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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC.

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## DDC ONLINE NEWSLETTER



### DDC MEMBERS AT 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Above: President Donna Crossman presented outgoing vice-president Sharon Makurat with a gift basket from the DDC Board. Below: DDC members enjoy food and conversation at the annual meeting.

**What's Inside:** Annual Meeting Minutes, Message from our President, New DDC Website, Coachman is Online, Midwest Distance Driving Conference, Changes to Bylaws and Fees, 2009 DDC Board members and officers, 2009 DDC Pleasure Drives, Sheri Haviza Story, Hickory Knoll News, Letter from Three Gaits, Letter Regarding Good Neighbor Trail, DDC Board Minutes, Membership form, DDC Business Backers, Classified Ads and more.

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT COACHMAN: APRIL 28, 2009.

Send your articles, photographs and ads to Jane Licht's email: [jlicht@sprynet.com](mailto:jlicht@sprynet.com), or her home at 2965 County Rd AB, McFarland WI 53558.

## **DDC Annual Meeting—January 25, 2009 McFarland Municipal Building**

President Donna Crossman opened the meeting at 5:55 p.m. She welcomed everyone who came and introduced current board members. First, she introduced Sharon Makerat, and presented her with a gift basket from the board for her work, since Sharon will be leaving the board. Donna also stated that there is a gift basket for Marilyn Radtke who will be leaving the board also. Marilyn was absent, and Donna will get her gift basket to her. The rest of the board was introduced. Loren Gettelman asked for members to look at the photo albums and identify yourself in any of the photos.

Donna read the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Marilyn Radtke: Checking \$79.30

NCDCA Escrow money: \$451.66

Total Checking / Savings: \$530.96

Certificates of Deposit: \$8720.96

Total Assets as of 12/31/2008: 9251.92

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Roger Houk, Sharon Makurat 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

Historian – Loren reported that he will be getting new archival slipcase binders after the checkbook is in better shape. Jennifer Thompson offered to donate binders.

Trail Drives – Roger Houk reported about last year's drives. Old World drive was the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May, and will be again this year. Members should let the drive committee know about other places to hold drives. They are trying to keep drives centrally located to the membership.

Newsletter – Jane Licht reported that the newsletter went from six editions to four; she recognized "business backers" for the newsletter and website. She stated that classifieds generated lots of interest. Please let her know if you sell an item so that she can take your item off the website. There were articles on each of the past and current board members in the issues this year. She thanked other contributors to the newsletter. Each edition costs about \$300 to print. The board is looking at going to an electronic format with the newsletter. Jane Licht moved that the newsletter be sent electronically to members that can receive it that way. Betsy Freiburger 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a question as to whether or not the issues will be four or six. Sheri Haviza moved through a Friendly Amendment that the members get a free email newsletter, and those that do not have email will receive the newsletter at no cost. It is the responsibility of the member to request a mailed newsletter to Jane Licht, if they have email. MC

Website – Jane Licht recognized former webmasters Skip Maletske and Julia Buchberger. Jane's son-in-law, Shaun Wilson, has helped her set up the new website. We have redone the website to offer password protection and payment options. There is a lot on the website.

Bylaws – there were copies on the table available. Jane Licht explained the proposed changes to the bylaws, including Guest Members, who would not be able to drive at a DDC event. Jane Licht also explained the Family Memberships. Jane Licht moved that bylaws be accepted as presented, Chet Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>. Myrna Rhinehart asked as to the challenges of the language of "two adult partners" instead of two spouses in Family Memberships. Wes Licht called the question. MC with the opposition of one.

Bylaws – fee structure. Jane Licht moved that the proposed fee schedule be approved. Teri Dehlke 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a question as to why the club is raising its fees. Donna explained that the events that have been sponsored have been educational in nature. Sharon explained that the only fees that have been proposed to be raised were \$5 to the family memberships. There were quite a few members that were concerned that since the newsletter was approved to be sent via email, the cost for that would go down considerably.

Marge moved to amended that the fee structure be as follows: \$20 family, \$18 individual, \$10 junior, \$5 guest, Betsy Freiburger 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC through show of hands of fee restructure as amended. MC for whole fee structure approval as amended.

Jane Licht – talked about on-line horse show available. Flyers were available. [www.morab.com](http://www.morab.com)

Trail Passes – Jean Warrior talked about the trail passes available at the meeting.

YDC – Myrna Rhinehart presented what the committee has been working on so far and the details involved. (For more information, see the Nov. 08 issue of The Coachman newsletter). Volunteer forms were distributed to whoever wanted one, as well as youth application forms.

American Driving Society – Susie Koos-Acker thanked Bob and Mary Hathaway for help in the office. She announced that Wisconsin driver Valerie Dingman was the 2008 North American Pleasure Driving Junior Champion. She receives a \$750 scholarship to go to a YDC, and will be invited to the Big Sky Young Drivers Camp. Wisconsin is within the top five for number of ADS memberships.

Midwest Horse Fair – April 17-19, 2009. Marge Gettelman asked for people to please sign up to work in the DDC booth start at 9:00 a.m. everyday of the Horse Fair. There were eight new memberships collected last year and others that renewed their memberships at the booth. They are having a more educational theme for the booth, and she needs three mannequins of a man, woman, child. She would like to demonstrate proper driving attire.

John Freiburger, Midwest Region ADS director, reported on the following:

Hickory Knoll newsletter will be resurrected. Anyone interested needs to send a new email to John.

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There will be a driving clinic in Hampshire, IL on Sat. April 4 by the Fox Valley Saddle Club.

Midwest Driving Conference – John Greenall will be there. Awaiting confirmation from Shelly Temple. Also Wes Licht, Mary Ruth Marks, Theresa Burns, and Debbie Bevan will help.

Plans are being made for a Driven Dressage/Cones Clinic – Participants will judge dressage and be judged.

Hickory Knoll CDE in Fitchburg, WI, on July 18-19 – adding VSE Prelim division and a Volunteers' party and luncheon this year.

Fox Valley Saddle Club will host a new Pleasure Driving Show Aug. 23 in Hampshire, IL at their show grounds.

Harvest Moon Carriage Classic will move to Mason City, IA this year. Other shows in the area are the Columbus Carriage Classic and the Metamora CDE both on Father's Day weekend. (Edited to add the Skunk River HDT in Ames, IA on July 27-28, the Metamora Carriage Pleasure Driving show on July 3-4, and the Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Prairie du Chien on Sept. 11-13.)



## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DONNA CROSSMAN

Welcome to Dairyland Driving Club's 26<sup>th</sup> year!! This year promises to be a very busy year, filled with new challenges, new projects and many opportunities for driving. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Nancy Nelson and Sheri Haviza to our Board of Directors; they will bring a wealth of information and experience to our meetings. Thanks again to Marilyn Radtke and Sharon Makurat for your years of dedication to DDC.

**CLINICS:** As you may have heard, the Spring Safety Clinic will not be held this year. For many years members the board have wanted to provide an opportunity to focus on an educational youth event; this year we've joined forces with the ADS and will hold a Young Driver's Camp in June. We have an excellent committee working on this project and will need more volunteers for the event. (More information about the camp is on the web-site.)

Frequently we've been asked to have a clinic available to members that goes beyond the beginning stages of driving; we've listened to your request and are making plans for 2010. The Spring Safety Driving Clinic will return in 2011.

**NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE:** Our newsletter will now be published electronically and accessible from the DDC web site (much like the ADS newsletter). If you do not have internet access, it will be your responsibility to contact Jane Licht to continue receiving a hard copy. A current membership directory will also be available on the web-site. Both the newsletter and membership directory will be password protected; only registered DDC members will be able to access this information. When you renew your membership, please make sure that we have your current email address – we don't want you to miss anything!! **THINK SPRING!**

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ADS Hours to Drive Program – was quite successful. 12 people participated.

USEF affiliates – more breed groups are interested in pleasure driving, and looking for people interested in helping the liaison between the breed groups and ADS.

ADS gives free memberships – May, buyer discount program. Recreational driving focus.

ADS is working on getting arrangements made for the World Equestrian Games in 2010 in Kentucky. You must volunteer at the 2009 Lexington CDE if you want to be considered for volunteering at the 2010 WEG. [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org)

Marti Phillips moved that the DDC Annual Meeting be moved up to 1:00 p.m. or so. Steve Wassum 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

Bob Bean announced about the Houston Sleigh Rally where they gave free rides in downtown Cottage Grove. They will probably do it again next year.

Wes Licht – told of a letter he received from Sandra Faust at Three Gaits. She completed NARHA Training and has started therapeutic driving training at Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship Center in Stoughton. Wes Licht talked about Distance Driving. April 25 is the Iron Oak Clinic and Novice Drive at Black Hawk Ridge. For more information, go to [www.midwestdistancedriving.org](http://www.midwestdistancedriving.org)

Voting took place on printed paper ballots before and during the meeting. The results of voting were announced – Sheri Haviza and Nancy Nelson are new board members. The rest of the board is returning. Teri Dehlke moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Rhinehart, MC

Respectfully submitted, Myrna Rhinehart, Secretary



## NEW LOOK FOR OUR DDC WEBSITE

Our newly designed DDC website offers rotating photos from last year's drives and lots more features. You can sign up for an account and get a password so that you can read the Coachman newsletters anytime, and you can access the DDC Member Directory. The new site has a "Primary Links Menu" across the top that are items that do not change very often. The "Explore" menu is along the right side and offers these topics: Pleasure Drives, Members Out and About, Midwest Horse Fair, Classifieds, Annual Meeting, Clinics, Favorite Links, and Services Offered. Also on the right side below the Explore menu are the Notices of coming events. You may send photos of your items for sale along with your classified ad to Jane at [jlicht@sprynet.com](mailto:jlicht@sprynet.com) Be sure to keep checking the Classified when you need some horse-related item and Services Offered when you need help. Thanks to Shaun Wilson of [Novovox](http://Novovox) for his assistance with the website.

## MIDWEST DRIVING CONFERENCE

By John Freiburger

The Hickory Knoll Fund will sponsor the second Midwest Driving Conference on May 2 and 3, 2009. The event is held in Fitchburg Wisconsin on the Frostwood and Hickory Knoll Farms. The combined farms provide a conference center, an all weather outdoor arena, a polo field and an indoor arena for educational and competitive events.

The goal is to offer driving information for the beginning and intermediate level driver. The program is aimed at recreational, distance and competitive driving. The conference is supported by the American Driving Society and is an official ADS Midwest Regional event. It is open to ADS members and non-members alike. Special information for young drivers regarding youth focused educational programs will be available as will information for disabled drivers. US Driving for the Disabled will have a representative at the conference.

Fitchburg is a mostly rural city abutting the south side of Madison. Numerous hotels are within ten minutes of the conference site. Fitchburg also has a wide variety of restaurants for evening meals. Lunches and morning coffee will be served at the meetings to give attendees an opportunity to socialize and talk to the clinicians one on one.

The Conference uses Wisconsin talent to teach some of the classes, but imports clinicians from afar to provide special perspective and knowledge.



John Greenall gave a presentation on proper driving attire at the 2008 Midwest Driving Conference and will do so again this year.

John Greenall of Vermont is one of the foremost experts on turnout in the United States for Pleasure, Dressage or Cones competitions. His slide show is both informative and entertaining. He has studied the history of pleasure driving and as an ADS judge, knows what is considered 'good form' in the ring today. If you are thinking of driving in shows, parades or historical events, you will learn a great deal from John. John will also be commenting of our famous, or infamous, style show on Sunday morning. Who will be judged the worst dress driver in the Mid-west? You'll get to meet him or her at the conference.

Rochelle Temple comes from Virginia. She is a ADS judge and an Advanced Level competitor in Combined Events. Her specialty is driven dressage and Shelly will provide both a video assisted lecture and in the ring commentary regarding training, driving and judging the dressage horse.

Mary Ruth Marks has produced two driving videos. She will review what you need to know when starting your young horses safely and effectively. She is a well-known CDE driver and ADS judge. She, Greenall and Temple will team up for the Head Start for CDEs portion of the program.



Mary Ruth Marks demonstrates dressage movements with her young stallion at the 2008 Midwest Driving Conference.

Therese Burns competes in CDEs and has twice been a distance-driving champion. She has worked with Doc Hamill and will discuss her low resistance training techniques and how to condition for strength and endurance. She will be available for consultations. Joining her will be Wes Licht of the Midwest Distance Drivers Association for a discussion of the benefits and pleasures of distance driving.

Marks and Debbie Bevan, an ADS licensed Technical Delegate, will offer a course on starting the driving horse. Debbie is known for her safe training methods and attention to detail in the early training of horses. Various line driving techniques will be discussed.

Additional information can be found at [www.hickoryknoll.net](http://www.hickoryknoll.net) or by emailing John Freiburger at [frei@chorus.net](mailto:frei@chorus.net).

### COACHMAN IS ONLINE AND IN COLOR

This is the first edition that the Coachman is online and in full color. We hope you enjoy it. Publishing and mailing the Coachman has long been our most expensive activity and our costs for this will be greatly reduced. Plus, you can copy, download or print at your convenience. And you will always know where to find your copy of the Coachman because it will be available from the DDC website.

## CHANGES TO FEES AND BYLAWS AT DDC ANNUAL MEETING

Despite frigid temperatures, approximately 80 Dairyland Driving Club, Inc. (DDC) members attended the Annual Meeting at the McFarland Municipal Building in McFarland, Wisconsin, on January 25, 2009. As usual, there was a good deal of socializing with members greeting new members and renewing long-term friendships. The silent auction attracted interesting artifacts, some horse-related and others not, and the auction table was a buzz with bidders all afternoon until the auction was declared closed by DDC President Donna Crossman. The pot-luck supper was especially well-balanced with great hot dishes, salads and desserts that were much appreciated and enjoyed by the members.

Donna Crossman recognized Sharon Makurat who was leaving the board of directors after many years of service. Sharon had served as Safety and Education Chair, Vice-President and President. Donna gave Sharon a big hug and a basket filled with gifts from the board members. Sharon said she was pleased to be a member of the board for so many years and will continue to serve on the Young Drivers Camp Committee.

Marilyn Radtke is also stepping down from many years of service on the board as Treasurer. Marilyn and her husband Harry also served on the Pleasure Drives Committee. Marilyn was unable to attend the annual meeting but plans to assist in the transfer of the books to the next Treasurer. Donna will present Marilyn with a gift basket similar to the one she gave to Sharon.

At the business meeting, members voted to approve changes to the Bylaws that would create new membership categories, and they established fees for the categories. The new categories are: individual membership and guest membership. The category of family membership remains unchanged and the fee was reduced for the individual (\$18) and youth membership (\$10 - not part of a family membership). The term of office for the board of directors is now 2 years. For complete details, visit the Dairyland Driving Club [website](#) and select Bylaws from the menu.

The Dairyland Driving Club, Inc. (DDC) was organized in 1983 to promote horse-drawn carriage driving through safety and education. DDC pleasure drives at Old World Wisconsin near Eagle, and drives at various other scenic locations around Wisconsin are planned for the members each year. The Annual Meeting of members is usually held the fourth Sunday of January and attracts a good representation of the 150 member families.

### Coachman Advertizing Fees

Business card size: \$25

Quarter page ad: \$40

Half page ad: \$80

Full page ad: \$160

Non-member classifieds: \$20

Member classifieds: free

*These fees include posting to the website.*



2009 Board of Directors. L to R standing: Jane Licht (Newsletter editor & Webmaster), Loren Gettelman (Historian), Roger Houk and Tom Smiley (Pleasure Drives), Sheri Haviza (Vice President); L to R seated: Myrna Rhinehart (Secretary & Clinics), Donna Crossman (President), and Nancy Nelson (Treasurer).

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*Molly with Melinda and Therese driving a Marathon 172*

## 2009 Pleasure Drive Schedule

The major focus of the Dairyland Driving Club is to provide safe, scenic and enjoyable pleasure drives throughout the driving season. We think the following are all excellent driving opportunities. And this year, you can invite a friend to ride along in your carriage by purchasing a "guest" membership for them for \$5. This will satisfy our DDC insurance policy.

We need to remind you that the original and a copy of your 2009 Coggins Test should be brought to all sites. (President Donna Crossman will be happy to accept your copy prior to the first drive.) All Drives begin at 10:00 AM and participants are encouraged to bring picnic lunches. Drives will continue after lunch. All sites offer water and restrooms. State [trail passes](#) or county trail passes or entrance fees may be required. The common courtesy of cleaning your parking spot before leaving is expected; this includes manure. **In case of inclement weather, and for detailed directions to each site, check our DDC [website](#).**

### 1. April 26th, Sunday: Old World Wisconsin, Eagle, WI

This drive has a long tradition for Dairyland Driving Club members. Many years ago, former President Carol Pasbrig made special arrangements for our club to use the facility. Over the years, others have taken over the responsibility to host this event. Our current Old World Wisconsin hosts are Roger and Dana Houk. We are privileged to drive the many miles of scenic and safe trails within Old World Wisconsin prior to the official opening of the historic site in May.

### 2. May 17th, Sunday: Blackhawk Ridge, Sauk City, WI

Blackhawk Ridge is highly appreciated and enjoyed by members of the Dairyland Driving Club and the Midwest Distance Driving Association. The trails are wide, well-drained, and offer stretches of woods, open meadows and scenic vistas overlooking the Wisconsin River Valley. There is a huge outdoor pavilion that can be used to park trailers and put to in case of inclement weather. Everyone can get together for lunch in a log cabin complete with fireplace and tables.

### 3. August 16th, Sunday: Menomonee Park, located in the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls, WI

This is a new drive convenient for our many members in the Waukesha-Milwaukee area and surrounding counties. There is a special area dedicated for horse trailers and there are miles of horse trails in the park. We have heard good things about this park and look forward to trying it out. There is an entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle payable on site.

### 4. Sept. 12th, Sunday: Wyatt's Bunkhouse, Palmyra, WI

This drive is offered as an alternative to the Villa Louis Carriage Classic. Come on Saturday and stay overnight if you wish. **Wyatt's Bunkhouse Inn** is a 7 room motel-style [bunkhouse](#) featuring private rooms and private baths, a bunkroom with shared baths, a lounge, a breakfast room, private indoor or outdoor stalls for your horse, a 100 x 200 foot outdoor sand arena and a campfire ring and chuck wagon for evening campfires. Be sure to make reservations with Wyatt's if you do want to schedule a mini vacation. If not, just come for the day. Not every DDC member wishes to compete at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic and if that description fits you, be sure to attend this drive.

### 5. Oct. 4th, Sunday: Walking Iron, Mazomanie, WI

Walking Iron is a jewel of a park in the northwest corner of Dane County. Once you experience it, you will want to come again. The entire Dane County Parks system has an excellent reputation and caters to the many horse enthusiasts living in the county. The trails are plenty wide enough for carriages, and the park will be especially beautiful this time of year. County trail passes may be purchased at the park for \$7 daily. *Note: our very generous friends, Pat and Pete Didier have asked for a breather from the 2 weeks of trail and other maintenance it takes to prepare for the drive that we have had on their property for many years. We fully understand and thank them again for all the wonderful drives on their farm.*

Remember, detailed directions to all parks are posted at [www.dairylanddriving.com](http://www.dairylanddriving.com)



***Come join the fun!***

## SHERI HAVIZA PERSEVERES

Sheri Haviza is now serving on the Dairyland Driving Club Board of Directors. We would like to tell her story so that the members can get to know her better. Sheri was born in Chicago and raised in Indianapolis. As a tiny little girl, it was reported that one of the first statements out of her mouth was affirming her great desire for a horse. Apparently, she continued to ask for a horse for years and nearly drove her parents crazy.

Finally at the age of 13, her parents agreed to buy a well-trained Quarter horse gelding named Buck Buckaroo. Sheri and Buck did everything together, swim, collect butterflies - "he really did everything I asked of him." Sheri actually knew little about riding but Buck took good care of her and in retrospect she realized how lucky she was to have him as her first horse. Unfortunately, Buck was struck by lightning and killed along with 2 steers in the pasture where he was boarded.

Over the years, Sheri's experiences with horses have been framed with her eagerness to learn about them and enjoy working with them along with a tragic ending and sense of loss. But she learned to treasure the time she had with them and looked forward to getting to know her next horse. "Buck was the only well-trained horse I ever owned. As a youth I never took formal riding lessons. Mostly I was flying by the seat of my pants!"

As a young woman, Sheri attended Purdue University where she met Richard Haviza. He was studying landscape architecture and she majored in horticulture business management. They married after graduating and Richard landed a job as a planner for the City of Janesville in Wisconsin. Sheri got a job at a florist shop in Milton and then later in Janesville where she now works part time. Richard now serves as the City Assessor for Janesville.

At the age of 25, Sheri took her first riding lessons. She purchased "Loki" a Quarter horse mare and boarded her at a friend's house where she sliced her foot badly on a faulty water tank. Sheri really needed to keep shoes on that mare in order for her foot to heal properly but the young horse kept throwing them off. "I could not get a farrier to repeatedly put shoes back on so I went to farrier school to learn how to take care of Loki's foot." Sheri said that Dr. Dean Johanemeier, the farrier at the UW Vet School in Madison, was very helpful to her during this process.

A few years later the Havizas moved to a 10 acre farmette west of Whitewater complete with an interesting 150 year old house. This meant Sheri could keep a close eye on her horses and all the other critters that seemed to accumulate so easily. For example, while on the way to visit Loki at the UW hospital, she noticed that there was a bird show in the Dane County Coliseum. There she was introduced to the world of Parrotlets and ended up buying "Mr. Green Jeans." Since then, Sheri has raised two top Parrots in the nation. She raises Parrotlets and Lineolated Parrots and ships them all over the country. "My bird hobby actually helps subsidized my horse habit."

One winter's day Richard took Sheri to the Dean House Sleigh Rally in Monona, Wisconsin, where she enjoyed a sleigh ride with Sharon Makurat and Acorn. Immediately, Sheri decided she wanted to drive horses too. She bred Loki to a Welsh Cob named Briarian Britton, resulting in Alex whom she raised from a foal. "He was a nice big horse who took care of me," said Sheri. "Alex prepared me for better horses." After enjoying Alex for 16 wonderful years, the horse collapsed and Sheri spent 4 months trying to save him. The fact that he was misdiagnosed did not help and he died just before Labor Day in 2007.

Sheri received driving lessons from Susan Keating and she put her knowledge to use with Jax, a Welsh pony/Thoroughbred cross more challenging than Alex. Sheri also looks forward to driving Sami, her 3 year-old Morgan gelding, after he is trained.

Sheri has volunteered her time for the Hub Club as well as for various combined driving events and she loves competing in them. She also enjoys driving at home, on trails in the Kettle Moraine and the whole process of learning and improving.

Sheri also had to learn to live with the death of her beloved Maggie, a Great Pyrenees and Lab cross. But then came Emma, who was the perfect dog that lived for 13 years. Now she takes in rescue Pyrenees and spaces them so that she had 2 or 3 at a time. Buffy is 11, Greta 7

and recently Lucy, not yet a year old, has joined the motley group of animals so well cared for on the Haviza property. Other animals just show up, especially cats.

Many years ago when Richard complained about Sheri's cat she explained to him that it was a package deal. No cat, no wife. Twenty five years later the marriage is in tact so apparently all the critters are tolerable.

What advice does Sheri give to Dairyland Driving Club members new to the sport of driving? Always have safety in mind and remember that "Whoa" is the most important gait. Establish a goal and work towards it. It does not really matter if you don't quite get there because it's the love of journey and the partnership with your horse that are important, not the ribbons. Learn from everyone around you." Sheri added that her motto is, "Stay upright and have a good time!"



Sheri is competing with her horse Jax in Indiana.



Sheri and Jax enter a hazard in the marathon section of the CDE.

## HICKORY KNOLL NEWS

By John Freiburger



### Taking a Loop: Hold on. Here We Go!

We were driving home from Appleton, WI after a visit to my grandparents. Must have been the winter of 1958. I think my Dad had the old Buick at about forty miles an hour, cruising the snow-covered road. I was in the back seat with my sister when the rear of the car started to catch up to the front, sending us sideways down the middle of the highway. Dad steered into the skid and said, Hold on. Here we go! Snow

flew in clouds as the sides of the tires plowed. Then we slowed, the back end went back to the place it usually was, and I let go of the armrest and started to breathe again.

It was cold in Cincinnati and the roads were icy last weekend for the American Driving Society and US Equestrian Federation meetings. I'm on the Licensed Officials Committee, Chair the Regional Directors Committee and also ran the Marketing, Recreational Driving and Membership meetings. Full schedule. What came out of the meetings made me remember my Dad. Hold on. Here we go! There is a little too much news to tell.

### Clinics

The **Fox Valley Saddle Club** is organizing its first driving clinic to be held April 4 at its Hampstead IL site. I'm doing the clinic, which is designed for the beginning driver. We do need demonstrators for dressage and pleasure and will be running a cones course. Good chance to get your horse or pair away from home for a day. Email if you are interested in bringing a turn out, whether CDE or pleasure type. For information on how to attend contact Julie.Kneip@RyanCompanies.com

Hickory Knoll and Frostwood Farm in Fitchburg will host the Second **Midwest Driving Conference** May 2nd and 3rd. John Greenall is coming back due to popular demand. This year every one will have a chance to hear his turnout presentation. Mary Ruth Marks, Debbie Bevan, myself and either Shelly Temple or another dressage specialist will be present. Space will be limited to one hundred people. See [hickoryknoll.net](http://hickoryknoll.net) for Conference reservation forms. This event is aimed at intermediate and advancing drivers, but novices will get a great deal out of it as well.

The ADS is contemplating a **multiples clinic** at one of three locations, either in Wisconsin or northern Illinois, but not yet decided. The clinic will provide fours, tandems, pairs and a draft pair and single for two days of education. The clinic is a Licensed officials project and the target audience is ADS and USEF learners, judges and technical delegates, but spots will probably be available for ADS members as well, those who have an interest in driving multiples. Again, we will be looking for multiple volunteers with safe horses to help educate officials who lack multiple experience. August 1 and 2 are the tentative dates.

### Competitions

**Iron Horse** will not be held in 2009 but will return July 30 to August 1, 2010. The **Gayla CDE** is May 15 to 17 this year and the **Nebraska CDE** May 30 and 31. The **Columbus Carriage Classic** will again be on Fathers Day Weekend. The **Metamora CDE** continues to clash and the same problem looks to exist in

2010. The **Skunk River HDT** follows June 27 and 28. **Villa Louis CC** will be the second weekend of September, hosting the fall ADS officials' clinic. **Harvest Moon** will be held in 2009, but may move to Mason City, Iowa with a new organizing team and a September date.

The **Indiana CDE** will be held Labor Day weekend again in 2009 and September 3 to 5 in 2010. Due to the **World Equestrian Games** being held in Lexington in 2010, the **National Drive** will probably also be held at the Hoosier Horse Park. The facility may see a multi-million dollar improvement program implemented if a local hotel tax law is passed.

The **Hickory Knoll CDE** will have an international team of officials this July 18 and 19. Craig Kellogg will be President of the Jury with Sue and Kenneth Mott of Canada joining him as jury member and technical delegate. Last year entries were limited due to the monsoons whereas in 2007 we had a drought. Maybe this year it will average out. VSE's will have both Training and Preliminary open to them, as we want to encourage VSE prelim as a step towards Intermediate. We can take as many as a dozen VSEs this year; so mini drivers need to get their network humming. We have constructed a new 40 by 80 meter dressage arena and plan to start a new obstacle in the spring. Section A and D will remain the same, but E may again be lengthened. Prices remain the same for Hickory Knoll and this year grooms will be able to go out twice. Entries will be limited, so enter early. Everything should be up on [www.hickoryknoll.net](http://www.hickoryknoll.net) by February 10 when entries open.

### ADS News

The ADS will be rolling out a member's discount program in the May issue of the Whip. The program will allow significant discounts on everything from a new tractor, to paint to paper-clips for ADS members through a national program that has been available for a few years to USEF and US Polo Association members. This is part of the ADS drive to make membership more valuable for competitors and especially for recreational drivers. The driving hours program is seeking funding for awards for its second year and a national Where to Drive book is being edited.

USEF breed affiliates have requested the addition of more pleasure driving classes to breed shows. The ADS is increasing the depth and reach of its officials' education program to try to provide the breeds with competent judges. The ADS Marketing committee is instituting a breed outreach program to provide driving information to the affiliates. Clinic and educational booths are planned at breed meetings and conventions.

With this much to do in the ADS Midwest and Central Regions, I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed, but the only thing to do is steer into it and hold on. Here we go!

## Don't Be Left Out!

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, **this is your last issue of the Coachman**, your last chance to place classified ads in the Coachman and on the website, and you will not be able to attend our exceptional offering of pleasure drives this year. Don't let these terrible things happen to you. Act now! Fill out an application form and send it with your check made out to DDC (Family memberships is \$20, Single is \$18) and send to Nancy Nelson, 106 Park St., Westfield WI 53964.



## Three Gaits, Inc.

Therapeutic Horsemanship Center  
[3gaits@3gaits.org](mailto:3gaits@3gaits.org)

Dear Wes, Jane and the members of Dairyland Driving;

I am writing to update your membership on the growth and implementation of the driving program for people with disabilities here at Three Gaits. I am so pleased to announce that I became a NARHA certified driving instructor at a certification this past August in New Hampshire. Three Gaits is currently the only NARHA accredited therapeutic riding & driving program in Wisconsin, and we now look forward to sharing our knowledge and experience with other programs to expand driving opportunities for people with disabilities. I could not have gone through this process without the assistance of Dairyland Driving and the willingness of the membership to share their extensive wisdom and knowledge.

The process to get our driving program up and running took place over the past three years and had many obstacles and challenges throughout but it was all for a very good cause. Over the course of 10 weeks this fall, I was able to start teaching 2 students at Three Gaits! It was still a learning experience for me, our Fjord mare, Nora, our volunteers as well as the students. We all worked hard to make driving successful and fun for the new drivers. I have permission from our students to include their pictures from our fall session - you are welcome to share the photos with your membership. Both of the students pictured had difficulty adapting to the movement of a horse while mounted but love being involved with horses. It was wonderful to be able to offer an alternate way for them to be involved with horses where they could be this successful.

The goal for Three Gaits' driving program in 2009 is to continue to offer driving throughout the spring, summer and fall sessions. I hope to expand with another horse and cart in the future, but the current economic situation dictates that expansion plans be put on hold until we are certain that a larger driving program is sustainable.

We are grateful for all Dairyland Driving and its members have done to support our driving program, and would appreciate your consideration of continuing your support. For the first time in many years, the quantity of requests for scholarships has exceeded our scholarship availability. We would love to begin a fund specifically for scholarships for drivers, with support from Dairyland Driving. Please feel free to contact me at Three Gaits, or by personal e-mail ([wbuschma@tds.net](mailto:wbuschma@tds.net)). I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Again, thank you for your support of driving at Three Gaits.

Sincerely,

Sandra Faust  
 Three Gaits' NARHA Certified Driving Instructor



A student at Three Gaits is holding one set of reins while Sandra Faust (R) holds the whip and a second set of reins to drive Nora.

### LETTER SUPPORTING GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAIL

February 25, 2009

JSD Professional Services, Inc.  
 161 Horizon Dr, Suite 101  
 Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Dear Ms. Sarah Lerner,

On behalf of the Dairyland Driving Club, DDC, and its membership, we welcome the prospect of the Good Neighbor Trail.

For over twenty-five years, the focus of the DDC has been to foster education and safety in the sport of driving equine of all breeds. The nucleus of our members are located in the greater Madison area. The Club coordinates driving activities throughout the state and will be hosting our October, 2009 event at Walking Iron in Mazomanie.

We are excited by the proposed Good Neighbor Trail which will offer a scenic route to be shared with other outdoor enthusiasts.

We pledge our support and wish to express our gratitude for the combined efforts of the Wisconsin State Horse Council, the American Driving Society, the Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association and surrounding communities in promoting this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Roger Houk  
 Director of Safety and Events Coordinator

Want to gain online access to this newsletter? Make sure we have your email address. We will send instructions on how to establish your password so that you can gain access to the [Coachman](#) and the Member Directory anytime you wish. Contact Jane Licht about this, [jlicht@sprynet.com](mailto:jlicht@sprynet.com) or phone 608-838-8178.

**DDC Board of Directors Meeting**

March 3, 2009— Licht residence

Board members present: Donna Crossman, Loren Gettelman, Sheri Haviza, Roger Houk, Jane Licht, Nancy Nelson, Myrna Rhinehart, Tom Smiley.

Meeting was called to order by President Donna Crossman at 7:25 p.m. Donna welcomed new board members Sheri Haviza and Nancy Nelson.

Nancy gave the Treasurer’s Report. She just received the Treasurer’s materials from outgoing Treasurer, Marilyn Radtke. \$1596 was deposited, which consisted of dues, proceeds from the silent auction, guest memberships, and sales of anniversary pins and a safety manual. We need to send in \$60 for ADS club dues renewal. We also need to get our insurance renewal sent in. Roger Houk moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Tom Smiley 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Secretary’s Report: Jane told of her addition to the Feb. meeting minutes to include the website fees. Jane Licht moved to approve the amended board minutes and annual meeting minutes, Sheri Haviza 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

**Old Business:**

Newsletter/Website: Jane Licht reported that she has completed sidebar updates, including notice of Young Drivers Camp committee meetings and updated classifieds. She updated 2009 Board members, updated other 2008 pages for 2009. She hadn’t put in trail drives, since they hadn’t been approved yet. She got an updated e-mail list and set up passwords for E-Newsletter and Web directory. The website should include a disclaimer so that members do not spam other members with advertisements, et al. The newsletter is ready to go. She needs a Young Drivers Camp article, and Jane is finishing the Sheri Haviza article and Donna’s President letter. The issue will include Annual meeting minutes, new DDC website, the Coachman online, bylaws and fees, pleasure drives, and other items. We need to see if we can fit the Three Gaits thank you in the newsletter.

Midwest Horse Fair booth: Contract has been signed and mailed, and fees have been paid. Loren reported that Marge is getting volunteers. The theme this year is proper driving attire. Booth number is Non Profit 12 in the Coliseum.

Young Drivers Camp – Plans are progressing with an active committee. We have received about 8 inquiries for information from kids and parents. We could use a few more host families. Volunteers for the weekend are necessary for a number of different jobs. Loren will be available to help. Smileys can host two kids.

**New Business:**

Drives: Roger presented a tentative schedule. Two of the drives have

been confirmed: April 26<sup>th</sup> at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle on the weekend before it opens, and May 17<sup>th</sup> at Blackhawk Ridge around Sauk City. Other tentative drives are Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at Menominee Park in Lannon/Sussex area, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at Wyatts Bunkhouse, Ugly Horse Ranch in Palmyra, and Oct. 4, Walking Iron Park in Mazomanie. Oct. 3-4 will be Anding’s Plow Days, near Arena (not a DDC event, but everyone is invited). Jane moved that the proposed list of drives by Roger and Tom be approved. Donna 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Roger reported on the Good Neighbor Trail, a 14 mile multi-use trail, being planned from Middleton to Mazomanie. There is a grant from the Wis. State Horse Council to work on it. Roger was asked for a letter of support for the planning.

Members are asked to please send copies of negative Coggins/EIA tests of horses that will be at the drives to Donna Crossman. Members may bring “green” horses to drives for training, as long as they use safe practices. Green horses don’t have to be driven to participate in drives, as all experiences are training for the horse. Safety for the horses and participants is our #1 concern.

DDC Directory and Membership: Donna asked if we need a membership committee to encourage new members to come to events and send out postcard reminders. Jane suggested Sheri and Nancy be part of committee and they brainstorm ideas for the board. Will send out an email to membership to maybe pick up renewals. A Mentor Program was also suggested.

Length of terms of office: Since we have changed the terms of office to two years, right now we have everyone on the same length of service. Donna asked for adjustments for half the board to have one-year terms and the other half to have two-year terms, so that the terms are staggered. Jane moved that Roger, Loren, Sheri, Nancy have two year terms, and Jane, Donna, Tom, Myrna have one year terms left. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

2010 clinic: This clinic would be geared towards experienced drivers and hosted exclusively by DDC event. Susie Koos-Acker talked with Jeff Morse about giving a clinic. Donna told of his expense requirements. He will be at the Midwest Horse Fair this year, so members will observe his presentations. Other suggestions for clinicians can be made. Debbie Banfield, Muffy Seaton, Andy Marcoux, and Robin Groves were also suggested. Donna will contact clinicians.

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Loren 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next meeting will be at Licht’s in McFarland on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Sheri will bring a main dish. Tom will bring dessert.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myrna Rhinehart, Secretary

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**DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Type of membership (**circle one**): [1] Family \$20, [2] Individual \$18, [3] Youth \$10 (not part of family membership), [4] Guest \$5\*

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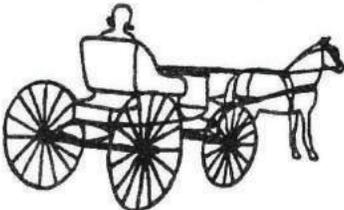
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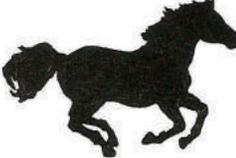
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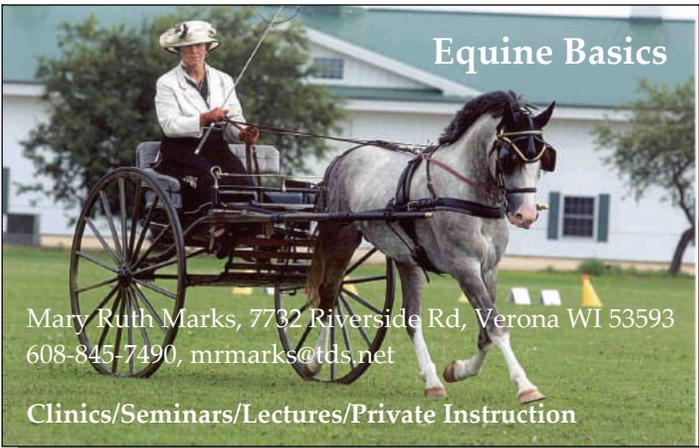


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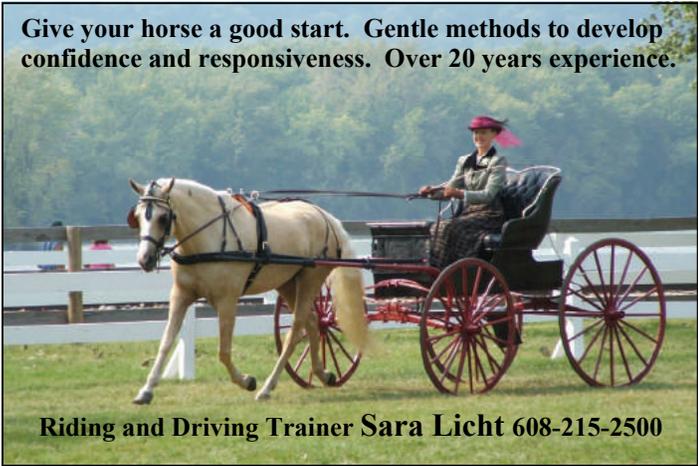


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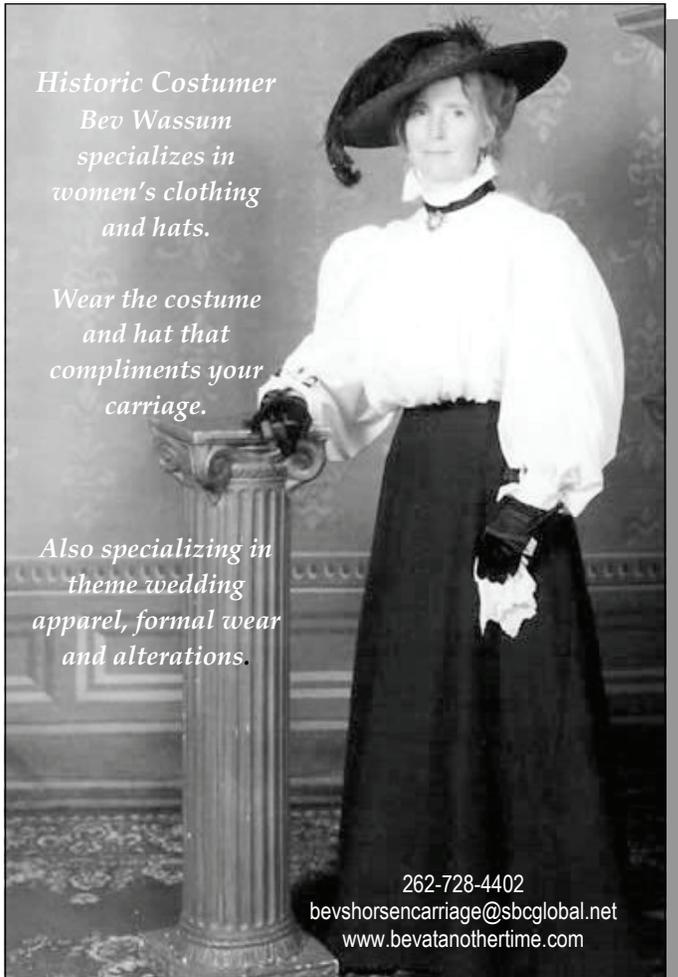


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