

The Scoop



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President's Letter

I've been thinking a lot lately about this Global Warming thing. Seems, here in the South, our summer seasons are getting hotter and longer and for those Northern states, it must mean their winter seasons are getting warmer and shorter... right? With that in mind, let's all consider moving to Maine! Driving Acadia has been on my bucket list for awhile!



Just kidding of course, but what did we do before fans and air conditioning? I hope you all are taking it easy with your horse activities and not overdoing it in the heat. I feel pretty bad watching my horses stand around in the shade with sweaty damp flanks, swishing those darned flies that seem to be as prevalent this year as campaign speeches and they won't GO AWAY! At least the flies won't last till November 😊.....

A tip I heard from a friend recently – using a garden sprayer or similar hose attachment, add a little vetrolin to your sprayer and hose and scrape your horses body off at night for a refreshing shower after a long hot day hanging out at the barn, just avoid getting the mix around the head and eyes.

Next meeting we will stay inside and work on our turnouts – Dot Ruqus will be sharing her knowledge of *Turnouts that Turn Heads* during our 8/5 meeting. Bring your aprons and/or hats to get ideas and shop for new accessories that will get you noticed by the judge (in a good way)!

If you have any questions or suggestions on topics you would like to see us address during a meeting or event, please let me or any of the officers know and we will do our best to get it covered.

Meanwhile keep sipping the lemonade and stay cool.

~Daphne

ANNOUNCEMENT 

The JRDA is proud to announce that we will be releasing a new website soon!

Keep reading The Scoop and watch your email box for updates!

JRDA General Business Meeting Minutes July 9th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by President Daphne Lasser. Minutes from the last meeting were accepted by vote.

Treasurer's report was presented by Candace Thomas and accepted. Candy noted that the ADT was a profitable venture making \$753 and that Vicki Green, who was instrumental in putting together the catering for the event, donated her services and purchased much of the food, had donated both to the club instead of being reimbursed.

Volunteer Recognition Awards were given to Kyra, Lou and Dot Ruqus, and Tom Lasser for their exceptional service to the JRDA over the past year.

OLD BUSINESS

Sept. 10 or 11 will be a breakfast drive and meeting at either Bracketts Farm or Pocahontas State Park. A vote preferred Pocahontas State Park. Kathryn Daniels is the point of contact. A show of hands indicated that Sept 11 was the preferred date.

The JRDA will hold a Fun Day on 10/15 at Dot Ruqus's farm in Goochland. There will be a turnout event and photos taken that will be used in the calendar being put together by Sarah Vogeley. We will also take officer nominations at the meeting for the 2017 officers to be voted on at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Daphne has secured the Meadow Event Park for next year's ADT which will be held on May 20-21, probably in conjunction with a clinic. With Belle Grey not being involved in driving events any longer, there is an effort to find another ADT to be the third in the series of the Old Dominion ADT Challenge (ODAC). Daphne asked for volunteers to the ADT committee; Candy Thomas volunteered to handle sponsorship again and Amy agreed to handle stabling.

The profit made on the ADT was previously approved to be used to purchase, build or repair equipment. The recently formed equipment committee will put together a list of items to be purchased, most likely to include cones measuring sticks, walkie talkies, and gutters for the dressage ring. The committee will present their list at the meeting on 8/5.

The August and November meetings will be held at the Ashland Rescue Squad and the December meeting will coincide with the JRDA Christmas Party to be held at Cheryl and Dave Childress's home on December 17.

The November meeting will also, along with voting for the 2017 officers, include voting on the turnout photos taken at the fun day to be included in the calendar.

Amy Jacobsen suggested a trip to Morven Park to explore the house and museum sometime this winter as an educational event.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Check Us Out on Facebook!

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

Welcome New JRDA Member!

Katherine Cook

Don't forget to check out the new ADS website!

<http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/>



JRDA Brunch Drive at Pocahontas State Park

Sunday, Sept 11th

9 AM

Bright Hope Horse Center Parking Lot

\$7 per vehicle w/2 horses, each additional horse is \$2

Bring a dish to share for Brunch!

Contact: Kathryn at 540-894-1137 with questions!

**Member Profile of the
Month – August:**
Lynn Legg, JRDA Secretary

Lynn was born in Cleveland, OH and grew up in Medina County, a rural suburb of Cleveland. In high school she completed a technical certificate in Animal Care, Production and Management which included running a public pet shop, public dog grooming shop, and training horses that were donated to the school which included



Quarter Horses, Morgans, and Standardbreds off the track. She was an FFA member and on the Ohio State Horse Judging Team and Parliamentary Procedures team (which she draws on often when running JRDA related meetings!).

To support her horse habit she attended college to become a radiologic technologist (x-ray tech), then completed her Masters in Business Administration. For the past 21 years she has managed the VCU School of Dentistry Radiology Department, which is responsible for the radiology training of all dental and dental hygiene students as well as supervising them as they radiograph patients.

What was your first driving experience?

I had a young Morgan gelding I broke to ride. He was an uninspired driving horse so I wanted to find something he liked to do. I figured all Morgans drove, right? So I Googled driving instructors in my area and came across Shelly Temple. I had no idea what her experience was but I scheduled a beginner's lesson. I never thought I'd want to drive as long as I could ride, but not long after my first driving lesson Shelly took me to a CDE and when I saw the marathon I knew I wanted to do CDE's. That was in 2003 and I have been driving ever since.

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

As a teenager my father married a dressage instructor and I rode and showed in dressage. In high school I showed in halter and huntseat and was a member of my high school's FFA horse judging team and horse skills team. While in high school I also worked for an Arabian horse trainer/breeder and learned what I DIDN'T want to do in horses! After high school I bought my first Morgan and competed in Morgan breed classes (huntseat and halter mainly) and was introduced to driving. Once I began driving with Shelly Temple I began competing in CDEs, HDTs, ADTs, CTs, pleasure driving shows, driving clinics and driving club activities. I also have been involved in different aspects of Natural Horsemanship for the past 10 years and incorporate a lot of it in how I handle my horses every day as well as when driving. I also give lessons. I was invited to be part of the USEF Developing Driver program this year and I was awarded my Learner's Judge status with the American Driving Association last month.

Tell us about who you drive and what you drive.

I have two horses I compete; Olive, a 6-year-old paint mini that is just about ready to move up to the Preliminary level and Curry, an 18-year-old buckskin Bashkir Curly mare that is at the Intermediate level. I drive Olive in an easy-entry cart and Curry has a Glinkowski Falcon marathon carriage, Country Carriages road cart and she just got a Mill Run Phaeton that we will begin using in dressage. Shelly Temple has been my coach since I started to drive and remains my biggest influence. I also drive on occasion with Lisa Singer and Suzy Stafford, Tim Wright and most recently Josh Rector who has been teaching me to drive tandem. I take part in clinics whenever I can and have enjoyed working with Hardy Zantke, Larry Poulin, and Marco Freund. I like all phases of combined driving but find each especially fun when it is something my horse is enthusiastic about. Curry loves cones and will go out of her way to go through them, and she gets very up when she sees a hazard, which makes it a lot of fun.

What's your favorite place to drive and why?

I love the marathon course at Carolina Horse Park. The hazards are challenging and all very different. The footing, being natural sand, is always good and the stabling for events is very comfortable.

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

When I was teaching my Morgan gelding Shadoh to load on the trailer; I led him in, went out through the small escape door, and he followed me right through. His hips got stuck a little bit but he didn't panic, he just twisted himself a little and popped out.

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

Work with the best trainer you can afford (your driving education is an investment as much as going to college is), expect to work hard and long to perfect your skills, and recognize that dressage is the basic training for cones and marathon.

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

One of my happiest memories was winning dressage at the Laurels CDE with Curry, which was one of the most competitive events in the country in its time. We had been struggling with a few skills for a while and it all came together at that show.

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

Hermitage CDE in KY-I've heard the grounds are very nice.

What else is on your personal horsey bucket list?

Competing at the advanced level and going back to Europe to watch another pony World Championship.

JRDA 2016 Annual Auction Photos



**THANK
YOU**

Tom and Lou for your awesome
cooking and auctioneering
skills!

Daphne for hosting the event at
your beautiful home!

Color of Horse Hay: What Does It Mean?

By: Kentucky Equine Research Staff
Nov 16, 2016



Methods of curing and storing hay greatly influence its appropriateness for horses.

The key to properly cured hay lies predominantly in moisture content. For best results, hay should not be baled until there is less than 20% moisture. Hay baled too wet might mold, heat, and pose a fire risk. Conversely, hay baled too dry might lose its nutritional value through broken or fallen leaves. Rain is the bane of a hay harvester's existence, and it can cause extensive nutrient losses, especially to vitamins A and E, protein, and certain carbohydrates. Though the color of hay is not the end-all, be-all method for determining hay quality (that would be forage analysis by a laboratory), color is a useful indicator of nutritive value.

Green. Without question, the most desirable color of hay is bright green. Greenness indicates the hay was not subjected to any adverse conditions during curing or storage, thereby suggesting the forage is nutritious and free of molds. Green hay is often rife with carotene, a precursor to vitamin A, and vitamin E.

Yellow. If hay is yellow, there is a likelihood that it was over mature when cut or was exposed to rain during the curing process. If the hay was rained on, it is not only susceptible to leaching of nutrients but also mold proliferation, which can cause gastrointestinal and respiratory problems such as colic, coughing, or heaves. In other instances, yellowing might be due to sun-bleaching, which occurs when stored hay is exposed to direct sunlight. Sun-bleaching decreases carotene content and palatability of the discolored hay. Sun damage usually affects only the outside of bales; so much of the hay in these bales is probably salvageable.

Brown. Nutritious hay is rarely, if ever, brown. If a tobacco-like odor accompanies extremely off-colored hay, this is likely due to overheating during storage caused by excessive moisture and fungal growth. Palatability of low-quality brown hay is usually poor. Due to the predisposition to mold and unpalatability, this hay should not be fed to horses.

Not all horses require bright green, nutrient-dense hay. In fact, equine nutritionists are adamant that forage selection be based on individual needs. An overweight pony does not need to stand knee-deep in fluorescent alfalfa (Lucerne) for two-thirds of the day, and a thinnish lactating mare needs more than last year's yellowing meadow grass to keep her in milk.

Other factors also affect hay quality including plant type (grasses versus legumes), stage of maturity, leaf-to-stem ratio, and presence of mold, weeds, and other foreign material.

Classifieds

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. Seat high enough to see over 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.

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: 9/1



DRIVING LESSONS: Beginner through Intermediate; combined driving, recreational, and pleasure driving. Learn on my experienced driving horse or mini, or yours. My farm or yours \$35 per lesson (additional cost for travel time to your farm). Charles City, VA (20 minutes SE of Richmond Airport). Lynn Legg 804-229-9708 lmlegg@vcu.edu

FOR SALE: Marathon harness fits cob-horse; leather with stainless steel fittings. Like new \$750. Contact Cheryl Childress at 804-784-0001 or cpc1996@gmail.com Ad exp: 9/1

FOR SALE: 2-wheeled wooded cart. Used with a 14.1h Haflinger, it would make a nice project for someone willing to put the time into refurbishing it. I started to refurbish, but have not completed it. I've only removed the shafts and hardware/leather from the shafts, the rest of the cart is still in one piece. Nice sturdy cart, finish it your way. Asking \$275; Please contact Cristi at 804-386-9328 or email mini.reef@hotmail.com Ad exp: 9/1

FOR SALE: Black malleable iron whip holder, brand new. \$8 contact Cristi at 804-386-9328 or email mini.reef@hotmail.com can ship for an additional fee. Ad exp: 9/1



FOR SALE: Totem is a 6 year old Dartmoor gelding, standing about 12.1hh. He is registered With the Dartmoor association as well as a Virginia bred pony. He is started under saddle on the flat and over fences, and also drives. He has perfect manners and stands quietly. He is great for all the basics: bathing, clipping, farrier, and vet. He is a fantastic all around pony that could go any direction! This is a pony with a solid foundation that you will not have to send to a trainer upon purchase. Contact me at lind@vt.edu for more information and price! Ad exp: 9/1

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 804.305.2911or lind@vt.edu Ad exp: 9/1

FOR SALE: Polish Zapo marathon vehicle for cob or horse- Picture of it with a 14.3hh cob. The shafts are adjustable, so they can go longer. Recently replaced all the lubrication zircs and checked out mechanically. It has dual brake pedal front and rear brakes. Driver has a sliding seat which can either be centered for competition, or slid over to allow a second person to sit alongside. \$3400 Please call 804-784-0001 or email cpc1996@gmail.com.

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Event Calendar

3-7 Aug	2016 FEI World Driving Championships for Singles and Para-Equestrian Singles Driving – Austria	National – Int'l
5 Aug	JRDA Monthly Meeting – 6 PM Ashland Rescue Squad, 203 Duncan St, Ashland, VA 23005 Bring a dish for the pot luck dinner. We look forward to seeing you – bring a friend! Dot Ruqus to speak on “Turnouts that Turn Heads”, Kathryn and Karin will share their goods and work with members to accessorize their turnouts. Prepare for the Turnout Photo Contest and Club Calendar production effort for the fall!	JRDA Sponsored
31 Aug	2016 FEI World Driving Championships, Four-in-Hand , Netherlands	National – Int'l
2-4 Sept	Fair Hill Combined Driving Event – ADS Recognized CDE sponsored by Glen Willow. For more details, go to www.americandrivingsociety.org or contact Anne Pringle at 910-691-7735 or email annpringles54@gmail.com	Local & Regional
11 Sept	Pocahontas State Park – Brunch Drive and Monthly Meeting. 9 AM at Bright Hope Horse Center Parking Lot. \$7 per vehicle for two horses. Additional horses are \$2 each. Mostly dirt trails, some gravel. Please bring a dish to share for brunch. For directions use Google maps for Pocahontas State Park, it's located off Beach Road off route 10 near the Chesterfield Courthouse. Contact Kathryn for more information: 540-894-1137	JRDA Sponsored
22 – 25 Sept	ADS Annual Meeting at Southern Pines – For more information go to: http://americandrivingsociety.org/AboutUs/Meetings.aspx	Local & Regional
30 Sept – 2 Oct	CT/HDT at the Carolina Horse Park – Last leg of the Cross Carolina HDT Challenge. We are offering everything from Training to Advanced for the Combined Test of Friday, Training through Intermediate for the HDT. We will also offer a Limit Training division. VSEs welcome. For further information please check the horse park website at www.carolinahorsepark.com . Click on Events, then Driving.	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 dotrug@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
4 Nov (tentative)	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
12 Nov	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
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

Join us for fun prizes, good food and helpful tips.

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Thursday, August 11, 2016, starting at 6:30 p.m.
Food provided. Door prizes.

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