



Greetings, members & friends of JRDA! We hope this finds you, your families, & your animals all healthy & well! In keeping with recent interest in issuing both a hard copy & digital newsletter. While 2020 is clearly going to be a year for each of us individually to work on our skills, and to drive recreationally, we look forward to the time when meetings, competitions and clinics will resume.



Given the abrupt & prolonged halt to our scheduled activities for 2020, JRDA would like to **extend all paid 2020 memberships through 2021**, at no additional charge. This change will require a vote, & we ask you to participate in **this poll** before June 20th.

Sales of JRDA club items such as polos, t-shirts, vests, & hats, will resume toward the end of the summer. Thanks to those who already placed orders – unfortunately it will be necessary to submit your orders again when the sale site re-opens, our apologies! Watch this space for a notice & web links. We plan on offering the same variety of styles & colors.



We'd also like to solicit your ideas for **possible educational topics to be shared via Zoom videos**. We'll be sure to provide links & instructions on using this technology. Please **submit your ideas for topics** via this survey poll. Results will be compiled & announced in the newsletter, & on the FB and web pages.



Please join us in welcoming new
JRDA member
Pam Kister of Gettysburg, PA !!

While we aren't gathering & sharing as often as we used to, we still like to see each other's hitches! Please **submit any photos (along with captions) of yourselves driving**, that you'd like to share, both on our FB page & via e-mail (see address above) for inclusion in future newsletters! Show us how you've been staying busy, & in training, while social distancing!



As is the case on our web & FB pages, the newsletter offers no-charge advertising to paid members, of driving lessons, training, equipment, equines, & vehicles. Please **contact us via e-mail to submit photos & descriptions for inclusion in future issues**. Advertising is also available to non-members for a small charge.

Follow us – contact us – submit ideas & recommendations!

on the web: www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.org

on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/jrdadriving/>

e-mail: jamesriverdrivingassociation@gmail.com

Don't forget about our **Bit Lending Library project !!**
See details & pictures/descriptions at this link.

Virginia is moving forward with state-designated opening stages, & we realize that many of you are interested in exploring opportunities to drive off-site.

Please see the opportunities below, & **submit any information that you have about additional options**, via e-mail or FB message! We'll add them to the July edition!

PICNIC DRIVE, Saturday, July 18 (rain date July 25th) - Pocahontas State Park, Powhatan

Contact JRDA to RSVP. Participants must adhere to state protocols re group gathering at time of event, including maximum # of people. We'll schedule a 2nd drive if necessary to accommodate all interested.



HARLEQUIN FARM **Hillsboro, VA**

Contact:

Paula Bliss; please see the [Harlequin Farm FB page](#) for map, contact information, & messaging to schedule times

OPEN SCHOOLING DATES May 30 & 31.

- Full numbered cones course, dressage ring and marked, decorated obstacles will be available for schooling by appointment.
- Facility will adhere to current virus protocol. \$30 per turnout.

RALLIES RALLIES RALLIES !!!

- June 13th rain date 14th
- July 11th rain date 12th
- August 15th rain date 16th

STAFFORD CARRIAGE DRIVING **Franklinville, NJ**

July 11 Trailer-in Lesson Day & 3K Drive Around Farm
July 26, 2020 Conesapalooza
August 15 Obstacle Driving Clinic
September 5 Social Distance Dressage Style

For fees & more information, contact
[Stafford Carriage Driving](#)
ponydriverss@aol.com

text/call 302-540-5162

See all upcoming events for ADS Mid-Atlantic Region [here](#) ... MARD is ON !!

FOCUS FORWARD DRIVING **Bremo Bluff, VA**

Contact:

Emily Langer; contact via [e-mail](#) or via [FB message](#)

For clients trailering in with their own horse for a lesson:

- Arrive to open gates and plenty of parking, because you have the space exclusively to yourself! Please bring a groom/helper with you (preferably from your household and not putting further people at risk, but no dogs, unnecessary guests, or auditors).
- Emily will meet you at the ring, with an already tacked-up and warmed-up horse. 3 arenas: dressage arena, marathon obstacles, and cones available.
- Be prepared to harness and hook your horse safely and independently. With use of a mic and headset, Emily will instruct lessons while following social distancing protocols.

For ship-in schooling, \$20/trailer:

- The show facility is available for schooling time, scheduled with Emily in advance. You MUST have an able groom/navigator with you!
- Due to Covid-19 guidelines, there will only be one trailer/visitor at a time. Safety is the primary concern, therefore to qualify for this opportunity, FFDC asks that you take an initial lesson with an FFDC horse & Emily to evaluate the safety and ability of you and your equine partner.

