

# Aiken Driving Club

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## From The Top



Spring has arrived! Just look outside and you will see all the pollen! Enjoy this wonderful weather.

With so much going on ones head is spinning. . . As they say "Disney for Horses and Golf" . . . and of course it's Basketball time. Thanks to all those who have put on events and entertained all the drivers. If you missed something there are still more events coming. The Pleasure show is shaping up nicely and looks to be a fun weekend. So, dress up, shine those hoofs and carriages and join in.

To those who are heading north keep in touch and take care of yourself and your 4 legged ones while you are away. For those who make Aiken your year round home there will still be driving events to participate in. Keep an eye on the calendar. If there is something you would like the club to do speak to a board member. We love hearing from you and would love to have volunteers step up to organize. Come to us with suggestions. Thinking about our summer BBQs ~ we need a committee chair to help put these fun evenings together... let us hear from you...

*be safe and stay well... and be kind... there is a lot going on in the world and we need all the kindness we can get.*

*Cheers, Peggy*

## A Gathering for ALL Club Members!



**Who:** ALL Aiken Driving Club Members

**When:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM

**What:** Wine, Cheese & Conversation

**Where:** Gaston Livery Stable, 1315 Richland Ave, Aiken


**Why:** The Club has welcomed many new members this year. Here is a chance for all of us to get to know each other better!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS


highlighted items are ADC events

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT	WHERE
APR 8-10	So PINES CT & CDE @ CAROLINA HORSE PARK	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
<b>APR 11</b>	<b>ADC BOARD MEETING OPEN TO ALL</b>	<b>PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>APR 16-17</b>	<b>AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADC / KATY RHINEHART</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
APR 20-24	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC CAI 1*2*3*	USEF / TIEC	MILL SPRING, NC
APR 22	MARTIN AUCTION, COACHES, CARRIAGES & MORE	MARTIN AUCTIONEERS	LEBANON, PA
<b>APR 30</b>	<b>JUNGLE DRIVE @ THREE WISHES FARM [SEE BELOW]</b>	<b>ADC RSVP TO SARAH</b>	<b>WINDSOR, SC</b>
MAY 5-8	THE SOUTHERN DRIVE @ GRAND OAKS RESORT	GRAND OAKS	WEIRSDALE, FL
MAY 6-8	CARRIAGE CLASSIC IN THE PINES @ BIG SKY FARM	ADS	So PINES, NC
MAY 9	<b>ADC BOARD MEETING OPEN TO ALL</b>	<b>PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
MAT 23-24	<b>ADC CLINIC W/SARA SCHMITT [SEE PG 7]</b>	<b>CAROL FUNDERBURGH</b>	<b>WINDSOR, SC</b>
JUN 2-5	KENTUCKY CLASSIC CDE @ HERMITAGE CAI 1*2*3*	USEF	GOSHEN, KY
JUN 3-5	ELK CREEK CT & CDE @ FAIR HILL	ADS	ELKTON, MD
AUG 19-21	METAMORA CDE	ADS	METAMORA, MI
SEP 21-25	TRYON CDE @ TIEC	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
SEP 29/Oct 2	CLAY STATION CDE	ADS	WILTON, CA
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE CDE	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ
<b>Nov</b>	<b>ADC ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<b>TBD</b>



## Jungle Drive at Three Wishes Farm



The day will start with a 10:30am drive off. There will be two well marked routes, short & long. Then after the drive there will be a **Pot Luck Lunch**, please bring your favorite dish to share. Gather at the Coaching Barn at 12:30pm. Tables, Chairs & Drinks will be provided by the club. Relax and enjoy the company of friends after you've negotiated your way through the jungle. Wear a mask, keep 6ft apart, whatever makes you comfortable.

Let's get back some social fun in our lives. Follow the PARKING signs (*parking will be in the first field on the left as you come in the gate*).

*RAIN DATE will be Sunday, May 1st*

**Please RSVP to Sarah: \*Just Driving, \*Just Pot Luck, \*Both - Driving & Pot Luck**  
Sarah 614-571-3928 (text/message), sc4scuba@gmail.com

For those receiving this by e-mail click on the hyperlinks below to go to their sites.

[The Aiken Driving Club - About the Club](#)
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[Combined Driving Competition Calendar | US Equestrian \(usef.org\)](#)



## Entries are Open for the Aiken Carriage Classic

Entries are now open for the Aiken Carriage Classic and Dressage at Highfields Event Center, Aiken, SC. Please see the tentative schedule below. **There are a few corrections to the Omnibus listing as follows:** The closing date is April 10, 2022, but please get them in as early as possible. The Cross-Country Obstacles class should have been the Town and Country Obstacle class. It will be run as Article 248.2 in the rule book. The TD is Jim Thomas from Ocala, Florida.

We encourage sponsorships for the show, as we depend highly on your generosity to keep the costs of the show low. This is the only pleasure show in South Carolina and the Aiken Driving Club is excited to showcase our drivers. Sponsorships may be sent to Karen Marlin, Aiken Driving Club

secretary or Katy Rhinehart at 1980 Keys Pond Road, Ridge Spring, SC 29129. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Katy Rhinehart at [gkm104@heartofiowa.net](mailto:gkm104@heartofiowa.net).

There will be a dinner at Gaston Livery Stable on Saturday, April 16, 2022. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m. Sherry Dolan will be presenting her pony demonstration and a dinner will follow. Cost for the evening is \$35 per person paid by April 8. Send reservations to Katy Rhinehart. The silent auction will end at the conclusion of the dinner.

A big thank you to the committee that has worked on the show: Peggy Keeler, Peggy Dils, Judy Chamberlain, and Katy Rhinehart. Special thanks to our announcer: Price Story, silent auction chair: Kim Allen, office: Diane Mansur and Ring Master: Jim Sector and all our volunteers.

### Tentative Schedule Aiken Carriage Classic 2022

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED! Volunteers needed**

- ◆ **Friday, April 15** 5:00 pm Competitors and volunteer briefing and social time.  
SILENT AUCTION BEGINS
- ◆ **Saturday, April 16** 8-10:00 am Dressage and Centennial Drive Ceremony  
10:30 am Turnout-all divisions-order of go for divisions will be posted Friday, April 15  
Lunch break  
1:15 pm Working-all divisions-order of go for divisions will be posted Friday, April 15  
Reverse Psychology immediately following your Working class  
5:30 pm Gaston Livery Stable social time, trick ponies, and dinner [*\$35.00-tickets required by April 15*]  
SILENT AUCTION ENDS
- ◆ **Sunday, April 17** 8:00 am Cowboy Church  
9:00 am Town and Country Obstacles – map available Friday – all classes-go times to be published  
Gambler's Choice-immediately following T&C Obstacles  
10:45 am Reinsmanship-all classes-order of go for divisions will be posted Saturday, April 16  
12:30 pm Lunch break followed by awards

There **may be** a food truck vendor on grounds for the weekend, but lots of food options in Aiken.

[There will be a few vendors on the grounds. Please come check out their items!](#)

Contact Katy Rhinehart at [gkm104@heartofiowa.net](mailto:gkm104@heartofiowa.net) or 641-485-7821 with questions.

## ADS Centennial Drive at the Aiken Carriage Classic



Marsha Himler and Mrs. Dottie Paul will be driving at the Aiken Carriage Classic on Saturday, April 16 at 9:50 AM at Highfields in Aiken, SC, to accomplish their ADS Centennial Drive.

There will be a ribbon presentation by Shelly Temple, founder of the Centennial Drive program a long-time friend of Dottie, and ADS president, Dan Rosenthal. You are invited to join in the celebration and cheer on these youngsters and their accomplishment.





## **NEW ADC MEMBERS**

### *Welcome to Aiken Driving Club*

James O'Callaghan of Commerce, GA  
Charleen Snyder of Jonesville, GA  
Robyn, Brian, & Lucie Rose Fahnle of Gray Court, SC  
Rebecca and Dennis Ginn of Greenwood, SC  
Terry and David Stone of Louisville, TN

*If you want/need contact info for a new member not in the club roster please get in touch with Ray Mansur.*

## **Club Membership**

Membership applications are available on the website, [www.AikenDrivingClub.com](http://www.AikenDrivingClub.com) When you print yours out for renewal make a few extra copies. They are great to have on hand so you can invite old and new friends to join us.

## **Newsletter Deadlines**

*Deadline for articles, photos and classified ads is the 20th of each month. Photos must be sent by e-mail as a JPG format with name/s of persons and if possible the name of the horse/s. Include photo releases when required.*

## **Classified Ads**

*Classified ads for ADC members are free and will run for 3 months unless otherwise noted. Business Card ads are \$100 Yr. Non-members may place ads for \$25 (will run for 3 months). Check can be mailed to Aiken Driving Club, PO Box 271, Aiken, SC 29802*

## **Submissions**

Send all submissions to: Renie Gillis  
[ponylady2017@gmail.com](mailto:ponylady2017@gmail.com) 803-646-1175

**Past issues of the ADC Newsletter can be found online at**

[www.AikenDrivingClub.com](http://www.AikenDrivingClub.com)



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## From the Education Committee

It was a blustery Wednesday afternoon when several club members gathered at the cottage by the Gerde Carriage museum to learn about pleasure driving. ADS judge, Muffy Seaton, shared the judges perspective and a very informative video to help people prepare for entering a Carriage Driving Show. Katy Rhinehart was on hand to answer questions about and hand out entry forms for the Club Pleasure Show on April 16 & 17 at Highfields Event Center. After the presentation the rain let up and people toured the museum.

**Mark your calendar for the last of the club winter education afternoons.**

**When:** Wednesday, April 20.

**What:** Betsy Minton will share information on legal issues related to driving horses, competing, going in club drives, and having people drive on your land.

**Location:** 327 Pine Acres Rd. *Debbie Bevan's Farm*

**Time:** 2-3:30 pm **bring a chair**  
Any questions. Contact Debbie 608-692-6465

## Silent Auction at Aiken Carriage Classic

The Silent Auction at the Aiken Carriage Classic will open on Friday, April 15 at the competitor/volunteer briefing at 5 p.m. at Highfields in the pavilion area. Some of the items are incredibly unique and need to be checked out. The items include a set of wine glasses with beautiful carriage scenes and a bottle of wine, a print of a pair of horses by Susan Sallstrom, a 6 piece cork placemat set with coasters featuring horses, a "Tillie" hat fashioned by Sherry Lower of Hats off Boutique, a basket of equine products from Performance Equine and there are many more items getting ready to be shown off at the show. Visitors and competitors will have the opportunity to bid from Friday at 5 p.m. to noon on Sunday. The items will be at the briefing, the show office at Highfields and the Gaston Stable Dinner party on Saturday. All sponsorships are welcome, and we especially encourage everyone to enjoy the show April 16-17 at Highfields in Aiken. Any questions about the auction should be directed to Kim Allen or Peggy Keeler.



silent  
**AUCTION**



## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sport Horse Sale**

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

3:00 PM - Highfields Pavilion

Limited Entries

**Show Horses, Ponies,  
Event Horses & Fox Hunters**

Entry Information:

March 1st - Nomination Date

*\* Forms available online at [www.psjshows.com](http://www.psjshows.com) \**

**Contact:**

Rick Cram (803) 507-3535

Jeff Minton (803) 641-3841

**ADC will be hosting a clinic**  
**with Sara Schmitt on May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

The cost will be \$100 for a 45min lesson. Sara is able to work with any turnout from training to advanced in single & pair. She is an "r" CD Judge, an accomplished driver as well as dressage rider and trainer. Check out her Facebook page at SaraSchmittDressage.

To sign up for the clinic or for further information contact Carol Funderburgh she is the organizer of the clinic. Carol 928-925-4180 or email: pioniar18@gmail.com

**Sara Schmitt Combined Driving**

While the main focus of Sara Schmitt Dressage is, in fact, dressage - Sara is also an active competitor, judge and clinician in the sport of combined driving. She typically has about 3 or 4 driving ponies/horses in the barn for training at any given time and travels throughout the year to combined driving events and clinics across the country. In 2014, Sara coached the US team at the FEI World Para Equestrian Driving Championships in Sandringham, Great Britain, where they brought home team bronze and US team member Bob Giles won an individual silver medal. In August 2018, she coached the US team at the FEI World Para Equestrian Driving Championships in Kronenberg, Netherlands.

Recent Accomplishments:

2017 ADS Preliminary Championship for Single Pony @ Grand Oaks CDE  
Reserve Champion - Prelim Single Pony - Chandler's Creek Eclipse (owned by Sara Schmitt)  
2017 GMHA - 2nd place - Prelim Single Pony - Chandler's Creek Eclipse  
2017 Southern Pines - 3rd place - Prelim Single Pony - Chandler's Creek Eclipse  
2016 Pine Tree - 1st place - Prelim Pair Pony - Pryce & Fozzy Ozzy (owned by Sara Schmitt)  
2016 Gladstone HDT - 2nd place - Prelim Pair Pony - Pryce & Fozzy Ozzy  
2015 Garden State - 1st place - Prelim Pair Pony - Pryce & Fozzy Ozzy  
2015 Elk Creek - 1st place - Prelim Pair Pony - Pryce & Pedr  
2015 Black Prong - 1st place - Prelim Pair Pony - Pryce & Pedr

National Titles:

2007 USEF National Champion - Advanced Single Pony - Batman (Owned by Julia Greifeld)  
2005 USEF National Champion - Advanced Single Pony - High Country Doc

World Championships

2003 World Pony Driving Championships - Karlstetten, Austria - driving High Country Doc  
High Country Doc, 7 year old Morgan stallion owned & driven by Sara Schmitt  
6th place individually - Highest placing American  
Team USA - 6th place  
2005 World Pony Driving Championships - Catton Hall, England - driving High Country Doc  
High Country Doc, 9 year old Morgan stallion owned & driven by Sara Schmitt  
10th place individually with  
Team USA - 5th place  
2009 World Pony Driving Championships - Greven, Germany  
Batman, 11 year old Morgan/Welsh gelding owned by Julia Greifeld  
Team USA - 4th place

Other Highlights

Short-listed for the 2012 World Singles Championship with Kaboom  
Chronicle of the Horse Combined Driving Horseman of the Year - 2003





## Classified Ads

**BOARDING NEEDED** Preferably in Windsor for my ride/drive gelding. Rhett is the handsome grey Saddlebred you might remember from parades in town, like Memorial Day and Steeplechase; also CDE's and pleasure drives. He is pastured with supplemental feedings twice daily, and needs full care as I live 20 miles away, at least for now. Would love to half-lease him, too; need a competent horse buddy as I'm aging (84) faster than he is (20). Kitty Corbett (803) 262-5394, hoofbeat5@bellsouth.net 3/3