Aiken Driving Club’s New Slate of Officers:

Peggy Dils.................................President
Carl Zimmerman................Vice President
Jane Hostetter...........................Secretary
Karen Marlin.............................Treasurer

Mary Anne Boyden
Our annual meeting brings us to a slow down of the driving season... Many of our members headed to their northern farms and homes and looking forward to a little rest after a very busy season... Be sure as you slow down and have a break you take time to check over your carriage and harness and your vet records. Makes life easier when you start up again...

For those of you who missed the annual meeting... a fun time was had by all and the auction items were a big hit. Thank you to those who donated items... A big thank you to all that came and to Maureen Grippa for joining us from ADS. Maureen is the southeast region representative to the ADS board... As ADS is in their 45th year and has a new president it was great to hear all that was going on and how similar the Aiken Driving club is as we approach our 38 year... I tried to capture all the events driving and learning this last season and thank those who put them on and those who competed, those who learned and of course it would not happen at all without our VOLUNTEERS so again THANK YOU TO ALL for a wonderful season...

Congratulations to Ray and Diane Mansur who won the GERDE AWARD...

Look forward to seeing those who spend the year here at our events we have planned for the summer drive safe and enjoy.

April 5, 2019

Treasurer’s Report

March 2019

Monthly Report

The beginning checking account balance for March 2019 was $16,509.48. Deposits for this month were $0.00. Debits totaled $856.17. These expenses were related to the Small But Mighty show and the Poole Pleasure show. The ending checking account balance for March was $15,653.31. In addition, there were outstanding checks totaling $700.

Annual Reports

Fiscal Year October 2017-September 2018

The beginning club checking account balance was 21,436.30 as of October 1, 2017. The ending checking account balance on September 30, 2018 was $14,100.63.

Fiscal Year (To Date) October 2018-March 2019

The beginning checking account balance $14,100.63. On March 31, 2019 the ending balance (checking acct minus outstanding checks) was $14,953.31.

A deposit of $1425.00 was made on April 2 bringing the current balance to $16,378.31

Respectively submitted,

Karen Marlin
First BBQ of the season to be hosted by Helen Naylor.  
251 Cathedral Aide Dr.  Aiken  RSVP by May 7th  617-510-9524 or hnaylor@together.net

“If you have it, it is for life.  It is a disease for which there is no cure.  You will go on riding even after they have to haul you onto a comfortable wise old cob, with feet like inverted buckets and a back like a fireside chair.”

Monica Dickens
The American Driving Society (ADS) was started in 1974 at the Stoneybrook Long Island Driving show and was patterned after the British Driving Society. ADS developed the first rules for Pleasure Driving focusing the working classes on the horse and the reinsmanship classes on the driver. In the early 1970’s, Phillip Hofmann met with Prince Phillip who was creating a new sport and organized the first Combined Driving Event in the USA. The ADS soon started training and licensing officials and the official rulebook started in 1980.

Did you know.....? The Aiken Driving Club was founded in 1985 which marked the driving renaissance and the 150th Birthday of Aiken...

We have 150 members, 20% are ADS recognized competitors while 10% are unrecognized. 70% of our members are recreational drivers. But only 20% of the ADC members are also members the American Driving Society.

ADS membership benefits: The Whip magazine, A digital newsletter The Wheelhorse, Online access to the ADS Trail Guide, carriage accessible trails in the US, classified ads, Educational collection. The opportunity to purchase Excess Liability Insurance through Equisure directly from the ADS website.

Members, volunteers and ADS officials at any ADS event (not just competitions) will have 25,000 accident and medical insurance coverage!
Bits and Pieces

ADS celebrates their 45 Anniversary this year.
Rebecca Gutierrez has joined New Heritage Farm Carriages