



Jennifer Matheson won the FEI Pair Pony division at Sunshine State. Photo by Pam Knisley.

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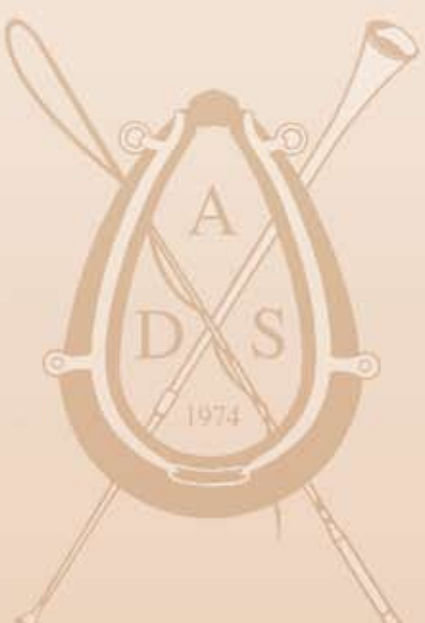
Scott Monroe drove Shadow (Bethesda After Dark) to a resounding win in the FEI Single Horse division at the Sunshine State CAI (Ocala, Florida) February 25-28. The long-time partners led through all three phases to finish almost 16 points ahead of the second-place combination, Donna Crookston and Cowboy's Black Cadillac. Photo by Pam Knisley.

ADS Annual Meeting: A Synopsis

The ADS Board of Directors held its annual spring meeting in conjunction with the USEF Annual Meeting January 14-18 in Louisville Kentucky. This is a brief synopsis of the business conducted at the meeting; for a full account, please refer to the minutes located online at http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/meeting_minutes.asp.

ADS President Jim Keathley reported that despite the lackluster economy, the ADS held its own financially in 2009. The ADS has also increased its participation on key committees within the USEF, thereby enhancing our voice within our parent organization.

In her report to the Board of Directors, Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker highlighted some interesting membership statistics. Although new memberships were down from 2008 (422) to 2009 (375), membership retention was up, resulting in a net growth of 180 members to 2009. She also commented on the overwhelming success of the recent webinar programs and the need to develop some policies and guidelines surrounding this initiative. (continued on p. 5)



A Message from The Executive Director



The spring show season is in full swing in the south, kicked off with the Nature Coast HDT and a new event, the Little Everglades

CDE. Both events were very well attended, signifying the good health of our sport in the southern-most region. It's no surprise that the four-in-hand drivers have been out in force as they seek to qualify their remaining horses and continue their preparation for the Alltech World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky October 7-10.

If you will be attending the WEG, please join your fellow ADS members on Friday night, October 8, for the ADS Annual Members Meeting and Celebration of 35 years of the ADS. We will host a dinner and meeting at the Gayla Driving Center in Georgetown, Kentucky, a mere 13 miles from the Kentucky Horse Park. More information about this event will be coming out by email and in the April edition of the Wheelhorse. Make sure to add this to your "must do" list while you are in Kentucky.

The ADS has added two more equine organizations to its Breed Partnership Program: the Norwegian Fjord Horse Registry and the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America. These two breed associations have many members who drive their equines; they are looking to the ADS to help augment their driving education and provide their members with new activities in which to participate with their horses. (continued on p. 3)

Needed: A Climate of Trust

By Pat Cheatham, ADS Vice President

It's six months until the Nominating Committee announces its recommended slate for the ADS Board of Directors for 2011-12. Although their work is conducted privately, I know a couple of things about the nominations before they're made. First, all the nominees are volunteers; second, they all have the best interests of the ADS and our sport at heart. Every volunteer gives us their time, energy and, quite often, their money so that the rest of us may enjoy our sport. We need to remember these folks are volunteers and have the sport's interests in mind as we consider the actions of other competitors, officials, organizers, vendors, ADS committees and the Board. In short, we must trust other ADS members. We are a small community of drivers and friends of drivers, and cannot withstand a climate where we distrust the motives of others.

Let me give you a very trivial, but personal, example. I hate the rule requiring helmets on marathon. I believe my safety is no one's business but my own as a willing, adult participant in a sport where accidents happen and people are hurt and sometimes die from their injuries. However, I do not believe that either the initiators or supporters of the rule (misguided as I believe they were) had anything but the best interests of my organization and my sport in mind when they implemented the rule. Don't get me wrong, I still hate having someone, anyone, tell me what I must do for my own well-being, but I don't denigrate the motives of others and I know that I must either wear the damn thing (if I want to compete) or get enough votes to change the existing standard.

For my part, the willingness to trust the motives of others extends to a recent furor over "Conflicts of Interest" on committees and the Board of Directors. I think the current trend is too far to the side of seeing buggerbears (that's an Arkansas term) where there's little or no cause. As I said earlier, we're a small group dedicated to common interests and should expect some overlap between personal and organizational interests. For example, during a recent committee meeting we discussed the level at which the number of competitors would require an additional member of the Ground Jury (Judge). Board members who are also Event Organizers (those who would have to pay for the additional Judge), Licensed Officials (those who could benefit from the new requirement) and competitors (those who would likely see an increase in event fees to cover the cost) all took positions. To my knowledge, no one doubted that each opinion reflected a genuine concern for the sport and all participants.

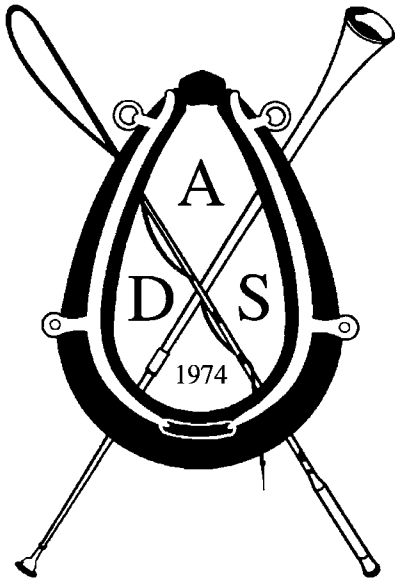
The ADS now enjoys an unprecedented openness and opportunity for member involvement. All proposed rule changes are posted for review and comment on our Web site, as are the meeting minutes of both ADS Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. With this heightened ability to actively participate comes an increased responsibility for charity in how we regard the work of others. Honest disagreement over issues we face in both our organization and our sport (they ain't the same) is healthy, necessary and inevitable but our debates must be grounded in the assurance that we all work toward the same end—enjoying the sport of driving.

From the Executive Director (cont'd)

Our first, very successful collaborative Breed Partnership project was the "Harness, Bits and More" webinar presented by Jeff Morse, ADS Pleasure Driving Chairman. The invitation to this webinar was shared with all our breed partners and netted a whopping 451 participants. This is the largest number of webinar participants we have had to date, and can be directly attributed to the inclusion of our breed partners.

Another project that was completed thanks to the support of the Friesian Horse Association of North America was the distribution of all our member club contact information to interested Friesian horse owners at the California Equine Affaire FHANA booth. ADS and FHANA member Marc DiLeo of Apple Valley, California manned the booth and help distribute the packets. Our many thanks for his efforts!

Susie



Licensed Officials News: February 2010 Promotions

Francois Bergeron: Combined Driving Judge "R"

Kail Palmer Miller: Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate "R"

Jessica Snyder: Pleasure Driving Judge "r"

Erika Matulich: Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate "r"

John Porter: Combined Driving Judge and Technical Delegate "L"

ADS Fund Update: WEG a Unique Opportunity

The World Equestrian Games arrive at the Kentucky Horse Park in just eight short months. The Games will be an unprecedented opportunity to showcase the equine industry as a whole and driving in particular, in a variety of ways, to spectators from around North America and the globe. Many of your friends in the ADS are working hard to produce opportunities to enhance the WEG experience for every ADS member, and to encourage new drivers.

Eight disciplines will be represented at the WEG; their supporters will travel from every part of the United States and beyond. Among the many programs in development designed to draw in new driving enthusiasts and enrich the WEG experience for ADS members are harnessing demonstrations, exhibitions of Arena Driving Trials, a parade of driving breeds, outreach to complementary disciplines and breeds, conducted critiques and course walks and the production and distribution of educational materials. The talents of many top US drivers will be tapped to share their expertise. A major goal of the ADS Fund is to maximize the gain to your sport and to you through ADS involvement at the World Equestrian Games. The benefits derived will carry through over many years, strengthening the foundation of driving in America.

We need the financial involvement of every member. Charitable contributions, grants and corporate sponsorships from friends and benefactors permit the ADS to continue its mission to inspire, enlighten, and expand opportunity for all members. Programs supported by the ADS Fund are making a significant impact on our sport. This year, more than ever can be achieved with your backing, with the catalyst of the World Equestrian Games. We anticipate that through your donations, in 2010 the ADS Fund will provide our most aggressive driving grant funding to date. Please help us to capitalize on every opportunity possible through the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

Contact Jamie O'Rourke for more information about how you can help, at 484-832-4365 or ADSFUND@aol.com.

Thank you!

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ADS & AQHA: A Win-Win Combination

By Deborah George

Many of us who belong to a large organization, whether it is an international breed registry or the governing body of a sport such as the ADS, find ourselves wondering if our individual voices are really ever heard. We have thoughts and ideas, then discourage ourselves from acting on them because we think that one person can't bring about any change or make a difference. We tend to forget that somebody has to start the proverbial ball rolling, and it just might be you or me. I found this out firsthand when I sent an email to the American Quarter Horse Association Web site "America's Horse Daily" (<http://americashorседaily.com>)—and received a response!

Here's what prompted me to write. My husband and I have been involved with driving, on and off, for more than 30 years. For what seemed too long, our barn was without our own driving horse, until we finally decided it was time to get my sane and smart Quarter Horse Pocos Cherokee Jet (aka "Starbuck") between the shafts. Bob was enjoying enough success in shows with Starbuck that we found ourselves wondering why we didn't see more "stock" type horses at driving events. It seemed that their breed organizations did little to promote them as driving horses. So over the course of recent years I wrote several letters and emails to the AQHA, both on the national and state level, regarding driving and my hopes that they would take an interest in promoting "open driving"—the sort of driving we do at ADS shows and events.

It was my fervent wish that the AQHA would one day work in conjunction with the ADS, as they are now currently doing with the United States Dressage Federation. The AQHA asked me if I would be willing to write up a rule proposal and gather as much information as possible for presentation at the next big AQHA convention, to be held in Florida this month (March 2010). I agreed, and by doing so embarked on a truly enjoyable quest!

I quickly contacted ADS Executive Director Susan Koos-Acker and asked her to contact the ADS membership, so that I could identify those driving Paints, Quarter Horses or crosses of those breeds. Within days I had received more than 60 email responses, many with photos. It seemed that my husband and I were not the only ones who believed in the capabilities of the stock breeds in harness! Somehow, I managed to get everything together and submitted by my December 31 deadline.

In the interim, I posted a comment on the America's Horse Web site regarding an article about Quarter Horses in dressage, how they were now recognized by the AQHA and how wonderful it would be if they would do the same with Quarter Horses in driving and the ADS. This caught the eye of Holly Clanahan, Editor of *America's Horse* magazine. This bi-monthly publication goes to every AQHA member and has a circulation of more than 263,000! Holly inter-



Bob and Deborah George hope their driving success with their Quarter Horse, Pocos Cherokee Jet (Starbuck), will encourage more owners of stock horse breeds to try them in harness.

viewed me by telephone about our driving Quarter Horse, my quest to get "open" driving recognized by the AQHA, and about driving in general. She was interested to learn as much as possible about our wonderful sport. I told her about the American Driving Society, so her next call was to the ADS. One thing led to another and now the ADS may have a booth at the next big Select Show (for people age 50 and over) in Amarillo, Texas in late August. In addition, there will be banner ads for the ADS on the America's Horse Daily Web site, accompanying another article that will run in conjunction with the print version in the magazine. To add to the excitement, Holly emailed to let me know that the art director of *America's Horse* had selected a photo of Starbuck for the cover. What an amazing honor! Who knows how many people will be introduced to our sport, and perhaps be enticed to give it a try?

The article and the ads will all come out at about the same time in March as the committee will be considering my rule proposal and looking over everything that I have gathered for them. I can't help but believe that they will be impressed by what they see and read, whether it is regarding all of the talented horses and the people who own them, or our wonderful American Driving Society. In the meantime, I am going to be writing about the accomplishments of Quarter Horses, Paints and Appaloosas in the driving world for the "Breed News" section of *Driving Digest* magazine.

All of this is proof positive that the organizations of which we are members truly do care about and support their membership. I cannot say enough about how terrific and enthusiastic Susie Koos-Acker has been, and also Valerie Smith and Holly Clanahan at AQHA. It is people like these who make the sport of driving and the world of horses so special.

New ADS-Member Driving Club Organizes in Ohio

The Collars & Cruppers Driving Club was formally established in Xenia, Ohio February 28 and as its first official act voted to apply the dues collected toward ADS Club Membership. Club president is Reinhold Finkes, Brian Redmond is vice president, Russ Szpot is treasurer and Christine Redmond is secretary. “We’ve liked being just our own little informal club but we also want to meet more people and have more fun,” said Christine. She is the organizer of the “Mock” CDE events that have elicited such a positive response (see the November *Whip* for a story about the 2009 “Mock” CDE). “I’m so excited about this step forward. We have no desire to compete with the existing Ohio clubs, but we want to bring in drivers who have ‘fallen between’ and offer them an alternative. We’re gleaning so much attention and support from ADS, we need to give back by at least becoming club members.”

You can find more information at <http://cfbelgiansrgr8t.blogspot.com/>, a blog that Christine has put up recently. “I will be posting various tidbits regarding the “Mock” CDEs and other driving-related things we may have to ‘chat’ about. We’ve thought of hosting a couple



new activities at the Finkes’ farm and I’ve had a bit of a wild idea about putting together a major ‘driving only’ trade fair—all things that may be shared or updated on the blog.” Volunteers and other supporters of the event are either mentioned within the blog, or a link to their Web site is included.

Christine’s email is MonaMonAmi@woh.rr.com.

Junior Programs at BVDC Show

The 16th Annual Brandywine Carriage Driving Show will be at a new venue this year, Fair Hill Department of Natural Resources Management Area, Gallaher Road, Elkton, Maryland on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Check the Club’s website for detailed information about the show at: <http://www.bvdc.org>.

We are especially excited to offer some special programs for Junior Drivers this year, including a Show Prep Clinic that is open to all Juniors. The clinic is on Saturday, June 12 from 2-4 p.m. The registration fee is free for Juniors who are entered in the show and is \$25 for all others. The clinician, Jessica Snyder, is an ADS Pleasure Show Learner Judge who has been instructing junior drivers since the completion of her degree at Delaware Valley College in 2004. Jessica will provide instruction, handouts and activities to review, among other things, the basics of correct grooming, turnout, rules and safety. At the show the next day there will be a whole division of classes for Junior B and Junior C Drivers (ages 11 through 18), a special Junior hospitality area and fun raffles and prizes. Contact Jessica Snyder, Junior Programs Chair to register and for more information at: ponydriving@yahoo.com.

Show Secretary Bobbi Hager can be contacted at: bobbihag@optonline.net. As always, this is an ADS-recognized competition and details can be found at: <http://americandrivingsociety.org>.

Synopsis of Annual Meeting

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Most of the ADS standing committees reported on their activities from the past year. A key discussion was led by Bill Lawson, Chair of the Finance Committee, concerning the use of donations for ADS operations. Historically the ADS has never had a balanced budget without the use of donated funds and despite our best efforts, the same is holding true today. Therefore the BOD voted to authorize the use of up to \$12,000 in donated money to support the operations of the ADS. As a business practice, the Society will still make its best efforts to limit the amount of donated funds it has to use for operations.

Dave Sadler, Central Regional Director, introduced a proposal to relocate the ADS office by September 1, 2010 to the Kentucky Horse Park. After much discussion of the pros and cons of the proposal the motion was defeated by a 17 to 8 margin.

Maureen Harkcom, Director at Large from the Northeast, introduced a motion to host the 2011 Annual Members Meeting in Washington. The motion passed without dissent.

With recommendation from Clubs and Membership Chair Paul Nordan, ADS Vice President Pat Cheatham put forth a motion to eliminate this committee from the ADS standing committees. Paul felt there was much duplication of effort between the Regional Directors and the Clubs and Membership Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Training Level: A column and forum for new driving enthusiasts

By Deby Stewart

The southern driving shows have begun to kick into high gear here in Florida. February's "Carriage Affair," held on the lovely Oak-shaded lawns of the Florida Carriage Museum and Resort in Weirsdale, certainly set the stage for the driving season. This month I'm looking forward to my annual trek to Ocala to visit friends and attend the Live Oak International CAI. If you have the opportunity to come see this show and the spectacular grounds, it is a definite not-to-be missed experience. I'll be hanging out at the Florida Whips tailgate party, so be sure to stop and say hi.

I recently received an email from Tim Fields in Wyoming, who is struggling with the question of what type of cart or carriage one ought to buy—or avoid. I believe that is definitely the next most important consideration after picking a horse.

When I attended my first driving show, I was completely amazed at the almost endless variety of carts and carriages I saw. For a newcomer to driving, it was just mind-boggling. To see acres and acres of horses and carts and carriages all spread out across the fields under the huge Live Oak trees. There was every type of horse, hitch and vehicle that could be imagined.

Tim's situation is like that of a lot of people (including me) who don't live near popular driving venues or even near other drivers. Sometimes it can be pretty daunting to make decisions about equipment and training when there just isn't anyone around to ask for advice. At the very least, a wrong decision can be expensive; at the worst, it can be downright dangerous.

Tim had purchased a Meadowbrook but it wasn't working out for various reasons (been there, done that!) and he was wondering what he should look for next. He also mentioned that due to the distances to driving events he will probably never compete above Preliminary Level, so it seems to me that he is mostly a recreational driver (again as I am). I still consider myself a beginner, but I do feel that my experiences so far have given me some insight into his problem.

My short answer to Tim, and to anyone else trying to make a somewhat informed decision on a vehicle, is that you should choose something that will give you the most pleasure for the most amount of time. If you are thinking of showing, then of course a fancier cart or carriage with hard wheels is a must, but it really comes down to what works with the places that you drive.

If you are mainly driving for pleasure, then your considerations are different than if you plan to show. I too started with a Meadowbrook because it was cool looking (and it came with my horse). But since I like to drive in fields and off-road, I got a little spooked about the safety—worried about a wheel coming off if I hit a hole, or having to get out in a hurry (and of course trying to get people safely in and



Guess what is TigerLily's favorite activity?

out of this vehicle is really hard). In my opinion, Meadowbrooks are pretty for the show ring but not practical as an only vehicle.

If you enjoy taking other people with you, a four-wheel carriage might be preferable to a two-wheel cart. My friend had a four-wheel Wagonette and after about six months of scary rides in my Meadowbrook, I decided I wanted one. It carries four people, is easy to get in and out of and is a cut-under (front wheels pivot and can go under the cart which lessens the possibility of flipping it), so it feels pretty stable even for sharper turns. It has pneumatic (air-filled) tires that make it a little easier to pull off-road.

I can show with the Wagonette as is at Prelim Level, and if I change the tires I can still use it at higher levels. I bought it new for a little less than \$3,000. That's a lot of money for some of us to spend for a hobby, but I don't plan on replacing it for a very long time, if ever. I figure it's now worth more than my car, so it stays clean and dry in the garage, and the car lives in the driveway.

Another driving friend has a two-wheel Forecart that seats two and has big car-size tires. She really loves it. It's lighter, and with its big wheels it can go on almost any type of terrain. It's also not so fancy that you mind taking it out in messier weather.

So my bottom-line advice is, when choosing a vehicle, think about the type of driving you do most and get a cart or carriage that suits that. It doesn't matter if it's two- or four-wheeled as long as it's safe, sturdy and lets you do what you love to do. If you truly have no clue as to what you want, try to go to a big show and talk to everyone who has a type of horse similar to yours. If the horses are similar, there's a chance their owners are using them in the same way as you are and may have some good advice. You will probably make new friends, too.

Try to buy a new rather than used vehicle, since you will
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by Hardy Zantke

A Look at Rulebook Changes

Most of you are aware that we have a new edition of our Rulebook as of January 1. As usual I would like to bring to your attention those items I consider more important, and as usual I'll stick to the main area of my knowledge: Combined Driving.

In the October Wheelhorse I shared my thoughts on why I think it is important for us to stay in sync with the competition rules of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI). The ADS has done so again with their latest Rulebook changes, with one exception: As of January 1, 2010, the FEI requires drivers and grooms to wear back protectors in Section E of the marathon in addition to their helmets (Art 917.6.2). USEF has gone along with that rule change, but the ADS has not, at least not for 2010. Our CDE Committee felt it would be too much of a hardship to make it mandatory for all lower-level drivers and grooms to invest in safety vests on such short notice. So while we do see the FEI language also in our Rulebook, please note that it is followed by the ADS exception under Art. 917.6.3 stating, "Protective vests ('back protectors') are strongly recommended." So please be aware that if you are competing at the Advanced Level at an FEI- or USEF-recognized event, you and your groom(s) must wear back protectors on Section E, while at ADS events (all lower levels, as well as

Training Level (cont'd)

probably have it for a long time. If you buy used, make sure you know its complete history—that it hasn't been wrecked and put back together, or hasn't been left outside to rust. If you aren't a member of your local driving (or even riding) club, then either join or at least contact them and see if someone there will help you find a good cart or carriage.

Just keep asking questions until you find someone you trust whose answers make sense to you. You can never ask too many questions of too many people. Thank goodness driving people usually love to help others with this sport.

Finally, please keep in mind that this is just my own personal opinion and experience. I would really appreciate any other advice readers would care to share. This is just the reason I love writing this column!

... and don't forget to take the time to roll in the grass!

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Advanced Level HDTs, or ADTs), this is recommended but not mandatory—at least not for 2010.

Art 941.2.6 comes new from the FEI: "Competitors may only stand or walk their horses in the Rest Area." Apparently some competitors were disturbing the peace in the vet box before Section E. So please don't trot into or out of that vet check area, or you might get penalized—and since no special penalty is set up for this, the fall-back penalty unfortunately would be the big E. Personally I think that's a bit heavy; similarly, Elimination is the penalty for failing to wear back protectors. Why so harsh? I think five penalty points would get the message across just as well. Nobody wants to incur five points, and failure to obey such rules is usually just an oversight.

Art 956.2.2 adds a new idea in the cones: You will be eliminated if you "intentionally drive over any part of an obstacle in the wrong sequence or direction." I think that is a good rule; before, drivers could opt to just drive over a set of cones that was in their way en route from one set to another, to save the time of a detour if that would incur more penalties than the cone down would cost them. So this new addition is in order; the only problem I see is that under the Summary of Penalties—Art 957.22—it lists the Elimination just "for intentionally driving over any part of an obstacle," leaving out the important words "in the wrong sequence or direction." I hope this was covered in the Super Clinic, so no official will eliminate someone just because he feels the driver drove over a cone "intentionally," when he couldn't avoid it and thought, oh, what the heck and drove forward.

Lamps are again required in the Cones—for ADS this applies only if you have lamp brackets. See Art 918.2. (Lamps were optional for a few years in the cones.)

Zig-Zags are now allowed for Training Level. (They were not before. This added to the burden for organizers, who had to change the cones course between Training and Prelim, and often confused drivers when only one of the two was set up for the course walk.)

Finally, after the long discussions, you'll find the Organizers' options for Standard Cones Settings now in the Rulebook (Art 952.1.7 & 8). For added understanding for those who might have missed it, or have forgotten, consider re-reading my article in the November 2009 *Whip*. Maybe any Organizer using this option in the second half of 2010 will publish that intent in the next Omnibus.

I think these are the main items of interest from the Rulebook in the Combined Driving section. In addition, you'll find quite a few instances where the language is clarified and minor details are corrected. I recommend you go on the ADS Web site and click on the Rulebook, which has the changes indicated. There you will also find the changes for all the other parts besides Combined Driving.

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. For a complete up-to-date calendar listing, visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/calendar.asp.

March

- 13-14 The Driving Forum Carriage Driving Conference & Trade Show; The Courtyard by Marriott, Nashua, NH; Linda Roth, 508-344-1529; www.driving-forum.com.
- 20 Ohio Winter Indoor Driving Games:** Training & Prelim; VSE, Pony, Horse; Windy Knoll Farm, Sullivan, OH; Heated indoor arenas for competition and warmup; rpburrows@carriagesinthepark.com, 330-697-8325.

April

- 3 Gilcrest Farm HDT, Windsor, SC. www.gilcrestfarm.com, Renie Gillis 803-648-4500
- 11 **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.
- 25 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.
- 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, Dakota County Fairgrounds, 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 to join in. Contact: Steve Crownover, H: 612-759-4111, mnwhipandwheels@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.delmarvadrivingclub.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.

May (cont'd)

- 16 Centered Riding/Driving with Peggy Brown, Charlotte, MI. Peggy Brown, an Advanced Level IV Centered Riding/Driving International Clinician, has pioneered the application of Centered Riding to Driving resulting in greater safety, communication and harmony with the horse and enhanced performance and enjoyment. 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 ting 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.

June

- 11-13 National and international driving expert Larry Poulin will give a driving 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

- 9-11 METAMORA PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW:** Horse, Pony, VSE. Turn-out, Reinsmanship, Working, Dressage. Linda W. Piette, quailhlw@aol.com, 248-310-9966. Opening May 21, 2010; closing June 21, 2010.
- 17-18 HICKORY KNOLL CDE:** Hickory Knoll Farm, Fitchburg, WI, www.hickoryknoll.net; Training, Preliminary, Intermediate; contact Hickory Knoll Fund, Inc. c/o John Freiburger. H: 608-835-7473, Fax: 608-835-2156; frei@chorus.net;
- 17-18 Birds Hill Internat'l CDE:** Birds Hill Park Equestrian Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba; www.manitobadrivingsociety.com
- 23-25 OHIO CDE:** Howe Meadow and Hale Farm and Village; VSE, Pony & Horse, singles and pairs; new routes; rpburrows@carriagesinthepark.com, 330-697-8325.
- 24-25 35th EAST AURORA CARRIAGE DRIVING & COMPETITION:** Chur Equestrian Center, Knox Farm State Park, East Aurora, New York; Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Liz O'Donnell, LizOdonnellEADS@aol.com, 716-380-5724; opening date June 1, closing date July 1.

July (cont'd)

30-Aug. 1 PACIFIC REGION DRIVEN DRESSAGE FESTIVAL, Arroyo Grande, CA. Training - Advanced Tests, Musical Freestyle, Pas de Deux, Test of Choice. Diane Kastama dkastama@verizon.net, 805-343-6026

August

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

September

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

2 Saratoga Driving Association HDT: Akers Acres, Valatie, NY; Natural terrain, Marc Johnson TD, Barbara Akers Course Design www.saratogadriving.com; Levels: Training, Preliminary; Jeff Morse, H: 413-698-3804, greenmeads@gmail.com; Opening Date: August 15, 2010; Closing Date: September 20.

7-9 **ADS ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING**: in conjunction with WEG, at Gayla Driving Center (Georgetown, KY).

22-23 **FLORIDA FALL FLING ADT**: Sumter Equestrian Center, Bushnell, FL, www.cypresskeep.com/fallfling; training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Contact: Erika Matulich, H: 813-982-2200, C: 813-784-8484, ematulich@ut.edu.

24 **HALLOWEEN HUSTLE**: Conejo Creek Equestrian Park, Thousand Oaks, CA. www.whiprsnappers.com. Classes: Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon. Contact: Pam Miller-Mitchell, 818-899-0211, pam.hei@latwcbc.com

OMNIBUS CHANGES

In response to ADS member comments, the Wheel-horse 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

Live Oak CDE: FEI or National passports required for FEI classes.

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

Correction: Hat's Off Boutique information in the January-June 2010 Omnibus should have appeared as Tel/Fax 352-486-8423

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