

THE SCOOP



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President's Letter

What a 'Fun' time at the Fun Day. It really was good to see so many club members come out and enjoy the gorgeous day we had to play with our ponies! I especially enjoyed having both my driving horses there and having Amy drive my little guy Spec, which is short for Special Edition. I hope everyone else had as nice a time as I did. Much thanks to Lou and Dot for hosting the event.



By the time you read this, some of us from the club will have already attended the Mid Atlantic Recreational Drive at Fairhill in Maryland. I am hoping for great weather and safe driving.

As I reported at our meeting at Dot's home, the ADT committee is thrilled that we will be utilizing the Bold Ruler House at Meadow Event Park - this just takes our event to an even classier level! From the Bold Ruler House - you will be able to observe all 3 driving arenas and the warm up arena without having to go outside!

On a personal note I am very pleased to report that I will no longer be sharing my dressage arena with the chicken kennel and chicken house at our farm! This means I have full use of my dressage field all year long! There is something about having a larger relatively flat area to work on transitions and practice dressage test movements.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Friday Nov 11th at the Ashland Rescue Squad where we will have a packed agenda for you. Please also remember that dues are due prior to voting for next year's officers.

Drive Safely
~Daphne

JRDA General Business Meeting Minutes

Oct 15th, 2016 – Carriage Grove Farm

The meeting was called to order by Pres Daphne Wood-Lasser at 1:20 P.M.

There was no Treasurer's report – it will be published in the November newsletter.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Sept. meeting. Motion passed.

Daphne gave the following report regarding the 2017 ADT events.

The 3 events for the Old Dominion ADT Challenge were announced and are as follows:

Morven Park March 18th

Toad Hollow farm April 8th

James River Classic May 20th

To be eligible to place in the ODAC participants are required to show in 2 of the 3 events.

Our ADT at Meadow Event Park will utilize the historic Bold Ruler House which will offer great views of the arenas that will be used for dressage/cones and hazards.

Slate of Officers for next year was announced and additional nominees requested but none were received.

The slate is as follows:

President - Daphne Wood-Lasser

V-President - Shirley Cauley

Secretary - Lynn Legg

Treasurer - Candy Thomas

Equipment update:

Measuring sticks have been ordered

Dot has secured 4 additional walkie talkies, Cones have been ordered from Carriage Imports.

Lou to evaluate the current PA system to make a recommendation on repair versus buy since there are some replacement parts needed for the one we currently own.

For the next newsletter - Dot will provide a judging guide for turnout so that during our voting at the Nov 11th meeting on pictures, members may choose to use them for their voting selection. Members were reminded that the next meeting would be held at the Ashland Rescue Squad building.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting Secretary
Tom Lasser



Treasurers Report as of 10/15/16		
Checkbook balance	9/11/2016	\$ 6,756.77
Income:		
2016 Membership		15.00
Total Income		15.00
Expense:		
Equipment		(112.89)
2017 ADT		(100.00)
Total Expense		(212.89)
Ending checkbook balance	10/15/2016	\$ 6,558.88
Submitted by Candy Thomas, Treasurer		

Pictures from the JRDA Fun Day



Horse Words

Submitted by Candy Thomas

I have a long commute to work so I enjoy listening to books on CD. I recently became hooked on the series “A Song of Ice and Fire”. The HBO series “Game of Thrones” is based on these books and I have to say the books are so MUCH better than the show. As I listened I realized that they were referring to horses based on their use or type. Being the educated horse person that I am I was surprised that I had never heard these words before so I did what my Mom taught me to do, I looked them up.

Here they are:

* Destrier- a war horse.

* Palfrey – a riding horse as distinguished from a war horse, a saddle horse particularly suitable for a woman to ride.

* Courser - A courser is a swift and strong horse, frequently used during the Middle Ages as a warhorse. It was ridden by knights and men-at-arms. Coursers are commonly believed to be named for their running gait. However, the word possibly derived from the Italian corsiero, meaning 'battle horse'. The courser was more common than the destrier, and preferred for hard battle as they were light, fast and strong. They were valuable horses, but less expensive than the highly prized destrier. Coursers were also used for hunting.

* Dray – a large strong horse used to pull heavy loads. A draft horse.

* Garron or Garran- from Gaelic gearran, is a type of a small sturdy horse or pony. The term occurs in Scotland and in Ireland, and generally refers to an undersized beast. In Scotland, a garron is one of the types of Highland pony. It is the larger, heavier type bred on the mainland. The isles' type of Highland pony is generally smaller and slightly finer, but still within the breed standard. There is less difference today than there once was between these two types.

Which one would describe your horse?

Please remember to turn in your membership renewal/application included in this newsletter prior to our meeting on Nov 11th so you can participate in our Officers Election and all the club activities coming in 2017!

The next JRDA Club Meeting is scheduled for Nov 11th at the Ashland Volunteer Rescue Squad. Begins at 6 PM, Bring a dish to share for the potluck.

Agenda Items Include:

- Voting on new club officers
- Voting on best turnout to be included in the JRDA 2017 Calendar. Bring your best turnout picture to the meeting! (see Dot's "How To Judge A Turnout" below)

If you want to nominate someone or be included in the slate of officers, contact Tom Lasser at 804-798-8787

If you have questions about the photo contest, contact Sarah Vogeley at newforestfarm@icloud.com

How to Judge a Turnout

By Dot Ruqus

First, look at the overall picture - does the horse/carriage/driver look proportioned? Is the horse the correct type for the carriage - too heavy for a light carriage or does it look like the horse will struggle with a too heavy vehicle?

Second, are the colors of the carriage/horse/ driver's outfit coordinated?

Third, is the harness correct for the carriage? A light harness for a road cart or buggy, a heavier one for a Meadowbrook, gig, trap or large phaeton.

Fourth, Are the driver and passengers correctly dressed with hats, aprons, gloves (brown), and whip in hand.

Fifth, is the turnout clean and polished? Do the driver, passengers and horse look like they are having a good time?

Put this all together and it will present a pretty picture that you would like to be a part of.

Member Profile of the Month – August: **Shirley Cauley, new member as of 2016**

Shirley is from Alexandria and grew up as a barn rat at Woodlawn Stables & several other lesson barns in Northern Virginia. She attended UVA & JMU for graduate school (linguistics & public administration, respectively), lives in Charlottesville, & boards in Fluvanna County.

Her day job at the University of Virginia pays the feed bills for Otis the Amazing Wonder Pony & his sidekick Mason, a pasture-muffin rescue, plus five very urban chickens & a herd of cats. Mason is Robin to Otis' Batman, in their pony minds.

She also volunteers for Virginians for Change to Animal Legislation (VCAL), which formed as a result of the Peaceable Farms situation last fall, & assists with marketing & advertising for Carriage Imports, LLC.

What was your first driving experience?

I board in Palmyra with a dear friend, and her driving activities really piqued my interest. I had major surgery in 2012, then lost both my rescue Morgan mares the next year within a week of each other, then eventually decided both to go “pony” & to learn to drive. I accompanied friends on a couple of off-site drives, adopted Otis in January 2015, & had him started by Ray Norton that fall. On New Year's Day 2016 I drove solo for the first time, and... that was all it took!

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

Nothing competitive, but since I grew up doing barn work in exchange for lessons, & lived at one of the barns for a while, I caught rides on whatever I could – a little jumping, a lot of trails, & a handful of local shows. Driving never even crossed my mind until as an adult, I returned from a lengthy horse hiatus, since no one at any of the barns where I worked, drove.

Tell us about who you drive and what you drive.

Otis the Amazing Wonder Pony is an approximately 11-year-old 13.1 Chincoteague who was formerly a kid's pony for the children of an eventer, resulting in very good ground & handling manners. We suspect he'd been driven previously because he was completely nonplussed by our very cautious & gradual steps to ground drive & then to hitch. Otis has the occasional Napoleon complex, especially as a late-gelded pony, but he's also been very patient as I learn - especially considering I believe he has many more miles in harness than I have on the seat!

What's your favorite place to drive and why?

Since it's only been since January 2016 that I've driven solo, right now every place I drive is my favorite place to drive!

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

I haven't driven enough to have such a moment yet! Years ago a laugh out of a non-horsey friend who, upon looking into trailer hitch capacity for my new car, asked me if Happy, my 14.2 Morgan mare, weighed more than 3,000 pounds. I did not insult Happy by relaying the conversation, however!

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

First, select a trainer who both makes you comfortable & yet challenges you – not always an easy combination to find! Second, join your local driving club & attend as many events as possible, whether you drive at them or not. Third, ASK QUESTIONS. All the time. Of more than one person. Ask about different answers. Ask about similar answers. Ask anything & everything. I'm amazed at how willing to share, teach, explain, & demonstrate, everyone in the driving community has been. I find it to be a much more collaborative environment than in other disciplines, & much more welcoming of new participants.

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

I still have very few for comparison purposes, but the first time I took Otis to an off-site location (Green Springs in Louisa County) with the Nortons, & drove him through a creek & across bridges, I was deliriously happy. Obviously, it doesn't take much! And this year at the National Drive, a new friend & her pair of drafts took me through one of the water obstacles in the marathon course at the Kentucky Horse Park. I got a big kick out of doing that after having watched many competitors tackle it the previous week during the Kentucky Classic.

Where would you like to drive that you haven't yet?

Since last week, that answer has changed to anywhere at the Kentucky Horse Park!

What else is on your personal horsey bucket list?

I'm enjoying driving so much that I feel as if I've checked something off the list every time I hold the reins. But I would love to navigate at a competition, & I'm very interested in becoming an ADS TD, even if only at the lower level. As a certified geek, I really get into the technical & logistical aspects of the discipline.



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State 4-H Horse Show Update from Lisa Beckwith

State 4-H Horse Show Lisa Beckwith's Mini "The Secret Life of Samuel" who is leased by Kate Hudson was Reserve Champion in the Pleasure Driving Classics at the VA 4-H State Horse Show. She placed first in Costume as well. She chose to drive in her costume which was PacMan and the Blue Ghost.

Kate Hudson, along with Gloucester 4-H members Dakota and Caroline competed in Miniature Horse Driven Drill Team. The "Low Riders" Placed First in Driven Musical Freestyle.

State Fair Miniature Horse and Pony Show - There were 4 entries in the Pony Pleasure Driving Division. Lisa Beckwith and Janas Kernel of Independence a Sec A Welsh Stallion were Fair Pony Supreme Champions, and Kerry Childers with Lego were Fair Pony Supreme Reserve Champions. It was a very fun and WET show with inches of rain and relaxed attire... thank goodness!



Thank you to the JRDA members who came out and watched various parts of the driving shows at the fair! Your support was amazing!

Lisa Marie P Beckwith
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🌀 **SAVE THE DATES!** 🌀

Old Dominion ADT Challenge

Morven Park, Toad Hollow Farm and James River Driving Association are pleased to announce the 2017 Old Dominion ADT Challenge!

March 18, 2017, April 8, 2017, May 20, 2017

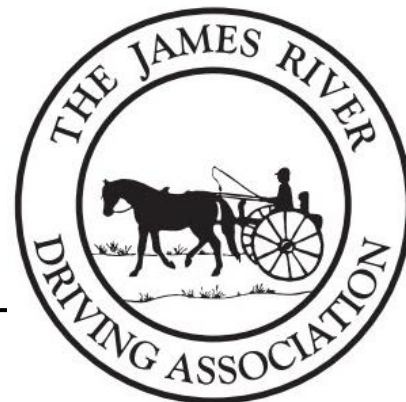
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- **Divisions/Classes:** Training, Preliminary and Intermediate - Single Horse, Single Pony, Single VSE, Multiple Horse, Multiple Pony, Multiple VSE
- **Eligibility:**
 - No additional fees are required to participate in the Challenge.
 - Competitors must enter and complete at least 2 of the 3 events without elimination or withdrawal.
 - Drivers must compete the same equine in each event in the same division.
 - The chairs reserve the right to combine levels/division if there are less than 3 equines.
- **Scoring:**
 - Old Dominion ADT challenge is awarded to the driver with the lowest combined scores from 2 of the 3 events. (the two lowest scores from a turnout that competes in all 3 ADT's will be used)
 - In the unlikely event of a tied score, ties will be broken by the lowest combined dressage scores.
 - Awards will be given to the winner of the ADT Challenge at the Training, Preliminary and Intermediate levels for all classes.
- **Event Chairs:**
 - Laura Doyle (Morven Park) – (703)777-2890 x 6614; ldoyle@morvenpark.org
 - Ann Sutherland (Toad Hollow Farm) –(434) 825-2023 toadhollow01@aol.com
 - Lynn Legg/Daphne Lasser (James River Driving Club) – (804) 212-6489; lmlegg@vcu.edu; spring_hill_house@yahoo.com



Morven Park ADT Morven Park 41793 Tutt Lane Leesburg, VA 20176 March 18, 2017	Toad Hollow Farm ADT Toad Hollow Farm 4333 Cannon Brook Way Charlottesville, VA 22901 April 8, 2017	James River Classic ADT Meadow Event Park 13111 Dawn Blvd. Doswell, VA 23047 May 21, 2017
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**THE JAMES RIVER DRIVING
ASSOCIATION**
2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Membership runs from November to November)



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: () _____ Cell () _____ Work: () _____

Email address: _____

Membership: New ____ Renewal ____ Check the appropriate box below

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Are you currently driving a horse/pony or do you have one in training? Yes ____ No ____

Would you like to be included on a list offering your assistance as: groom, navigator, etc.? Yes ____ No ____

Please list below the following information about the horse(s) / pony (ies) you are driving or riding at club functions.
(This information helps in identifying pictures)

Name	Sex	Age	Breed	Color

List below the vehicle(s) which you own, indicate modern, restored, new or original condition:

Are you currently a member of the American Driving Society? Yes ____ No ____

Are you currently a member of the Carriage Association of America? Yes ____ No ____

May we list your address on our membership list? Yes ____ No ____

Make checks payable to the James River Driving Association (JRDA).

Mail to: Lynn Legg
5713 Plaster Lane
Quinton, VA 23141

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Ad Exp 2/1



Event Calendar

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 Tischer 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
18-20 Nov	ADC Monster Mini HDT – For more information contact Nancy Tomlinson at 804-257-3032, Windsor, SC	Local & Regional
20 Nov (Pending Confirmation)	Sabine Hall Drive – Look for an email coming soon to your inbox with updated information!	JRDA Sponsored
Dec	Church Hill Drive	JRDA Sponsored
17 Dec	JRDA Christmas Party and Meeting at the home of Cheryl Childress	JRDA Sponsored
2017		
22-26 Feb	2017 World Cup Four-in-Hand Final , Goteberg, Sweden	National – Int'l
4 or 5 Mar	ADC Pleasure Show – Windsor, SC – More information to come!	Local & Regional
18 Mar	Morven Park ADT – The first of three Old Dominion ADT Challenges. To be eligible, participants are required to show in 2 of the 3 events. Leesburg, VA, Contact Laura Doyle for more information: ldoyle@morvenpark.org or call 703-777-2890	
24-26 Mar	Windsor Trace CDE – Check ADS website for updates. Windsor, SC	Local & Regional
8 Apr	Toad Hollow Farm ADT – The second of three Old Dominion ADT Challenges. To be eligible, participants are required to show in 2 of 3 events. Charlottesville, VA. Contact Ann Sutherland for more information: toadhollow01@aol.com or call 434-825-2023	

20 May	JRDA Classic ADT – The 3 rd and final Old Dominion ADT Challenge at the Meadow Event Park. Contact Lynn Legg at lmlegg@vcu.edu or 804-212-6489 or Daphne Wood-Lasser at spring_hill_house@yahoo.com Additional information available at www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.org or http://americandrivingsociety.org/	JRDA Sponsored
21 May	Driving Clinic with Lisa Singer – Meadow Event Park. For more information go to www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.org	JRDA Sponsored

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