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From The Top

I can't believe it's already February and so much has happened. Our first Derby, held at Highfields Event Center in Aiken, was a great day and already we are working on the next one on February 6th. I hope you got your entries in and will join in the fun... our other events in January were a big success as well.



Big thanks to Ronda McPherson a great educational event . . . no balls down folks.

As always a big thank you to all the volunteers that make our events work so you can play. Keep an eye on the calendar and see what is going on in the driving world. Renie does a great job keeping us informed.

stay well and stay safe . . . drive on. . . Cheers, Peggy

EVENTS & ENTRY FORMS & RELEASES *it's an insurance thing*

There are events that are ADC (Aiken Driving Club). These club events will have their own entry form or sign up. Usually this info can be found in the newsletter or on the ADC website with ADC and possibly land owner releases. These are open to club members only.

There are events that are ADC (Aiken Driving Club) recognized by ADS (American Driving Society). These events fall under ADS jurisdiction and require use of their entry forms and releases with possibly an ADC and or land owners release as well.

There are ADS recognized events and all their forms and releases must be used.

There are USEF recognized events and all their forms and releases must be used.

There are Individually sponsored events or clinics. If I hear about them I'll put in as much info as I am given. It's up to the organizer to let you know where to find their entry details.

Be a good competitor and send in a complete entry.

That includes: 1] complete entry form, 2] releases (driver, gator, plus), 3] coggins (within 1yr), 4] vaccination record (within 6mos.), 5] Pony/VSE measurement card, 5] Health Certificate (all out of state entries), 6] what ever else the event requires, 7] payment. Before you put all of this paperwork in your envelope LOOK the forms over and make sure they are complete, and that you and grooms/gators have signed them. If your groom/gator is going to sign at the event or is a TBD put a note in so the show secretary knows what you are planning. If you are sharing - some events have a form, some just want to know. There are a few events who are now charging for incomplete entries due to the added work they cause. Don't be one of the competitors who are making this necessary.

Be a good competitor and send in a complete entry.

I do my best to let you know of driving related events that I become aware of. Read the calendar and then read any additional information that is listed about an event. Then re-read it all again. Go to ADC, ADS or USEF and/or the Contact Person to obtain all the pertinent details.

I hope this clarifies a few things and answers some of the questions I get asked.

Renie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT	WHERE
FEB 4-6	GRAND OAKS CLASSIC CT & DERBY	ADS	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 6	ADC DRIVING DERBY 2 @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]	ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
FEB 9	WINDSOR TRACE CONTINUOUS DRIVE [PG 7]	LISA SINGER	CHATEAU LOG
FEB 11-13	BLACK PRONG DRESSAGE FESTIVAL @ BLACK PRONG	ADS / JENNIFER MATHESON	BRONSON, FL
FEB 14	ADC BOARD MEETING @ GASTON LIVERY 6:30PM	ADC	AIKEN, SC
FEB 16	EDU-EVENT 2-3:30PM [PG 7]	ADC RSVP WEBPAGE	WINDSOR, SC
FEB 18-20	SPRING FLING CDE @ FL HORSE PARK	USEF	Ocala, FL
FEB 22	WINDSOR TRACE CONES DAY [PG 7]	LISA SINGER	CHATEAU LOG
FEB 27	ADC AUDUBON DRIVE & POTLUCK LUNCH [PG 5]	ADC WEBSITE	JACKSON, SC
FEB 28	ADC DRIVING DERBY 3 @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]	ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
MAR 2-6	LIVE OAK INTERNATIONAL CDE CAI 3*	USEF	Ocala, FL
MAR 12	WINDSOR TRACE CT [PG 7]	ADS / LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 18-20	BLACK PRONG CT & CDE @ BLACK PRONG	ADS / JENNIFER MATHESON	BRONSON, FL
MAR 26	STEEPLECHASE DRIVE [PG 7]	TRACEY HIGGINS	AIKEN, SC
MAR 27	ADC DRIVING DERBY FINALS @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]	ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
MAR 30	ADC GREET & MEET NEW MEMBERS @ GASTON LIVERY 5-7PM [DETAILS TO FOLLOW]	ADC	AIKEN, SC
APR 8-10	So PINES CT & CDE @ CAROLINA HORSE PARK	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
APR 16-17	AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC [PG 3]	ADC / KATY RHINEHART	AIKEN, SC
APR 20-24	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC CAI 1*2*3*	USEF / TIEC	MILL SPRING, NC
APR 22	MARTIN AUCTION, COACHES, CARRIAGES AND MORE	MARTIN AUCTIONEERS	LEBANON, PA
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
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
Nov	ADC ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE		TBD

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

[The Aiken Driving Club - About the Club](#)

[Omnibus - The American Driving Society, Inc.](#)

[Combined Driving Competition Calendar | US Equestrian \(usef.org\)](#)

Aiken Driving Club ADS Driving Derby Challenge

Highfields Event Center, 198 Gaston Rd, Aiken, SC

A Series of 4 Derby's with the 4th an Invitational Finals

1-	1/23/2022	1:00 pm	EO	12/15/2021	EC	1/15/2022
2-	2/6/2022	1:00 pm	EO	12/15/2021	EC	1/24/2022
3-	2/28/2022	1:00 pm	EO	12/15/2021	EC	2/14/2022 YES, It's Monday
Finals	3/27/2022	1:00 pm	EO	<i>By Invitation</i>	EC	3/14/2022

Divisions: Training (Walk/Trot Only) Preliminary (Open to All)

Classes: VSE, Small Pony, Pony, Horse

Turnouts: Single, Pair, Multiple

Entry Fee: \$75 (an additional \$20 Late Fee for any entries received after closing date)

Entry, Releases, Coggins, Flu/Rhino, Interstate HC, VSE/Pony Card, and Payment

See ADS Omnibus listing for full details. Use new ADS Entry Form & Release.

Competition will start at 1PM. Marathon - type obstacles will have 5 gates. All Divisions will drive ALL gates.

Tailgating is encouraged, come out and cheer for your favorite "Team"

Sponsorships are available for each Derby

Contact [Peggy Dils](#) for details if you are interested in sponsoring a Derby

Show Off Your Beautiful, Talented Equines and Your Fabulous Turnouts!

What and Where? The Aiken Carriage Classic and Dressage at Highfields in Aiken

When? April 16-17, 2022.

Officials: The judge is Kail Palmer Miller, the Technical Delegate is Jim Thomas and the Secretary is Katy Rhinehart.

Divisions: Open Horse, Open Pony, VSE, Multiples, Novice Driver/Horse/Pony/VSE, and Junior Driver. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each of the six divisions. The Gaston Stable Award will be awarded to the driver who best exemplifies sportsmanship and elegance of turnout throughout the show.

Classes: Turnout, Working Pleasure, Reinsmanship, Gambler's Choice, Reverse Psychology and Cross Country Obstacles. A driver and equine must compete in and complete each class to be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion.

Dressage: Saturday morning there will be an optional dressage event (Training, Preliminary or Intermediate ADS Test A) to be held for 2 hours prior to the start of the pleasure show. The cost will be \$60 (in addition to the pleasure show entry fee). If you are eligible for the ADS Centennial Club, you may enter the dressage class for \$50. Entry includes the trailer-in fee ONLY if you are not participating in the pleasure show. Space is very limited, so get your entries in early!

More fun!

-Silent auction on Friday and Saturday, ending Saturday evening at the Gaston Stables.

-Exhibitor and volunteer welcome and briefing social Friday evening. Social hour and dinner Saturday evening at the Gaston Stables. The cost of the dinner is \$35 and includes a tour of the facility and a demonstration by Sherri Dolan with her trick ponies, Smoke and Mirrors.

All information is in the ADS Omnibus. Prize lists will be available in February. This event will be run according to current ADS rules and Covid protocols.

For More Information: Contact Katy Rhinehart at 641-485-7821 or gkm104@heartofiowa.net



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NEW ADC MEMBERS

Welcome to Aiken Driving Club

Tracey Turner, Windsor, SC (renewal)
Claudia Delorme, Windsor SC (renewal)
Carina Krahn, Windsor, SC (new)
Lorian Buckley, Aiken SC (new)
Wanda Arrowood, Rutherfordton, NC (new)
Cindy, Bill, and John Besson, Aiken SC (new)

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 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 803-646-1175

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

BELLEHAVEN SCHOOLING DAZE

On January 12th we hosted our first Combined Test schooling show. We could not have asked for a better turn out, great volunteers and officials.

The day started out really cold! Those of you who know me, know I freeze easily! So grateful for the many volunteers who showed up and were great at keeping I on track and I always learn so much at all these events, as a competitor, volunteer and now as a property owner/host.

The event was made possible with the help of Renie Gillis, Debbie Bevin, Carole Hunter and Peggy Dils. Their experience in putting together the driving events that we all have so much fun doing is invaluable. I knew we would be on the right track with Lisa Singer as our judge and Dan Rosenthal as our cones judge. He brought along a great crew as well!

Karen Marlin got us off to a great start checking everyone in. Parking can be tight here. Paul Dougherty was amazing making it work. Sue Dougherty ran a tight ship and not only kept the competitors on time as our ring steward but we actually were able to get ahead of schedule.

Diane Mansur and Sara Relyea did our wheel measurements, Lori Neeley kept the cones running smoothly and our cones setting crew was really sharp! Ted and Patty, amazing as always. Maryanne Boyden kept the information flowing with running scores.

The cones course was a challenge and the footing was a bit rough and not level. But that is what a schooling opportunity is all about. I have driven it several times since and it is still up if anyone wants to come play (Of course if you have signed a release. If not, come see me . . . easy to get that done). Anyway, it is a fun drive and I love it. Lots of challenges, questions and interesting lines.

A few lessons learned. I think in the future I will be using the standard cones setting. I will pay more attention to getting everyone their tests. Somewhere there needs to be wine . . .

There are so many fun things coming up in February and March I, regrettably have cancelled the February and March events. I am thinking about doing one in May? Stay tuned.

A special thanks to all the competitors who supported this event. John and I sincerely hope everyone had a fun time. That is our goal.

See everyone out driving! Sincerely, Ronda and John



ADS Championships

Aug 19-21 All Preliminary Classes @ Metamora CDE, in Metamora, MI
Sep 29-Oct 2 All Intermediate Classes @ Clay Station CDE, in Wilton, CA

USEF Championships

Mar 2-6 Advanced Ponies (all) and Advanced Pair Horses @ Live Oak CDE, in Ocala, FL
Apr 20-24 Advanced Single Horse @ Katydid CDE, in Mill Spring, NC
Jun 2-5 Advanced Four-in-Hand Horses @ Kentucky Classic CDE, in Goshen, KY
Sep 21-25 All Intermediate Classes @ Tryon CDE, in Mill Spring, NC

Driving Derby # 1 Jan 23rd

Twenty four drivers turned up for our Jan 23rd Driving Derby. This seasons derby's will be held at Highfields Event Center. We had quite a number of Spectators and several Tailgaters. Our thanks to Jennifer Matheson and Susan Burrows for the loan of the portable Derby elements.

Our top drives for DD1 were:

Training Jackie Kane driving Showboat Sailor with a combined score of 318.94
Preliminary Tim Novak driving Bubba with a combined score of 224.88

The next derby is Feb 6th. The deadline for entering will have past by the time the newsletter goes out. So, if you haven't entered pack a Tailgate lunch and come out to watch. Cheer on your favorite Team.



From the Edu-Committee

The Windsor weather gods were smiling for the club's education afternoon. 40 plus club members enjoyed a sunny afternoon getting tips and strategy on how to drive a cones course from one of the best competitive drivers, Lisa Singer. She had several different cones configurations set up for the demo. After an informative talk, Mary Baillie drove her pony, Sunny, through the course to demonstrate what Lisa was talking about. A big thanks to both. Put the next Education afternoon opportunity in your calendar now.



When: February 16th Time: 2:00-3:30 pm Where: Bellehaven Farm

Title: Carriage Driving Best Practices: What TD's see. . . Right and Wrong

Speaker: Rebecca Gutierrez (ADS Technical Delegate)

Rebecca's presentation will help both new carriage drivers learn the best practices when driving at an event and experienced drivers test their knowledge of all they maybe once knew. Come join us to learn:

- Essential safety practices everyone should do
- Tips for driving off your farm and with other carriage drivers
- Through the eyes of a TD: The "rights" and "wrongs"
- Key ADS rules and new 2022 rule changes (Rebecca's fun format will test your knowledge!)
- How to utilize a Technical Delegate at an ADS show
- Q & A time

Treasurer's Report Jan 2022

The beginning checking account balance for the month of December 2021 was \$21,087.70. The ending checking account statement balance is \$20,437.85.

Deposits for the month totaled \$968.80. Deposits were all from membership dues payments. Debits totaled \$3,278.65.

There were outstanding checks totaling \$1700. This gave the club an actual checkbook balance of \$ 18,737.85. The majority of expenses were donations.

Respectively submitted,
Karen Marlin

Secretary's Report Jan 2022

ADC Minutes for January 10, 2022

In Attendance: Peggy Dils, Karen Marlin, Sue Dougherty, Tim Novak, Jane Hostetter

Member present: Gayle Novak

Audubon Drive February 27th. Drive off 10:30. Bring a side dish. Main dish will be provided. RSVP to the website. Donation \$25.00 per turnout.

The Driving Club trailer is at Renie's.

Organization of Pleasure Show coming along – April 16th.

An event to greet and get to know New Members will be on March 30th 5-7pm at Gaston Livery Stable.

Adjourned 6:45 Next meeting 14th.

Audubon Drive & Potluck Lunch

February 27, 2022

Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary

4542 Silver Bluff Rd, Jackson

Drive Off at 10:30am

Bring Your Own chair and something to share for the potluck lunch that will follow the drive. Drinks will be supplied.

There is a \$25 donation for each truck/trailer. A larger donation is always appreciated by the Audubon. Make checks out to: Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary

Please use the RSVP form on ADC website.

You must RSVP by February 23rd to participate in the drive.

You must be an ADC member to drive at this event.

Windsor Trace CDE Fund Raising Events:

Feb 9th Continuous Drive. Feb 22nd Cones Day. Mar 12th ADS CT. Details and Entry info for Continuous Drive & Cones Day can be found on **Windsor Trace CDE** Facebook page. The ADS CT info can be found in the ADS Omnibus.

Steeplechase Drive

26 March 2022 All in the club are invited. We will be able to park and put to in the stabling area. There will be special parking away from the racehorses. Then instead of just going around the track and leaving they have arranged for use to have a picnic area near the track. So everyone can pack lunches and drinks or we can have a caterer do box lunches for a fee. We can stay hitched and watch a few races and leave at will. If a horse is misbehaving it can be unhitched and go in its trailer leaving the carriage in the line up.

All (safe!) carriages are welcome but we ask that each be turned out as if you were doing standing presentation or a pleasure show. Everyone must have someone with them dressed appropriately and capable of rendering assistance if needed. If unable to take a passenger a ground person will suffice. Anyone deemed unsafe will be excused. Spectators will be able to come over and see the horses and carriages up close and ask questions. Great publicity for ADC and carriage driving.

This is not a ADC sponsored event. Drivers who are interested in participating are asked to contact Tracey Higgins for more information. Tracey can be contacted at harnessroom@gmail.com



Classified Ads

FOR SALE Brand new Zilco Cob Pair Harness still in the original bags! Never used, owner bought the wrong size. \$500 under retail. \$2100 plus shipping. Sizing and additional info is available on the Zilco website. Contact Tracey at harnessroom@gmail.com 3/1

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IN SEARCH OF My beautiful TigerLily passed away at Thanksgiving. I had planned on her being my last horse but our Thoroughbred is not happy to be alone, so I am looking to do the nearly impossible - find a replacement. If anyone can help me find a medium-sized (up to 15.3hh) Percheron cross or stocky draft cross for sale that drives & rides (western or english doesn't matter but must be kid-safe), I will be forever grateful. I am located in Aiken and can be texted at 954-850-3859. 3/1