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Driving Tradition Into The Future

From The Top

Hang on to your hats as it is March in Aiken beside all the wonderful driving things we have other horse events to see and enjoy. It's POLLEN TIME !

Thanks to all the volunteers who jump in to help with all our driving events we appreciate you and thank you for giving your time so we all can play.

We were all saddened by the loss of Pat McNamee and will always remember her kind and encouraging words no matter what the topic.

March On ! Cheers, Peggy



Pat McNamee passed away on January 24, following complications due to Covid. She was a mom, grandmother, volunteer, avid gardener, mentor, animal rescuer and a friend to many. She was a two-time cancer survivor.

As a Master Gardener, her gardens were legendary. She spent countless hours lovingly tending to her plants and was on a constant quest for more. She was always "thinning" something and passing along to who ever might appreciate the plants as much as she did. Her other passion was animal rescue. Countless dogs, horses, various small animals or people found their way to a safer place through her tireless efforts. She worked with many organizations, including Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOTAS).

She transplanted from Connecticut to Windsor, joining the driving community here. A life-long horsewoman, she loved driving her ponies for pleasure and competition, and mentoring others. Her daughters, Cindy and Heather, were very thankful to a very special group of Pat's treasured friends who tirelessly cared for her and

her precious animals while she was ill. [THANKS, you know who you are!] I'm sure she is "up there" driving Val, looking down on us and reminding us to WATER those plants.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to **FOTAS**. WWW.FOTASAIKEN.ORG, P.O. Box 2207, Aiken SC 29802 or to **Protectors of Animals**. WWW.POAINC.ORG, 144 Main St, Unit O, East Hartford, CT. 06118.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
MAR 4	Spring Fever Driving Fun [see pg 3]	KATY RHINEHART	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 5	ADC DERBY #3 @ LANDMARK FARM STARTS 1PM	RENIE GILLIS	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 7	ADC BOARD MEETING	PEGGY DILS	TBD
MAR 11	GOLDEN DRIVING CT #3	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 12	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ GREENFIELDS	TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 14	ADC OPEN MEETING	PEGGY DILS	TBD
MAR 15-19	LIVE OAK INT CAI 2,3*, & CPEAI-Para, Adv 4's CH	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	OCALA, FL
MAR 21	ADC EDU-AFTERNOON [SEE BELOW]	DEBBIE BEVAN	TBD
MAR 25	SPRING STEEPLECHASE	TRACEY HIGGINS	AIKEN, SC
MAR 27	ADC DERBY DRIVING FINAL @ TBD	RENIE GILLIS	TBD
APR 1	GOLDEN DRIVING CT #4	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
APR 2	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ BELLEHAVEN	TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
APR 4	ADC BOARD MEETING	PEGGY DILS	TBD
APR 7-9	SO PINES CDE & CT	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
APR 11	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
APR 14-16	AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC @ HIGHFIELDS	ADS / ADC	AIKEN, SC
APR 19-23	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC CAI 1,2,3*, CPEAI-PARA	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	MILL SPRING, NC
APR 29	JUNGLE DRIVE @ THREE WISHES FARM [SEE BELOW]	ADC	WINDSOR, SC
MAY 6-7	KENTUCKY CLASSIC @ HILLCROFT CAI 1,2,3*	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	PARIS, KY
JUN 2-4	ELK CREEK HDT & CT	ADS	ELKTON, MD
SEP 8-10	WINDRIDGE FARM DT & CT	WINDRIDGE FARM	
SEP 20-24	TRYON FALL 1,2* INT (ALL CLASSES) CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE, ADV SINGLE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ
NOV 15-19	ADS ANNUAL MEETING, ADC WILL BE HOSTING.	ADS	AIKEN, SC

Education afternoon

Tuesday, March 21st 1:00-3:00pm
 Learn all about pasture management from our local Clemson extension agent Travis Mitchell.
 Location: the Dougherty's, 551 Spring Branch Rd, Windsor
 Bring your own chair
 Any questions? Call Debbie Bevan. 608-692-6465

Jungle Drive

The Jungle Drive will be held on **April 29th** at 3 Wishes Farm. There will be a lunch following the drive. Please RSVP to Sarah Relyea.

The Derby organizer's would like to thank everyone who has participated in the Derby Training Session, Derby #1 & Derby #2. We appreciate your willingness to help us as we dealt with the weather issues we were faced with. We want to make the Derby's fun and dealing with cold rain isn't fun.

Deadline for entering Derby #3 is February 27th.

Watch your email for updates on future Derby's as they may change!

CLUB NEWS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES Feb 2023

Present: Mick Burke, Karen Marlin, Tracey Turner, Peggy Dils, Sue Dougherty, Carol Funderburg, Susan Gregorio
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Peggy Dils.
Secretary's report approved as written. Treasurer's report approved as read.

Old Business:

Gerde Museum will open in March. Gaston Livery improvements continue.

Increased presence for the upcoming Pleasure Show on Facebook.

There will be a Pleasure Show prep clinic at the Dougherty's farm. The format will consist of morning education and discussion covering topics such as turnout for horse and driver, understanding the class requirements. The afternoon session will consist of ring classes and cones. Please RSVP.

The Jungle Drive will be held on April 29th at 3 Wishes Farm. There will be a lunch following the drive. Please RSVP to Sarah Re-lyea.

The dates for the next 2 Driving Derbies are February 12 and March 5 at Landmark Farm on Thrasher Lane. No date has been chosen for the Derby Finals.

The Audubon Drive is scheduled for February 26th. The Drive will be a Memorial Drive for Pat McNamee and Sandie Nicolaisen.

Upcoming educational events include a presentation by Janelle Marshall. Clemson University will present a pasture management seminar on March 21st. Suggestion was made to host an educational event about Mongolian Races. Details to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Summer events: Barbecues June, July & August. Also a schooling drive at the Vistas.

Karen reported that currently there are 166 current ADC members.

Discussion regarding a memorial trophy for Sandie Nicolaisen to be awarded at the Pleasure Show.

Education grants for club members in the amount of \$200 was discussed. The purpose is to promote the sport of driving to new drivers, for participation in clinics and demonstrations. Final criteria will be announced.

ADC Brochures are being provided to the Printer for an estimate.

Discussion regarding donating \$250 to the Hitchcock Woods Horse Show.

The ADS will be hosting the Annual Meeting from November 15 thru 19th in Aiken. Peggy is coordinating details with Dan Rosenthal.

Next Board Meeting is March 7th at the Dougherty's. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Susan Gregorio

TREASURERS REPORT Feb 2023

The beginning checking account balance for the month of January 2023 was \$16,321.67. The ending checking account statement balance is \$16,674.66. Deposits for the month totaled \$1006.87. There were debits totaling \$653.88 There was one outstanding check for \$300. This gave the club an actual checkbook balance of \$16,374.66. Expenses for the month were for printing, and meeting & parties.

Respectively submitted, Karen Marlin

Welcome to New and *Renewing* ADC Members



New or renewed members through mid-February:

Marcy Reed of Ludlow, MA (renewal)
Scott and Linda Nickel of Windsor, SC (new members)
Wanda Arrowood of Rutherfordton, NC (Renewal)
Jaque Whidden of Gainesville, GA (Renewal)
Sherri and Mark Patterson of Windsor, SC (New Members)
Julia Nicopoulos of Shelby, NC (New member)
Vicky Dickson of Ontario, Canada (New member)
Delight Craddock of Gaffney, SC (New member)
Kimball Smith of Morganton, NC (New member)

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

EVENT INFORMATION

Spring Fever Driving Fun March 4, 2023

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

A driving clinic will be held **March 4** at Sue & Paul Dougherty's farm on 551 Spring Branch Road, Windsor, SC. The clinic will start promptly at 10 a.m. with classroom information about preparation for a pleasure show, information on the application process, strategy in the ring work, games at shows, answering questions and more. The classroom information will be done at 11:30 a.m. Attendees can then bring their animals at 1 p.m. to drive two courses and do ring work that would simulate show experience. Entries closed February 24. The clinic is free, but you must sign up.

For the morning session, bring a chair and anything you may want to use to write down information. There will be a kerig to use for coffee or bring your own favorite pod. The afternoon drives require helmets and whips in hand during the driving portion.

The driving clinic is open to all interested, and is free, but you must attend the morning session to drive in the afternoon. Please send your entry information to Diane Mansur at dimanfarm@bellsouth.net. Please include your name, name of animal, size of animal you will drive (vse, small pony, pony, horse, etc.) and contact information.

From the Education Committee

Hope to see many club members at the upcoming Education afternoons.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming education afternoons.

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Location: the Dougherty's, 551 Spring Branch Rd. Windsor

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Aiken Carriage Classic April 14-16, 2023 Prize List Available

The Aiken Carriage Classic Prize List is available on FB, the Driving Club website and if you can't find it there, email gkm104@heartofiowa.net to get a copy emailed to you. The show will be held at Highfields Event Center in Aiken, SC April 14-16. On Friday afternoon will be a schooling CT and on Saturday and Sunday will be the pleasure show. This year we are introducing the Pleasure Show Combined Test. The competitor will drive the dressage test and then do a fault cones course. The combined scores will be used to place the class.

We are proud to announce that we have two special awards that will be given during the show. The Gaston Stable Award will be given for sportsmanship and the Sandra Nicolaisen Award for Elegance. Sandra was a long time supporter of all things horse related and was a special friend to the Aiken Carriage Classic.

The Gaston Stables will host our Saturday evening meal and this is open to all. We will be having some entertainment before the dinner. Tickets are \$35 for dinner. Please send your reservations to Diane Mansur at Box 207, Windsor, SC 29856.

Sponsorships are needed. The Aiken Carriage Classic relies heavily on friends of driving to keep costs down for the running of the show. Please consider a donation. Contact Peggy Dils for ways you can contribute to our show. Coaching: \$250-\$500 (includes 2 Dinner/ Lunch Tickets & Full page ad in program) Phaeton: \$100-\$250 (includes 2 Lunch Tickets & ½ page ad in program) Easy Entry Cart: up to \$100 (listed in program) Sponsor a Volunteer: \$25 Thank you in advance! Please send your sponsorships to Peggy Dils 189 Dogwood Road, Aiken, SC 29803.

Volunteers are needed and if you are available to help that weekend please contact Brett Crump at brettaCrump@yahoo.com or 805-325-6368.

We also are available for anyone wishing to complete their bucket list of driving their Centennial Drive at the show.

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

Submissions Send all submissions to: Renie Gillis ponylady2017@gmail.com 803-646-1175

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Past Events

January and February have been and are busy with lots of driving activities. We so appreciate our local professionals willingness to share their expertise with club members. The educational afternoon presentation in January was done by Taylor Bradish. She shared many good ideas and techniques for turning out a well groomed happy horse. She really stressed the importance of keeping your equine happy so they want to be your partner in driving. (and riding)

Janelle Marshall helped attendees see the wrong and right way to fit a harness to a horse or pony. She provided lots of information on how the fit of the harness affects the comfort of the horse and function of that harness part as that animal does its job. She stressed that sometimes we see an animals bad behavior and don't realize we have created it with improper fit. She also discussed different features of various types of harness.

We are so fortunate these ladies have been willing to take time from their busy day to get ready for and present to our club members. Mark your calendars for the next education afternoon. Tuesday March 21. Travis Mitchell from the Clemson Extension office will educate us on how to manage our pastures. This will be held at 1 -3 pm at the Dougherty's..551 Spring Branch Rd. Windsor. Bring your own chair. If you have questions contact Debbie Bevan 608-692-6465

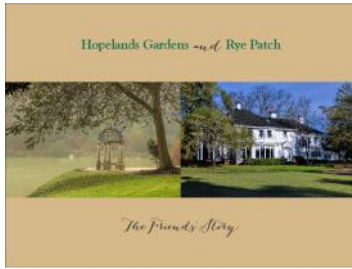
Turning out a well groomed horse



Proper fit of the Harness



Just Stuff . . .



You might find this book interesting . . .

Hopelands Gardens and Rye Patch: The Friends' Story

A story about Hopelands Gardens and Rye Patch and how these properties came to be a public park in the heart of the City of Aiken.

C. Oliver Iselin purchased the 14 acres of Hopelands in 1897. Rye Patch, built as a Winter Colony bed and breakfast, was originally owned in 1897 by William Travers, the son of Billy Travers, a well-known sportsman for whom the Travers Stakes at Saratoga is named. Dorothy Knox Goodyear Rogers and her husband, Edmund Pendleton Rogers, purchased the Rye Patch estate for \$22,500 in 1937.

In 1970 when Hopelands was acquired by the City of Aiken, and in 1981 when Rye Patch was accepted, there were no additional funds given to support the properties. This book tells of the over 50-year partnership between the City of Aiken and the Friends of Hopelands and Rye Patch, Inc., a private nonprofit, formed in 1971 by citizens of Aiken, a partnership that has worked productively to develop and enhance this beautiful and historic public park. Through black and white, and color photographs, the book documents the changes in the properties from the early 1900s through the present.

If you might be interested : It is a 9x12 coffee table book which sells for \$40. The book is available at: Aiken Antiques & Uniques, Aiken Visitor Center, The Train Museum, Folly, 3 Monkeys, Nandia, Security Federal Bank 1705 Whiskey Rd, & York Cottages.

Trailer Packing Check List

<u>Food</u>	<u>Trailer</u>	<u>Carriage</u>	<u>Ponies</u>	<u>Me</u>
COOLER GET ICE	EMERGENCY KIT	CARRIAGE	FEED BUCKETS	OVERNIGHT BAG / MEDS
WATER	VET BOX	SHAFTS OR POLE	WATER BUCKETS	CLOTHES/SHOES/SOCKS
OTHER BEVERAGES	WATER HOSE/NOZZLE	COVER	SML BUCKETS	JACKETS
SNACKS ETC.	GROOM BOX/TROLLY	SEAT COVER	BLANKETS	RAIN HAT
REAL FOOD	WASH BUCKET	TIE DOWN STRAPS	DAY SHEETS	RAIN JACKET/PANTS
	MUCK BUCKET/CART		COOLERS	MUCK BOOTS
	STALL FORK, TRAILER FORK		TOWELS	SHOW CLOTHES
	BROOM, RAKE, SHOVEL	WHIP DRESSAGE	BRAIDING BOX	HAT/GLOVES
Trailer cont.	CHAIRS	WHIP MARATHON/CONES	SHAVINGS ____ BAGS	APRON
ATV/GOLF CART/BIKE	CLEANING BUCKET	WHIP SPARE	HAY ____ BALES	SHOES/SOCKS
COVER	CLEANING TOWELS/RAGS		GRAIN ____ DAYS	SLACKS/JACKETS
TIE DOWN STRAPS	ELECTRIC CORDS	RULE BOOK	BEET PULP ____ DAYS	BLOUSES
GAS CAN	FAN FOR STALL	DRESSAGE TEST	HAY BAGS/NETS	RAIN GEAR
	BUNGIE CORDS		SPARE HALTER/LEAD	<i>Marathon Clothes</i>
Items to CHECK	* CDE	HARNESS	GROOM	In Truck
Diesel / Gas	Stop Watches	Single/Pair	<i>Helmet</i>	Horse Vet Papers
Truck / Trailer Battery	Ziploc Bags	Bridles & Reins	<i>Vest</i>	GPS
Truck / Trailer Tires	Paper/Pens	Breast Collars	<i>Marathon Clothes</i>	Phone
All Cords	Vet Wrap	Back Pads/Breeching	<i>Gloves</i>	Chargers
Chalks	Sponges/Scraper			PURSE & MONEY
	Helmet & Vest			THANK YOU CARDS



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