The Scoop



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President's Letter

If case you haven't heard - JRDA is hosting a Fun Day at Carriage Grove Farm in Goochland aka Dot and Lou's Place on October 15th. Come and bring your horse - beginners are welcome even if you want to just show your horse around with other turnouts!



Speaking of turnouts - we will have photographers on hand to take pictures of you and your carriage all dressed up for presentation! Pictures will be selected at the November meeting for inclusion in our first Club Photo Calendar ever! We are hoping to have it printed and ready for distribution at the Christmas Party in December. Look for more details about deadlines and requirements for submission in this newsletter. There will be a minimal cost to purchase the calendars.

While we are at the Fun Day, we will be having a potluck lunch (bring a dish - main dish provided). We will also hold a brief meeting where we will finalize the list of nominated officers for next year; provide an update from the ADT committee. Additionally we will discuss topics of interest for future presentation so put your thinking hats on for some future presentations/topics. Please Please rsvp to Dot so she can let Lou how many dogs and burgers to cook ! 804.556.4486

We are thrilled to announce that the ODAC will have 3 events that make up the Old Dominion ADT Challenge competition; Morven Park, Leesburg in March, Toad Hollow Farm in Charlottesville in April and JRDA Classic at Meadow Event Park in May. Welcome and Thankyou Ann Sutherland - owner of Toad Hollow Farm! We welcome your contribution to increasing and improving carriage driving in Virginia!

Look forward to seeing you soon. Daphne

JRDA General Business Meeting Minutes

Sept. 11, 2016

Last meeting's minutes were accepted

Treasurer's report was presented and accepted with an ending balance of \$6756.77

OLD BUSINESS

President Daphne Wood-Lasser requested the membership approve the equipment committee to spend an additional \$530 in addition to the amount approved last meeting (for a total of \$1340) to purchase new equipment to include 4 radios, 2 cones measuring sticks, 14 gutters for the dressage

Treasurers Report as of 9/11/16					
Checkbook balance	8/5/2016	\$	7,056.83		
Income:					
Total Income			-		
Expense:					
Meetings			(25.00)		
Auction			(35.10)		
Website			(199.00)		
Newsletter			(40.96)		
Total Expense			(300.06)		
Ending checkbook					
balance	9/11/2016	\$	6,756.77		

ring, \$20 in lumber to build new cones marker bases, and 32 FEI cones. A motion was made and passed unanimously. Purchases for items voted on will be coordinated through Candy Thomas as she maintains the club credit card for any phone or online orders for equipment. Request was made to ensure that the measuring sticks would accommodate both mini and horse vehicle measurements.

The Equipment committee is still looking into enhancing the current sound system. Equipment committee Chair Lou Ruqus to provide a recommendation and price for enhancing the sound system that the club currently owns at our October meeting.

Officer Nominations: the following members were nominated:

Pres: Daphne Wood-Lasser Vice President: Shirley Cauley

Secretary: Lynn Legg

Candy Thomas volunteered to remain in place as treasurer for another term.

Nominations will remain open until Oct. 1. Voting will take place in November.

Arena Driving Trial: the ADT committee will meet Wednesday 9/14 at Daphne's house. The committee has already secured Lisa Singer as judge and clinician and Heather Briggs as cones judge.

Fun Day and Photo Shoot is scheduled for Oct. 15 at Dot Ruqus's as part of the fun day activities. Come dressed in your turnout for photos to be taken for our club calendar which will be distributed at the December meeting/Christmas party at the home of Cheryl Childress.

The trails and poker run at the fun day will take into account that drivers may be in presentation vehicles and more formal dress than we typically are!

MARD (Mid Atlantic Recreational Drive) at Fair Hill, MD scheduled for Oct. 27-30 closes their registration on 10/13. See the americandrivingsociety.org site for registration info.

NEW BUSINESS

There was suggestion and discussion about making officer terms 2 years long. Members felt a longer commitment may scare potential volunteers away from running for office. The suggestion was also made that we stagger terms to limit the disruption of officer turnover each year. Members decided officer terms will remain at 1 year.

Sabine Hall Drive-our annual pleasure drive and pot luck lunch at Sabine Hall Plantation in Warsaw, VA will take place in November. A date has yet to be finalized but is usually the second Sunday in November.

The next JRDA general business meeting will take place on Oct. 15th at the JRDA Fun Day to be held at Dot Ruqus's farm in Goochland. Please watch the JRDA Facebook Page and website for further details. This event is a wonderful opportunity to bring out young horse and meet other club members. Guests are welcome and encouraged.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Legg JRDA Secretary

JRDA is pleased to announce our new website – www.JamesRiverDrivingAssociation.org

We hope you will take a look and read through all the great information we have included there for you. It's the same name as before - only now .org instead of .com.

Many thanks to Shirley Cauley for taking the lead as webmaster for JRDA! And a big thanks to Paula Hennessey our previous webmaster!

JRDA Best Turnout Photo

Contest!

Sarah Vogeley will be coordinating the calendar production for the JRDA this year. Photos will be taken at the JRDA Fun Day at Carriage Grove Farm, or you can submit your own photo. The winning photos will be included in the 2017 JRDA Club Calendar. Your photos should be:

- High resolution
- And include you and your horse's name.

Bring copies of your photos to be posted and selected during the

club meeting on Nov 11th. Make sure you put this meeting on your calendar as you don't want to miss out on voting for Officers for next year as well! Please submit your photos prior to our Nov 11th meeting, send them to Sarah Vogeley by email at: newforestfarm@icloud.com



Nominations for new club officers are needed!

Please contact Tom Lasser

(Nominating Committee)

If you have an interest in serving as an officer at 804-798-8787

Voting will take place at the November JRDA Club Meeting.

The ADS Annual Meeting at Southern Pines: A Driver's View By Cheryl Childress

The meeting was held at Claire Reid's Big Sky Farm. We enjoyed the permanent stalls, with plenty of room for nearby trailer parking AND space to harness up safely. Three at-will driving trails were well-marked for our use. The trails had wonderful footing and led past beautiful farms, woodlands, and ponds. Because of the torrential rains on the day before the event, the longest trail was closed due to erosion concerns after the arrival day, but the other two were available throughout the event.

There were also two dressage rings, several hazards, and a cones course. Craig Kellogg designed the cones course. Drivers could follow his course walk and hear his observations on how best to drive it with either a green or an experienced horse when the course opened each day. He changed the course and did a walk each day. Likewise, whips could sign up for a private lesson with Robin Groves.

Perhaps the most fun had was during the Safari Drive. If you haven't driven on one of these, carriages leave at 5 minute intervals. The course is marked, and each carriage is given a numbered answer sheet and a sheet of stickers with animal names. Your job is to spot the stuffed/rubber animals along the course. There are more stickers than animals, and there may be more animals than numbered spots for stickers. When you spot the animal, you place that sticker on the answer sheet, in order. Having a carriage that could carry more than one passenger can be an advantage here! Ribbons were given for most correct answers, and also for fastest times. No one spotted all the animals, but we managed to come in Second! We even got a 6th for time, which amazed me, as we walked most of the way. The animal placement could be diabolically tricky: the rubber ducky was visible for a long distance, but just before we reached the duck there was a tiny tiger tucked up under a bush. Likewise, the animal list included "parrot" and "red dog" – we never saw a parrot, but we passed a bird feeder in the woods where there was a bit of bright red on the far side. Close inspection revealed a beany baby red dog, which could easily be assumed to be a red parrot if a team was flying by in hopes of a speed ribbon! The most puzzling animal on the list was the "Tremont Bear." He turned out to be about 5 feet tall, standing against a tree, wearing a "Tremont Farm" T-shirt. Mystery solved!

While the registration fee was high, we got more than our money's worth in food alone. Thursday night had a welcome reception at the barn hospitality tent, with wine, beer, and heavy hors d'oeuvres that easily made one's dinner. The hotel had free breakfast, there were coffee and donuts at the barn, and both lunches were provided. The first day, lunch was at the Yellow Barn, where Claire Reid keeps her ponies. It was a lovely buffet, and Barry Dickinson spoke about proper groom attire. He was a very amusing speaker, and the bottom line of his presentation was that groom attire is NOT the same as riding attire.

The box lunch at the stable on Saturday was from Panera, and the final dinner was a buffet that included vegetable lasagna and freshly sliced tenderloin. Capping off that was a table covered with at least eight different cakes and pies....Those of us from the James River "Driving and Dining" Association were happy indeed.

For attendees who came without horses, there were tours of Ft. Bragg and the Carolina Horse Park. Other programs were given about carriage maintenance and veterinary concerns. There was also a tour of Claire Reid's personal carriage collection, which included about a dozen immaculate vehicles, to be

used with her ponies. Near the hospitality tent at the stables, there was a small trade fair, with several carriage vendors and some craft and art vendors. Attendees came from as far away as California and Washington State. We enjoyed meeting a group of women from Florida, who drove in matching blue shirts and helmet covers.

After a final short drive on Sunday morning, we said some last farewells and loaded up to return to Virginia.

Fun Driving Day

Free to JRDA Club members

\$15. to others, this fee will include membership in the James River Driving Association

Dot and Lou Ruqus' Carriage Grove Farm 2545 Dogtown Road, Goochland, VA 23063

October 15, 2016 9:00 A.M.

This is a day for practice and fun.

- Poker Rally to be driven over fields and woods of approximately 1 mile. A groom is helpful but not required. There will be a route for minis too. It is not timed, the best collection of cards wins.
- Cones course timed with the best of two tries used. You may practice as many times as you wish after the whole group has done it.
- Trail class with obstacles (in the ring): plywood bridge, mailbox, go around, backup, etc.

You can practice all courses at will after everyone has gone over them.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish for the group to enjoy.

You must sign up so we know how many cards to put out for the rally and how many burgers to cook.

Call Dot at 804-556-4486 or email at dotrug@outlook.com

Member Profile of the Month:

Amy Jacobsen, JRDA Vice President

Amy is a Realtor/Real Estate Investor by Day & Night, Specializing in Selling Horse Properties.

What was your first driving experience?

I really caught the bug when I went to Maymont years ago and watched the Victorian Floral Carriage Day, joined the club soon after and began using the knowledge of older members to try to learn and buy smarter instead of harder in putting my turnout together. The club members were very knowledgeable and friendly about helping as well as being a great resource for carriages, harness etc., If you're looking for something run a "Wanted ad" in the newsletter classifieds and there is a good chance a member may have what you need. I've probably been involved with driving for around 20 years. Horses in many aspects for over 45 years!!!! WOW I'm getting old!!!

Do you participate in, or have you participated in any other equine disciplines?

I grew up riding in a Pony Club and graduated as an HA Pony Clubber, Rallied, 3 Day Eventer through the Preliminary level, showed dressage, rode hunters and jumpers in college on an equestrian scholarship, competed at the National Level in Pony Club games rallies, taught riding and coached younger Pony Clubbers and a deaf boy (who played polo later in life!), was on a vaulting team, have fox hunted, done hunter paces, showed ("sit a buck" -bareback class was my favorite!!!), played polo, was twice voted Pony Clubber of the Year by members, and graduated as a veterinary technician.

Tell us about who you drive and what you drive.

I've driven my Silver Dappled Mini, "Scooby Doo" in past club events. I am hopeful to do so again. I also have a 17 hand Dark Dappled Bay Tb/ Friesian X and her half-sister, a Tb/Dutch Warmblood X also 17 hands and dappled palomino. Both are actually Secretariat Great Grand Daughters!

What's your favorite place to drive and why?

At other club member's properties as I lack the wide open space at home!

What's the funniest thing that has happened to you while driving? Or, with horses, for that matter?

While trying out for an international spot on a pony club games team I was doing a running vault onto a paint pony only to get bucked off and later be told, "That's why his name is Boomerang, not because of his markings!"

Who has had the greatest influence on your involvement with driving? Do you have a driving mentor or someone whose expertise you particularly admire?

Starting out, Dot Ruqus was a wealth of knowledge then and still is now!!! Lynn Legg is also a great asset to the club in spreading her knowledge.

What advice do you have for others who are considering joining this discipline?

Join a club and let the members impart their knowledge; seek instruction from those that have the credentials and experience to start you out right!! Driving can be both dangerous and costly,

but also very rewarding, so seeking assistance is in the beginning and you will likely find that driving will become a lifelong passion that can be shared with others. A good way to involve non riding family members in an activity you all can enjoy.

What's your happiest driving experience/memory so far?

I actually drove my mini and won our very first try at a club sponsored diving trial (a more casual way to start than at a big American Driving Society sponsored event) I'd like to enjoy a JRDA Picnic Drive or Fun Day with my Friesian Cross one day.

What else is on your personal horsey bucket list?

Go to a World Equestrian Games to watch the top Drivers and Eventers work their magic!! Club Field Trip Anyone??????????????

ADS Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive

MARD "lite": LESS FOOD...MORE DRIVING!

A weekend of recreational driving in beautiful Fair Hill, MD Thu Oct 27 - Sun Oct 30, 2016 (Registration Closes Oct 13th)

Details and Registration form now available at this link: omnibus.americandrivingsociety.org/portals/Omnibus/PrizeList/MARD%202016Regis.pdf

Mail all registrations and checks (payable to "MARD") to:

Heidi Ferguson 2686 Canterbury Road Milford, DE 19963

The Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive committee invites you to the 2016 MARD "lite" at Fair Hill, MD, one of the mid-Atlantic's premier driving venues. Fair Hill is a 5,000+ acre multi-purpose Natural Resource Management Area located in the northeast corner of Maryland.

The Weekend 2016 Committee has three goals for the weekend: good driving, good friends and good fun with a little education thrown in for good measure!

The stables will open at 3:00 pm on Thursday, Oct.27 and close at 3:00 PM on Sunday, Oct. 30. We have all 3 barns reserved. Fair Hill has 30-40 miles of carriage-accessible trails, mostly dirt and gravel roads and open meadows. A limited amount of weatherproof trail maps will be available for sale on site.

Our gathering place, "Command Central" is a 40X60 foot heated tent set up near the stables, and will also be our dining hall and meeting place. Check Command Central notice board for posted schedule information throughout the weekend.

MARD 2016 will be offering Saturday's Pig Roast & live entertainment plus a casual Wine & Cheese hour Thursday and Friday evening at six. Pizza will be offered Friday from 1 PM

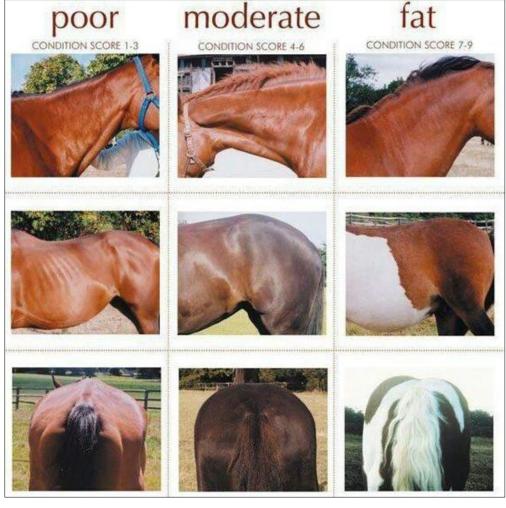


(Command Central tent only, no take-out) until consumed and there will be coffee and donuts each morning from 8 a.m. until gone. Beer & wine tasting will be available during the Pig Roast. MARD will provide the beer; we ask that you bring a bottle of wine to share. Prior to Saturday's dinner, we will have a Silent Auction of driving-related and other items donated by driving enthusiasts, local equestrian supply companies, and gift stores, with proceeds to go to the "Save Fair Hill Trail Fund". Area clubs are encouraged to provide a basket of goodies. Silent Auction will conclude prior to the Pig Roast for those not attending this meal.

Horse-Feeding Problems: Managing Easy and Hard Keepers Together

By: Kentucky Equine | Research Staff | July 11, 2016

Managing a mixed bag of horses frequently puts horse owners in a conundrum, especially when it comes to feeding. With limited land and the desire to maintain horses in a social setting, how do you keep an easy keeper from gaining excess weight while bolstering condition of a hard keeper?



Consider these tips to ensure all members of the herd are optimally managed.

- * Accurately assess the body condition score (BCS) of all horses weekly, and keep a record of those scores. Any deviation from a BCS of 5, 6, or 7 requires intervention.
- * Weigh hay and take the amount of pasture turnout time into consideration to ensure all horses are receiving 1.5-2.5% of their body weight in forage each day. For easy keepers, this may decrease to 1.25%, which means they need less supplemental hay. Bear in mind that horses typically consume 1-1.5 lb of forage per hour on a dry matter basis when grazing at least adequate forage.
- * Avoid the round-bale frenzy. Yes, it's a time saver to buy round bales, but horses treat them like an all-you-can-eat buffet. Not only do easy keepers not require a buffet, obese horses tend to be more dominant, excluding hard keepers from the feast. Plus, round bales may be detrimental to horses with breathing problems. * Use a well-fitted grazing muzzle to limit forage intake in easy keepers when necessary. Alternatively, use drylots and pasture rotation to

decrease intake. Feed supplemental calories in the form of well-formulated concentrates to hard keepers once or twice daily, following the manufacturer's recommendations.

"For many horses, concentrates and oil are typically the go-to products for providing extra energy. Don't forget that super fibers, such as beet pulp and soy hulls, also serve as excellent sources of calories," reminded Kathleen Crandell, Ph.D., an equine nutritionist with Kentucky Equine Research.



Welcome New JRDA
Member!

Christine Brandel

<u>Pictures from the Pocahontas Drive and JRDA Club Meeting</u>















Classifieds

FOR SALE: Plaid Driving Aprons, reversible chocolate brown. They will fit a small to medium size driver; Asking \$25 each. Contact Daphne at spring hill house@yahoo.com EXP 1/1

DRIVING LESSONS: Lessons are available for beginner through Intermediate for combined driving, recreational, and pleasure driving. Learn on my

experienced driving horse or mini, or your own horse. Come to my farm or yours, cost is \$35 per lesson (additional cost for travel time to your farm). We are located in Charles City, VA (20 minutes SE of Richmond Airport). Contact Lynn Legg at 804-229-9708 linearing-number 1/1

TRAINING: Carriage training for the horse and driver. Mary Clark Lind starts horses to harness and offers lessons to beginners & novice drivers. She focuses on a strong foundation through groundwork and good manners, emphasizing safety. She also provides tune ups & conditioning for horses that already drive. Mary Clark has been competing in combined driving for ten years and has experience training singles, pairs, four-in-hands, six-up, and tandems. Contact 804.305.2911 or lind@vt.edu Ad exp: 1/1

FOR SALE: Two Wheel Horse Cart – Easy entry all metal horse size pleasure/trail cart. Fancy enough for show. Bought/built new in 2014, but used less than a dozen times. Perfect, like new condition. Nice size for 14.3-15.2 hand horse. Incredibly sturdy and well designed. 40" metal wheels, 2" hard rubber tires, 76" aluminum shafts (shafts can be easily shortened as needed), beautifully upholstered, adjustable seat, adjustable axle for perfect balance. Many custom modifications, including enclosed



storage area under seat, glove/map box, retractable cup holders. Rubber mat floor over heavy duty metal grate. Plenty of leg room in front of seat. Includes additional custom fitted rain/dust seat covers. Wood accents, stained and lacquered: sword end single tree with trace holder clips, decorated (decal) dashboard. Impeccably cared for, kept indoors. Very maneuverable, balanced and smooth riding. Beautiful cart—ready for you to enjoy. Also selling a matching horse size Smuckers deluxe russet/brass harness in excellent condition. Asking \$2400. for cart, \$850. for harness (New Smuckers russet harness

sells new for over \$1900.). Contact: Pat Brady, bradypl@comcast.net, 540-421-3325. Exp 11/1

FOR SALE: Bird in Hand Flyer in excellent shape, always stored indoors, with significant extras. Carriage used with 14.1 HH pony and 12.3 HH pair. Bird's Eye Maple, dark green paint with cream pin striping. There are significant extras and features:

- Removable back step
- both cloth and Naugahyde seats



- two single shafts
- pair pole
- full carriage cover

Front wheels are 34", rear wheels 38". Located in Culpepper, VA asking \$3200 Please contact Wayne Humphries at wishpony@vabb.com or call 540-672-0120 Exp: 11/1

FOR SALE: A Pit Pony Named Bobbit -book by Sally Sutherland. The story of a young man and his pit pony working in a coal mine in West Virginia and a young woman who contracts polio at a summer camp during the polio epidemic in parts of the USA in the 1950s. After being rescued from the mine, and being taught to pull a cart, Bobbit becomes the catalyst to help two young people win their struggle over the seemingly insurmountable odds that they face. A book that anyone who loves horses can enjoy. Would make a nice gift for a special family member or friend. The book is \$17.95 plus shipping which is \$2.61. If interested please email Sally Sutherland at ssutherland.ppp@juno.com Exp 1/1



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Event Calendar

1-3 Oct	Virginia State Fair Miniature Horse Show & All Breed Pleasure Driving Show – Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA	Local & Regional
8-9 Oct	20 th Annual CCC Pleasure Driving & Dressage Show – Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Open Miniature and VSE Show at FENCE – Tyron, NC	Local & Regional
11-16 Oct	ADS National Drive (pleasure drives, clinics, lessons, derbies and proficiency testing) Kentucky Horse Park	National – Int'l
14 Oct	Martin's Annual Carriage Auction – Lebanon PA	Local & Regional
15 Oct	JRDA Fun Day and Monthly Meeting at Carriage Grove Farm — Photo's will be taken for best turn-out! Officer nominations will be taken during the business meeting. Contact Dot Ruqus for more information at dotnuq@outlook.com	JRDA Sponsored
21 -23 Oct	Hermitage Classic Combined Driving Event (CDE) – Goshen, KY	National – Int'l
27-30 Oct	Mid Atlantic Recreational Drive –MARD– American Driving Society. For registration information go to: http://omnibus.americandrivingsociety.org/portals/Omnibus/PrizeList/MARD%202016Regis.pdf	Local & Regional
3 – 6 Nov	Katydid Combined Driving Event – Katydid Farm in Windsor, SC. For more information go to www.katydidcde.com . Three phase driving competition featuring dressage, cross country and cones. Show includes both horses and ponies, driven at singles, pairs at the training, preliminary and intermediate levels. Questions – Contact Peggy Dils at 803-295-6785 or dilsaiken@aol.com	Local & Regional
11 Nov	JRDA Monthly Meeting – 6 PM Ashland Rescue Squad, 203 Duncan St, Ashland, VA 23005 Bring a dish for the pot luck dinner! Voting for the 2017 officers and on the turnout photos taken at the fun day for our calendar. We look forward to seeing you – bring a friend!	JRDA Sponsored
10-12 Nov	Peter Tisher Clinic at Katydid Farm – Open to all horses, ponies and VSE. 2 Days of Dressage, 1 day of Hazards and Cones Clinic. For more information, contact Lisa Singer at 610-960-8695	Local & Regional
20 Nov (Pending Confirmation)	Sabine Hall Drive – More information to come!	JRDA Sponsored
Dec	Church Hill Drive	JRDA Sponsored
17 Dec	JRDA Christmas Party and Meeting at the home of Cheryl Childress	JRDA Sponsored
22-26 Feb 2017	2017 World Cup Four-in-Hand Final, Goteberg, Sweden	National – Int'l
20-21 May 2017	JRDA Classic ADT and ODAC with Clinic – Meadow Event Park. More information to come! Volunteers are needed! Contact Daphne if you can help. Spring_hill_house@yahoo.com	JRDA Sponsored

Classifieds & Business Cards

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on.com

Information must be submitted by the 25th of each month. Please include a photo of the item you are selling if available. For business cards, please submit a high quality image through email.

Classifieds are free to members and \$10 for non members. Classifieds will run for 3 months. Business Cards are free for members and \$15 for non members Business cards will expire after 6 months. The expiration date is shown at the end of each ad and will be removed when termed. Please re-submit your information if you would like to continue to run your ad

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