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From The Top

As we approach the coming season you might ask yourself about goals for you and your equine, how long is your list??? Of course keeping up with any list is always a challenge. Make it a check list so you can check off things as you make them happen, always a good feeling. Be sure to keep the ride/drive carrot out in front.

Our membership renewal information will be out soon. We hope for an exciting year ahead with fun programs and events for you to take part in. Perhaps, one of your goals could be to help plan an event. Please take time to say "THANK YOU" to all the event planners, board members for their time and energy and of course the volunteers that make things happen. A big thank you to Nancy Mullen and her husband Jeff for a lovely BBQ evening at their farm.

Be sure to look at the calendar and mark your personal calendar with events that interest you. Then make joining in and meeting folks with or without an equine another goal. Before we know it fall will be here and we will all be busy.

Please stay well and be safe. Hope to see you soon, *Cheers, Peggy*

Increase in costs for USPS mailed newsletter

After careful deliberation the Board has voted to increase the cost for our newsletter sent by USPS. There will be NO increase for those who receive their newsletter by email. Previously the difference between email & USPS newsletter memberships was only \$5, now it will be \$20 (an increase of \$15).

This decision was made after research to determine the cost of printing and mailing out the newsletter. Printing and postage fees have increased quite a bit since our last fee review. This increase brings fees more in line with the actual cost to the club for postage & printing of the newsletter. In the research 10 other clubs' membership fees were reviewed. ADC is one of a few driving clubs still sending out monthly newsletters. Some clubs are on-line only, others have no newsletter at all. The research revealed that clubs who still provide a newsletter had an upcharge fee of \$20-\$30 for a USPS mailed newsletter versus an emailed newsletter.

For those who prefer their newsletter by USPS please note the rate change on this year's renewal form. If you prefer not to pay this increased rate for a mailed newsletter you have the option to change your preference to email.

Membership Renewals are due by October 1st

new Membership forms can be found after August 1st at AikenDrivingClub.com

2022/23 Membership Fees: Single: \$40 *Family: \$55
add \$20 to either membership for a mailed newsletter

**Family Membership is two or more family members living in the same household.*

If you wish to bring Spouse/Partner, Your Kids etc. to ADC events you need to have a Family Membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
Aug 6	ADC SUMMER BBQ & SILENT AUCTION @ NOVAK'S	ADC WEBSITE	WAGENER, SC
Aug 17	ADC SCHOOLING DRIVE @ THE VISTA	ADC WEBSITE	AIKEN, SC
Aug 27	ADC SUMMER BBQ @ JANELLE MARSHALL'S	RENIE GILLIS	WINDSOR, SC
AUG 19-21	METAMORA CDE & CT ADS PRELIM CHAMPIONSHIPS	ADS	METAMORA, MI
SEP 10-11	WINDRIDGE FARMS HDT & CT	ADS	MOORESBORO, NC
SEP 21-25	TRYON CDE @ TIEC USEF INT CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
SEP 29/Oct 2	CA FALL CLASSIC CDE & CT ADS CHAMPIONSHIPS	ADS	WILTON, CA
SEP 30/Oct 2	TIMBERLAND CDE & CT @ CAROLINA HORSE PARK	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE CDE USEF PRELIM CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ
OCT 17-19	KOOS DE RONDE CLINIC @ CHATEAU LOG FARM	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
OCT 21-23	PINE TREE CDE & CT	ADS	So. PINES, NC
Nov 3-6	WINDSOR TRACE CDE & CT	ADS / LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
Nov 12	ADC FALL WEEKEND, COCKTAIL PARTY & ANNUAL MTG	ADC WEBSITE	TBD
Nov 13	ADC FALL WEEKEND ~ AUDUBON DRIVE	ADC WEBSITE	JACKSON, SC
Nov 19	ADC TACK SALE @ GASTON LIVERY	SUE DOUGHERTY/ DIANE MANSUR	AIKEN, SC
DEC 2-4	ADS ANNUAL MEETING	ADS	SEATTLE, WA

Summer BBQ Saturday, August 6th, 6-8 PM

at Gayle & Tim Novak's, 484 Holiness Church Rd, Wagener. There will be a silent auction to raise money for Taylor Bradish to help defer expenses for the FEI Single Horse World Championships in France.

Bring an item to share. The main course, water & soda will be provided by the club. Please RSVP with the number in your group and what you are bringing. [Please RSVP by July 30th on ADC webpage](#)

ADC Schooling Drive Wednesday, August 17th, 8-11 AM

at The Vista Schooling & Event Center, 859 Old Tory Trail, Aiken. There are rolling hills and two water obstacles that we will be able to use plus a cones course will be set up. Included, free of charge to ADC members, will be a Brunch from 9 -10:30 served by Sue Dougherty and Gayle Novak. Volunteers are needed. [Please RSVP on ADC website.](#)

Summer BBQ Saturday, August 27th, 6-8 PM

at Janelle Marshall's farm, 486 Thrasher Lane, Windsor. **Bring an item to share.** The main course, water & soda will be provided by the club. Please RSVP with the number in your group and what you are bringing.

[Please RSVP by Aug 20th to Renie 803-646-1175 \(call or text\).](#)

TACK SALE Saturday, November 19th, Time TBD

Plans are in the works for a Riding/Driving TACK SALE to be held at Gaston Livery on Richland Ave. Tables will be sold as a fundraiser for Gaston Livery. There is a per table donation of \$15 for ADC members and \$25 for non members. Sue Dougherty and Diane Mansur are organizers. More details in next newsletter.

Board Meeting minutes

July 2022

In Attendance: Peggy Dils, Anne Mitchell, Sue Dougherty On phone: Karen Marlin

Member Present: Renie Gillis

Absent: Tim Novak, Jane Hostetter

Minutes approved and accepted
Treasurers report read and accepted

Old Business:

Gerde Museum is still in need of volunteers

The next BBQ is August 6th at Gayle and Tim Novak's. This will include a silent auction as a fundraiser for Taylor Bradish. The following BBQ will be at Janelle Marshalls farm on August 27th.

Vista drive will be August 17th for club members. Breakfast will be served by Gayle Novak and Sue Dougherty.

The ADC fall weekend drive at the Audubon has been arranged. Location for the annual meeting and cocktail party are being explored. Peg Dils will try to arrange a speaker.

The nominating committee will consist of members Carl Zimmerman, Janelle Marshall and Renie Gillis.

Peg Dils has sent a letter to organizers and clubs to ask about arranging dates for an event calendar.

Renie presented a comprehensive schedule of newsletter costs. The cost of printing and postage for mailed newsletters has seen a great increase. The board has voted to raise the cost of mailed paper newsletters. The new cost will be reflected in the membership annual dues form for next year. Karen Marlin will update the membership form to include the new cost. There is no cost increase for receiving emailed newsletters.

August 1st will open up for on-line membership renewals.

New Business

The Board voted to give a \$500 donation to Taylor Bradish for her trip to the Worlds.

It is time for the Gerde award nominations. The award will be presented at the annual meeting.

There will be a ride/drive tack sale November 19th at the Gaston Barn. There is a per table donation of

\$15 for ADC members and \$25 for non members. Sue Dougherty and Diane Mansur are organizers.

Peg Dils will ask Tracey Higgins to again organize the drive at the Fall Steeplechase. The club will provide lunch to all participants.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Dougherty

Treasurers report

July 2022

The beginning checking account balance for the month of June 2022 was \$20962.92. The ending checking account statement balance is \$20,213.75.

There were no deposits for the month. There were debits totaling \$749.18 There were no outstanding checks or debits. This gave the club an actual check-book balance of \$ 20,213.75.

Expenses for the month were for printing, administrative expenses and a pleasure drive.

Respectively submitted,
Karen Marlin

NEW ADC MEMBERS

Welcome to Aiken Driving Club

Timothy Zimicki, Windsor, SC

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

Classified Ads

FOR SALE Wagonette x 2!! Beautifully made. One Amish from Stolfuz in PA, other is Robert's/Canada. Also harness from pony to horse. Carriages are \$1650 each. Harness is very reasonable for two that fit 14:2. One is a Russet set fits 14 to 15h from Driving Essentials. Very. Fine set. Sets of reins, harness stand. Sarah Taylor 803-474-0463 3/2

July 16th BBQ was a BIG hit !!!

Nancy & Jeff Mullen outdid themselves. Nancy said she had 82 RSVP's and I would say that most of them showed up. The weather gods were fairly nice to us and there was no rain. It was a little on the warm side but not bad for July. A nice breeze found it's way to us every now and then.

The BBQ ribs were done to perfection and *my oh my* were there a lot of side dishes and deserts to sample.

One of the things our club is good at is FOOD at gatherings.



**Nancy announcing the FOOD was ready,
*Let the Good Times begin . . .***



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Mary Sheehy



Election of Club Officers November 12th



The election of club officers is just around the corner. Elections will be held at the **Annual Meeting on November 12th**. The nominating committee, consisting of Carl Zimmerman, Janelle Marshall, & Renie Gillis are putting together a slate of officers for you to vote on at the meeting. All Board Member positions except Treasurer are open this year. Members holding current positions may put themselves forward if they choose to continue serving the Club. They may also submit their names for a different position.

If you have an interest in serving on the Board as an Officer or as a Member At Large or if you would like to put forward a name (with their prior approval) please contact one of the nominating committee members. Carl, Janelle or Renie.



A Slate of names of those interested in running for the open positions will be posted by the nominating committee in the October newsletter. Then elections will be held November 12th at the annual meeting. Only current members have the right to vote. **** make sure to renew your club membership by Oct 1st so your vote will count.

So that you may vote responsibly and have a say in how your club is run here is a **condensed version** from our by-laws of the duties for the offices that are open.

Officers of the Club shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. . .

President: *The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall in general supervise the business and activities of the Club. . . They shall appoint chairmen of standing and special committees, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. They shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. . .*

Vice-President: *The VP, in the absence of the President, will act as the presiding officer at any meeting of the Board of Directors. . . ** hopefully has an interest in becoming President in the future***

Secretary: *The Secretary shall take and keep the minutes of all meetings . . . They shall handle routine club correspondence . . . They shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws . . . They shall be a custodian of records. . .*

Member At Large: *Three elected members to represent the whole membership and serve on the Board of Directors.*
[all three slots are open]



The ideal Board Member is someone interested in being involved in club activities and attending the monthly board meetings. Willing to work with other board members to move the club forward in a positive manner. FYI - Monthly meetings can be attended in person or by phone if board member is Out Of Town (i.e. members who leave town for the summer).

Let us know if you are interested
Carl, Janelle & Renie



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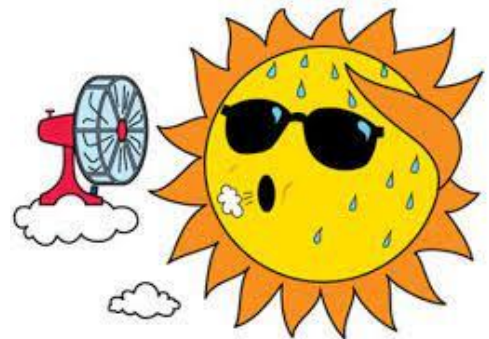
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Club Membership

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Newsletter Deadlines *Deadline for articles, photos and classified ads is the 20th of each month. Photos must be sent by email in ".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 803-646-1175

Past issues of our Newsletter can be found online at www.AikenDrivingClub.com

GERDE AWARD

During the 1990-91 season our club voted to establish an award in honor of the club's founder, the late Clifford S. Gerde. The award is given in his honor as an expression of our appreciation for all that he contributed to carriage driving in Aiken. The entire general membership is eligible to nominate someone and to vote. The Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held on November 12th.

The individual you nominate should fall into one or both of the following categories:

Driving:

- * An active participant in Club drives and activities.
- * A new driver who makes noticeable progress driving with the Club.
- * A driver who competes in pleasure driving shows and combined driving events.

Behind-the Scenes Participation:

- * The faithful groom who is never fully appreciated.
- * The person who works hard to make sure we are well fed and entertained at our drives.
- * The individual who helps develop and carry out our driving activities or just all around outstanding support and leadership in the club..

Deadline for nominations is September 10th send nominations to Peggy Dils

Along with the person's name, please state your reasons for selecting the individual.

Previous Award Winners:

2020 - Katy Reinhardt 2019 - Ray Mansur 2018 - Nilda Burke
2017 - Jim Sector 2016 - Dottie Paul 2014 - Earl Simmons
2013 - Barb Mettle 2012 Marge Shelton

**Volunteers are needed at
the Vista Schooling Drive
Wednesday, August 17th
Early AM Until Noon
Contact: *Peggy Dils***





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