

# Aiken Driving Club

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# 2022

*Driving Tradition Into The Future*

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## From The Top

Our November fall weekend is just around the corner and celebrates the beginning of another year of Aiken Driving Club activities. Check the newsletter for times & places and RSVP so the organizer knows you are planning to participate.

We will start with our Annual Meeting on Saturday, with social time, election of officers announced and a few surprises. We have lots of new members who I hope will join us for heavy hors d' oeuvres, good friends and tales of summer drives. Sunday will be a drive and picnic lunch at the Audubon.

Keep an eye on the calendar for Christmas Games and other fun activities coming up. Be sure your horses Health papers are up to date and in the truck so you can have them at events.

See you all soon *Cheers, Peggy*



**Friday, November 11th, 5:30 - 8:00 pm**  
**Aiken Senior Life Center, 1310 East Pine Log Rd, Aiken**

*[see page 4 also]*

- ◆ Heavy hors d' oeuvres will be served
- ◆ New Board will be announced
- ◆ Winner of the Gerde Award will be announced

*Come join the festivities and socialize with fellow members.*

**RSVP on the club website by Nov 7th**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
Nov 3-6	WINDSOR TRACE CDE & CT	ADS / LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>ADC FALL WEEKEND, COCKTAIL PARTY &amp; ANNUAL MTG</b> <b>DATE CHANGE [SEE PG 1 AND 4]</b>	<b>ADC WEBSITE</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>ADC FALL WEEKEND ~ AUDUBON DRIVE [SEE PG 4]</b>	<b>ADC WEBSITE</b>	<b>JACKSON, SC</b>
Nov 16-17	BLACK PRONG CT 1 & DD 1	ADS	BRONSON, FL
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>ADC TACK SALE @ GASTON LIVERY [SEE PAGE 5]</b>	<b>SUE DOUGHERTY</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
DEC 2-4	ADS ANNUAL MEETING	ADS	SEATTLE, WA
DEC 7-8	BLACK PRONG CT 2 & DD 2	ADS	BRONSON, FL
<b>DEC 10</b>	<b>ADC XMAS DRIVE &amp; LUNCHEON [SEE PG 4]</b>	<b>ADC WEBSITE</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
DEC 28-29	BLACK PRONG CT 3 & DD 3	ADS	BRONSON, FL
<b>2023</b>			
JAN 12-15	NATURE COAST CDE & CT @ BLACK PRONG	ADS	BRONSON, FL
JAN 18	CONES DAY @ WINDSOR TRACE	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
JAN 25-29	GRAND OAKS CDE	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 1	BLACK PRONG DD 4	ADS	BRONSON, FL
FEB 3-5	GRAND OAKS CLASSIC, CT & DERBY	ADS	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 10	BLACK PRONG DRESSAGE FESTIVAL	ADS	BRONSON, FL
FEB 22	CONTINUOUS DRIVE @ WINDSOR TRACE	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
FEB 23-26	SPRING FLING CDE CAI 1,2,3*, CPEAI-PARA	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	OCALA, FL
MAR 15-19	LIVE OAK INT CAI 2,3*, & CPEAI-Para	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	OCALA, FL
<b>APR 14-16</b>	<b>AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC @ HIGHFIELDS</b>	<b>ADS / ADC</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
APR 19-23	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC CAI 1,2,3*, CPEAI-PARA	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	MILL SPRING, NC
MAY 5-7	CARRIAGE CLASSIC IN THE PINES @ BIG SKY FARM	ADS	SO PINES, NC
JUN 2-4	ELK CREEK HDT & CT	ADS	ELKTON, MD
JUN 17-18	KENTUCKY CLASSIC @ HILLCROFT CAI 1,2,3*	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	PARIS, KY



**Christmas at Hopelands** To sign up for a volunteer time to be at the Gerde Museum call Amber Coffey at the city of Aiken 803 643-2161 It's a fun time with lots of visitors for the holiday season.



**Election of our New Board for 2023/24.** Please look for an email for your voting ballot for the New Board. Ballots must be returned by Nov 6th. We hope to hear from everyone. Single Membership = 1 Vote. Family Membership = 2 Votes. The current president will present the new board at the Annual Meeting.



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 2022**

In Attendance: Peg Dils, Carol Funderburgh, Tim Novak, Ann Mitchell, Sue Dougherty.

On Phone: Karen Marlin

Member Present: Gayle Novak.

Absent: Jane Hostetter

Meeting called to order 6pm at the Gaston Barn

### **Old Business:**

Gaston Livery roof is finished.

Tack Sale will limit the number of sales spots to 40, Gaston will be serving hot dogs and popcorn.

Gerde Museum closes for the season soon.

Gerde Award is under discussion

Fall Weekend, annual meeting moved to Friday 11/11 at the Senior Center, Peg has club pictures from 25 years ago. Renie, Jay Willis and Diane Mansur will be asked if they have club pictures they would like to bring. The meeting will begin with a social hour after. Sunday will be the drive. Karen will send an email blast. Members will need to RSVP by 11/7 so we have a number for the caterer.

Christmas drive will be 12/10. It will be in town, historic district. Brunch locations are still being explored.

There have been 122 member renewals, Renie will send a "last newsletter" notice for members who have not renewed.

Clyatt award will be transferred to Windsor Trace CDE starting in 2023. Still trying to locate who won it last.

The new By-Laws are completed and will be sent to members by email. They will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Still working on dates for winter events.

Dates for Quarterly club membership meetings are TBD.

The club will purchase the portable obstacles from Susan Burrows for \$4,000. Peg has arranged for the obstacles to be stored at Taylor Bradish's.

The ballot for the club election will be sent out electronically, votes must be submitted by 11/6. The new Board will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Family memberships will get 2 votes.

Peg thanked all the current members for their time and volunteering efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43.

Next board meeting will be held 11/7 at the Gaston Barn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Dougherty

## **Treasurers Report**

**October 2022**

The beginning checking account balance for the month of September 2022 was \$18,509.94. The ending checking account statement balance is \$17,713.08.

Deposits for the month totaled \$3,101.49. There were debits totaling \$3,898.35

There no outstanding checks. This gave the club an actual checkbook balance of \$17,713.08. Expenses for the month were for printing, the Koos clinic and a BBQ.

Respectively submitted,

Karen Marlin

## **NEW ADC MEMBERS**

*Welcome to Aiken Driving Club*

**Trish Graybeal of Windsor, SC**

**Susan Merryman of Aiken, SC**

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



# Aiken Driving Club's Fall Weekend

## Cocktail Party & Annual Meeting

Friday, November 11th, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Aiken Senior Life Center, 1310 East Pine Log Rd, Aiken

RSVP on ADC website, all guests/non-member family \$15 each

## Audubon Pleasure Drive

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Drive Off at 10:30am Lunch at 12:00pm

Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary, Jackson

Please bring a Dish to Share and a **Donation of \$25 or more**

made out to the Silver Bluff Audubon Sanctuary

RSVP on ADC website



**The Christmas Drive** will be held in the Historic District on December 10th with a **Luncheon** afterwards.

Drivers are encouraged to decorate their carriages and wear festive attire. Awards for Best Turnout, Most Holiday Spirit!

Brunch location has yet TBD



**Don't Miss**  
Your next newsletter

Unfortunately we have several members who have NOT sent in their renewal of membership. *[renewals were due Oct 1st.]*

Non-members can't participate in club events and you won't be sent a newsletter. So, if you want to vote for the board, drive in the upcoming Audubon Drive, attend club events and receive future newsletters make sure your membership renewal has been sent in.



**WE ♥ OUR  
VOLUNTEERS**

## **Aiken Driving Club Sponsored Tack Sale**

To Benefit Gaston Livery Stable

The Aiken Driving Club is sponsoring a HUGE tack sale at the Gaston Livery Stable on Saturday, November 19 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

The proceeds from the event are to help pay down the mortgage on the Barn.

In 2011 the Friends of the Gaston Livery Stable purchased the property to protect and restore the Barn. The most recent restoration that has been completed is all new rafters and roofing over the porte-cochere (run-through) that faces Richland Avenue. The original mortgage of \$165,000 has been paid down to \$75,000.

The Barn was built in 1893 as a full-service livery stable. A major feature of the Barn is an operational carriage lift (One of only 2 in the USA). It was very important to the equine and carriage business of the Winter Colony and Aiken's year-round residents. It was, also, a vital part of a working farm. The property was designated as an Aiken historical landmark in 2012 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2020.

There are seven carriages with Aiken history on display. The Wood Family, Iris and Mike Freeman, Claye Clyatt, the Schurz Family, the Lamar Family and Sandi Nicolaisen have donated the carriages. Members of the Driving Club have helped with the carriages and maintaining them.

The Aiken Driving Club became involved with the Barn and its activities six years ago. Since that time, the two 501(C)3 corporations have worked together on several projects.

Please support this latest endeavor. For more information or to reserve a space for the sale, contact Sue Dougherty at 803-522-6914 (call or text).



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## Classified Ads

**FREE** Meadowbrook free to good home.  
 Contact Ben Cox 703-675-1344 3/2



THANK YOU  
 volunteers



## 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 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](mailto:ponylady2017@gmail.com) 803-646-1175

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Our tradition that started off as "**ONE TABLE**" will be happening again this year because of our wonderful hosts: Nilda & Mick Burke

## *Let's Be Thankful Together*

**1:00 pm Thanksgiving Day, Nov 24th**

**RSVP:** Text or Call Nilda Burke at 518-369-5009 with number of attendees and what you are bringing **RSVP deadline Thursday, Nov 17**


Please bring one of the following:  
an Appetizer, a Traditional Side Dish, or a Dessert  
We will need 5-6 turkeys  
*If you can bring a turkey please let Nilda know ASAP*

Beverages: Water & Ice Tea will be provided  
ALL other beverages are BYOB

### **Location & Parking:**

145 N. Windsor Rd., Windsor, SC 29856  
Follow signs and park along the driveway or  
in the paddock straight back at the end of the driveway

Volunteers needed to decorate and set up:  
Wed., Nov 23 at 10 am  
*(call Nilda if you can help)*





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