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Driving Tradition Into The Future

From The Top

Club activities have slowed down a little with the summer almost upon us. However, there are still things to do. Check the calendar for up coming events and keep your eye out for Eblasts. We will try to keep you informed.

Our plans are for a few early morning things and an early drive at The Vista including a brunch. A few other things are in the works. Once finalized we will send out the info. If you think of anything you would like to do or organize for the club *come on down*. Let us hear from YOU.

In the mean time think about going over your equipment and giving it a good cleaning. Perhaps make a plan for your fall training schedule so you will be ready for the show season. Make sure your horses are ready to compete with up to date . . . Coggins, shots etc.

We have some DVDs for those hot afternoons when you have nothing to do. Just ask. Enjoy your summer driving or take some "down" time. Stay well and be safe

Cheers, Peggy



**The Board is still searching for
Summer BBQ locations.
If you are interests in hosting
please contact a Board Member.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
JUN 2-4	ELK CREEK HDT & CT	ADS	ELKTON, MD
JUL 22-23	KENTUCKY CLASSIC @ HILLCROFT CAI 1,2,3*	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	PARIS, KY
AUG ____	ADC DRIVE & BRUNCH AT THE VISTA [DATE & DETAILS TO FOLLOW]	ADC	AIKEN, SC
SEP 9-10	WINDRIDGE FARM DT & CT	ADS / WINDRIDGE FARM	HENDERSONVILLE, NC
SEP 20-24	TRYON FALL 1,2* INT (ALL CLASSES) CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
SEP 30-OCT 2	TIMBERLAND CDE & CT <i>Carolina Preliminary Triple Crown</i>	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
OCT 5-8	CA Fall Classic CDE & CT <i>ADS Prelim NA Championships</i>	ADS	WILTON, CA
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE, ADV SINGLE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ
OCT 20-22	PINE TREE CDE & CT <i>Carolina Preliminary Triple Crown</i>	ADS	SO. PINES, NC
OCT 28	ADC GENERAL MEETING, ALL INVITED	ADC / PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
NOV 2-5	WINDSOR TRACE CDE & CT <i>ADS Intermediate North American Championships, Carolina Prelim Triple Crown</i>	ADS / LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
NOV 12	ADC AUDUBON DRIVE [DETAILS TO FOLLOW]	ADC / PEGGY DILS	JACKSON, SC
NOV 15-19	ADS ANNUAL MEETING, ADC WILL BE HOSTING [SEE PG 3]	ADS	AIKEN, SC
DEC 7-9	ADC SARA SCHMIDT CLINIC [DETAILS TO FOLLOW]	ADC	AIKEN, SC

Several Aiken Driving Club members will be showing their work at the

Aiken Artist Guild Member Show May 18- Jun 22

to be held at the Aiken Center for the Arts

Each Member artist is invited to submit two works, which are eligible for awards and available for sale. There are five categories for awards: Figurative, Organic, Scenic, Contemporary and Traditional. This event each year has proven to be very interesting. Hopefully you'll make the time to stop in and cheer our club members on in their artistic endeavors.

Welcome to New and *Renewing* ADC Members

New or Renewed members through mid June:

Patti Crowther of Windsor, SC (New)

Linda Algire of York, SC (New)

Marsha Himler of Windsor (New)



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

CLUB NEWS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 2nd

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Peggy Dils

Present: Peggy Dils, Tracey Turner, Sue Dougherty, Carol Funderburg, Karen Marlin (via telephone) Susan Gregorio, excused: Mick Burke. Additional club attendees were present for "open meeting" forum.

Secretary's minutes corrected regarding club donations list, and accepted.

Treasurer's report: income and expenses reported. Karen noted that the balance does not reflect all Pleasure Show expenses and income. The Sandie Nicolaisen Trophy will be replaced by the family for subsequent years.

Treasurer's report accepted and approved.

Katy Rhinehart reported on the successful Carriage Classic Pleasure Show, thanking all volunteers and participants. Thanks to Katy and her committee for their efforts! Sarah Relyea thanked all volunteers and participants at the recent Jungle Drive at her 3 Wishes Farm. The event and pot luck lunch were well attended. Good time had by all. Peggy shared the history of the Gaston Livery and the Gerde Museum and their significance related to the Aiken Driving Club. The Gerde museum is in need of docents. The museum is open on Sundays. Still need volunteers to host summer barbecues for June, July and August.

ADC is now and ADS Blue Ribbon Club. This designation entitles ADC for free club membership fee for the year, and use of the ADS logo and a copy of the rulebook. ADC is hosting the ADS Annual meeting November 15-19, 2023. Multiple activities are being planned, including a Pleasure drive, a drive through town, welcome party at the Willcox and ADS membership meeting at the Aiken Senior Life Center. More details to follow.

There will be a Fall Weekend Audubon Drive. Information will be updated as details become available.

Renie Gillis is seeking help of someone to take over the ADC newsletter publication. Please contact Renie if you can offer assistance. It was suggested that ADC provide club information at the Steeplechase, there continues to be lots of interest from the public. Terry Merry will be working on ADC information to be presented as a loop on a tablet for public information at various events. Peggy reported that the club trailer was in need of repairs with a cost of \$1400. Hitch and Tow performed repairs and service.

There will be a meeting on May 10th with local professionals to create a calendar for upcoming events/clinics, etc., in order to attempt to avoid scheduling conflicts. Exploration of Hitchcock Woods, ideas needed for future education days. Peggy polled the members in attendance regarding more frequent general

NEW BUSINESS

General members in attendance introductions. Peggy reiterated that ALL MEETINGS are OPEN meetings and all members are invited to attend. Driving derbies: future venues were discussed. It was reported that the new "Green as Grass" division was very popular and well received. Discussion regarding upcoming events schedule included: May Day Play Day, meetings. Popular consensus was to hold quarterly meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Susan Gregorio

TREASURERS REPORT May 2023

The beginning checking account balance for the month of April 2023 was \$9840.32. The ending checking account statement balance is \$11543.95. Deposits for the month totaled \$9615.05. There were debits totaling \$7911.42 There were outstanding checks totaling \$674.22. This gave the club an actual checkbook balance of \$10869.73. Expenses for the month were for the Driving Derby's, Sandie Nicolaisen trophy, donations and the Aiken Carriage Classic.

Respectively submitted, Karen Marlin

Summer is Upon Us ~ ~ Enjoy



ADC Newsletter Editors

Based on my records here is a list of past Newsletter Editors. Just the ones I can recall, I hope I have correct dates. I'm not sure when Nancy Tomlinson started, perhaps the Historian can find that and previous editors. I just know dates from when I took over editor the first time.

• Nancy Tomlinson	??	Dec 2010	?? yrs
• Renie Gillis	Jan 2011	Jul 2014	3 yr 7 mo
• Joanne Holmberg	Aug 2014	Sep 2015	1 yr 2 mo
• Cathy Brock	Oct 2015	Aug 2017	1 yr 11 mo
• Deb Stewart	Sep 2017	Mar 2018	7 mo
• Renie Gillis	Apr 2018	Sep 2019	1yr 6 mo
• Suzanne Sallstrom	Oct 2019	Apr 2020	7 mo
• Renie Gillis	May 2020	Jun 2023	3y 2 mo

As of this writing I don't know who I'm turning the newsletter over to this time so I can't introduce them to you. So, I will have to do it as if I knew who they were:

**To Our new ADC Newsletter Editor,
Welcome! You are following in great foot steps. You'll do a
terrific job, enjoy the journey.
Renie**

PS I'm off to California to visit family. **NO**, I am not moving. Yes, I no longer have a pony but I will keep my hand in driving in some form. Afterall, the driving community has been my family since 1975. Happy Trails, Renie

Club Membership & Newsletter Info

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 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

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This & That

ADS at BreyerFest 2023!

BreyerFest, a national model horse convention and trade show and the second largest event at the Kentucky Horse Park behind Rolex, has a driving theme this year! The American Driving Society, Inc. (ADS) has secured a prominent place -- a large booth right across from the vendor area -- to promote driving and the ADS.

BreyerFest will be held July 14-16, 2023. The ADS staff will need volunteers to help staff the booth and talk to attendees about driving. All volunteers will receive a general admission wristband. Kelly Valdez is printing large buttons for everyone to wear that say, "ASK ME ABOUT DRIVING". This will be an incredible opportunity to reach people who may have never been exposed to driving, or even to horses. Most of the Friday attendees are model horse collectors; then families on the weekend. **Please consider coming to help staff the booth one, two, or three days.**

Lynn Legg and Abbie Trexler with assistance from the CAA and Spokes N Spurs (the (KY Riding and Driving Club) are working on items to fill the booth and would welcome additional suggestions or the loan of items for the displays. Here are some of the plans:

Demonstrations of Driving:

Daily driving demonstrations of Reinsmanship and Turnout classes and a Driving Derby.

Booth Materials:

Marathon carriage for people to sit in and take photos
Streaming YouTube driving videos
Display of lady's and men's driving turnouts
Labeled harness and rein board
Coloring table for kids
Display of carriage driving Breyers, on loan from Lynn & Jeff Legg

Events in the Booth:

Fashion Show by Spokes N Spurs Members
Trike Derby
Harnessing demo by Leslie Berndl
VSE "kissing booth"
Picnic class demo by Gail Aumiller with samples of foods

Handouts:

How to get involved in driving
ADS fridge magnets (Come Drive with Us) and website link
Other ADS swag
List/map of clubs by region
Copies of The Whip and CAA publications

**Contact Abbie Trexler (abbie@americandrivingsociety.org)
if you have ideas or would be interested in helping at the booth.**



Aiken is for DRIVING

placards for sale

\$25 each

Contact Peggy Dils

Can be used as a front license plate on your car or truck, hang it in your barn, put it on your trailer or your ATV.



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if interested.



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