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## First Annual Driving Immersion Clinic

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Boo Martin heading Blue and Kappy. Submitted photo

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Upper left: Pip, a miniature schnauzer, Gene and Katy Rhinehart. Photo by Donna Crossman

When Boo Martin puts on a driving clinic, EVERYONE has a fabulous time! Such was the experience of eight participants and several renowned speakers last March 16-20 at her beautiful Touchstone Farm in Temple, New Hampshire. The first annual, “Driving Immersion Clinic” offered carriage driving enthusiasts just that: total immersion into the world of horses, ponies, carts, carriages, harnesses, bridles, rein-boards, tack options, turn-outs, fashion fancies, straight lines, square halts, working walk/trot, free walk on a loose rein, the Salute, 20 meter circles, competitions, pleasure driving, historical background, shows, shoes, health care and much more.

“Immersion” being the key. For anyone wishing to learn about the finer points of driving including how to choose, use and care for horses, tack, carts and carriages, as well as safety, support, and style from A to Z--- both competitive and pleasure---this was the place to be! Not to mention delicious homemade meals, roaring fires in the lodge, fashion shows, video and power point demonstrations, trading tips, sharing stories, and meeting and making many new friends.

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## A Message from the ADS Office



Happy spring! For the northern half of the country, the weather has finally turned warm and the tell tale signs of spring are here, although we did have snow a few weeks ago at the ADS office in Wisconsin.

You may have noticed that The Wheelhorse took a short “break” the last few months. We are happy to bring the newsletter back for a spring issue. Our small office had a few large projects that needed our full attention. Thank you for your understanding.

Speaking of exciting projects, those of you who ordered the print version of the July-December Omnibus will receive it with your May issue of The Whip, mailing in the first few weeks of May (we already got ours in Wisconsin). We have a few select copies in the office available for purchase.

Brand new this spring, we are pleased to announce that the print Omnibus will be available as a free ebook. If you like to read books on an iPad, tablet or Kindle, this is perfect for you! It also works great on iPhone and Android smart phones. Omnibus information will still be available online under the Omnibus tab on [americandrivingsociety.org](http://americandrivingsociety.org), and we hope that the addition on an ebook will help bring critical competition information to members in an easy-to-use format. We are putting the final touches on the ebook and it will be ready for release very soon- watch your email and ADS social media channels for the announcement - and instructions for use.

Spring is a very busy time for membership renewals, we have been hard at work processing memberships and sending cards in the mail. You might have noticed a listing of new members in the last two issues of the Whip. Welcome to all of our new members, and thank you to those who continue to find value in your ADS membership.

Finally, we would like to call your attention to the Annual Members Meeting scheduled for September 24-27 in Lodi California. More info —————>

This year’s meeting is on the tail end of the popular Shady Oaks CDE and an exciting Pacific Region driving clinic. Lodi is one of the most well known wine-making areas in California, and in addition to the equine activities, our meeting includes several opportunities to explore this amazing area.

Thank you for your continued support of the ADS

Stacy Carlson & Maria Woldt, ADS Office

## Save the Date: 41st ADS Annual Members Meeting September 24-27, Lodi, California

Members and friends of the ADS are encouraged to attend the 41st annual Members Meeting, September 24-29 in Lodi, California. Registration will open May 15 and close September 8.

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

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to attend the ADS Pacific Region clinic at Sargent Equestrian Center immediately following the Shady Oaks CDE and just prior to the Annual Members Meeting.

Lodi is located in the middle of California’s wine making region and guests will enjoy beautiful scenery and hospitality - courtesy of the ADS Pacific Region.

The host hotel for the meeting is the Hampton Inn & Suites located in Lodi. Hotel reservations are not included in meeting registration. Due to limited availability, please call (209) 369-2700 to make hotel reservations as soon as possible - reference the “American Driving Society” for meeting rate.

Agenda, travel information and registration details will be available on the ADS website. Make sure to watch the ADS Facebook and Pinterest pages for additional details and trip planning info. Please contact the ADS with questions at [info@americandrivingsociety.org](mailto:info@americandrivingsociety.org) or (608) 237-7382.

### *At a Glance:*

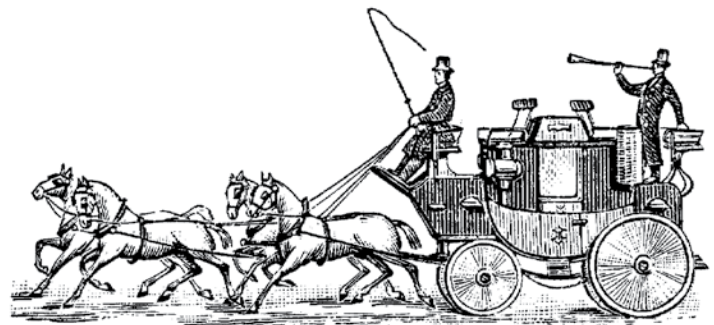
**What:** ADS Annual Members Meeting

**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.



## Driving Immersion (Continued from page 1)

Headlining the jam-packed 5-day clinic were highly respected carriage drivers/trainers, Isabella (Boo) Martin, M.Ed., Founder and Executive Director of Touchstone Farm and Holly Pulsifer, Judge, Susan Koso, and Farrier, Jerry Trapani. Each speaker brought decades of experience, knowledge and a wealth of hands-on guidance and instruction.

Besides learning about the basics of driving equipment and nuts and bolts of carts and carriages, each participant had many opportunities to assemble and dis-assemble various bridles and harnesses as well as tack up an assigned pony with the aid of an accomplished helper. The ponies, supplied by Boo or brought on-site by participants, were all well-trained, calm and responsive to any and all of the students' varying levels of skills and abilities.

Everyone received expert personal instruction in the indoor arena by Boo Martin and Holly Pulsifer, from holding the

reins and sitting properly in the cart to communicating with the horse, feeling relaxed and confident and driving through obstacles and cones. By the end of the clinic everyone demonstrated marked improvement, increased safety awareness and noticeably enhanced driving skill-sets.

Future driving immersion clinics will be offered September 7 – 11, 2015 and next spring. Check out future dates at [www.touchstone-farm.org](http://www.touchstone-farm.org)

Hope to see you there!

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### Assorted photos from the clinic

Photos By Phyllis Perry



Individual instruction from Boo



Rein board practice



Holly Pulsifer explaining harness parts



Phyllis and Kappy driving Becky

## Update: Barnum & Bailey

By Ann Miles



*Barnum & Bailey. Submitted photo.*

*An original article about Barnum and Bailey appeared in a 2005 issue of The Whip by Dana Bright. This article is an update.*

Barnum & Bailey were given to The Carriage Barn Equine Assisted Therapy Program in May 2005. Wendy Llewellyn wanted them to have a good home. They were imported from Belgium as circus ponies. After the original owner lost interest in them, they were left in a large field with Clydesdales; Wendy saved them from the pastures of Connecticut. She bought harness and drove them, a perfectly matched black pair of

Shetlands. She wanted to compete with a large horse in carriage driving shows.

Barnum and Bailey were named by the kids in our 2005 Kids Driving Camp. The kids loved to learn how to drive a pair and who could resist a photo opportunity with these adorable ponies, 10 hands, all dressed up with their green feather plumbs. Barnum and Bailey were never separated during their teaching time with us. We know they were clever and knew circus tricks. We did not know whether they spoke Flemish, French, or German, but they definitely drove with no verbal cues. One day we decided to use them for a riding lesson. Two little kids got on and were being led around the ring. Suddenly, both ponies simply laid down. We never figured out the cue, maybe the clowns taught them the trick as part of the circus act. From that moment, they were drive only.

Over the years, hundreds of people met our great circus boys; in parades, at camps, and in lessons. Last Summer, they helped a young woman with Spina Bifida who was afraid of heights, speed, and leaving her wheelchair. They were her first driving experience. The indoor arena was filled with aides, sidewalkers, and breathless onlookers. The ponies pulled and we all began to enjoy the moment.

Sadly, that moment, that Summer, must live with us forever. The great Barnum died in his pasture, with Bailey and his other pasture mates by his side, on New Year's Day. We think he was very close to forty years old. For the last four years, Barnum & Bailey have lived with their veterinarian, Dr. Janet Wojciechowski and her husband, Mr. Don Haley. Dr. Wojciechowski had diligently cared for the boys' allergies. Over the years, the grasses and other pollens along with fly bites had compromised their quality of life. Their monthly shots and tremendous care allowed them to productively function until now.

We rang in the New Year with hearts filled with Joy and Peace. Goodness and Mercy abound around us. To all of you, we are most grateful. To Barnum, we will always remember. To Bailey, we will shower you with love and protect you from loss.

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## High Performance Developing Driver Program- Clinic Announced

There will be a developing driver clinic July 3-5, 2015 to be held at Top Brass Farm in Newton, NJ. Jim Fairclough will be the clinician for this clinic. If you are interested in participating in this clinic please refer to the link below for more details.

The first clinic of 2015 was a great success and we are excited to offer this clinic at this wonderful facility. If anyone has any questions about the Developing Driver Program they may go to the USEF web site using this link;

[https://www.usef.org/\\_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldriving/DevelopingDrivingProgram.aspx](https://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldriving/DevelopingDrivingProgram.aspx)

or contact Lizzy Staller directly at 908-326-1159 or [estaller@usef.org](mailto:estaller@usef.org).

# USEF Driving National Championships at Live Oak International CDE

By Leah Oliveto, USEF Communications, Photos by PicsofYou

The first United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Driving National Championship titles of the year were decided today at Live Oak International CDE in the Single Pony, Pair Pony, Pony Team, and Pair Horse divisions. Drivers navigated the 20-obstacle course on the final day of the championships as the leaders coming into the cones phase faced stiff competition from a talented field of challengers.

## ***USEF Single Pony Driving National Championship***

Tracey Morgan went into the ring with a substantial 17-point lead and with just one ball down secured her ninth USEF National Championship title with a score of 130.17.

“Fuego is just as powerful as a pair; he’s my Ferrari. This is my third year competing him and we’re really finding a partnership,” said Morgan of her 14-year-old German Riding Pony gelding. “We will be heading to Europe later this summer to prepare for the World Championships and this weekend has given us a great confidence boost.”

Miranda Cadwell (Southern Pines, N.C.), who moved up to second from fifth place after winning yesterday’s marathon, had two balls down to finish on an overall score of 144.77. The score was enough to take Reserve National Championship honors for Cadwell and Leslie Brendl’s Cannon’s Majestic Leyla, a 12-year-old Welsh Pony cross mare.

Paul Maye added 10.44 penalty points through the cones track to finish in third with 151.20.

## ***USEF Pair Pony Driving National Championship***



*Amy Cross, Pair Pony National Champion*

With less than one ball between the two, Amy Cross (Aiken, S.C.) and Katie Whaley (Paris, Ky.) went into the cones phase with steel determination. Cross stuck to her plan to drive an on-point course and expertly guided Wendy O’Brien’s Welsh pony pair to a double-clear, winning the National Championship for the second consecutive year on a score of 134.40.

“I was nervous coming into today with less than a point separating Katie and me. We knew we had to go in there and perform, and luckily they are great in the cones and make it so easy for me,” said Cross. “The start of the weekend went according to plan as we had a strong dressage test. Our marathon could have been better, but we really nailed the cones and that

was exciting for us.”

Whaley and her handsome pair of Welsh cross geldings finished the course within the time allowed, but had a costly ball down at obstacle six to add three points, finishing in second with an overall 138.30.

Jennifer Matheson was the only other driver in the division to go double-clear, but it was not enough to catch the leaders. She finished in third on an overall score of 150.49.

## ***USEF Pony Teams Driving National Championship***

Heather Schneider (Palm City, Fla.) secured the National Championship title as the sole competitor in the division on an overall score of 233.44.

“I drove a pair for a long time, and in fact my two leaders are my former pair. It’s been a long time in the making and I am very happy with their performance here this weekend.”

## ***USEF Pair Horse Driving National Championship***

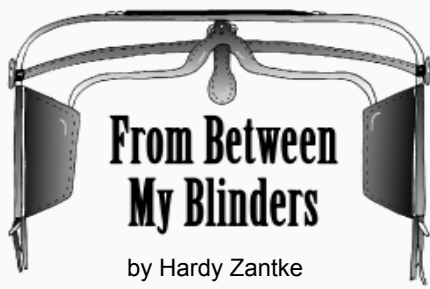
In the two driver field, Steve Wilson (Louisville, Ky.) put the pressure on Casey Zubek (Manhattan, Ill.) all weekend, finishing a close second in both the dressage and marathon phases. Wilson, driving in his first USEF National Championship, took a decisive win in the cones phase with just one ball down and 3.33 in time penalties, overtaking Zubek for the National Championship title with a final score of 164.92.



*Steve Wilson, Pair Horse National Champion*

“I am the oldest and the least experienced in this sport,” joked Wilson. “I have worked for the last five years to become a serious competitor and have always hoped to win an event of this magnitude. I am really happy to have finally accomplished that goal.”

Zubek had a little more than a ball in-hand going into Sunday, but succumbed to the technical challenges of the course, having a single ball down at obstacles four and six and two balls down at obstacle 11 in addition to time penalties. On an overall score of 176.71, Zubek took home Reserve National Championship honors. Visit [liveoakinternational.com](http://liveoakinternational.com) for complete results.



## New FEI Star System - Explained

As ADS competitor most of us are aware of the different types of events we have in Combined Driving (See Article 901.10)

We start with a "Combined Test" (Art 901.10.5) which consists of any two competitions - usually Driven Dressage & Cones. Then we move up to an "Arena Trial" which just adds a couple of marathon obstacles (See Appendix B). Next comes a "Driving Trial" which adds the "B" Section to the marathon obstacles (See Appendix A). The next level up is a two day "Combined Driving Event" where an "A" and a "Walk" Section are added to the marathon. And finally on the highest level we have a full three day "Combined Driving Event"

On all our events, we usually start with Dressage, and it is up to the organizer in which order to schedule the Marathon and Cones, except that at a full three day event, usually the Cones are done on the last day.

In addition we have our sport organized that drivers move up through our levels from Training Level through Preliminary followed by Intermediate and finally to Advanced (see Article 916.16). A full three day Combined Driving Event MUST be run under USEF sanction, whereas all other events can be run just under ADS sanction.

In the past our Top Three Day Combined Driving Events would at times add a FEI Sanction to it in order to qualify our drivers for international events and World Championships. Two years ago the FEI re-arranged their system and introduced their new Star \* System (see Art. 901 & Art 913 & Art 936) and USEF followed suit with their CAN's (see their same article # starting with DC ) which basically goes along our familiar lines of competitions, starting with:

CAI 1\* : "CA" = Concours d'Attelage = Driving Event and "I" = International, so CAI = International Driving Event and 1\* is the lowest level and is similar to our Combined Test but can also include a Combined Marathon, which is a Cones course with some marathon type obstacles in it and can also be held indoors (similar to our new ADS Driving Derby). Dressage carriages are not required and pneumatic tyres are allowed on this level. (Just as on our Training Level, and accordingly this is a new introduction level which the FEI did not have in the past.) At least 2 judges are required. Participation is open to any driver, but a 3\* athlete (a driver who is qualified to drive a 3\* event - see below) cannot participate with a horse or pony which has "placed" within the last two years. (as of this writing I am still waiting for a clarification from the FEI on what exactly they mean with "placed" = in the ribbons? and at what kind of an event?)

CAI 2\* is like our full Combined Driving Event and can be either two or three days, always with Dressage first, but then marathon and cones in either order. To be qualified to enter a CAI 2\* athletes have either successfully completed two CAI 1\* with Dressage - so a combined marathon CAI!\* does not count! - without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-B (the former FEI category) or three CANs with Dressage, Marathon and Cones. "CAN" stands for Concours d'Attelage National = National Driving Event, which means

an USEF sanctioned event, and USEF's CAN's are similar in their level requirements as the FEI CAI 2\* events.

Dressage carriages are still not required on this level but pneumatic tires are no longer allowed. (This was the former CAI-B level) At least 3 judges are required.

CAI 3\* is the next level up. This must run over three days and is a higher level of competition. Athletes must qualify and have either successfully completed two CAI 2\* without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification, or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-A or two CAI-B's under the previous FEI Driving Rules. Marathon carriages are no longer allowed in Dressage & Cones. (This was the former CAI-A level) 5 judges are required.

CAIO 4\* is the highest level and the added

"O" means "Official" and is the former CAIO level, an international event open to National Driving Teams - like Aachen and Breda and every World Championship (See Art. 919). This level is open to any 3\* qualified athlete. 5 judges are required.

As of this year drivers are now graded along the same lines as 1\*, 2\* and 3\* athletes with the same qualifications as listed above for the events. Please note that the above is just an introduction and overview. For complete details please see the rule book.

Further details on the required officials can be found under Art. 987 - 990. Note that the officials have also received new Star ratings, with the former "C" for Candidate now a 2\*, the former "I" for International now 3\* and the former "O" for Official now a 4\*.

Athletes hoping to represent our country at any World Championships should make themselves completely familiar with the respective rules and requirements. See also Art. 914 as well as 920-925. Note that for Youth and Para Competitions the athletes do not need any qualifications through the star system yet. They do however need to qualify through the star system when they enter regular competitions.

As of 2015 the FEI has also re-arranged their dressage tests. While we find many of the previous tests still valid and just re-named, they did, however also introduce some new tests. Further they have now organized the tests also through the star system of competitions - just as we have our ADS dressage tests with different levels of difficulty through our levels from Training through Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced.

You find details of the Tests and which Tests to be used at which level on the FEI website at: <http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/driving/dressage-tests>

My apologies if this all sounds a bit confusing at this time - I'm sure, it will become clearer as we get more familiar with it.

Happy & safe driving,

Hardy

## Must Love Dogs: ADS Members Share Carriage Dog Photos

Recently, ADS members and friends submitted photos on the ADS Facebook page for the 2015 Carriage Dog Photo Contest. Entries were submitted from February 9 - March 9 and the photo with the most "likes" won. The winner is Stefanie Putnam and her Yellow Lab "Kaz" with over 700 likes! Look for her pictures and profile in *The May Whip*. Included here is a collage of some of the contest entries. To view the full album of entries, go to [facebook.com/american-drivingsociety](https://www.facebook.com/american-drivingsociety)



Aspen and Banner winning the 2009 Villa Louis Carriage Dog class. The horse is Fox Woods Country Babe with Jennifer Thompson, DVM



From Donna Lutter, "This is Penny, Obie and Rowdy. They loaded in by themselves with high hopes of going out in the carriage."



Cathy Tomas at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic with her two Bichons. Photo by Donna Crossman



Sable was never defeated in the Carriage Dog Class! She is pictured at the Carriage Classic in the Pines, Pinehurst NC, photo by Kelly Butler



Rupert (the horse) and Pepper (Golden Doodle Service Dog) Diane Kastama Driving, picture by Pat Kastama (taken in the Netherlands)



This is Lola, the miniature schnauzer, from Jeff and Lynn Havard, Kelowna, BC, Canada

**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)

- May 9, 2015:** GMHA ADT&CT Level added, tests changed
- May 15, 2015:** Gayla CDE, DT changed to CT
- May 15, 2015:** Gladstone DT (**CANCELLED**)
- NEW! June 13-14:** OHHA Cowboy Country CDE
- June 12, 2015:** Orleton Farm CT & PD **Super Derby added, many changes**
- June 13-14:** Idaho HDT: **Divisions added, health reqs change**
- June 19:** Bromont CDE **Many Changes!**
- June 28, 2015:** Skunk River DT, **Secretary address correction.**
- NEW! June 26-28:** CAA Carriage Festival
- July 10, 2015:** Inavale CDE **Organizer and cones updates**

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