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Upper left: Mickey Hansen and her pooch at the 2013 Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow (photo by Donna Crossman)

Do you use a tablet to answer emails, surf the internet or read books? If so, you are not alone! According to a recent study by the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), over half of Americans use a tablet or eReader and 44% of all online consumers own a tablet. What about a smart phone? A 2014 Pew Research Center study found that 64% of American have a smart phone. A growing percentage of people (particularly in rural areas) use their phone or tablet exclusively to access the internet due to the absence of reliable or assessable high speed internet at their home.

As the ADS looks to the future, communication tools that follow current trends are a priority. Print will always have its place in the Society and various e-tools compliment the current publication offerings.

ADS-recognized competition information is now available for download as free eBook for mobile devices and tablets.

The eBook version of the Omnibus was developed in an effort to make competition information more accessible to drivers and in a format that makes sense for busy competitors. The eBook saves easily to users'

A Message from the ADS Office



June is here and for much of the United States, it's prime driving time! Spring was slow to come for much of the country and

it wasn't that easy to get our equines in shape for early spring competitions and drives. We hope by now that everyone is able to enjoy regular driving.

Stacy and I are actually not drivers, although we feel like we are because we have grown so close with many of our members. We probably know more about driving than we ever thought we would!

I guess I have driven some - I taught my favorite horse growing up to pull a jog cart and a sleigh, and enjoyed practising my riding equitation patterns with him in the cart so he wouldn't "anticipate" our next moves as much. However, I was just a kid having fun, and never imagined that there was such a vibrant carriage driving community!

Speaking of our wonderful members, thank you to everyone who has supported the ADS staff this winter and spring. Having a small staff means that we rely heavily on fully engaged volunteers. For many of you, your "hobby" is as involved as a full-time job. We could not do half of what we do without volunteers!

This month, we are still in the midst of a busy membership renewal period. Stacy reported in early June, that just over 30 new members had joined since April 1! In our February and May issues of the Whip, we featured a "Welcome New Members" announcement with many new names. We plan to continue this trend in to the future. Members are what keep the ADS going, and we want to celebrate the new individuals who have joined. To everyone who faithfully renews their membership every year - thank you!

In our last column, we indicated that an eBook version of the Omnibus was coming, and as of June 1 - it's here! Read the full article for details, and please let us know what you think.

Finally, this issue of The Wheelhorse contains registration materials and information about the Annual Meeting - please take a look and register early! We hope to see you there.

- Stacy Carlson and Maria Woldt, ADS Staff



Photo by Louisa Emerick

Meet the New ADS VP: Dan Rosenthal

Dan Rosenthal of Milford, NJ was recently voted as Vice President of the ADS. Dan submitted the bio below for members to get to know him better.

I've been a CPA for the past 38 years. I graduated from the University of Chicago with degrees in Biology and Psychology and an MBA in Finance and Industrial Relations. After graduation I joined the accounting firm of Touche Ross & Co. in Chicago in 1978. I became a partner in 1986 and specialized in providing accounting services to the banking industry. I stayed with the firm through its merger with Deloitte ending up as Managing Director of its US Depository Institutions practice.

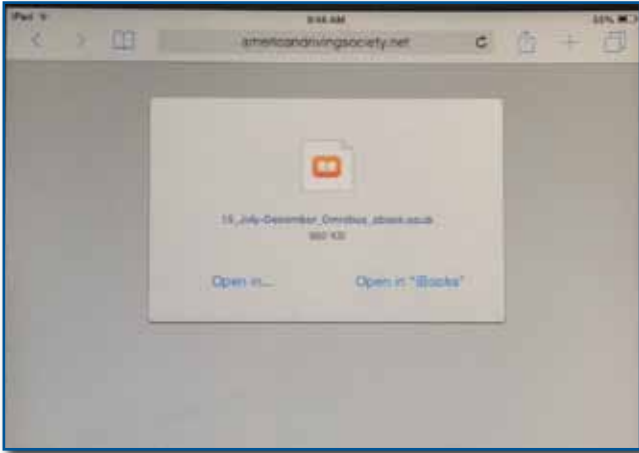
I left the accounting profession in 1995 and joined Reuters US as the CFO of its brokerage subsidiary - Instinet and eventually became the founder and CEO of the latter's securities processing subsidiary - Instinet Clearing Services. Since leaving ICS I have worked as a financial consultant to individuals and businesses and today am a Managing Director at IBEX Wealth Advisors in New Jersey.

On a personal level, I came late to carriage driving (I drove a pony for the first time in 1996 when I bought Balsuma the Gipper from Boots Wright). I have been involved with horses all my life - I rode for the first time in New Delhi India in 1956! I live with my wife, Ann, on our farm in Milford, NJ with our three dogs, seven cats, seven horses and three Dartmoor ponies. Ann and I are long-time students of French Classical Dressage and I am a devoted driver of my three ponies competing actively in CDE's with my pair at the Preliminary level and trying hard to get to Intermediate.

I am actively involved with a number of driving and other equine activities serving as an organizer of the Glen Willow CDE, a Trustee of the Hunterdon County Horse & Pony Association, and as tax and financial consultant to the Delaware Valley Horseman's Association. I have been a member of ADS since 1996 and have been working hard to turn my Learner CDE TD status into a full license for the past two years.

I look forward to working with Mike Arnold and the rest of the ADS Board to make the Society stronger functionally and financially and ever more responsive to the evolving needs of our members.

Omnibus eBook (Continued from page 1)



Simply go to the “Omnibus” section of the ADS website and click on the eBook link using your tablet. From there, a message will appear asking to open the document in your e-reader app. iBooks for iPad is shown here.

iBook app (iOS devices) or eReader app (Android devices). Download the eBook for free on the Omnibus section of www.americandrivingsociety.org

Once the eBook is downloaded, it can be accessed without a cell signal or an internet connection. Changes will be made regularly and users should make sure to check the ADS website for last minute changes to competitions. In the near future, the eBook version of the Omnibus will be available on iTunes (and will include automatic updates!). Stay tuned for updates and even more features as this new tool evolves from Beta testing.

“We wanted to develop an Omnibus that would incorporate easily with devices that are commonly used on the road at driving events. The Omnibus eBook is designed to be simple and accessible,” says Mike Arnold, ADS President.

Omnibus information is available in three formats. 1) eBook - available for free download. 2) ADS website – click “Omnibus”. 3) Print - available for purchase, order by October 1 (Jan-June competitions) and April 1 (July-December competitions). Please direct questions to Maria Woldt, ADS Staff at maria.mcginnis@americandrivingsociety.org

You're Invited! ADS Annual Meeting

Members and friends of the American Driving Society (ADS) are encouraged to attend the 41st Annual Members Meeting, September 24-27 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. Registration will open May 15 and close September 8, 2015.

The purpose of the Members Meeting is to connect ADS enthusiasts involved in all areas of the diverse sport of carriage driving.

“The Members Meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet up with driving friends from around the country, enjoy educational sessions and beautiful scenery in the heart of Lodi Wine Country,” says Mike Arnold, ADS President.

A committee of diligent volunteers is working to plan a mixture of activities and sessions that will appeal to a wide array of ADS members. This year's meeting does not include a separate registration for attendees wishing to bring an equine, however area stables are available. Please contact the ADS for more information.

The host hotel for the meeting is the Hampton Inn & Suites,



Lodi, CA is one of the major wine producing regions in the state. The Friday night dinner will take place at Viaggio Estate & Winery and guests are urged to explore other points of interest during their time in Lodi.

located in Lodi, California. Hotel reservations are not included in meeting registration. Please reference the “American Driving Society” when making reservations for a special group rate. If reserving online, use promotion code “ADS”.

Agenda, travel information and registration details are available in the following pages. More information about the Members Meeting can be found on the ADS website, Facebook and Pinterest pages. Please contact the ADS with questions at info@americandrivingsociety.org or (608) 237-7382.

More information on page 4-5

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:00 – 5 PM Registration @ Hampton Inn, Lodi, CA

6:00 PM Welcome Reception @ Hampton Inn, Lodi, CA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration @ Shady Oaks Equestrian Center, Lodi, CA

9:00 AM ADS Carriage and Walking Tour @ Shady Oaks

11:30 AM Lunch - Sponsored by Shady Oaks Equestrian Center, Fritz & Phyllis Grupe

1:00 PM Depart for tour (private vehicles)

2:00 PM ADS Tour: Pioneer Equine Hospital, Oakdale, CA

5:00 PM ADS Annual Members Meeting @ Viaggio Estate & Winery, Acampo, CA

6:30 PM Dinner @ Viaggio Estate & Winery

7:30 PM **Awards & Keynote Presentation**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM ADS Tour: Sargent Equestrian Center

10:30 AM-12PM ADS Demonstration: Four-in-Hand Driving & Disabled Drivers @ Sargent Equestrian Center

12:00 PM Fiesta Lunch @ Sargent Equestrian Center

1:00 - 4PM ADS Committee Meetings

4:00 PM Late Afternoon Tea, Sponsored by NCDC Club

5:00 PM Explore Lodi Wine Country

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM -12 PM ADS Board of Directors Meeting @ Hampton Inn, Lodi, CA (open meeting)

12:00 PM ADS Board of Directors Lunch @ Hampton Inn, Lodi, CA

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,

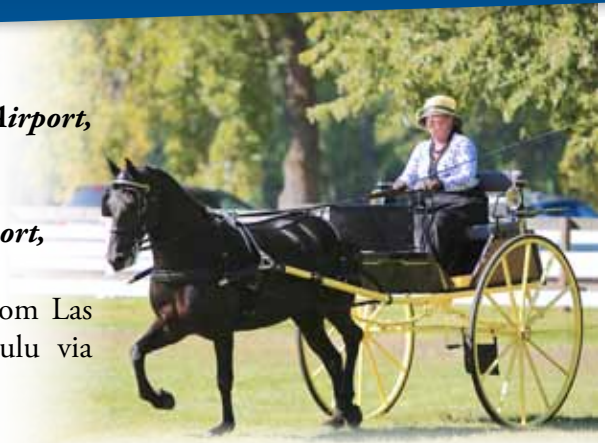
located 45 miles from Lodi

-or-

Stockton Metropolitan Airport,

located 16 miles from Lodi.

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



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

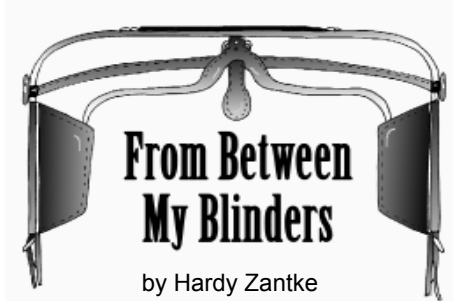
The ADS is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by your business or personal tax situation.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The ADS Annual Members Meeting attracts carriage drivers and equine enthusiasts from across the country - presenting a unique marketing opportunity for equestrian-related businesses, driving clubs and local businesses. Several banquets, lunches and breaks will bring attendees together to build camaraderie and honor award winners. By sponsoring the 2015 meeting, you will join a recognizable group of stakeholders and businesses who find value in supporting carriage drivers and their endeavors.

As an official sponsor of this event, your name and logo will be featured on all signage, printed materials, social media, media releases, on www.americandrivingsociety.org and at the event.

Please direct questions to Maria Woldt at maria.mcginis@americandrivingsociety.org or (608) 237-7382.



Corrections: FEI Star System

As usual I liked the newest edition of The Whip. I am always happy to see what a well diversified field our editor is able to cover - from Live Oak to Minis, from Competitions to the Caravan, from the Youth Champions to the 40 of 40, from Driving Derbies to Truck & Trailer check-ups, from Laminitis to Show Organizing it's all in THE WHIP! Congratulations to another fine magazine.

And yes, occasional small things happen - we are all human - so she corrected those and set the record straight. Along those lines, allow me to do the same:

In my column - in the "Spring" Wheelhorse - I had a misleading statement, which some of my readers caught and fortunately questioned me on, so that I can correct it now: When I wrote that a full three day CDE must be sanctioned by USEF - my mind was still on the previous sentence which ended with the Advanced Level. So please forgive me and let me try to be clear this time: ONLY a full CDE on the ADVANCED Level must be run under the sanction of the USEF, and that even if it is not a three day but only a two day event. The requirement for USEF Sanction is attached to the ADVANCED LEVEL on a CDE! Whereas Driving Trials (with no two or three section marathons, but only with an one section marathon) as well as Arena Driving Trials - with no marathons at all, but just marathon obstacles - can offer the Advanced Level without USEF Sanction. Also lower level three day CDE's continue to be fine with only ADS recognition from Training Level

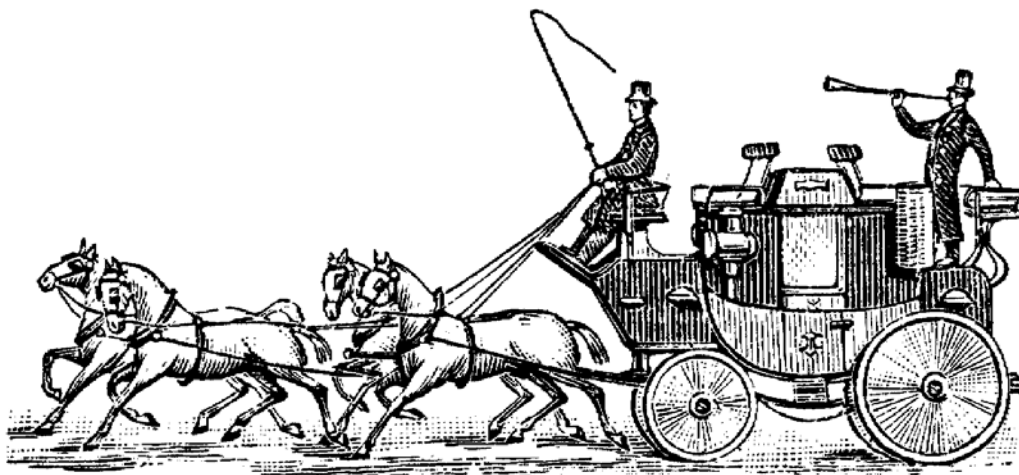
through Intermediate-II level.

But I understand that USEF is thinking of also sanctioning lower level CDE's and is working on introducing their own lower levels - which they plan to call a "Developing" or "Elementary" division with simpler dressage tests, fewer hazards and fewer gates on the marathon yet the same distances and clearances in cones as for Advanced. They say, no previous competitive experience should be necessary and their Driving Technical Committee would be working on the rules to have them ready for their 2016 Rule Book. I am not quite sure what they want to accomplish there - duplicate at USEF what we have already at ADS? Will they develop their own dressage tests? Whom do they think they want to attract as competitors for those events? Most lower level drivers are not USEF members.

I think those are ill conceived ideas. Our driving world is too small to split the camps. We should be working with each other instead of competing against each other as organizations. Did we not learn that lesson from the long disagreement between AHSA and USET years ago? Nobody wins in such situations. Let's hope the people at the organizations can work out their differences and get back to the basics as we had it for so many good years: ADS is the USEF Affiliate organization for the lower levels in driving, USEF (and formerly AHSA & USET) for the upper level and FEI for the highest one. That was a clear route on a firm surface. Are we now driving into quick-sand?

On another subject: In my column in the May Whip I wrote about the lack of a clear ruling from our CDE Committee in regards to whether a switch of carriages is still allowed between dressage and cones - and stated that I am in favor of continuing to allow it. I had some private e-mails in the meantime suggesting that such a switch can really mess up the schedule at 2 day events as well as ADT's and DT's when drivers are scheduled to go from dressage right on to cones. Yes, that is a valid point. I'm sure our Combined Driving Committee will take that thought under consideration as well.

Happy and Safe Driving, Hardy



Happenings in the Driving Community

Driving News - As Submitted by Partner Groups

Weber Scores CAI3* Win at Royal Windsor Horse Show

By: USEF Communications Department

Chester Weber made quite a statement at his first competition abroad in 2015, earning an impressive victory in the CAI3*-H4 World Cup Qualifier at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. In his usual fashion, Weber had a wonderful dressage test, winning the phase with a score of 36.22. He had a solid performance in the marathon phase, completing the first two phases of the competition with a score of 137.43. Heading into the final phase of competition, Weber sat in second place and was just 5.22 penalty points behind the overnight leader, Boyd Exell (AUS). Weber drove a fantastic cones course, recording the second-fastest round of the day and collecting only 0.18 penalty points. Ultimately, Weber's score of 137.61 put him atop the overall leaderboard and allowed him to defend his win at the prestigious Royal Windsor Horse Show from the year prior.

Find out more information about the Royal Windsor Horse Show at www.rwhs.co.uk



Chester Weber is congratulated by Her Majesty The Queen after winning the CAI3*-H4 (Photo courtesy of Risto Aaltonen)

Buckeye CDE Presents Navigators Clinic with Keith Yutzy

When: SUNDAY, JUNE 21st

Time: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Location: Windy Knoll Farms, 474 St Rt 58 Sullivan, OH

Attention Drivers:

Here's your opportunity to thank your navigator and improve your team. Send your navigator to study with FEI Worlds Single Championship navigator, Keith Yutzy. Registration for navigators is limited to twenty. Cost is \$60 to participate and \$30 to audit. Lunch is included. Contact Dexter Millhoan for more information and to register. dextermillhoan@gmail.com 330-464-2748



Keith Yutzy

Glen Willow Educational Summer Series

When: June 27-CT with Anne Councill - Judge
(Training Test 4, Preliminary Test 4, Intermediate Test 6)
and

July 12-CT with Dana Bright - Judge

(Training Test 4, Preliminary Test 4, Intermediate Test 6)

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Glen Willow show grounds, Avondale, PA

Details: The combined tests (CTs) consist of dressage and cones, with the option to drive an extra dressage test and a second cones course. The first round of each will count toward CT placing, but use the second trip to improve your score

or fix mistakes. The cost to attend is \$50 and \$15 for each additional cones course or dressage test. To register for the Educational Summer Series, go to www.glenwillowcde.com or contact Hannah Polson with questions at polshanb@gmail.com or (802)522-6574

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

- NEW! June 13-14:** OHHA Cowboy Country CDE
- June 12:** Orleton Farm CT & PD Super Derby added, many changes
- June 12-14:** Summer Festival CDE Combined test added
- June 13-14:** Idaho HDT: Divisions added, health reqs change
- June 19:** Bromont CDE Many Changes!
- June 28:** Skunk River DT, Secretary address correction.
- NEW! June 26-28:** CAA Carriage Festival
- July 4:** Notara Farm HDT, 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 18-19:** Pacific Region Driven Dressage, show added
- July 24-26:** Buckeye CDE Division added, multiple changes
- Oct 10-11,** Let's Have Fun, TX, Division added
- Oct 14-18,** Hermitage Farm CDE, Dressage test changes

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