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ADS Recognized Shows Hold Steady

by Susie Koos Acker, ADS Executive Director

The question on every show organizer, competitor, and driving industry vendor's mind is "How are we doing in these uncertain economic times?" Well, here is what the numbers tell us.

In 2007 there were 82 recognized shows. Three of the shows were cancelled due to lack of entries. Two were first time pleasure driving shows that just didn't spark enough entries to get off the ground.

In contrast 2008, there were 89 recognized shows. Six shows cancelled; three because of competition site problems, two for lack of entries and one for financial reasons. Of these 89 shows, ten were competitions newly recognized by the ADS, Four HDT's, three CDE's and three pleasure driving shows. The new shows are located primarily on the coasts with California being the most popular site.

The 2009 January to June show seasons looks very much the same with 38 shows sending in applications for the Omnibus at the time of this writing, four of which are new and the office has had conversations with three interested organizers, inquiring about hosting an ADS recognized event in their area in the near future. These tentative shows are located primarily in the Midwest.

We have more paid memberships this year, 2,888 up from 2,729. Since October 1 we have gained 331 new members, in November of 2007 we had gained 388. However in 2006 we had 534 members that did not renew. This year we have dropped that number down to 429.

What do all these numbers mean about the health of the society? Our show numbers are up but so were the cancellations. Membership is up but do to member retention then to new memberships. It's difficult to determine if we are truly growing or still remaining steady.

2009 will be a very telling year for the society. Members are going to be watching their bottom lines closely and taking a hard look at their discretionary spending. The ADS Board of Directors will be doing the same when they review the 2009 budget. Changes are inevitable.

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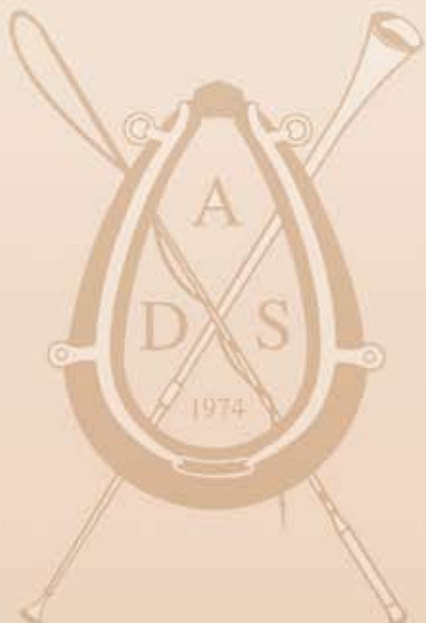
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A Message from The Executive Director



The last couple of weeks here at the office have been a frenzy of packing, copying, e-mailing, conference calls and finishing up this edition of the Wheelhorse

as well as getting all the listings in place for the January to June Omnibus. I am actually looking forward to the long drive to Kentucky and the INABILITY to access my computer during that time!

This year's National Drive and ADS Annual Members Meeting is a very special one for the ADS. The National Drive is now an officially recognized event of the society. This event started in 2005 by a small group of ADS Board members, Mike Lyon, Pat Cheatham, Lyle Petersen, and Tom Mezick, ADS member and publisher of *Driving Digest*. This small group had a vision to bring together recreational drivers for an educational, non-competitive, social experience not available anywhere else in the country. They decided on the Kentucky Horse Park for its central location and plethora of horse friendly amenities.

Since its inception the drive has grown exponentially each year. Participation at this year's event is well over 250 people, most are current ADS members. Many people bring horses but others come just to attend all the National Drive activities.

This year the ADS has sponsored a special Drivers Dinner on Friday night at the historic Spindletop Hall. ADS member and non-members will gather to share a meal and probably a few entertaining driving stories in the spirit of fellowship of our sport.

Get Creative with your Local Events

By Pat Cheatham, ADS Vice President

It appears that the driving community is stuck in the "good news/bad news" cycle for the foreseeable future. With fuel prices – and even availability in places affected by this season's hurricanes – taking a large bite out of driving budgets, you'd expect a greater impact on the number of competitions and attendance at other events like The National Drive. While participation is certainly more expensive, the "good news" is that we're holding steady in the number of competitions (see Susie Koos-Acker's accompanying column) and all indications point to another great turnout at The National Drive.

One way to overcome the high cost of "just getting there" is to offer more local events. The remainder of this column describes what my local ADS club is doing in conjunction with some others in the area. I'd like to hear from you about how you and your club are addressing the cost of driving events. Drop me an e-mail at fathorse@bellsouth.net and I'll share your ideas in upcoming ADS publications.

Pat Cheatham
Newnan, Georgia

Course Designer's Clinic

Some of the largest expense items for events are the travel costs for officials. The short answer is to use local officials whenever possible. Guess what? We don't have many Judges or Technical Delegates (Pleasure, Dressage or Combined Driving) in our four club area. Like driving horses, officials take time and schooling to grow. "Learner" officials have to pay their own costs to attend clinics and events. It's a fairly high cost for a couple of years before a Learner can apply for their 'r' rating - the level that most of us use for our events.

Georgia Carriage Driving Association (GCDA) is proposing an alliance between our four clubs to address this problem. All four clubs are within a 4-hour drive of each other and our members compete in each other's events. Many of us are members of all four clubs. It makes sense for us to combine efforts to provide a relatively low cost approach to training the officials - both licensed and not - we all need.

GCDA will begin this training alliance with a Combined Driving Course Design clinic with Margie Margentino, USEF and FEI licensed Course Designer, at Tom & Charlene Hilgenberg's Great Oak Farm in Newnan, Georgia on 12-14 December, 2008. Friday and Saturday are dedicated to Course Design with Sunday providing an opportunity to "drive the Great Oaks hazards with Margie". Cost is \$100 per person and the clinic is limited to 12 participants. In order to keep this inexpensive, GCDA will provide lunch on Friday and Saturday. We ask that you discuss this idea and this clinic in particular with your club, identify members that want to attend and let us know your wishes by the end of September. We will open the clinic to all through the ADS website and the CD-L in October. We would also like exchange thoughts on a training alliance for the mid-south with your club.

Susie Koos Acker



ADS Fund Update: The Laurels CDE Supports The ADS Fund

by Jamie O'Rourke

The Laurels at Landhope International CDE showed its strong backing for the ADS Fund by building a unique fundraising idea into the September 5th-7th weekend. The Laurels relieved competitors of the disagreeable task of stripping stalls at the end of the event if they would contribute their stall cleaning deposit to ADS Fund programs.

Generous competitors mindful of the key role the ADS plays in expanding, encouraging and administering their sport were enthusiastic supporters. Their generosity produced \$3,250 that will be used to advance opportunities for drivers from young to seasoned and promotes the continued expansion of the sport we all enjoy so much.

This is just one of a group of developing efforts by drives, shows, events and individuals that are helping to build a strong future for our sport of driving. Others recent initiatives have include enterprises organized by Wendy Ying, Heather Schneider, Katydid Driving, Claire Reid, Kelly Valdes and The National Drive led by Mike Lyon, Pat Cheatham and Thom Mesick. They range from silent and live auctions to raffles, barbeques, calcuttas and the relief of disagreeable tasks.

If you would like to help the ADS do more for driving through your competition, show, drive or would be willing to develop a fundraising project we would welcome your assistance. Please contact Jamie O'Rourke for more information about how you can help, 484-832-4365 or ADS-FUND@aol.com.

THANK YOU!

And Thank You to Everyone Who Contributed to the ADS Fund at the Laurels!

Jacob Arnold ~ Meghan Benge ~ Arnie Brooks ~ Kent Brownridge ~ Suzy Buchanan ~ Keady & Randy Cadwell ~ Vivian Creigh ~ Margaret Cropsey ~ Sherrie Davis ~ Nicole du Pont ~ Ellen Epstein ~ Mary Alice Farina ~ Judy Fryer ~ Irene Gillis ~ Claire Glenn ~ Sandra Green ~ Natasha Grigg ~ Elizabeth Keathley ~ Pixie Keating ~ Lois Kennedy ~ Sterling Graburn ~ Mark Lawlor ~ Courtney & Kylie MacGillivray ~ Mary Plummer ~ Lisa Singer ~ Howard & Laura Smith ~ Suzy Stafford ~ Kim Stover ~ Lisa Stroud ~ Joy Sweetland ~ Shelly Temple ~ Boo Fitch West ~ Boots & Dave Wright ~ Dirk Young ~



Dorothy Whiteman

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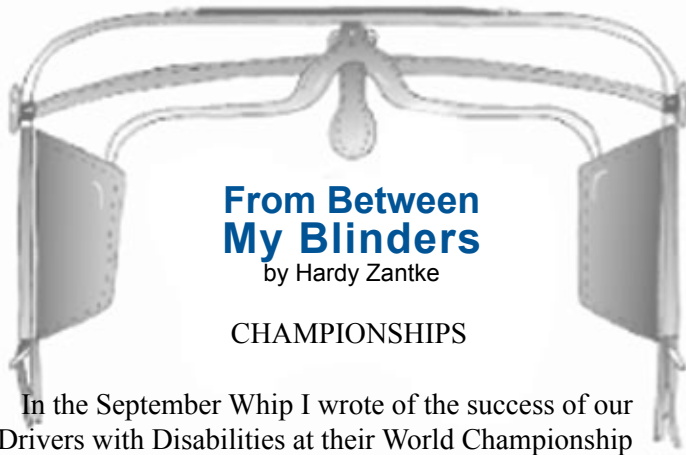
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"A good day of driving is a day you can reuse your equipment" ~ Marc Johnson



From Between My Blinders

by Hardy Zantke

CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the September Whip I wrote of the success of our Drivers with Disabilities at their World Championship in Germany in July. In the meantime also our other international drivers have returned home from their World Championships in Europe and our Pony drivers as well as Horse Pair drivers had their National Championships at The Laurels.

Our four single drivers, Robin Groves, Bill Peacock, Donna Crookston and Leslie Berndt had a good go at the Singles World Driving Championship in Jarantow, Poland. They were not able to bring home any medals, but they all gave it their best and finished without any mishaps. They all were first timers on that side of the pond and at such a high pressure and prestigious event. Our team finished in 11th place out of 17 countries, Robin was 25th, Leslie 27th, Bill 36th, and Donna 50th in a field of 66 competitors.

Our Four-in-Hand drivers - after their success in Aachen went on to a great show at Riesenbeck at the 50th German Fahrderby (which was started in 1950 - long before Prince Philip had developed the international FEI driving rules) which was won by Chester Weber based on an outstanding dressage win with 32.90 penalty points - considered to be a low point record of FEI Dressage Test No 8a. Tucker Johnson finished with a great third place. They went on to a similar success at their World Championship at Beesd in Holland, where Chester was able to beat his own previous dressage record to a low 32.13 penalty points giving him a clear win in dressage and combined with a great marathon and good cones round was able to capture the Silver Medal with Tucker finishing 16th in a field of 58 while their team member James Fairclough unfortunately was eliminated on the marathon, but he had won Presentation. The Team finished 5th out of 16 countries.

At the Laurels our new National Single Pony Champion became Suzy Stafford, ahead of Miranda Cadwell, Sara Schmitt, Sterling Graburn and six more contenders, while Lisa Singer once again won the title of National Pair Champion - now for the 8th time, over Keady Cadwell, Alan Aulson and Larry Poulin who had a mishap on the marathon. Tracey Morgan was the only advanced pony pair entry, and Lisa Stroud won over Elizabeth Keathley in the pony four-in-hands.

I trust that you'll find more detailed reports about all

these Championships probably in the December Whip.

There was one more new international competition which I think is worth mentioning, even though no American driver was competing there (yet?): 93 drivers from 12 countries competed at the Junior World Trophy in Stadl Paura, Austria this July. It was won by the team from Belgium over Austria (South), and England, followed by HUN, FRA, GER, AUT (North), SUI, DEN and Wales. ESP, ITA and NED sent individual drivers. This event is not (yet?) sanctioned by the FEI, thus does not have the title World Championship, and while there was originally some controversy around it and if National Federations could support it, it seems that now all major European driving countries were represented there with their young drivers, starting with 7/8 year old children driving ponies under 120 cm (11-3 hands) up to 17/18 year old juniors with ponies up to 148 cm - all a bit similar to our ADT rules, e.g. without a cross country marathon. I hear the next one is planned for 2010 in Turin, Italy and then in 2012 in Hungary. Perhaps we'll be able to participate some day with our young drivers there too?

Speaking of our young drivers: Please remind them of our own ADS Youth Championship! The deadline to send in their paperwork is by the end of next Month (November 30th). I hope many will participate. All details were in the March Whip - and are also on the ADS website under Young Drivers - Championships. As prizes the ADS Fund has promised a Grant of up to \$ 750,- for each winner to attend an ADS Youth Camp next year. In addition, each winner should get a winner's sports jacket and of course his name and hopefully a picture should be featured in the March Whip. So - YOUNG DRIVERS - please do get your entries ready for the last Championship this year.

*Congratulations
to all!*

Omnibus Updates

KATYDID CDE: Katydid Farm, Windsor, SC; Replace Holly Pulsifer with Hardy Zantke as a jury member. Organizer Peggy Dils phone: 803-642-3216.

CEDAR CREEK PLEASURE DRIVING EVENT: Cedar Creek Ranch, Greenville TX. Postponed until 2009

Competition Schedule Set for 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

LEXINGTON, KY—Sixteen days of eight world championships are officially scheduled for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. The competition schedule was released today by the World Games 2010 Foundation.

A detailed competition schedule is now available online. “This schedule is certain to provide an exciting variety of top sport on each of the 16 days of the Games,” said Competition Director Kate Jackson. “Spectators will find events of interest every day and will be entertained by the beauty and spectacle that is inherent to equestrian competition at this level.” “I am particularly happy that we are able, for the first time, to include Para-Equestrian as an integral part of the World Equestrian Games. We are pleased and honored to do so,” Jackson said.

The Games will begin with opening ceremonies on September 25, 2010. The first weekend of competition will include Vaulting and Endurance.

The schedule may still experience minor changes, but no

major shifts to the individual discipline schedules are expected.

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park, are the world championships of the eight equestrian disciplines recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), and are held every four years. The Games have never been held outside of Europe; nor have all eight disciplines competed at a single site—both firsts that will be achieved at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The Games will be broadcast on NBC Sports, which has made the largest network commitment to coverage of equestrian sport in U.S. television history. The 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$150 million, and current sponsors include the Rolex Company and an unprecedented \$10 million title sponsor, Alltech. It is anticipated that more than 600,000 tickets will be sold for the 16-day competition.

2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Tickets on Sale in One Year

LEXINGTON, KY—Tickets for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games will go on sale one year as of **September 25, 2009**. The announcement of ticket sales comes at the “Halfway There” Celebration with two years to go until the Games.

“We are excited to announce the much-anticipated on-sale date for tickets to the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games,” said Ruth Mason, Director of Ticketing. “With a high demand for tickets, we have created a ticket program that will be accessible and affordable for interested buyers.”

Approximately 600,000 tickets will be available for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. Tickets will be priced as low as \$25. In addition, General Admission tickets will be available, providing access to the Kentucky Horse Park for the day, where visitors can experience various equine demonstrations and browse the extensive trade show.

Ticket sales will be facilitated by the 2010 Games Ticketing Provider, Ticketmaster, Inc. All ticket sales will be completed online at Ticketmaster.com. Final ticket prices will be determined by early 2009.

“The 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games is a global event and demand for tickets will span beyond Kentucky and around the world,” said John Long CEO of the United States Equestrian Federation.

By signing up at feigames2010.org, interested buyers will be able to receive important news and information about ticket sales as it becomes available. Subscribers will also receive:

- A 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games competition schedule
- Housing and accommodation information

- Press releases on the latest news updates
- Information on hospitality packages
- The latest release of official 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Game merchandise
- Information on events and activities in and around Lexington, KY during the 2010 Games

In addition, the 2010 Games’ website, www.feigames2010.org, provides a full range of information on the Games’ eight disciplines, trade show, equine demonstrations, volunteer information and the opportunity to sign up to receive the latest ticket information as it becomes available.

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www.feigames2010.org



2008 Calendar of Events

Bold Type Indicates an ADS Recognized Competition

All driving activities may be listed in the Calendar, but as space is limited, please submit only dates of activities that are open to all ADS members. For a complete up-to-date calendar listing, visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/calendar.asp.

October

- 5, 12, 19 **Intro to Carriage Driving:** Carriage Barn Equestrian Center, Newton, NH; Group lessons run Sundays from 1-4pm, Ann Miles W: 603-378-0140, carriage-barn@comcast.net
- 3-4 **CAROLINA FALL CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW:** Carolina HorsePark, www.carolinawelshpony.org; Junior, Novice Horse/Pony, Open Horse/Pony, Multiples; Turnout, Working, Obstacles, Combination Hunter, Ride and Drive, Ladies, Mens, Dressage Tests; Linda Long, H: 910-692-0943; C: 910-693-2359; llog6@nc.rr.com
- 2-5 **LEXINGTON CDE CLASSIC:** Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY; Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Single Horse and Pony, Pair Horse and Pony, Horse and Pony Teams; Susan Gilliland, H: 352-489-6586, F: 352-489-9284, s_gilliland@msn.com
- 7-12 **NATIONAL DRIVE:** Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY; forms and information are available from Kathy Courtemanche, 2624 Highway 1284 West, Berry, KY 41003. Phone: 859-235-8721. thenationaldrive@yahoo.com. Registration forms and information at www.nationaldrive.net
- SITE OF THE 2008 ADS Annual Members' Meeting**
- 11-12 **TUNBRIDGE HDT:** Tunbridge Fairgrounds, 1 Fairground Lane, Tunbridge, VT; Novice Driver Train., Open Train. - Limit Prelim., Prelim., Inter., (if minimum 4 entries) Cheryl Pratt Rivers, W: 802-234-5803, cprivs@sover.net
- 19 **San Diego Pleasure Driving Show:** Tumbleweed Arena; Willow Rd, Lakeside, CA; 29 Driving Classes at \$4.95 each. 9:00 A.M. Elsa Mikkelsen 619-994-9534 or 619-224-0601
- 22 **NC STATE FAIR AND PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW:** Raleigh NC; Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d' Elegance. Glenn Petty W: 919-839-4701 sheri.bridges.@ncmail.com
- 24-26 **GRASS RIDGE CDE:** Grass Ridge Farm; Sonoita, AZ; Train., Prelim., Inter., Jamie O'Rourke, W: 610-486-6484, C: 484-832-4365, F: 610-486-6814, grassridgecde@aol.com
- 25 **CHAPTER ONE FARMS FALL HDT:** Pedricktown, NJ; Train., Prelim., Inter.; Singles: VSE/Pony/Horse, Pair: VSE/Pony/Horse, Multiples: VSE/Pony/Horse, Four-in-Hand: VSE/Pony/Horse; Dr. Helene Paxton, H: 856-299-5124, W: 410-620-3462, C: 443-253-4135, hpaxton@chapteronefarms.com
- 25-26 **OKLAHOMA HARNESS HORSE ASSOCIATION COWBOY COUNTRY CDE:** Payne County Expo/Fairgrounds Center, Stillwater, OK; Train., Prelim., and Inter., Laura Ward, blueribbon3s@yahoo.com

November

- 1-2 **PINE TREE CDE:** Big Sky Farm, Souther Pines, NC; Train., Prelim., Inter., Kelly Valdes, H: 910-692-4164, C: 910-603-2449, fkvaldes@aol.com or Amy Dragstra H: 910-489-0052 adragstra@aol.com
- 8-9 **HACA HAVEN HILL HDT IV:** Haven Hill, 7368 Farm Road 2, Navasota, TX; Train., Prelim., Inter.; VSE if 6 or more; Al Bulgawicz, H: 281-351-9770, W: 713-497-4722, F: 281-351-9770, mini@willowcrest.com
- 13-16 **Equine Affaire:** W. Springfield, MA, Eastern States Exposition W: 740-845-0085 info@equineaffaire.com
- 15-16 **Driving Clinic with Lisa Singer:** Carriage Barn Equestrian

Center, Newton, NH; One on one format for both days, auditors welcome, Ann Miles W: 603-378-0140, carriage-barn@comcast.net

- 13-16 **KATYDID CDE:** Katydid Farm, Windsor, SC; Prelim., Inter., Adv., Peggy Dils, W: 803-643-3216, C: 803-295-6785, dilsailken@aol.com
- 22-23 **The First Caloosa Training HDT** in Palm Beach Gardens Florida. Southeast Florida; Brian Payne, 561-596-2354

December

- 13-14 **THE TAMPA TRIALS HDT:** Bob Thomas Equestrian Center, Tampa, FL; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Erika Matulich, H: 813-982-2200, C: 813-784-8484, F: 813-982-9709, ematu-lich@ut.edu

2009 January

- 14-18 **ADS SPRING BOARD MEETING:** To be held in conjunction with the USEF meeting. Cincinnati Ohio at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel. More Info.
- 17-18 **NATURE COAST HDT:** Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson FL; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv., Black Prong Equestrian Center W: 352-486-1234, C: 352-615-6460 blackprong-center@aol.com
- 29-31 **CAA Learning Weekend:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Wiersdale, FL. Details contact Jill Ryder 1-859-231-0971

February

- 7-8 **FLORIDA STATE FAIR:** Florida State Fairgrounds; www.floridastatefair.com; Levels: Pony, VSE, Single Horse, Pairs/Multiples, ADT hazards/cones; Contact: Amy Uniss, W: 813-740-3500, C: 813-477-3136, F: 813-740-3502, unissa@doacs.state.fl.us;
- 8 **SWEET HEART ADT:** Hesperia, CA; www.whipersnappers.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Contact: Suellen Hall, H: 661-944-4677, suellenhall62@yahoo.com.
- 20-22 **FLORIDA HORSE FESTIVAL & CARRIAGE SHOW:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort; www.fcmr.org; Levels: Junior, VSEs, Singles, Pairs, Multiples Horses and Ponies; Contact: Kacy Tipton-Fashik, H: 352-598-3034, W: 352-750-5500 x 229, C: 352-409-1398, F: 352-753-3105, kacy.fashik@fcmr.org;
- 26-31 **SUNSHINE STATE CAI:** Florida Horse Park; www.flhorsepark.com; Levels: Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Contact: Susan Gilliland, H: 352-489-6586, C: 813-220-8226, F: 352-489-9284, s_gilliland@msn.com

March

- 1 **2009 JULY-DECEMBER, OMNIBUS ENTRIES DUE**
- 7-8 **BLACK PRONG HDT:** Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson FL; Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv., Black Prong Equestrian Center W: 352-486-1234, C: 352-615-6460 blackprong-center@aol.com
- 14-15 **ARIZONA HDT:** Goree Farms, Coolidge, AZ; www.azcarriage.org; Levels: Train., Prelim., Inter., Adv.; Contact: ADCS HDT Committee, H: 928-636-4228, mjatonna@com-speed.net
- 19-22 **LIVE OAK INTERNATIONAL CDE:** Live Oak Plantation, Ocala, FL; www.cailiveoak.com; Levels: Inter., Adv.; Contact: Susan Gilliland, H: 352-489-6586,

C: 813-220-8226, F: 352-489-9284; s_gilliland@msn.com

28-29 NTW SUNRISE RIDGE HDT & DRIVING WEEKEND:

Paradise, TX; www.northtexaswhip.org; Level: Train., Prelim.; Contact: Kate Morgan, H: 817-523-4616, C: 817-688-9580, F: 817-523-4616 (call first please); katermorgan@gmail.com

April

4 **CHAPTER ONE FARMS SPRING ADT:** Pedricktown, NJ; www.chapteronefarms.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm., Adv.; Contact: Helene Paxton, H: 856-299-5124, W: 410-620-3462, C: 443-253-4135, Fax: 856-299-6772, hpaxton@chapteronefarms.com

10-12 **SOUTHERN PINES CDE:** Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC; Levels: Prelim., Interm., Adv.; Contact: Claire Reid & Kelly Valdes, H: 910-692-4164, C: 910-603-2449, fkvaldes@aol.com

18-19 **SPRING FLING ADT:** Florida Carriage Museum & Resort; www.cypresskeep.com/springfling; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm., Adv.; Contact: Erika Matulich, H: 813-982-2200, C: 813-784-8484, F: 813-982-9709, ematulich@ut.edu (e-mail is preferred method of contact, put "Spring Fling" in your subject line);

24-26 **RAM TAP CDE:** Ram Tap Show Grounds, Fresno, CA; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact: Gene Hagberg, H: 559-689-3186, C: 559-389-6041, showtime93653@hotmail.com

25-26 **GREAT OAKS HDT:** Great Oaks Farm, Newnan, GA; Levels: Train., Prelim.; Contact: Mary Deatherage, H: 256-964-1999, W: 256-313-5344, C: 678-360-1359, F: 256-964-1999 (please call first), marydeatherage@bellsouth.net or deatheragem@bellsouth.net;

May

9-10 **GMHA DRIVING TWO-PHASE & ADT:** Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock, VT; Levels CDE: Training, Prelim., Interm., Adv.; Levels ADT: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact: Karey Manner, H: 802-457-1509, F: 802-457-4471, kmanner@gmhainc.org

15-17 **GAYLA BLUEGRASS CDE:** Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown, KY; www.gayladrivingcenter.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact: Debbie Banfield, H: 502-863-5113, C: 502-542-0032, F: 502-867-0081, gayla3329@aol.com;

15-17 **VINEYARD CLASSIC CDE:** Woodland Stallion Station, Woodland, CA; www.wssvineyardclassiccde.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact: Harriet Merritt, H: 925-968-9805, C: 925-548-5566, hl_merritt@yahoo.com

17 **27th ANNUAL MY LADY'S MANOR PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW:** Spring Valley Park, New Freedom, PA; www.mlmdc.org; Levels: Open Horse/Pony, Multiples, VSE, Junior, Novice Driver, Novice Equine; Contact: Dana Bright, H: 717-246-2351, cdeponyz@comcast.net or Anne Council, H: 717-993-8956, C: 717-880-3840, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net

23-24 **CAROLINA CARRIAGE CLUB DRIVING HDT:** Foot hills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon, NC; www.carolinacarrriage.org; Levels: Train., Prelim.; Contact: Price Story, H: 828-891-7571, C: 828-242-7954, F: 828-891-9453, p_story@bellsouth.net or Sue Hrizuk, H: 864-224-6046, suecapt@yahoo.com

29-31 **GARDEN STATE CDE:** USEF Selection Trial for Pairs and Ponies; Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, NJ; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm., Adv.; Contact: Horse Park of New Jersey (Heather Walker), H: 908-439-3171, C: 908-343-6476, F: 908-439-3318, walkers_whimsea@yahoo.com

30-31 **PLEASURE DAYS CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW:** Tejon Ranch Equestrian Center, Lebec, CA; www.whiprsnappers.com; Levels: Novice Whip, Open Horse/Pony, Multiples, VSEs; Contact: Veronica Campbell, H: 562-431-7264, W:

562-431-7264, t.v.campbell@verizon.net

June

6 **CONNECTICUT VALLEY DRIVING TRIAL:** Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam, CT; www.cvdridingclub.com; Levels: Train., Prelim.; Contact: Bill & Nancy Lawson, H: 860-349-8745, C: 860-490-4667, www.lawson@sbcglobal.net

6-7 **TEDDY BEAR'S CDE:** Mead, WA; www.teddybearfjord.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Prelim. Open; Contact: Warren & Sylvia Riddle, H: 509-464-4490, W: 509-926-6217, F: 509-928-8689, info@teddybearfjord.com;

6-7 **MHDVA BLUE RIBBON CLINIC & HORSE SHOW:** Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI; www.mhdva.org; Levels: Junior, Novice Whip, Novice Horse/Pony, Open Horse/Pony, Multiples, VSE, Draft; Contact: Michelle T. Ridley, H: 517-712-7085, ridley@msu.edu

7 **BRANDYWINE CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW:** Ludwigs Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA; www.bvdc.org; Levels: Junior, Novice, Open Single Pony/Horse, Multiples, VSE, Park Type, Draft Type; Contact: J. Samea Baker, H: 610-310-0962, baker_js@yahoo.com

13-14 **ELK CREEK CDE:** Fair Hill, Elkton, MD; www.fairhillinternational.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact: Diane Trefry, W: 410-755-6855, C: 443-553-1453, F: 410-755-6110, dtrefry@verizon.net or Lisa Singer, H: 610-388-7901, C: 610-960-8695, F: 610-388-2473, chateaulog@aol.com

13-14 **ORLETON FARM EDEN HILL PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW:** Stockbridge MA; Juniors, Novice Whip, Pony, Horse, Multiples, VSE's, Contact Carole Frank, H: 518-459-1235, cfrank@nycap.rr.com

13-14 **SUMMER FESTIVAL CDE:** Wilton, CA; www.claystationhorsepark.com; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact: Clay Station Horse Park, H: 916-687-7948, F: 916-687-7948, claystationhorsepark@frontiernet.net

19-21 **METAMORA CDE XXV:** Windrush Farm, Metamora, MI; www.metamoracarriagedriving.org; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm., Adv.; Contact: Jim Pierce, H: 810-664-2102, C: 248-495-8089, jastoneoak@aol.com

19-21 **COLUMBUS CARRIAGE CLASSIC:** Fireman's Park Columbus WI; Juniors, Novice Whip, Novice/Open Horse & Pony, Multiples, VSE's Drafts Contact: Debbie Bevan 608-692-6465, e-mail: bevan@maqs.net

19-21 **HAPP'S CDE:** Ethel WA; Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm.; Contact Maureen Harkcom H: 360-978-4562, W: 360-978-5064, F: 360-978-6667 maureen@happsinc.com

26-28 **BROMONT INTERNATIONAL CDE:** Bromont Quebec, CAN, Levels: Train., Prelim., Interm., FEI. Contact: Roger Deslauriers H: 450-534-0787, C: 450-534-9524, F: 450-534-0417 info@internationalbromont.org

27-28 **SKUNK RIVER HDT:** Three G Farms Equine Center, Ames, IA; <http://bitsiowa.org>; Levels: Train., Prelim.; Contact: Mary Winter, H: 515-232-3019, C: 515-450-1041; mwinter@iastate.edu

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18-19 **LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION:** Cazenovia NY; Juniors, Novice Whip/Horse/Pony, Open, Multiples, VSE, Contact: Lisa Sholtzberger H: 610-469-6556, C: 484-942-5750, fredshotz@yahoo.com

25-26 **CARRIAGES IN THE PARK, CLEVELAND CDE:** Cuya hoga Valley National Park, Cleveland, OH; Levels: Train., Prelim.; Contact: Robert Burrows, H: 330-334-1528, W: 330-697-8325, C: 330-697-8325, rburrows@opgmail.com



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