



The Scoop

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Presidents Letter

The JRDA had a wonderful day at Wayne Humphrey's farm on June 13th, driving the roads, cones and a challenging hazards course. We had a large turnout due to the Piedmont members joining us for the day. Driving was followed by a sumptuous pot luck lunch with burgers and hot dogs provided by Wayne and his son.

A meeting for the ADT was held at the home of Daphne and Tom Lasser on June 23. Getting sponsors and volunteers were discussed. Outlining the jobs needed for the volunteers will be provided.

Last week Lou, Kyra and I went to the Bird in Hand auction. There was tons of stuff selling really cheap. Against my better judgment, I bought a jog cart. I just couldn't resist the price. The weather was nice despite threats of rain by the weather man but it poured all of the way home.

The JRDA auction is this month, July 25, at Daphne and Tom Lasser's home so dig out your stuff and bring it along. Bring your bathing suits too. Tom will be cooking something yummy and the rest will be potluck. Their address is: 14008 Blunts Bridge Road, Ashland, VA, 23005. Phone is 804-798-8787.

See you there.

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JRDA Treasurers Report
June 2015

	<u>5,184.12</u>
Income	June
2015 membership	60.00
Total Income	<u>60.00</u>
Expense	
Newsletter	(28.68)
Fun days/pleasure drives	(14.75)
Total Expenses	<u>(43.43)</u>
	<u>5,200.69</u>



Please Note!

The JRDA website has a new login and password for the "Members Only" section of the website. Each member was sent an email with the new information. If you did not receive it, please email Lynn Legg at lmlegg@vcu.edu and she will send it to you privately.

Calling all Volunteers

If you have been so gracious and given of your time to JRDA as a volunteer in the past, we want to extend a special invitation to attend our Annual JRDA Picnic/Auction/Meeting to be held on July 25th to enjoy some live entertainment and reconnect with club members. If you are receiving this newsletter and know of former volunteers, please be sure and let them know that we want to have them there and to rsvp for the event by July 22nd to spring_hill_house@yahoo.com or call 804-798-8787.



Annual Club Auction Meeting and Potluck Picnic

Will be held Saturday, July 25th at 1pm at the home of Tom and Daphne Lasser. Come swim early, eat around 1, attend the meeting and shop your heart out at the auction!

Main course and drinks will be provided - bring a side dish or dessert to share. Oh, and bring a friend, a chair and your checkbook!

Please think about what you might like to donate to the annual club auction. What you bring does not have to be horse related. We have a draft policy that the club will be voting on that will allow items (over \$100) to be sold with a 10% donation to the club).

Please RSVP by July 22nd. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Daphne



Glen Willow Summer Clinic July 24-26

Janelle Marshall will be at Glen Willow July 24-26 for a weekend of learning fun. The clinic will offer participants the option to school the hazards under Janelle's educated eye. There will also be cones and dressage clinic options if there is enough interest. Similar to last years very successful clinic, participants will be paired with other drivers and equines of similar skill level.

Clinician: Janelle Marshall

Janelle Marshall is originally from Southern Australia and came to the United States in 2003, where she now resides in Aiken South Carolina. She started competing in driving at age 12 and has several Australian championship titles. She has represented Australia in two Pony World Championships, most recently in 2013 and in 2014 she was a member of the Australian World Singles Horse Championship Team.

Janelle has experience with a variety of horse and pony breeds and combinations, including singles, pairs and tandems. In the past she has most notably been seen with her Connemara Pony 'Johnny' competing at shows along the east coast, and was the 2010 USEF Reserve National Single Pony Champion with him.

Janelle is an enthusiastic and friendly teacher who enjoys sharing her knowledge with her students. She understands the importance of furthering ones education and trains with other top drivers, like Koos de Ronde and Thorsten Zarembowicz.



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CROSS PLAINS, Wis. (June 1, 2015) — ADS-recognized competition information is now available for download as free eBook for mobile devices and tablets.

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Once the eBook is downloaded, it can be accessed without a cell signal or an internet connection. Changes will be made regularly and users should make sure to check the ADS website for last minute changes to competitions. In the near future, the eBook version of the Omnibus will be available on iTunes (and will include automatic updates!). Stay tuned for updates and even more features as this new tool evolves from Beta testing.

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Omnibus information is available in three formats. 1) eBook - available for free download. 2) ADS website – click "Omnibus". 3) Print - available for purchase, order by October 1 (Jan-June competitions) and April 1 (July-December competitions). Please direct questions to Maria Woldt, ADS Staff at maria.mcginis@americandrivingsociety.org



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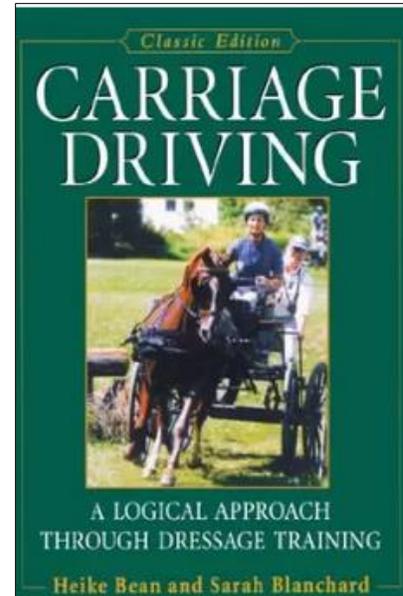
Submitted by Lynn Legg (This is not her personal review)

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"Dressage Training" was the first book I bought when I started getting interested in driving, before I even started taking lessons. It is an excellent book, and is still one of my favorite driving books. Anyone starting out in driving should get this book, and I'm sure even seasoned whips would get a lot out of it.



This book starts at the very beginning and takes you through understanding your horse as a herd animal and prey animal, and how your horse's gender and living conditions can influence its behavior as well as acceptance of, and cooperation with, the trainer.

Equine mechanics are covered, with a discussion of conformation's influence on the horse's ability to pull a load, and how proper training will develop the appropriate muscles to allow true collection and pulling power. Conformation of the neck, the throat, the poll and angle of the head to the neck, the back, the loin and croup, the shoulders, the legs and the feet are all discussed as they relate to the driving horse.

Choosing the right bit, harness and carriage for your horse are all discussed. From there we move on to basic ground training, and pre-hitching training. This section on preparing your young horse to be trained as a driving horse is worth the price of the book alone. If every young horse had the benefit of this type of training following the procedure outlined, slowly and step-by-step, they would have a strong foundation on which to proceed in life as either a riding or driving horse.

Further topics are covered, such as handling the reins, lateral and longitudinal bend, transitions, impulsion, straightness and collection, which are very advanced topics. This is a good book with an engaging writing style, in which the authors' obvious respect for the horse, and love for driving, comes through. Check out the book author's website for more information, including missing chapters from the original manuscript, at www.heikebean.com. You can purchase this book on www.Amazon.com for about \$13.

Calendar of Events

11 July	Saturday, 9am-4pm, NEW FORMAT: MLMDC GAMES DAY , Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. This is an open event. Fees and program TBD. Contact Anne Councill, acbirchhollow442@gmail.com , 717-993-8956.	
25 July	JRDA Annual Auction and Swim Party – Daphne and Tom Lasser 11 AM.	JRDA Sponsored
29 Aug	Show Committee and JRDA Club Meeting	JRDA Sponsored
11-13 Sept	Villa Louis Carriage Classic – Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin , ADS Pleasure Driving Competition- held on the lawn of the Villa Louis Historic Site. Contact Mike Rider – info@carriageclassic.com or go to www.carriageclassic.com or call 608-326-4436	
12 Sept	JRDA Drive at Pocahontas State Park and JRDA Club Meeting. 10 AM	JRDA Sponsored
20 Sept	Sunday, MLMDC PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW, 33rd ANNIVERSARY , Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA, Contact organizer Anne Councill, acbirchhollow442@gmail.com , 717-993-8956 or secretary Pam Schneider, 717-776-9748.	
10 Oct	JRDA Cones Rally Show – Ruqus Farm 10 AM	JRDA Sponsored
7 Nov	JRDA Officer Elections Meeting	JRDA Sponsored
22 Nov	JRDA Sabine Hall Drive 10 AM	JRDA Sponsored
12 Dec	JRDA Christmas Party – 6 PM	JRDA Sponsored
13 Dec	Church Hill Drive, Chimborazo Park, Richmond, VA 1 PM	JRDA Sponsored
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