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## ADS Awards Programs: Enroll in 2014!

By Maria McGinnis, ADS Staff



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*Everyone loves recognition.* Especially when it comes from doing something that you are passionate about. The American Driving Society (ADS) has several award programs that recognize the hard work and dedication of ADS members doing great things in a variety of areas. Winners are featured in ADS publications and on the website. In fact, this issue includes a wonderfully written story on page 6 by Hardy Zantke about the Youth Championships.

In most cases, entries for ADS awards are due towards the end of the year. Award applications are available on the ADS website and members are reminded to apply via email at numerous points throughout the year.

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## A Message from the Executive Director



As you sit down to read this issue of The Wheel-horse, you may have spent time with family over the holidays, or finally had a chance to catch up on projects around the house or barn. Maybe you spent time setting goals for 2014.

Speaking of goals, in late 2013, the ADS brought a fundraising opportunity to members: If the Society could raise \$50,000, an anonymous donor would “match” the \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 added to the ADS Fund. Members from across the country have generously contributed towards this goal.

Donations totals are not final (at press time), but the outlook is good that ADS will meet the \$50,000 challenge. Continued growth in the Endowment will provide the Society with a source of revenue that is perpetual, and does not encumber the membership. It will help us continue working on the Society’s mission which was written 40 years ago and is still relevant today.

As you open your e-mails and envelopes that contain your renewal request, it’s only natural to ask, “what do I get out of this membership?” If you are like me, there needs to be more than a publication to justify the expense. I ask myself, “Am I exposed to experts who are willing to help me troubleshoot real problems? Are events fun and educational? Do I feel like I’m a part of something bigger that is caring for the future of the sport?”

Funding can be the main obstacle to the above questions. Through current offerings, the ADS has shown that there is tremendous value to your membership, but we want to offer more. The ADS Endowment and the new “matching” contribution will ensure that you get all that you pay for and more.

— *Susie*

## ADS Members Nominated for USEF Equestrians/Horse of the Year

USEF recently announced nominees for Horse of the Year and Equestrian of the Year. The ADS is proud to have members nominated in both categories! Voting for these awards closed on December 30, and winners will be announced at the USEF Annual Meeting this month. To learn more about the full slate of nominees for both Horse and Equestrian of the Year, go to [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

### **Horse of the Year:**

International competitor and ADS member Misdee Wrigley-Miller’s 2002 KWPN gelding “Sam” is nominated in the International category.

### **Equestrian of the Year:**

International competitor, ADS member and judge Chester Weber of Ocala, FL is nominated and is the winner of the Becky Grand Hart Trophy which is presented to international-level non-Olympic athletes.

ADS Competitor, member and judge Chris Bickford of Sherwood, OR is nominated with his wife Sonya. They are the recipients of the Bill Robinson Trophy which is presented to an equestrian competing with horses or ponies across all the breeds in harness or for driving performance in non-international competitions.

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## Clinic Day to Benefit US Driving for the Disabled Team - January 10

From Jeff McCarthy, posted to the CD-L

Carriage Driving USA and Florida Fresh Meat Company are proud to announce the 2nd annual Day of Clinics hosted by Margaret Mayer at Cranewood Farm, Ocala, FL on January 10, 2014.

Proceeds benefit The United States Driving for the Disabled Team as they prepare for the Championships in Sandringham, England in June of 2014.

Suzy Stafford, Koos de Ronde, Thorsten Zarembowicz Bob Giles and Alex Osowiecki will serve as clinicians for the day. Suzy is a long time member of the USET, and has many medals rewarding her hard work. Koos is the current World Cup 4-in-Hand Champion. Thorsten helped Germany secure her Silver medal in 2013. Bob Giles has introduced countless people to driving in his 40 years. Alex Osowiecki is one of the best ‘Gators in the biz, from carriage maintenance to green cards, Alex can answer all your navigator’s questions and more!

Drivers and navigators have the unique opportunity to take lessons with multiple clinicians on the same day! A great way to kick off the 2014 Florida Carriage Driving Season. For more information on the Day of Driving Clinics, contact Jeff McCarthy at [jeff@carriagedrivingusa.com](mailto:jeff@carriagedrivingusa.com)

# Ask the Expert: Driver Attire with a Pinto or Other Colorful Equine

By John Greenall

Do you have a question about training, equipment, technique or turnout? Submit your question and picture (1 MB) or video clip (1 min or less) to the new Ask the Expert column. We will help you get your question answered and share the answer with the membership!

Email: [askexpert@americandrivingsociety.org](mailto:askexpert@americandrivingsociety.org)

*Question: "I drive a pinto, what do you recommend for driver attire?"*

*- Wayne Schutte, Arena, Wisconsin*

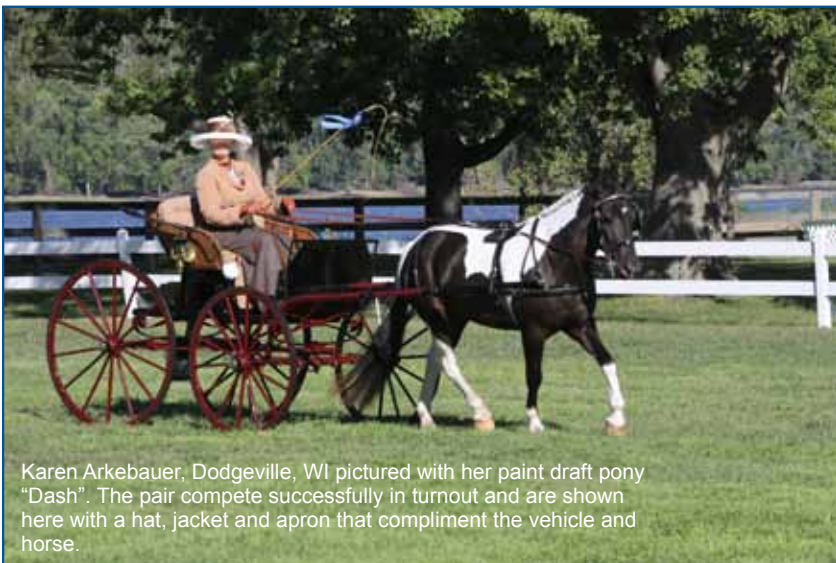
*Answer:* Since your horse is already a bright animal color wise, I would suggest your turnout should be understated. Which is to say I would avoid plaids and bright clashing colors. Perhaps a gray or black jacket with a red tie to add just a little color and a solid apron.

Tie your horse up beside the vehicle you intend to drive, then lay your clothing out on the vehicle including your apron and hat. Stand back and be critical. Give yourself several combinations to mix and match. This can be a fun thing to do with friends. Remember stand back so you get a judges perspective on the selection.



Wes Licht, McFarland, WI (pictured with his Morab mare "Rosalie" ) competes with light colored jackets to compliment the horse. Licht drives a painted road cart, but a natural cart could also be used with a Palomino.

*Additional comments from ADS:* In addition to *what* you wear, pay special attention to the overall picture. Make sure the harness is clean and fitted to the horse. The horse should be well groomed and in good body condition. The carriage should also fit the horse and should be appropriate for the breed and class in which you are exhibiting. Your attire should be fitted and clean - in addition to being the appropriate color. For further reading, The Carriage Association of America (CAA) has a wonderful series of books on turnout for both gentlemen and ladies available on their website.



Karen Arkebauer, Dodgeville, WI pictured with her paint draft pony "Dash". The pair compete successfully in turnout and are shown here with a hat, jacket and apron that compliment the vehicle and horse.



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# Transcontinental Caravan Celebrates Horse Heritage



An international team of equine adventurers have joined forces for an epic cross-country journey through the southern United States and invites others to join!

On November 1st 2014, The Caravan - a team of equine enthusiasts, trained horse handlers and a farrier will leave southern California for a 2,500 mile trek to central Florida.

The Caravan is traveling with two, fully outfitted 54 foot support trailers stocked with supplies and spare parts. The route has been scheduled and the arrival in Florida is planned for March 2015.

Much of the pre-planning now consists of informing the equine communities and the towns through which the Caravan will be traveling of its impending arrival. The world is invited to participate for a day, a week, or for the entire journey as a participant (bringing their own horse), or as a guest who may ride in one of the carriages.

Safety is paramount. If the well-being of one of the animals or a human is at risk the program will be changed.

Today's technology allows the world to join the Caravan. In addition to the regularly uploaded interviews with participants and special guests, "The Caravan" will weekly broadcast its reality show online.

Organizer Gerard Paagman says, "Although we will be traveling with horses, we are not going back in time. Our horses have been trained in the sport of carriage driving and the equipment is modern. This journey is about having a 'travel speed' which enables us to enjoy the beauty of the nature and the social aspects of working as a team. We expect a large group."

The public is invited to participate. As team member Denice Barton says, "Horses were essential in settling this country. Through modern technology and social advances we may share the beauty and excitement only found when traveling by horse. We are calling all equine enthusiasts to join us in this journey of our lives."

For more information about The Caravan, go to [www.TheCaravan.me](http://www.TheCaravan.me), email [gerard@paagman.nl](mailto:gerard@paagman.nl) or search "The Caravan USA" on social media.



The Route: California to Florida



The Caravan Team



A semi-trailer that will travel with the group

## A Loss to the Driving Community: Anne French Thorington

Reprinted from The Daily Local, PA



Anne French Thorington of East Fallowfield, died suddenly on Dec. 15, 2013. She was 81. Born on March 9, 1932 in Philadelphia, she was the youngest daughter of J. Graham French

and Lenore duPruney Roussel.

Anne, also known as Mimi, graduated from the Agnes Irwin School in 1950. She served as President of the Student Government in her senior year, and lettered in many sports including varsity field hockey, lacrosse, basketball and tennis. She later married and had four children.

Anne was a member of the Laurel's Society, the Radnor Hunt Club, the Brandywine Valley Driving Club, The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association, the Colonial Dames of America, and many Welsh Corgi Clubs. She served on the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary Board of Overseers from 1997 - 2004, and was a client, donor and volunteer for over 40 years.

She made several gifts to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at New Bolton Cen-

ter from 1986 - 1988 to ensure the facility would be built. The center, named for her father, Graham French, was dedicated in his memory in 1987. Anne also supported several other important initiatives at the Veterinary School, including neonatal research work, support for junior faculty, and house officers and students to attend continuing education courses and conduct research projects. Her support for student scholarships was outstanding.

She also served on the Advisory Board of the Ryerss Farm for Aged Equines. In 1972, Anne purchased a farm in Malvern, which she named Maple Leaf Farm. In addition to showing horses and fox hunting, she bred, raised and raced numerous thoroughbreds, including Top Hit, Patricia and Sweet August Moon.

She moved the farm in 1995 to East Fallowfield. She took up carriage driving as a hobby and competed for many years. Anne owned Morgans that competed with whip, Elizabeth (Lisa) Singer in Europe and the United States for the United States Driving Team. She continued to drive for pleasure for the rest of her life.

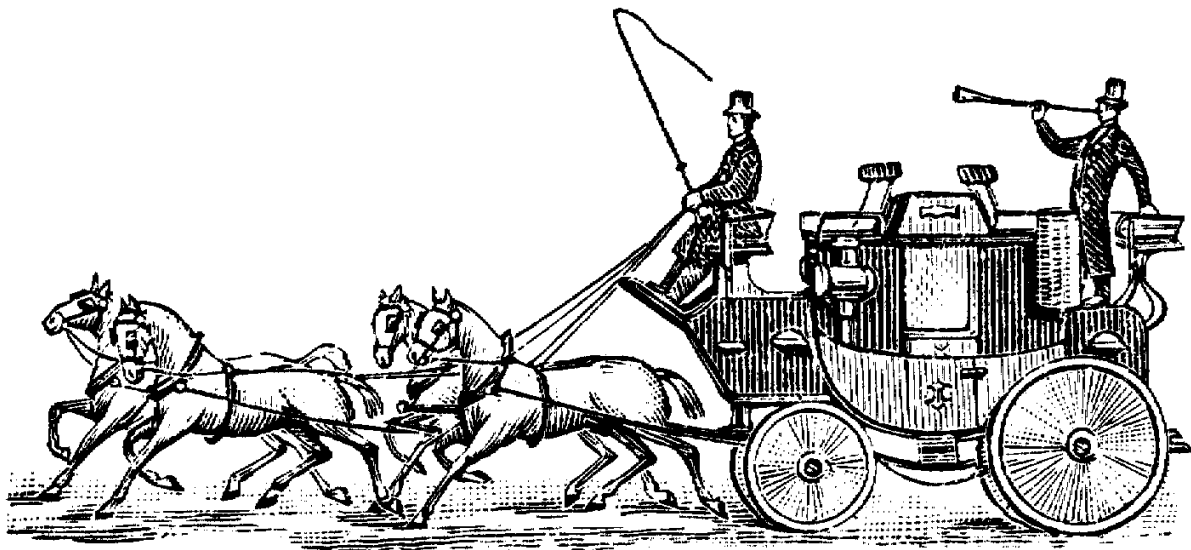
Anne also bred, raised and showed Pembroke Welsh corgis. She was active in

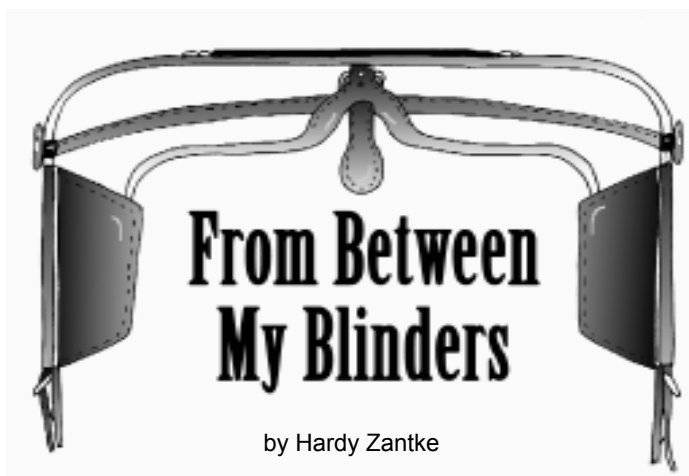
rescuing and finding homes for corgis.

She is survived by four children, Nancy A. F. Thorington of Downingtown, P James P Thorington and his partner, Vincent A. Hargrave of Coatesville, Deborah G. Thorington of Downingtown, and Milby B. Thorington and his wife, Susan P Thorington, of East Fallowfield; and six grandsons, Christopher F. Loomis, John J. Loomis, Milby B. Thorington, Peter W. Thorington, Graham F. Thorington and James R. Thorington. She is also survived by her brother, Harry B. French of Gladwyne. She was preceded by her sisters, Martha (Marty) Cummin, Lenore R. Zug, and a grandson, F. Graham Loomis.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday Jan. 11, 2014, at Saint Peter's Church in the Great Valley in Malvern. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation be made to Ryerss Farm for Aged Equines, 1710 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465-8806; or Cape May County Animal Shelter, DN 501B, 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. For additional information and online condolences, please visit [www.maugergivnish.com](http://www.maugergivnish.com).





## 2013 ADS Youth Championship

I am happy to present to you the annual ADS Youth Championship results:

**Recreational Driving:** Our Champion this year is 15 year old Abigail Simmons from Omaha, NE with 87.15 hours driven in 2013. Abigail, is no stranger to the program, and was runner up last year in the Combined Driving category, where she did not participate this year because she has a new young horse which she only drove at Training Level. Abigail won the Recreational Championship uncontested - Come on my young friends, the Champion is eligible for an ADS Grant!

**Pleasure Driving (High Points win):** Our Champion in 2013 is a new name to our program: 13 year old Luke Dahlberg from Solon Springs, WI with total 19 points. 10 of those he earned for a first in Junior Cones out of eight competitors at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Wisconsin, and the other 9 for a first in Junior Reinsmanship at the same show. Wow, what a great junior turnout at that show!

In second place is our previous champion from last year, 15 year old Reggie Glover from Weimar, TX with 14 points, 10 of which he got for a first among eight competitors in the VSE Fault & Out class at the TCA Carriage Classic at Cedar Creek Run in Greenville, TX and 4 points for being first of two in the VSE Working Pairs class at the same show with a tandem he trained himself.

Third place goes to our Recreational Champion Abigail Simmons with 10 points. 6 of those for a first of four in Timed Obstacles at the BITS Summer Carriage Classic in Iowa and 4 for a second out of four drivers in Reinsmanship at the same show.

In fourth place is 12 year old Avery Wilson from Louisville, KY for a first out of four in Junior Turnout at the Grand Oaks Classic in Florida with no additional point but meeting the requirements with a fourth out of four in Junior Timed Obstacles at the same show.

Just slightly out of the running is 11 year old Beth Dahlberg from Solon Springs, WI with a first out of four in Working Pleasure, which would give her 6 points and another first out of three in Junior Turnout, both at the Bits Summer Carriage Classic in Iowa. However, ADS rules require one result from Working/Reinsmanship or Turnout AND another from any other Pleasure Driving Class. We wish her more luck next year.

**Combined Driving: (Low points win):** Our Champion this year is a new name, 14 year old Chase Gillispie from Ona, WV with the low score of 125.51 penalty points earned at the Indiana CDE in the Preliminary Single Pony Class.

In second place and by less than a point behind, is Avery Wilson with 126.03 penalty points earned in the Preliminary Single Pony Class at the Hermitage Classic CDE in KY.

Third place goes to Reggie Glover with a result of 115.42 penalty points in the Preliminary Level Single Pony Class at the Pine Hill HDT in Texas, and since it was an HDT, per ADS rules, a 15% penalty is added, bringing his total to 132.73 penalty points.

13 year old Keegan Rhinehart from Conrad, Iowa also entered the program. Keegan competed at the Skunk River Driving Trail at Training Level with an overall score of 62.32 penalty points, however, since there are no marathon scores to compare to other levels, ADS rules say, Training Level scores are not eligible.

Congratulations to all! I am glad to see you competing and sending in your entries, and while I am happy to see some of the same names every year staying with us in the program, I am equally happy for every new name that enters - even if it's sometimes with a little help of parents and / or grandparents.

As every year the three Youth Champions are eligible for an ADS grant of up to \$750,- to participate in a Youth Clinic or similar event and should receive a sports jacket. As every year, our Whip editor will also contact the Champions for a profile in the May Whip.

Once again, I look forward to continuing the program in 2013. So please spread the word - and you parents and grandparents, keep up your help, many of the young drivers couldn't do it without you - and send in the entries by November 30th, 2014. All details are on the ADS website

Happy and safe driving in 2014!

-Hardy

# ADS Awards Programs

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Applications are fairly simple, but require a coordinated effort to ensure that applicants collect the correct information to submit. Despite the appeal of recognition, prizes, funding and even an actual trophy or ribbon, the ADS often has more awards than applicants. Perhaps with a greater understanding of the program you will consider applying in 2014! Below is a short explanation of awards offered and how members can get involved.

## **Youth Championships:**

Awarded each year at the end of December and winners are announced in *The Wheelhorse*. Open to any ADS member under 21 years of age (at the time of the events where points are collected), and based on his/her best verifiable scores sent in by the applicant and achieved during the 12 months preceding the closing date of November 30th each year. There are three categories: CDE, Pleasure and Recreation. Applicants can enter multiple categories, but can win only one per year. Winners receive a \$750 ADS Grant for use on future driving endeavors.



Youth Championship winners are eligible for grants to fund further driving education. Participation in a driving clinic as shown here is an excellent use of funding.

## **Intermediate Championships:**

This program is intended to recognize, encourage and inspire drivers in ADS Combined Driving Events (CDE) in the Intermediate Division. The program is designed to enable these drivers to measure themselves against others at the same level of proficiency, acknowledging that it is not practical for them to meet to compete head-to-head because of the size of our country. Scores from any ADS-approved CDE occurring after this year's annual meeting (late September) can be used and the cut-off date is the last Friday in August. Awards are



Several ADS Awards programs are based on the cumulative total of points awarded at any ADS recognized event. Drivers pictured here could use points earned at this event towards their overall total.

given for horse, pony and VSE in the single, pair, four-in-hand and Tandem divisions for a total of 12 potential awards.

## **Pleasure Driving Achievement Awards:**

Offered by the ADS Pleasure Driving Committee, the Pleasure Driving Awards are a bit different than other ADS Award programs because they recognize a performance milestone achieved over time rather than during a calendar year. There are two categories for pleasure show performance: the Reinsmanship Class Award and the Working Class Award. After winning five (5) Reinsmanship classes (our 'equitation' classes) or five (5) Working classes at any number of recognized ADS Pleasure Shows, the driver sends their fully completed form for verification to the ADS. For either award, a driver may drive different equines. Upon verification, the driver will receive a recognition certificate and the driver's name will also be listed in *The Whip* and published on the ADS Web site. Awards are given at the five, 10 and 20+ levels.

## **Hours to Drive:**

ADS members who enjoy recreational driving earn recognition for time spent in its pursuit. The program, which operates on the honor system, is based on the number of hours you drive your equine. A log form for recording hours driven is available on the ADS website and is required to enroll in the program. Drivers can earn an "Awards Pin" for 100, 250, 500, 750 and 1000 hours of cumulative driving, by completing a log form. Logs must be returned before November 30, and milestones will be profiled on the ADS website and in *The Whip* magazine.

For more information on the awards listed, go to [www.americandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org) and click "Awards Programs". In most cases, there is an entry form and an activity log to submit. As a dedicated driver, you work hard. Apply for an ADS Achievement Award this year to showcase your commitment and to inspire other drivers!

# 2014 Calendar of Events 2014

## Calendar and Omnibus Changes

For a complete up-to-date Calendar and Omnibus, visit [www.americandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org)

### 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).

COMPETITION FEI YELLOW CONES: \$27 each. Orange Marker Balls \$2.70 each. Number Boxes 1-20 Red and White; \$30 each. Letter Boxes A-D Red and White; \$30 each. Complete Dressage Arena with Letters now available. Accept MC/Visa. Phone Gayla Driving Center 1-800-360-5774. (KY)

### OMNIBUS CHANGES

View Omnibus Web pages for complete updated information.  
[http://americandrivingsociety.org/06\\_omnilistings/adsomnibusindex.asp](http://americandrivingsociety.org/06_omnilistings/adsomnibusindex.asp)

**January 17-19:** NatureCoast HDT & CT, Judge change

**January 30- February 2:** Sunshine State CDE, Advanced dressage test announced

**February 21-23:** Kingdom of the Sun CDE, Advanced dressage test announced

**March 29-30:** Pleasure Days at the Florida Horse Park, New show dates for 2014

**July 11-13:** CDE at Inavale, Secretary's address listed

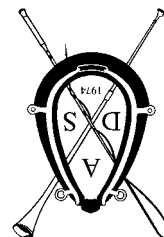
### January

10: Day of Driving Clinic to benefit USDFD, Cranewood Farm, Ocala, FL

11: ADS Board of Directors Meeting, in conjunction with USEF Annual Meeting, Lexington, Ky.

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