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Choosing words wisely: linguistic semantics

Elaine Kendig, ADS Bylaws/Governance Committee chair



Myrna Rhinehart and "Angel" walk past the judge at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic, an 'ADS-recognized' competition.

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Upper left: Two youth drivers enjoy a summer driving clinic hosted by The Carriage Barn

Ever hear of it? Linguistics focuses on the study of language meaning. Semantics tries to understand what meaning is. We are subjects of it every day both as "senders" and as "receivers". Here's another one - ever hear this? "A word has no meaning until it reaches the ear of the receiver". Have you ever opened the dictionary and found the word you were looking for to have five or more different meanings? Applying this knowledge and the skills of using it can really be fun. It's also absolutely vital when communicating.

Here are a few examples that affect the American Driving Society:

"It's an ADS show" or "ADS sanctioned event". Well, not exactly. The ADS doesn't organize or run shows. Neither does the ADS sanction them (only FEI does that) nor does the ADS approve them. Both words, 'sanction' and 'approve', denote some extent of control, hands on monitoring— None of which ADS does. The ADS does recognize events and that, to us, means that in exchange for the organizer agreeing to conduct their competition in

A Message from the ADS Office



Sometimes tasks get in the way of relationships – in all aspects of our lives. Our ADS office is

small (seriously, very small!), and we want to take the time to make sure you have the chance to know a little more about the people behind the email blast, phone calls and membership cards.

Summer is a busy time for everyone, and Stacy and I are no exception. In addition to her work with the ADS, Stacy is very active in her community and with her large close-knit family. I've even tagged along to some of her family gatherings. The ADS office is located in Cross Plains, Wis., a small town that is now a suburb of Madison. I joke that Stacy is the "Queen of Cross Plains", because she has lived here her whole life and seems to know everyone! At press time, Stacy was getting ready for the Notara Farm DT, held here in Wisconsin over the Fourth of July, where she volunteered as secretary.

Most of my free time is spent working on my family dairy farm where my husband Nick and I milk 60 registered Holsteins. I'm also an avid Arabian horse exhibitor, so I've been busy hitting the local show circuit where I compete in lower level dressage with my home-bred gelding "Ladd". We are getting ready for the Canadian National Arabian Horse Show in late August. For those of you attending the Annual Meeting in September, I hope I have good news to report (fingers crossed!).

Summer in the ADS office is spent working on various projects, but did you know – we are less than 90 days away from the Annual Meeting? Stacy and I booked our flights recently and we were able to find tickets under \$500. Don't delay, make plans to attend the meeting today!

- Stacy Carlson and Maria Woldt, ADS Staff

Registration is Open! 41st ADS Annual Members Meeting September 24-27, Lodi, California

You might have read about it in the June Wheelhorse or via email. Maybe you saw it on Facebook or Pinterest. However you heard, we want to cordially invite you to attend the 41st ADS Annual Meeting scheduled for September 24-27 in beautiful Lodi, California in the heart of Wine Country.

At a Glance:

What: ADS Annual Members Meeting

When: September 24-27, 2015

Where: Lodi, California

Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites, Lodi

Horses: Optional clinic available (separate from meeting registration) Contact Veronica Campbell at (562) 431-7264 for more info.

To learn more about the ADS Annual Meeting, including a tentative schedule, registration form, hotel link and airport info, go to www.americandrivingsociety.org and click the link on the home page. You may also call the office at (608) 237-7382 and we will be happy to assist.

The deadline to register for the Annual Meeting in Lodi is September 8 - you won't want to miss this exciting event!

Sponsorships are available!

If you would like to support the annual meeting through sponsorships, please contact Maria in the ADS office at (608) 237-7382 or maria.mcginis@americandrivingsociety.org. We rely heavily on the support of members, driving clubs and businesses to host the high caliber meetings that have come to be expected from the ADS. Thank you in advance!

The Carriage Driver's Buyer's Guide

As an added member-benefit during the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, the ADS developed the product/service centered "Carriage Driver's Buyers Guide". Since 2010, the ADS has continued to produce this publication - usually mailed along with the August Whip. There is very little change in vendor listing from year to year, and the Board of Directors made the decision not to produce a 2015-16 version. To access the 2014-15 Buyers Guide, a copy of this publication is available in its entirety on the ADS website - click "Publications" and select "Buyer's Guide".

Going forward, the ADS Publications committee in coordination with ADS leadership will continue to look for the best way to bring information contained in The Buyer's Guide to the membership. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact the ADS office at info@americandrivingsociety.org or (608) 237-7382

- The ADS Board of Directors

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accordance with the competition rules promulgated by ADS, they may use the ADS Rules and dressage tests and will use officials licensed by the ADS.

How often have you heard or said, “they’re ADS officials”. Saying they are ‘ADS officials’ paints the picture that indicates ADS owns, or controls, or monitors the official. Each possible word paints a somewhat different picture, but all point back to ADS. The ADS Licensed Official Committee (LOC) reviews the officials’ applications voluntarily sent to them to verify the applicant has had enough exposure and experience to be able to advance to the stage of learning how to adjudicate the expectations of competition. Once the applicant is accepted he/she spends some time as an apprentice (they are now referred to as a “learner”). Once they complete those requirements they take a test and if they pass, they are awarded a small “r”. After more experience, positive recommendations from organizers, other officials and competitors and another test they are awarded a large “R” status. In between, they are required to

attend Licensed Officials Clinics as a continued learning experience. Once an individual receives a license, they are an independent contractor. ADS no longer has any jurisdiction over them except for their continuing education to maintain the license. All the license says is that the individual holding it has completed the required education and passed the tests. Officials set their own fees and negotiate either payment or reimbursement for their expenses with the organizer of the event at which they are asked to officiate. So, now you can see why we say they are not ‘ADS officials’, but they are ‘officials licensed by ADS’. By the way, USEF licenses competitions

In these two simple examples you can see how important it is to paint the correct verbal picture. It’s a lot easier and much more fun trying to construct a paragraph that requires no questions. Which brings up another - It’s much easier to stay out of trouble than get out of it. Make sure you say what you mean. Have fun.

ADS Awards Programs: Have you enrolled yet?!

Everyone loves recognition. Especially when it comes from doing something that you are passionate about. ADS has several award programs that recognize the hard work and dedication of members doing great things in a variety of areas. Winners are featured in ADS publications and on the website.

In most cases, entries for ADS awards are due towards the end of the year. Award applications are available on the ADS website. Applications are fairly simple, but require a coordinated effort to ensure that applicants collect the correct information to submit. Below is a short explanation of awards offered and how members can get involved.

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 1st, and milestones will be profiled on the ADS website and in *The Whip* magazine.

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 1st 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 and a fashionable embroidered coat.

Intermediate Calculated 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 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. Awards are given at the five, 10 and 20+ levels.

For more information on the awards listed, go to www.americandrivingsociety.org and click “Awards Programs”.

Annual Meeting Registration Form

This year's meeting will take place in the heart of picturesque Lodi Wine Country - one of California's major wine growing regions. California is also home to one of the largest ADS-member contingencies in the nation. Please mail your registration to the address at the bottom of the form, you may also submit by email to: info@americandrivingsociety.org. Questions may be directed to the ADS office at (608) 237-7382.

Registrations are Due September 8, 2015. One form per person

REGISTRATION OPTION	COST	TOTAL
Complete Package Includes all programs, tours and demonstrations, Thursday Welcome Reception, Friday and Saturday Lunch and Friday dinner & awards. (Spouses and immediate family of members will be eligible for member pricing)	Member: \$200 Non-Member: \$275 *(one-year ADS membership included with purchase of Non-member registration)	
Dinner & Awards Only Includes dinner & awards at Viaggio Estate & Winery on September 25, 2015. Programs, tours, demonstrations and additional meals are not included with this option. (Spouses and immediate family of members will be eligible for member pricing)	Member: \$75 Non-Member: \$150 *(one-year ADS membership included with purchase of Non-member registration)	
	<i>Additional Tax Deductible Donation for the Members Meeting</i>	
	Total Amount	

First Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Last Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

PAYMENT TYPE (circle one): MasterCard Visa Check Enclosed

Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-digit code: _____

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: The American Driving Society, Inc. PO Box 278, Cross Plains, WI 53528

The ADS is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by your business or personal tax situation.

Accommodations & Travel

HAMPTON INN & SUITES LODI

1337 South Beckman Road
 Lodi, California, 95240
 Phone: (209) 369-2700
www.hamptoninn.com search
 "Lodi, CA" in "Find a Hotel"

Room Rate: \$119 plus tax

Deadline: September 3

*Mention American Driving Society
 by phone or use the online promotion
 code "ADS".*

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Sacramento International Airport,

located 45 miles from Lodi

-or-

Stockton Metropolitan Airport,

located 16 miles from Lodi.

NOTE: Operating flights from Las Vegas, Phoenix and Honolulu via Allegiant Airlines only.



Fifth Annual CAA Carriage Festival & Grand Opening

CAA Communications

The fifth annual CAA Carriage Festival was a huge success. The pleasure-driving show and all related activities were held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, June 26–28.

The festivities began on Thursday evening with the gala Grand Opening of the CAA's new permanent headquarters building at the Kentucky Horse Park. Association dignitaries were brought in by horse-drawn carriage. Two official ribbon cuttings took place: one by the CAA's current president, Dr. Thomas Burgess, and one by Misdee Wrigley Miller, president of the World Coaching Club, which also has its headquarters in the new CAA building. The ribbon cutting was followed by a reception and open house attended by several hundred association members and friends.

The next day, and continuing on through Saturday, the Kentucky Horse Park's indoor Alltech Arena was home to seventy entries in fifty-three classes, all judged by Karen Homer-Brown. Participants competed in reinsmanship, turnout, working, and a variety of obstacle classes, each within their own division, ranging from single ponies through pairs and tandems of horses or ponies, and on up to coaching. In addition, Saturday's session featured a Picnic class, a Carriage Dogs class, and a Fancy Dress / Costume class.

The annual CAA Carriage Showcase restoration competition drew sixteen entries in a variety of classes, including amateur restorations, professional restorations, and in-use classes. The winners of the competition's two major trophies were a Going to Cover Cart owned by Dale DeHaan (the Carl Casper Trophy for the high-point winner) and a Road Coach owned and driven by John P. White (the Sidney Latham Trophy for

the high-point vehicle in use).

The participants in Sunday morning's presentation pleasure drive enjoyed glorious weather. The route meandered along a shady road at the back of the Park, onto neighboring Walnut Hall Farm, through the Kentucky Horse Park's campground, and back to the Alltech Arena.

The organizing committee is already making plans for the 2016 CAA Carriage Festival!

For more than fifty years, the Carriage Association of America has studied, preserved, and shared the history and traditions of carriage driving. Through the CAA's efforts — a magazine (The Carriage Journal), a biennial academic journal (World on Wheels), and other publications; a wide variety of meetings, conferences, learning weekends and driving weekends, events, and symposia; and the CAA Driver Proficiency Program — association members and the general public can learn about carriages and sleighs, harness, carriage-driving history, early American roads, traditional turnout and livery, carriage restoration and conservation, carriage-driving how-to, and much more.

The CAA and its many members are collecting, preserving, studying, and disseminating the history and the collected knowledge of the horse-drawn era, and preserving and promoting the sport of carriage driving.

The CAA has thousands of members in all fifty U.S. states and dozens of other countries. To learn more about the association, visit the CAA's website at www.CAAonline.com, write to info@caaonline.com, or call 859-231-0971.



Cutting the ribbon to officially open the new CAA headquarters building was the association's president, Dr. Thomas Burgess



The ladies of the World Coaching Club have their headquarters in the Carriage Association's new building, and the WCC ladies in attendance for the Grand Opening arrived on a Park Drag driven by the WCC's president, Misdee Wrigley Miller.



On Sunday morning, the CAA Carriage Festival participants enjoyed a beautiful drive through the Kentucky Horse Park and a neighboring farm. Sally Lawing, shown here on the Sunday drive, won the Wicker Park Phaeton Picnic Turnout class on Saturday.



Competitions: 'Alive and doing great'

As some of us who have been with the sport for many years reflect at times that perhaps the next generation isn't getting into our sport as much as we would like - having just come home from judging two great events - one on each coast - over the last two weekends - I am happy to report our sport is alive and doing great!

June 6th & 7th I judged at the Elk Creek CDE, expertly run on the two day CDE format by long time organizer Diane Trefry together with well known 11 x pair Champion Lisa Singer on the great Fair Hill site in Maryland. We had 50 competitors well spread over our various ADS levels from Training to Intermediate. Being in the sport since the early 80's and having competed as well as judged all over the country I know most of our long time competitors. So I was quite happily surprised by the many new names in the lower levels - all drivers who have only recently come to our sport.

The following weekend I judged the Summer Festival CDE at Debbi & Stan Packard's Clay Station Horse Park in Wilton, CA - which was the first leg of the newly created California Triple Crown - a great idea by Shady Oaks owners Phyllis & Fritz Grupe. The next leg will be the Sargent CDE Aug 28.-30. culminating in the final leg - the Shady Oaks CDE Sept 17.-20., with Shady Oaks also hosting the ADS Preliminary Championship and followed by the ADS Annual Meeting, all three events in Lodi, CA.

The Summer Festival CDE had 63 entries, but due to the weather forecast predicting an unusually hot weekend with temperatures up to 103 degrees, we did see a few cancellations, but still had 55 drivers braving the heat and competing over the full three days. There too were many new names. Thanks to proper planning for the heat by the owner / organizer and a shortened marathon course all horses and ponies as well as drivers and navigators came through the event just fine despite the heat.

I am happy to report that we had four drivers with disabilities at the event. It always amazes me how well they can compete against their able body fellow drivers, despite three of them being wheel chair bound, thus quite severely disabled. Tracy Bowman placed second in the intermediate single pony class, Stefanie Putnam second in the entire Preliminary Level of 29 drivers (!) and Ginny Leal

came in 3rd in the Preliminary Single Pony class. Multi FEI medalist Diane Kastama was driving her new young horse Cevalier to a 9th place in the Preliminary single horse class.

You can find complete results for both events at www.drivingnews.us

The event was followed immediately by a two day USEF High Performance clinic for Para Equestrian trainers, riders as well as drivers at the prestigious Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center which is within 20 minutes drive from the Clay Station event. The Para riders had an international FEI ridden dressage event and Para Olympic Selection Trial (The Golden State Dressage Classic CPEDI 3*) there over the weekend, and while some of our para drivers and their support crews, were originally a bit afraid to be too exhausted from the 3 day CDE in the heat themselves as well as perhaps over facing their horses, they all overcame that and participated and did well in the two day clinic (with only Tracy Bowman not able to come due to other commitments). So we were able to represent para driving very well also to the para riding community which was represented by the USEF Para Discipline Director Lauren Johnson as well as USEF Para Riding National Coach & Chef d'Equipe Kai Handt and President of the U.S. Para Equestrian Ass. - www.uspea.org - and former Para Olympian Hope Hand, and USPEA Secretary Tina Wentz together with four board members of U.S. Driving for the Disabled - www.usdfd.org . We had offered any para rider - as well as their coaches - a short driving lesson with Diane Kastama's well seasoned and safe horse Rupert, and over half a dozen of them took advantage of that each getting a short instruction and then driving some cones. They all left with shining eyes and big smiles. I am happy that we made some new friends and introduced some more people to our wonderful sport.

Happy driving, Hardy



Hardy takes a lap as "gator" with Stefanie Putnam during the High Performance Para-Clinic at Rancho Murieta.

Happenings in the Driving Community

Driving News - As Submitted by Partner Groups

USEF High Performance Para Clinic at Rancho Murieta

Para-Equestrian drivers, as well as riders, attended the clinic hosted by USEF at the Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center in California, June 15-16. In attendance were six of our drivers working with clinicians Hardy Zantke and Diane Kastama to whom we owe a heartfelt thank you. There were joint sessions and lunches with the para dressage riders, coaches, USDFD Board members, US Para Equestrian Association representatives and USEF Para Discipline Director, Lauren Johnson.

Break out sessions for the drivers included dressage on day one, cones instruction on day two, and wonderful opportunities to share ideas and collaborate with other para-equestrians and program directors. In the afternoon on day two the para riders were game enough to even give driving a try!! See photos below. Many thanks to USEF for hosting such a memorable event!!

Drivers: Cecilia Neuberger-Kirks, Ginny Leal, Caroline Strongman, and Stefanie Putnam. Also driving but not pictured: Diane Kastama and Michelle Davis with Maxine Freitas

Dressage riders doing a fantastic job of driving Rupert (Diane's Welsh Cob): Alanna Flax-Clark, Ashleigh Flores-Simmons, Lara Oles, Annie Sweet, Cambry Kaylor, and USPEA President, Hope Hand.



Caroline Strongman



Cecilia Neuberger-Kirks

Spots are available in The Carriage Barn's Annual Summer Carriage Driving Clinics

The Kids Carriage Driving Clinic will run August 3rd through 7th. Beginner through advanced students are welcome. The Carriage Barn offers a safe, supportive, & fun team-oriented atmosphere. The clinic is specially designed for drivers who want to know "everything" there is to know about ponies, horses, and carts. Learn all aspects of driving, including harnessing, the history of carriages, and daily driving instruction.

Adults also have a chance to attend "summer camp" again this year with our Adult Carriage Driving clinic. This year's clinic will run August 9th through 11th (Sunday through Tuesday). This is your chance to receive concentrated driving instruction -- your horse or ours. A great introduction to the fine art of carriage driving.

Seniors should check out Senior Carriage Driving. Special beginner carriage driving classes given Sunday mornings.

Clinics run Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm unless otherwise noted. No previous experience or equipment required. Students must bring their own lunch, beverages, and

snacks. Parent supervision is not required. Clinic proceeds help support The Carriage Barn's therapeutic riding & carriage driving programs. For more information, please contact The Carriage Barn at carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140, or visit our website at www.carriage-barn.org.



Drivers of all ages enjoy time in the box seat

Do you have club news or events? Submit your information to the Wheelhorse editor at maria.mcginis@americandrivingsociety.org

Omnibus Changes

For a complete up-to-date Calendar and Omnibus, visit 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

July 4: Notara Farm DT, Prelim for multiples added, POM added

July 4: Morven Park Pleasure Show Changes to awards & divisions

July 5: VT Heritage Days. Organizer change, class clarification

July 10: Inavale CDE Organizer and cones updates

July 12: Waldingfield, VSE schedule clarification

July 18-19: Pacific Region Driven Dressage, show added

July 24-26: Buckeye CDE Division added, multiple changes

August 15-16: Deroche CDE, Secretary address change, judges

September 19-20: Longview by the Lake, Judge changes

Oct 10-11: Let's Have Fun, TX, Division added

Oct 14-18: Hermitage Farm CDE, Dressage test changes

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