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Presidents Letter

Talk about hitting the ground running. We are off to a busy start with all the events going on this spring with the Club. Finally had the opportunity to drive my girl Jewell this past weekend and we had a lovely but short drive down the lane by the house. I found that driving in the remaining 3 inches of snow with the cart was quite taxing so we stayed on the lane. I'm still hoping one day to have a sleigh to drive in the snow.

By now, you should have already registered for the Winter Seminar to be held this coming Saturday in Ashland and hopefully the clinic on Sunday. As of this writing I think there may still be a clinic slot open despite the closure date. So if you procrastinated – you may be able to get in on the clinic. Please contact me if you are thinking you want to attend the clinic and hadn't registered. The weather is predicted to be sunny but cool – in the 50's.

Please also consider, if you are not driving in any of the Old Dominion ADT Challenge events – Morven Park, Belle Grey and our James River Classic ADT, to volunteer if you are able. I plan on going up to both of these events to volunteer – it is always fun and a great learning opportunity that doesn't cost a thing! You can contact me or Laura Doyle @ Morven Park or Heather @ Belle Grey if you want to volunteer. It is important to us that we have volunteers as these other venues do not have clubs like ours to support the events. If they don't continue to get the support, it is likely they could discontinue these driving events. I guess what it comes down to is this – If you are in the club because you love driving and want to be involved and learn more but, aren't actively driving for whatever reason – this is something you should do to show your support for carriage driving in Virginia.

Cheers – here's to Daylight Savings Time coming soon! *Daphne*



Check Us Out on Facebook!

James River Diving Association: https://www.facebook.com/James-River-Driving-Association-134334716616291/?fref=ts

James River Driving Association Winter Seminar and Clinic: https://www.facebook.com/even ts/1660180234224623/

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2015 Year End Cumulative Treasu checkbook balance 12/31/14		5,776.71
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Income:		
2015 Membership	(29 memberships)	440.00
2016 Membership	(44 memberships)	680.00
Club store		66.00
Liability Ins		24.82
Clinic/Education		125.00
2015 Cones Rally		771.00
July Auction		244.00
Total Income		2,350.82
Expense:		
Supplies		(339.03)
Liability Ins		(406.20)
Website		-
Newsletter		(40.96)
Dues/Subscriptions		(60.00)
food		-
2016 Winter Seminar		(723.37)
Misc gifts etc.		(25.78)
2015 Cones Rally		(390.04)
2016 ADT		(650.00)
Fun Days/Pleasure		
drives		(14.75)
July Auction		(51.79)
2014 Pleasure show		(40.00)
Total Expense		(2,741.92)
Ending checkbook		
balance 12/31/15		5,385.61
Increase/(decrease)		
checkbook		(391.10)
Total paid membership	os for 2014 = 69	
Total paid membership		

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Welcome New JRDA Members!

John Marsh Priscilla Lane Shirley Caulet Bill & Cynthia Ruark Shelby Stewart Steve & Cindy Schuster

Welcome Back JRDA Members!

Corinne O'Brien-Nelson Honore O'Brien Shelby Tipton Robert & Sue Brennan

The JRDA would like to say Thank You! To Corinne and Honore for their generous donation to the club!

The JRDA would also like to thank those members who would like to remain anonymous, but made donations to the club for our upcoming ADT!

JRDA Meeting Minutes-January 8th, 2015

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: For the year 2015

Beginning Balance: \$5,776.71

Income: 2,350.82 Expenditures: 2,741.92 Ending Balance: \$5385.61

(Loss) \$391.10

Candy pointed out that although it may appear that the club experienced a loss, the budget includes monies that were paid out to reserve venues for events that will take place in 2016 for which we have not yet experienced income.

Membership dropped from 69 members in 2014 to 52 paid members in 2015. Adding in late-renewing members, the membership currently totals 57.

Old Business

Winter Seminar and Andy Marcoux Clinic: Feb. 6/7. Registrations are coming in. Tom and Lou will be providing coffee during the clinic on Sunday and provisions for some type of hot lunch need to be figured out as there will be no vendors on the grounds during the clinic. Lisa Beckwith has 4H kids who need to put in volunteer hours that can come be cones setters on Sunday. Info is on the JRDA website and a Facebook event page titled "James River Driving Association Winter Seminar and Clinic".

Virginia Horse Festival: 4/1-4/3 JRDA will be supplying 4 horses for a pleasure class as part of a 4H judging competition. Daphne is the contact if you are interested in driving in this group. The class will be in the AM before the beginning of the Festival's daily events. The MEP will provide 4 stalls for the day of the class at no charge for the horses involved. The JRDA will receive a large booth in exchange for doing 2 driving demos on Friday, 2 on Saturday and one on Sunday. Lively, exciting demos such as cones driving or World Cup type courses are the plan. Lisa Beckwith can provide 4H kids to time if needed. Meadow Event Park will give us two free stalls and a booth for the weekend in exchange for the demos. If you are interested in taking part in the demos, contact Daphne. We also need a narrator for the events (Lynn may do this) and volunteers to work in shifts to man the booth. Ideas for the booth included showing DVDs, having a pony in the booth for petting, having a carriage in the booth for show-and-tell and that people can sit in. It was also discussed that we should get some type of hand-out with the club name on it.

Please contact Daphne if you are willing to work a shift in the booth. Priscilla, Wayne, Candy, Jeff, Lynn, Jim Pfeiffer and Daphne have already volunteered.

We need to check with Glen re: insurance. Does the club need to provide their own for this event or will MEP's insurance cover us?

James River Classic ADT and Shelly Temple Clinic: 5/21-5/22. The committee meets tomorrow. All is rolling along. The club was awarded a \$375 ADS grant to put towards the event. It is part of a newly organized three-show series including the Morven Park ADT, Belle Grey ADT, and James River Classic ADT. The series championship is called the Old Dominion ADT Challenge. See the event page for our ADT on Facebook titled the 2016 James River Classic ADT, as well as the page for the ADT Challenge called the Old Dominion ADT Challenge. Info is also on the JRDA website. Shelly Temple is our judge for the ADT. Because of her "R" judging status we can have unlimited entries without employing a technical delegate. Shelly will also be giving a clinic on Sunday 5/22 with eight 50-minute lessons available. Registration materials are on the JRDA website.

Maymont Floral Show and Drive-contact Dot. This event is held at Maymont Park in Richmond and is a non-competitive fun event. Decorate your carriage, dress in period costume, and drive the grounds of Maymont to show off your carriage to those attending the floral show.

Fun Day (and clinic) at Wayne Humphreys-Wayne has offered to host a clinic (Tracey Morgan and Josh Rector are the clinicians being considered) and a fun day at his lovely farm I Culpeper. Wayne suggest a "fix-a-test" type clinic followed by a fun day on his farm. Limited stabling available. Tentative date is Saturday, June 11. You can contact Wayne for more details and stabling info as the date gets closer.

JRDA Cones Rally-Saturday, September 3. Jeff will head up this event.

The date for the **Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive** (MARD) on the ADS calendar has been corrected from November to Oct. 27-30.

Sabine Hall Drive-to be held on 11/12 at the beautiful Sabine Hall plantation in Warsaw, VA. Daphne is the point of contact. This is a private plantation that we have the privilege to drive on. There will be no other drivers or traffic on the grounds while we are there. RSVP will be required as we may make this an event not covered by our insurance due to low turnout at recent pleasure/picnic drives.

Church Hill Drive-no date yet, typically in December. This drive is in the city streets of Richmond's Church Hill district. Dot will be the point of contact for this drive.

Sarah Vogeley mentioned what a lovely area Green Springs "The Bracketts" is to drive on, managed by Mark Bailey.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Candy Thomas noted that the club has been a member of the American Driving Society since 1985.



Devon Vogeley driving Dartmoor Pony pair, Zinnia & Marigold at the Church Hill Drive.

LIVERPOOL REIN SETTINGS



- Plain or Smooth Cheek Mildest setting. The bit is pulled back and up into the mouth and the curb chain is not engaged.
- Rough Cheek Allows slight curb action while the bit is pulled back in the mouth.
- First Slot Provides moderate curb action as well as poll pressure.
- Second Slot or Middle Slot Gives increased leverage. Pulls the bit down in the mouth so that the tongue and lower jaw are pinched between the mouthpiece and the curb chain. Poll pressure is also created.
- 5. Third Slot or Bottom Slot Exerts maximum poll and curb pressure. This severe rein setting should be used only as a last resort in a crisis. It is also known as "Dead Man's Slot" because if you are in the bottom slot you have no where else to go!

2016 James River Classic ADT Committee Meeting Jan 9th, 2016

We will check with Glen to see if it is possible to set up equipment on Friday. (Lynn will do this)We will need to wait until a bit closer to the event to see if he has other events booked on Friday in the same space we will be using.

We need to take a field trip to MEP to view the ground and decide where we want to have dressage and cones.

It was suggested we buy cones from Karin Sclater each time we use hers in a JRDA event. All were in agreement; it will need to be brought up at a general meeting for approval.

Volunteers

Lynn will resend the volunteer confirmation letter (to be sent to a volunteer when secured) and the reminder letter (to be sent a week or two prior to event) to the committee to send to the volunteers they line up.

Volunteers and suggested positions. We will have volunteers confirmed by May 1st.

- Rachel Beuhren-dessage scribe-confirmed
- Laura Doyle-dressage ringmaster -confirmed
- Cones pushers-Lisa Beckwith's 4H kids (Lisa to confirm)
- Corinne O'Brien-Nelson-wheel measurer/safety inspector (Dot will contact)
- Paul and Denise Swann-equipment (Daphne will contact)
- Debbie Downs-scribe (Sayre has contacted)
- John Faust (Daphne's co-worker) Equipment Saturday. Daphne to confirm
- Shirley Causey-score runner (Lynn to confirm)
- Timmerie Cohen (Jeff's co-worker) what job will she do? Jeff to confirm
- Barn Manager-Amy & Nancy Mattox. Amy will contact Nancy to work out a schedule between the two of them
- Jim Pfieffer-cones timer; Lynn will send confirmation
- Floaters-Sayre AM

Program

Amy will put together the program. Lynn will send her a list of typical contents and Daphne will give her a copy of the Katydid program.

Ribbons & Prizes

Dot will check with Sally to be sure she doesn't need help ordering the ribbons.

We need a total of 18 crystal items. We have about 8-10.

Kim Cameron is donating two DVDs to be given to Best Training Dressage and Best Prelim Dressage

Insurance

Dot is getting the certificate of insurance for the ADT

Promotional Items

Daphne presented a list of promotional items she suggested we purchase to give to volunteers, stock in the store, and for the VA Horse Festival. Daphne will handle the order \$100 worth of items for the VA Horse Festival; we will bring further purchases up at a general meeting. Hat pins were suggested.

Calendar of Events

Feb 6-7	JRDA Winter Seminar and Clinic Brock Center Commons, Randolph Macon College in Ashland, VA For more information go to: http://www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com/events Speakers for this event will include Andy Marcoux, Amanda Compton EDT and Scott Anderson DVM. Please contact Paula Hennessey for more information at: 757-426-1356	JRDA Sponsored
Feb 12	JRDA Monthly Meeting: Friday at 6 PM. The location is the Ashland Rescue Squad building at 203 Duncan St., Ashland, VA. We hope to see everyone there! If you have an item you would like to have added to the agenda, please send it to Daphne at spring_hill_house@yahoo.com	JRDA Sponsored
Mar 12	Gelding Ball and Silent Auction – Central Virginia Horse Rescue. Spotsylvania, VA. For more information please contact Stacy at stacyatevhr@gmail.com	
Mar 13	Morven Park ADT Challenge Morven Park, Leesburg, VA More information on the ADT Challenge at jamesriverdrivingassociation.com or Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/908396545888415/ or email Laura Doyle at https://www.facebook.com/events/9083965888415/ or call 703-777-2890 x6614	JRDA Sponsored
Apr 28-30	Martin's Carriage Auction Lebanon, PA For more information go to: http://www.martinauctioneers.com or call 717-354-6671	
Apr 30	Belle Gray Derby ADT Challenge Belle Gray Farm, Upperville, VA This ADT is the second of three comprising the Old Dominion ADT Challenge. More information on the ADT Challenge at jamesriverdrivingassociation.com or Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/908396545888415/ or email Heather Briggs at admin@bellgrayfarm.com or call (703) 774-4688	JRDA Sponsored
May 21	James River Classic ADT Challenge Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA More information on the ADT Challenge at jamesriverdrivingassociation.com or Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/908396545888415/ or email Lynn Legg at lmlegg@vcu.edu or email Daphne Wood-Lasser at spring_hill_house@yahoo.com	JRDA Sponsored
May 22	Driving Clinic with Shelly Temple Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA For more information go to: http://www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com/events or email Lynn Legg at lmlegg@vcu.edu or email Daphne Wood-Lasser at spring-hill-house@yahoo.com	JRDA Sponsored



The James River Driving Association Proudly Presents

Winter Seminar and Clinic

Saturday & Sunday, February 6-7, 2016

Saturday, February 6, 2016-Winter Seminar

Key note speaker **Andy Marcoux** of **Coachman's Delight** will discuss cones driving strategies and teaching your horse to move off the whip.

Scott Anderson DVM of **Woodside Equine Clinic** will be discussing chiropractic care of the driving horse and how to recognize if you horse needs it

Amanda Compton EDT will discuss equine dentistry

Location: Brock Center Commons on the campus of Randolph Macon College, 304 Henry St., Ashland, VA 23005

Registration fee: \$50

Begins promptly at 9 am; check-in at 8:30, pre-registration and payment required. Coffee and pastries provided in the AM; lunch will be on your own at the Randolph Macon cafeteria adjacent to the seminar building. Door prizes from Driving Essentials, ComfyFit Harness and Tractor Supply!!

Sunday, February 7, 2016-Cones Clinic

Cones rallies and derbies are all the rage! Andy Marcoux reviews the theory, strategy, course walking, and rules with all participants as a group, then each driver will receive an approximately 30 minute driving lesson with Andy on the cones course. Limited space available. Auditors free!

Registration fee: \$75 Negative Coggins, JRDA Liability Release required

Location: Meadow Event Park, 13111 Dawn Blvd, Doswell, VA 23047. Stabling available for the weekend at \$25 per night. Shavings on site at \$6 per bag. Camping available with electricity but no RV hookups. Barn opens Friday afternoon. More information on the facility: http://www.meadoweventpark.com/

For more information and registration materials:

Website: https://www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com

Facebook: JRDA 2016 Winter Seminar

Paula Hennessey thebackyardbarn@cox.net (757) 619-6566

^{*}Those registering for both the seminar and the clinic receive a reduced rate of \$120

^{*}The two venues are 20 minutes apart

Arena Driving Trial & Driving Clinic with Shelly Temple



ADT: Saturday, May 21 Clinic: Sunday, May 22

ADS Recognized ADT & the final leg of the Old Dominion; ADT Challenge

Training and Preliminary levels
Both events begin at 9 am

Location: Meadow Event Park 13111 Dawn Blvd (Rt. 30), Doswell, VA 23047

Show Secretary: Cheryl Childress (804) 784-0001 cpc1996@gmail.com

For information and registration details see:

www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com

Maymont Floral Carriage Day April 17, 2016. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Please come and join us for a fun day of Victorian fashion and fun. Decorate your carriages with flowers and/or create a Victorian theme. There will be awards for the best theme, best flowers and best in show. The Maymont Floral Event will have a night at the Hilton Inn and Spa in Short Pump for the first prize as best in show

Rules:

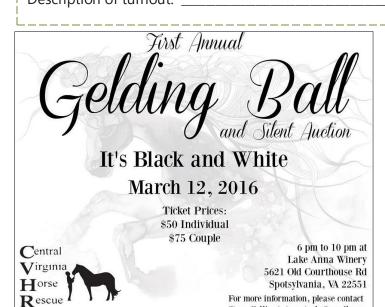
- You must drive an antique or reproduction carriage. If you have any question about your carriage qualifying, please call me. There may be a carriage available from the Maymont collection if we know your horse has done events successfully before.
- Your horse or pony/mini must be well trained and OK in a public situation.
- Participants including drivers and passengers must dress in Victorian or modern show type attire. Hats, gloves, aprons and whips are required.
- You may decorate with fresh, dried, or fake flowers, grass, weeds, ribbons or ? You can also decorate with a theme without flowers but it must be from the 1890 to 1920 era.

There will be a fashion show with costumed people at the same event so you may pose with some of them for pictures or invite them to ride in your carriage. Lunch will be provided. There will be other activities on the lawn so you may check these c

Please fill out the form below and return to:

Dot Ruqus, 2545 Dogtown Road, Goochland, VA 23063
Telephone: 804 556 4486. Email dotruq@outlook.com

Name:
Phone Number:
Horse Name:
Carriage description:
Theme or decoration:
Description of turnout:





Stacy Collis at stacyatcyhr@gmail.com

Difference Between a Side Check and an Overcheck

Active driving competitor, judge and clinician Muffy Seaton explains.

Q. What is the difference between a side check and an overcheck? Do they make a huge difference in performance or purpose?

A. There is a huge difference between an overcheck and a side check.

The overcheck is a strap that goes from the "water terret" or middle terret on the driving saddle, up the horse's neck, between his ears, down the front of his face and splits at the bridge of his nose and goes to the rings of a bridoon bit. It is designed to keep a horse's head up so he can't canter or buck. Unfortunately, some people use this piece of equipment without knowing how to adjust it.



Depending on how tight an overcheck is adjusted, it can be very harmful to a horse. If he can't get his head down low enough to raise his back, then he'll have trouble pulling a carriage up a hill or even starting one on flat ground. Think of pulling a sled up a hill by dragging it by a rope over your shoulder; you would have to lean forward to be most efficient. You wouldn't want to have to pull that sled with your back arched. A badly adjusted overcheck does the same thing to a horse.

Back in Black Beauty's days, the style was to set driving horses heads very high, so the drivers cranked up the overchecks to make the horses look spirited with high heads. All this did was cause major pain to the animals due to the unnatural position.

The overcheck pulls the bit up in the horse's mouth, and the reins pull backward in his mouth. If you add a running martingale, as so many breed classes want you to do, then you're also pulling down on the same horse's mouth all at once. Ouch!

The other main problem with overchecks is that they don't allow the horse to turn his nose, so bending through a corner becomes almost impossible. This makes the horse lose his balance through turns and he will become very defensive over time about where to put his feet and balance.

If you must use an overcheck to conform to a breed class requirement, please keep it very loose and train your horse to perform the way you need him to instead of forcing him into an unnatural and uncomfortable position.

A side check, which I think is also permissible in most breed classes instead of an overcheck, is much kinder to the horse and will also prevent him from putting his head down. But this one goes from the middle of the driving saddle, up along both sides of the horse's neck to a loose ring on the sides of the brow band of the bridle, and then down the sides of the horse's face to a bridoon or regular driving bit. The side check allows the horse to put his head down enough to start the carriage and to pull it up hill. It also allows his nose to move to the inside on turns so his balance isn't as compromised as with an overcheck. You still have to be careful not to adjust it too tightly. A side check is good for a horse who wants to eat grass when driving, but this problem can also be fixed with proper training.

Remember, any kind of check is just a training device and is not meant for long-term use. If you want your horse to drive with his head up high, train him to use himself from behind and learn how to harness his energy instead of checking him up mechanically.

If you have a small child driving, and the pony wants to eat grass all the time, as ponies sometime do, use a side check, but loosely.

Overchecks are not allowed at American Driving Society, United States Equestrian Federation or Fédération Equestre Internationale sanctioned events. Check your rule books for accepted uses.

Learn more about driving expert Muffy Seaton go to: http://www.horsechannel.com/horse-experts/english-horse-training/muffy-seaton.aspx



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