-7. The ADS is the United States Equestrian Federation affiliate responsible for training and licensing judges at the national level in the disciplines of Combined Driving, Traditional Driving and Driven Dressage. The Super Clinic was developed as a method for officials who hold licenses in more than one discipline to fulfill their clinic requirement economically, and as a means to allow a gathering of all driving officials to foster peer education and interaction on a regular interval.

Our audience consisted of Judges and Technical Delegates of all experience levels, from Richard Nicoll (current chair of the FEI Driving Committee) to several of America's international competitors—such as Boots Wright, Tracey Morgan, Shelley Temple, Sherri Dolan, Mike McLennan and Larry Poulin—to Learner officials just starting their careers, as well as several officials from Canada who also hold ADS licenses.

Dr. Vetter's first presentation was on Driven Dressage. He continually emphasized that if training basics are not correct, judges should not reward performance with inflated scores. He also emphasized that the basic training goals are always the same, whatever level one is judging, but the horse and driver's ability to produce an athletic and correct performance should improve as one progresses through the levels. His presentation was equally valuable for both our more novice dressage judges and those up through the FEI level. The audience was enthusiastic and asked many questions, sometimes getting ahead of the topic being covered, to which Dr. Vetter responded with a gentle reminder: "Wait, it's coming next."

The video "If Horses Could Speak" by Dr. Gerd Heuschmann was shown in its entirety. The audience was fascinated by the wonderful animations of horse movement and anatomy.

Saturday morning's topic was Judging the Obstacles Phase (Cones) of a CDE. Again, Dr. Vetter presented his material in a clear and progressive sequence that allowed one to organize one's knowledge in a more workmanlike structure. Many people felt much clearer about the sequence of stopping competitors, stopping the clock and rebuilding obstacles.

Saturday afternoon, Dr. Vetter gave a presentation about the general duties of judges, reminding us that judges are ultimately responsible for the state of the sport, and welfare of our horses.

In other clinic programs, Katie Whaley and Steve Holm discussed turnout for our Pleasure Driving officials



Super Clinicians, left to right: Dr. Franz Vetter, Marcie Quist, Dana Bright, Penny Nicely (hiding), Mickie Bowen, Susan Koso, John Freiburger, Audrey Bostwick, Tom Knicker.
(Not pictured: Shelley Temple, Larry Brinker)

on Saturday. Ruthie Graves spoke about Freestyle Reinsmanship. Holly Pulsifer moderated a discussion of best practices and trouble-shooting potential problems at competitions.

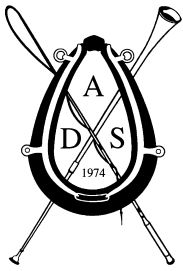
The Pleasure Driving officials finished Sunday morning with a session covering rule changes and appropriate individual tests for Ring Reinsmanship classes led by Audrey Bostwick, John Greenall and Simon Rosenman.

Feedback from clinic participants was largely positive. We appreciated the logistical support USEF gave us in collecting and correcting tests. Everyone preferred getting the tests ahead of time, and splitting the optional review sessions between Learners and current licensed officials made better use of our time. Discussing the Learners' tests alerted us to problems on the tests so that we were able to carry the corrections over to the other sessions.

As officials are very involved with interpreting rules, the entertainment at Saturday night's dinner was reminiscences and stories about rules that came into being because of an action by a competitor. We now know the reason why one has to finish with all four wheels on one's vehicle, why a whip can't leave his or her navigator knocked out at an obstacle and find a replacement from the crowd, or why there is a time limit on section E.

It was a lovely reminder that as officials, we often take the sport very seriously . . . but should never forget the fun and friendships that come with our love of our horses.

Contributed by Dana Bright
Chair of the ADS Licensed Officials' Committee



AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010

GAYLA DRIVING CENTER

3329 CYNTHIANA RD, GEORGETOWN, KY 40324

Are you coming to Lexington for the World Equestrian Games? Then mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the American Driving Society's Annual Members Meeting, held at the Gayla Driving Center. The Gayla Driving Center is located a mere 10 minutes from the Kentucky Horse Park, north of Lexington.

Starting at 6:00 pm, there will be a wine and cheese reception, with a special commemorative slide show and silent auction. Dinner will be served at 7:15 pm. ADS President Jim Keathley will begin the meeting at 8:00 with a report on ADS business, followed by elections of your 2011-12, ADS Board of Directors. If you would like to attend the meeting but will not have a car please indicate that on the registration form. If you will have a car and are able to provide transportation for another member, please indicate on your registration form.

Your registration form must be returned to the office by **September 1, 2010**. Please contact the office at (608) 237-7382 with questions.

We look forward to seeing you – Don't forget to stop by our booth at the Equine Village while you are shopping at the WEG!

I will be attending the 2010 ADS Annual Members Meeting.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Cell: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Hotel: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

I will *need* transportation
 I can **provide** transportation
I have room for ____ people in my car.

I will be bringing the following guest(s):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Payment Information

Payment Type: Visa Mastercard Check

Number of people attending _____ x \$30 per ticket = _____

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Signature: _____

Mail form and checks to: **American Driving Society, PO Box 278, Cross Plains, WI 53528, Due SEPT 1, 2010**

Training Level: A column and forum for new driving enthusiasts

By Deby Stewart

I have to start this month with a big apology to all of you. In March I made the statement that “with a Wagonette I can show in it at Prelim level.” Because I had mentioned in the previous paragraph that the Wagonette I bought had pneumatic tires, it sounded as if I thought I was allowed to show at Prelim level with pneumatic tires. Several of you emailed me and pointed out this is incorrect. According to the 2010 ADS Rulebook (p.22 Part III, Article 25A, part 2), even at Training Level “wire-wheeled and pneumatic-tired vehicles may be permitted only at management’s discretion and must be specified in the Omnibus.” Again I apologize; I really hope no one took me as the “last word” on this. Please keep in mind the title of this column is Training Level and that I can (and probably will) make mistakes, too. And the good news is that you guys are actually reading this and are willing to help me out when I goof!

And that’s what gave me the idea for this month’s topic—Barn Experts. Most people spend some or all of their horse-owning years boarding their horses in everything from OPB’s (other people’s backyards) to huge show stables, and the one thing that all public boarding places have in common is a resident Barn Expert (BE). You know who I’m talking about. This is the person who gives you advice about things you don’t need help with, and then is offended if you don’t listen. Maybe this is the person who trims their own horse’s feet, or who has the overflowing box of strange medicines for every occasion (or even concocts their own).

Usually the BE means well, but if you are a new horse owner these people can range from just annoying to downright dangerous. There’s the person who tries to say it’s okay to whip a horse into a trailer because “sometimes you just have to show them who is boss,” even though your gut tells you this is a bad idea. Sometimes the BE sounds so knowledgeable that you’re tempted to go along with them. The bottom line is that as a horse owner—whether a driver or a rider—you need to watch what other people (and their horses) do as well as listen to what they say before you decide to take their advice. Let other people make your mistakes for you.

Does the BE’s horse look happy and healthy, or thin and sad or nervous? Does the BE listen to other people’s opinions or only push their own? Does the BE treat their horse with consideration and fairness? Just as you would assess a teacher for your child, so you need to assess those who would teach you, because your safety and your horse’s depend on it.

My favorite BE story involves a local vet who had a rather unique sense of humor. Some of the things he would say with a straight face were often so bizarre that if you didn’t know him, you might be tempted to think he was serious. My girlfriend Cindi kept her horse at a small backyard



barn whose owner thought herself to be the final word on everything equine (in other words, she was a BE). One day the owner’s horse colicked. Cindi came in after the vet had come and gone but while the owner was still there taking care of her horse. As Cindi watched in disbelief, the BE opened a large bottle of aspirin, poured out a handful, lifted her horse’s tail and began to poke them into the horse’s rectum one by one. “Why are you doing that?” Cindi couldn’t help asking. “The vet told me to do this,” replied the BE. Cindi, a fairly new horse owner, just nodded—then immediately ran to call me. “Deby,” she asked, “have you ever heard of using aspirins this way to fight colic?” I thought for a minute and then asked her who the vet was. When she said “Dr Kronk,” I laughed so hard I cried. When I finally recovered I told her, “Dr Kronk didn’t tell her to do that.”

As I confirmed later with dear Dr Kronk, the owner had asked him in all seriousness if she should give her horse aspirin to help with the colic. His straight-faced farm-doctor reply was, “You might as well shove ‘em up his a**!” And so she did. He couldn’t stop laughing when I told him the result of his off-the-wall comment.

The bottom line: Always use your own brain before you blindly follow anyone’s advice. Ask lots of people the same question and compare answers, then make your own decisions about what is right for you and your horse. You can never ask too many questions. Sometimes it comes down to common sense and really, yours is just as good as anyone else’s if you watch and listen and learn from mistakes—both yours and others’.

Have a wonderful April!

Deby

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PS—Do you have funny Barn Expert story? Send it along and I’ll share it.



by Hardy Zantke

World Youth Driving Grows

I am delighted to note that ADS Pacific Region Director Veronica Campbell has just announced her Region's first Youth Clinic. It is scheduled for June 4-6 at Geoff and Sharon Gee's new driving and riding center at their Nine Oaks Ranch in Santa Paula with resident trainers Frank and Marlies Luetz. Both recently relocated to Southern California from Germany, where Frank was an active four-in-hand and tandem driver; Marlies rides dressage. In addition to Frank, Patricia Demers and Jill Warren Pond will be clinicians and other mentors will assist. Details of the clinic are posted on the ADS Web site.

So while we are making progress here in the US, let me bring you up to date on the development of Youth Driving in Europe. I wrote about the first Junior World Trophy in the October 2008 *Wheelhorse*. Ninety-three young drivers from 12 countries had participated in the first event that July at Stadl Paura, Austria.

Since then, there has been an international youth competition last year in England, two more in Germany, and a National Championship in Hungary. Another Junior World Trophy competition will take place this year August 24-29 in Vecses, Hungary, at the well-suited facility of the Dobrovitz family, very near the Budapest international airport. Representatives from 10 nations met there last October to discuss the further development of the sport. They expect 130 competitors from 19 nations to participate this year.

The organization is now called ICKD (International Collective for Kids Driving). So far they are not on board with the FEI, thus they cannot call their competition a World Championship. The FEI does not allow driving under 12 years of age, whereas ICKD has classes by age groups that start with 7- and 8-year-olds and go up to 18-year-olds. Drivers up to age 14 are only allowed to drive single ponies, with a maximum height of 130 cm for the 7- and 8-year-olds and for older children up to 148 cm. Competitors age 15 to 18 can also drive pony pairs, and those age 14 to 18 can drive single horses. Each turnout has to have an adult groom.

As in Combined Driving, the youth competitions start with Dressage. The younger drivers have their own tests and use a 60x20m arena, whereas the older groups use the old FEI Test 3 in a 40x80m arena. Instead of a cross-country marathon they drive a course in an arena with three

marathon-style obstacles, plus cones—similar to the adult Four-in-Hands in FEI World Cup competitions. The young drivers are not allowed to canter outside the marathon obstacles, and finally they drive cones as we are used to it, except that again cantering is not allowed.

The ICKD rules have evolved over the last two years and now look very similar to the FEI Rulebook. They also use international judges for the World Trophy. Due to the lack of FEI approval, some of the National Federations have difficulties supporting the concept. Nevertheless, as evidenced by the numbers of participants, the sport is flourishing with the children of well-known and respected international drivers participating.

Let's hope that one day young drivers and teams from America will be able to participate as well. Our ADS rules allow drivers younger than 11 to participate in any class as long as it is held in a securely enclosed arena and they are accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseperson. So our youngsters could get up to speed in any ADT, whereas drivers of 11 to 13 can do so at any regular HDT and CDE as long as they have a similar groom along, and drivers over 14 don't even need the adult groom any more, at least not at ADS competitions.

You can find details about ICKD on their Web site, www.kiddriving.com—and they do have both the US and the Canadian flag already in their logo.

Happy and safe driving!

Deadlines for ADS Publications

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June *Wheelhorse*—May 25

July *Wheelhorse*—June 25

August *Whip*—June 18

September *Wheelhorse*—August 25

October *Wheelhorse*—September 25

November *Whip*—September 18

December *Wheelhorse*—November 25

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January *Wheelhorse*—December 27

February *Whip*—December 18

March *Wheelhorse*—February 25

April *Wheelhorse*—March 25

May *Whip*—March 18

June *Wheelhorse*—May 25

July *Wheelhorse*—June 25

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2010 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. ADS recognized events that are printed in either Omnibus will not be listed in the Wheelhorse calendar. For a complete up-to-date calendar listing, visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/calendar.asp.

April

- 30-5/2 Suzy Stafford Driving Clinic sponsored by the Northwoods Harness Club of northwest Wisconsin. Individual lessons available, auditors welcome. Indoor arena, obstacles and trails available. Contact Candis Hankins 715-798-4480

May

- 1-2 **Ohio Schooling CDE:** Windy Knoll Farm, Sullivan, OH; rpburrows@carriagesinthepark.com, 330-697-8325.
- 1-2 Larry Poulin, eight time USEF Pairs Champion, will present a Driving Clinic hosted by the HUB Club in Rockton, IL. Singles and pairs drivers and auditors are welcome. Contact: Sue West, H: 815-337-4617, jswestwind@aol.com
- 1-2 2010 Prairie Home Carriage Festival: Dakota City Heritage Village, Farmington, MN; Driving clinics, carriage/sleigh display, tack swap, dinner/dance, parade of Victorian-era carriages. Anyone with a Victorian-era vehicle (reproduction, refurbished, original) is invited. Steve Crownover, H: 612-759-4111, mnwhipsandwheels@gmail.com
- 2 **NH SPRING FLING ADT SERIES,** Mary Gray Driving Center at Verrill Stables, Danville, NH, www.wayfarerfarm.net; Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Mary Gray, H: 603-974-2357, C: 207-577-8908, mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net.
- 7-9 SDA Spring Weekend Workshop with Tracey Morgan & Sarah Dalton-Morris at Great Valley Farm www.greatvistafarm.com. Details will be on www.saratogadriving.com
- 8 Delmarva Spring Pleasure Driving Show: Denton, MD; www.delmarvadivingclub.com; Open horse/pony/draft, multiples, VSE, junior, novice horse/pony; Contact Jane Ramsey H: 302-659-2827, ramseyjb@yahoo.com
- 14 GMHA Driving Clinic with Lisa Singer. www.gmhainc.org; Space is limited! Auditors are welcome. All invited to attend "Walking Your Dressage Test" Demo on Friday evening. Contact Karey Manner at 802-457-1509.
- 16 Centered Riding/Driving with Peggy Brown, Charlotte, MI. Peggy Brown, Advanced Level IV Centered Riding/Driving Clinician, has pioneered the application of Centered Riding to Driving resulting in greater safety, communication and harmony with the horse. Contact Tina, 989-274-5466.
- 20-21 My Lady's Manor Driving Club presents the Bill Lower Clinic. (partially funded by the Sally Stump Memorial Fund), Port Deposit, Maryland, www.mlmdc.org. Open to non-members, full dressage ring as well as indoor ring available in case of inclement weather! Contact Dana Bright at 717-246-2351, cdeponyz@comcast.net.
- 23 Arena Driving Trial Fun Day with Anita Alden, Charlotte, MI. Three levels including "Oh, my gosh, I've never done this before," Training and Preliminary. All levels include Dressage, Cones, Obstacles and short Pleasure Pace. Lessons available if time permits. Contact Tina, 989-274-5466.
- 23 **NH SPRING FLING ADT SERIES:** Mary Gray Driving Center, Verrill Stables, Danville, NH, www.wayfarerfarm.net; Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Mary Gray, H: 603-974-2357, C: 207-577-8908, mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net.
- 29-30 Cypress Keep Schooling HDT, Cypress Keep Farm, Plant City, FL. All levels, all equine sizes. 4-5 km, 4-5 hazards. Dressage/Cones Saturday, Marathon Sunday. www.cypresskeep.com. Erika Matulich, 813-982-2200

June

- 5-6 Jeff Morse Clinic: Shadowhawke Gypsies, Ballston Spa, NY. Details at www.saratogadriving.com or contact Gina Handy, 518-583-4316, gina.handy@saratogadriving.com.
- 6 **NH SPRING FLING ADT SERIES:** Mary Gray Driving Center, Verrill Stables, Danville, NH, www.wayfarerfarm.net; Training, Preliminary, Intermediate. Mary Gray, H: 603-974-2357, C: 207-577-8908, mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net.
- 11-13 National and international driving expert Larry Poulin will give a driven and ridden dressage clinic at Rough Terrain Farm, Randolph Center, VT. Stabling and camping available. Details at www.roughterrainfarm.com/events Lessons are filling quickly, to register call Leslie Haynes at 802-279-5945.
- 26 Susquehanna Valley Whip & Wheels Pleasure Driving Show, Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA. Final show for the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge. Division Championships for Novice, VSE, Pony and Horses. Classes: In-Hand, Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Scurry and Town & County Show one day, or combine scores with the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving on Sunday for overall Grand Championship. Tina Cornell, 570-784-4793 or 570-204-5536.
- 27 Susquehanna Valley Whips & Wheels Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA. Novice, Pony and Horse. Pleasure Drive & Turnout Inspection, Task Drive and a cones course. Grand Championship awards offered for those who wish to compete in both this event and the Pleasure Show. Tina Cornell 570-784-4793.

July

- 1-3 Metamora Recreational Drive Weekend, Windrush Farm, Metamora, MI, www.metamoracarriagedriving.com, Alicia Pierce, 810-664-2102, stoneoakfarm@gmail.com.
- 17-18 Senior Beginner Clinic with Jeff Morse. For people over 55 with no driving experience, Details at www.saratogadriving.com. Lyn Howard, 518-674-8582.

August

- 22 MLM Schooling Driving Trial: Spring Valley Park, Wintertown, PA; open to non-members; organizer Anne Council, 717-993-8956, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net

September

- 18-19 RMCC Fall Follies CDE and 2-Phase, Greeley, CO. Nancy Bruckhauser, 303-776-6246.
- 14-19 National Drive: Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh IN, the largest gathering of recreational drivers in North America. Kathy Blank 270-250-2581 or tnd2010@live.com, www.nationaldrive.net.
- 25-26 **Longview Lake Driving Trial,** Kansas City, MO. Levels: Training & Preliminary. Judge: Shelly Temple; TD: Wayne Kramer. Contact Mary Loy Brown, 816-781-1766

October

- 7-9 **ADS ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING:** in conjunction with WEG, at Gayla Driving Center (Georgetown, KY). For details call ADS office, 608-237-7382.

OMNIBUS CHANGES

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

Brandywine: New organizer, Margaret Grillet

Carolina Carriage Club HDT: New date 5/29-30

Sunrise Ridge HDT: Adds VSE divisions.

CDE at Inavale: New member of the Jury Linda Latzke

Chapter One Farms ADT: Cancelled

Skunk River HDT: Host Hotel Information updated

Teddy Bear Fjords CDE: Adds Intermediate division



First-time competitors Jan Petri (right) and his son Stephen driving Amos at the Steeplechase Fun Darby in Morriston, Florida. Photo by Louisa Emerick

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