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DDC ONLINE NEWSLETTER



DDC MEMBERS AT ADS MIDWEST YOUNG DRIVERS CAMP

Above: Chad and Myrna Rhinehart presented a session on proper harnessing and putting to. Below: Loren Gettelman was one of 9 mentors who schooled campers on carriage driving at the first Midwest Young Drivers' Camp held June 12-14, 2009 at Dominos Stable, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

NOTICE: Last 2 DDC Pleasure Drives of the Season will be held Sunday, September 27, at Mazomaine and Sunday, October 4 at Port Washington. See details inside.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT COACHMAN: October 30, 2009

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

Board of Directors Meeting

September 15, 2009
Licht residence

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Donna Crossman.

Treasurer's Report – we need to decide what to do with the CD that is coming due.

Licht moved to approve the Secretary's Report, Gettelman seconded.

Old Business:

Website/Newsletter – Donna received a number of inquiries about sending the newsletter out via email instead of just a message that the newsletter is available on the website. We will do this to make it easier for members. The newsletter will still be available on the website. If members are having problems with passwords, they can contact Jane for a new one.

Young Drivers Camp – Myrna will work on the next YDC plans with Susie Acker.

2010 Clinic – We are leaning towards having individual or small group lessons with a major clinician. Jeff Morse will not be taking reservations until after Sept. We need to find a facility first. We need a facility with a large indoor arena with good footing for driving, outdoor space for driving, parking for trailers, food available close by. A number of board members are going to check with facilities they know of. Roger moved that Donna and Sheri co-chair the clinic committee, Loren 2nd. MC.

Drives – Roger Houk reported that the Wyatt's Bunkhouse drive had four participants the weekend of Sept. 12-13, Walking Iron in Mazomanie is coming up on Sept. 27th. The toilets are ordered for the Harry Radtke drive at Didier's in Port Washington on Oct. 4. We will have a chili dump and a cake. We will have a print donated by Peggy Spear for a door prize for every participant to be entered in. Myrna suggested that we host a "Trail Drive Clinic" next year, for members that would like to learn more about driving safely on trails.

DDC Life Memberships: We have decided that it would not be an option at this time.

New Business:

DDC Brochure: Jane sent out a sample brochure in July. We want to change the "we" language to "members".

Safety Manual - Susie Koos-Acker knows of a club that has asked to use the Safety Manual to use as a template for their club. Donna will email Susie about their desire for either the paper manual or the electronic form of the manual.

Houk moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m. Smiley 2nd. MC.

Next meeting will be at Licht's, Nov. 10th at 6:00 p.m. Donna will bring dessert.

Respectfully submitted,
Myrna Rhinehart, Secretary

MEMBER CLINIC IN 2010

Last year, your DDC Board of Directors decided we would try going in a new direction. Our attendance for the 2008 Safety Clinic was only half of what it normally is and ADS director Susie Koos Acker had asked us to help with a Midwest Young Drivers' Camp. Other DDC members had asked for a clinic that is designed for members who already know how to drive and own driving horses. So we decided to put our volunteer resources into the Midwest Young Driver's Camp in 2009, for a Member Clinic in 2010 and return to the Safety Clinic in 2011.

Donna Crossman and Sheri Haviza volunteered to co-chair the DDC Member Clinic and they are investigating possible locations. We also envision subsidizing some of the cost to have a major clinician come to Wisconsin and give individual and small group lessons. Only DDC members would receive the reduced cost; non-members would pay full fees.

In the past, we always tried to run the Safety Clinic so that it would pay for itself (though we had to subsidize it in 2008). Our Member Clinic will involve using some of the \$9000 we have in savings. We are concerned about spending money from our savings and yet, it seems like a very good benefit for our members to invest the money in this way.

Feel free to contact Donna or Sheri and let them know how you feel about the Member Clinic.

PETTING A HORSE

Thanks to Kris Breyer, editor of the Wheel to Wheel, Hub Club newsletter, for the following information.

Horses enjoy the loving touch of a human being, but there's a right way and a wrong way to pet your horse. Horses are basically suspicious creatures at heart, and if we act unsure or tentative when we touch them, they are liable to think something is wrong.

Veteran horseman Kenny Harlow explains how he pets a horse. "I just go up and pet him. If you go and cup your hand, and turn it down, and do all that stuff and go nice and slow and let him sniff at you and all, the horse is going to think you're somewhat scared to start with. If you just walk up and pet him like he's a dead broke, quiet horse, then that's what he's going to act like it. If you act like he's dangerous, he's going to act dangerous".

Horses are not big dogs. They don't like to be patted or slapped, even though most will tolerate a certain amount of that. The best way to pet a horse is to stroke, rub, or gently scratch him, and until you get to know him, it's best to first pet him on his neck.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DONNA CROSSMAN

I find it hard to believe that this was the last weekend of summer; it seems like we were just in the planning stages for the Young Drivers' Camp in June!! There are still two opportunities to attend club pleasure drives this fall—Walking Iron Park in Mazomanie is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, and the Harry Radtke Memorial Drive on Sunday, October 4th at the home of Pat & Peter Didier in Port Washington. The attire for the October 4th drive will be bib-overalls (Harry always wore these) and we'll also have a special cake to celebrate Harry's memory. If you are not able to attend the pleasure drive with an equine friend, please consider coming anyway and hitching a ride with another DDC member.

Looking forward to 2010—we are planning a driving clinic for DDC members. We are in the process of looking for a suitable location and confirming a clinician. If you know of a good location for the event, please contact co-chairs Sheri Haviza or Donna Crossman. Enjoy the day!

2009 Pleasure Drive Schedule

Don't miss the last 2 drives of the season! Even if you are not in a position to drive yourself, make arrangements with a DDC member that you know. Call and offer to help them and ask to ride along. These last 2 drives are very special. One is located near Madison in a beautiful Dane County Park. The last drive will be held on the Didier Farm near Lake Michigan and honors long time DDC member Harry Radtke.

September 27, Sunday: Harry Radtke Memorial Drive; Port Washington, WI.

This new drive in honor of long time DDC member Harry Radtke will be held at a favorite spot, the lovely farms of the Didier Family. Wear your bib overalls and railroad or farmer's hat and bring something for the chili dump lunch. The club will purchase a special cake in Harry's honor. This drive has it all – lovely scenic trails, a bridge and water crossing, some old hazards from the American Heritage CDE for you to try if you wish, plus an area for practicing dressage and cones.

Directions: Take I-43 to the State Hwy 32 turn off. Instead of going into Port Washington, take County Road H north. Almost immediately after crossing the bridge, you will see County Rd KW. (H and KW form a "Y.") Take KW north and drive about 1.8 miles. There are Didier Farms on both sides of the road. Take the drive on the right and continue right past the older farm house, other buildings, barns, and park in a field designated for that purpose.

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.

Directions: Take US Hwy 14 to Mazomanie. Look for County Rd Y and take north. (From the west this would be a left turn and from the east it would be a right turn.) In the center of the Village of Mazomanie, County Y goes right (becomes Hudson St.) and left (becomes N. State Street). Continue north on Y and then turn left on Handel Rd which is on the edge of town. Take Handel Rd to Segebrecht Rd. Turn right onto Segebrecht and follow to the end. This is the horse trail entrance to the park.



THE MIDWEST YOUNG DRIVERS' CAMP

By Jane Licht

By every measure, the first Midwest Young Drivers' Camp was a huge success. Sponsored by the American Driving Association (ADS), the camp was made possible by the dedication of many members of the Dairyland Driving Association (DDC) who served as committee organizers, mentors, and volunteers, and by a generous donation from the Lyall Mathison family and friends.

The organizing committee was chaired by DDC board member Myrna Rhinehart and other committee members were Chad Rhinehart, Wes and Jane Licht, Susan Koos Acker, Sharon Makurat and Donna Crossman. The instructors at the camp were Wes Licht, Sharon Makurat, Mary Ruth Marks, Myrna Rhinehart and Dr. Jennifer Thompson.

Mentors who were each assigned two campers were Susan Koos Acker, Donna Crossman, Loren Gettelman, Marge Gettelman, Sara Licht, Dani Oster, Chad Rhinehart, Megan Riley, and Chet Thomas. The mentors were really key to the success of the program as they provided their horses for the campers to use and developed great rapport with their young students. They also imparted a great deal of knowledge and practical advice.

ADS Advertising director Stacey Carlson and her daughter Mariah planned and prepared excellent meals that satisfied the hunger of all the teenagers as well as the adults. Volunteer Linda Faivre assisted with all the meals. No one went hungry!

Current or former DDC members living in the area opened their homes to provide overnight accommodations to campers and mentors. They were: Eleanor Chiquoine, Linda Faivre, Myrna and Chad Rhinehart, and Tom and Elaine Smiley. DDC member Lora Dadum opened her family guest house to six campers and two adults who stayed overnight there in the lovely countryside near Loganville, Wisconsin.

The organizing committee had decided on using Domino Stables near Baraboo, Wisconsin, because it had all the necessary resources for the camp. Proprietors Gary Allen and Susie Weiss made sure that all was ready for the campers. Their large pasture where most of the activities took place was mowed, a dressage field was set up, permanent obstacles were ready for use, and stalls set aside for the camp horses were in good order.

Wes planned a schedule that the organizing committee approved. Jane, Myrna, and Wes wrote a manual for young drivers with Susan



Wes Licht with a youth camper.

Koos Acker and Sharon Makurat doing the editing. The manual was placed in a binder notebook and many other handouts were added so that the campers could refer to their books as needed. Susan used the Lyall Mathison memorial fund for producing the youth driving manual and for camper scholarships.



Volunteers like Bob and Mary Hathaway made the camp possible.

The camp began on Friday afternoon where campers were met by volunteers Mary and Bob Hathaway at the registration table. After an organizational meeting, Wes gave a long-lining demonstration and invited the campers to try long-lining his horse Lady. Several took the opportunity as others watched, receiving applause for their efforts. After supper, the 17 campers were divided into three rotating groups. One group started with Sharon who talked about proper reinsmanship and turnout. Another group practiced proper harnessing with Myrna and Chad, using both their miniature horse Patriot and Pinto Arabian, Spyder. The third group worked on long-lining in a circle with Wes and four mentors with their horses on long lines positioned in the four corners of the large outdoor arena at Domino Stables.



Sharon Makurat presented proper turnout and whip handling.

A light rain fell through the night but ended Saturday morning when the campers returned. The clouds cleared and gave way to good weather. The campers all got acquainted with their assigned mentors and the horses that



they would use for the rest of the camp. They practiced ground driving through the obstacle courses and the two hazards that would be used later for the mini combined driving event (CDE). Then they hitched to vehicles and practiced their planned routes with scurry, gamblers' choice, the hazards, plus 40 or 20 meter circles for dressage.

In the afternoon, Mary Ruth Marks explained the principles of driven dressage. She used the American Driving Society's Training Level 2 test as an example. The students had copies of this dressage test in their notebooks. Mary Ruth judged mentors Chad and Susan as they did the test with their horses the first time and then the students judged them the second time. After a short break, the students reported to Dr. Jennifer Thompson who discussed equine health and good conditioning. Susie Weiss volunteered some of her horses to be lunged and then Dr. Thompson demonstrated how to take pulse and respiration. Next, she invited the campers to take the pulse and respiration of Susie's horses. Wes talked about distance driving and the Midwest Distance Driving Association. Horses that do distance driving or a CDE marathon must first go through a conditioning program that provides the added benefits of good health.

After supper, the first competition of the Midwest Young Drivers' Camp was held: Line Driving Obstacles. The campers needed to attempt every obstacle in any order without a knockdown to achieve a high score. It was a timed event so the campers had planned their strategy for going efficiently through the course. After their official numbers were pinned to their backs, the

camper in turn directed their horses using the reins and running along behind. There did not seem to be any problem with horses breaking into a canter since the young campers had to keep up with their trotting. The young campers gave it their all and many were momentarily out of breath after running through the course with their horses.



Jasmyn Gittleman and mentor Chet Thomas.

The next morning there was a beehive of activity as campers fed and watered horses, cleaned stalls and made preparations for the events that would begin at 9 AM. Wes organized the volunteers, assigning some to be judges, timers and others to observe the drivers for any faults they might make on their courses. As the morning went on, he moved the volunteers from their stations at the Scurry and Gambler's Choice Obstacles to the dressage arena, numbered cones and hazards for the mini combined driving event. The folks who volunteered their time on Sunday were Bob and Mary Hathaway, Linda Faivre, Donna Thomas, Karen Currie, Peggy Bong, Terri Delke, Dani Oster, Eric Smith and Lucie Duriez.

The campers began by starting with the Scurry or the Gambler's Choice Obstacles that ran concurrently. Next, they did the Reinsmanship classes with Sharon judging the pony division and Wes and Myrna judging the horse division.



Mentor Marge Gettelman used Wes's horse Lady for her youth campers.

Then the mini CDE began as it always does with the dressage competition. Sharon judged the dressage for both ponies and horses. Dani served as her scribe and wrote down all the comments Sharon made as she observed each driver do six different movements in the dressage arenas.

The horse division used the standard-sized dressage arena while the pony division used a smaller arena, one established for very small equines. Next was the timed cones portion of the CDE. Each camper drove their horses through 5 sets of numbered cones. Those with horses used the larger course marked with blue paper plates while those with ponies looked for the yellow paper plate markers next to the set of cones.

Mentor Donna Crossman rode with her campers for the marathon.



After completing the cones course, campers reported to Bob Hathaway who gave them a green card and started them on their marathon course. He sent out competitors (including horse, young driver, and mentor) about every 3 minutes. The horses had 10 gates and 2 hazards to drive through while the pony course had 7 gates and the same 2 hazards. Myrna observed the walk section at the end of the course, and took the green card from each competitor. The mentor was to report any break of gait along the rest of the marathon. All 17 young drivers completed the

Bob Hathaway sent out the drivers for the marathon. Mentor Susie Koos Acker (far right) is seated next to one of her youth campers.



CDE successfully.

Many parents and siblings were on hand to cheer on their young drivers and marvel at the skill and confidence they had acquired in such a short time with the new horses and ponies. After the last driver finished the marathon, everyone was invited for a buffet lunch.

ADS Executive Director Susan Koos Acker presented special gifts for the campers from sponsors. Myrna recognized all the people who made the Midwest Young Drivers Camp possible. All the campers in the pony division were asked to come forward while Myrna announced the winners of the various competitions. After the ribbons were presented to those in the pony division, campers in the horse division were asked to come forward to receive their awards. Two special ribbons were presented. Mariah Minten won the "Most Improved" award and the "Sportsmanship" award went to Jasmyn Gettelman.



St. Croix Horse & Carriage Society Calls for Logos for the CAA Conference

In 1992, the St. Croix Horse & Carriage Society, Inc. (SCHCS) held national driving conference during the St. Paul Winter Carnival. By all accounts it was remarkable and included educational talks, a trade show, sleigh rallies, a sleigh restoration and photography competition, dinners and even a gala dance!

The SCHCS has been asked to host the Carriage Association of America's 2011 mid-winter conference being held during the 125th Anniversary of the St. Paul Winter Carnival, and again, the event will bring in driving enthusiasts from all over the country and the region.

The group is planning to include all the events from 1992 so it will be a big job and they are hoping for assistance and participation from the members from the North Central Driving Clubs Association (NCDCA). NCDCA includes Dairyland Driving Club, North Country Carriage Club, North Woods Harness Club, Minnesota Whips and Wheels, Red River Harness Club, Horn and Hames, and SCHCS.

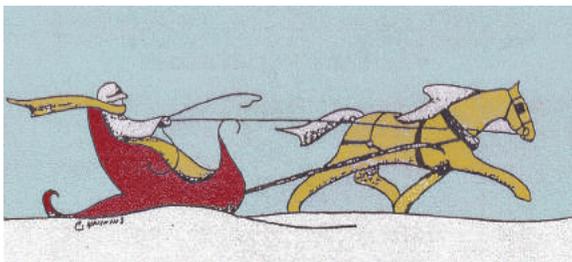
2011 may seem like a long way off but it takes a lot of time, a lot of volunteers, and a lot of planning for this event. So, to kick things off they are having a logo contest! A sleighing themed logo will help to identify the various activities as part of a single gala event. The contest is being sponsored by St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society and is open to all members of NCDCA. There is no entry fee, but there are cash prizes!

The winners will be announced at the January 2010 St. Paul Winter Carnival Sleigh Festival. The top 3 Winners will receive a shirt with the winning logo, bragging rights and cash prizes as follows: \$50 for First, \$25 for Second, and \$10 for Third.

The deadline for submission is December 1, 2009. The rules and entry form are available from the SCHCS website:

www.stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org

So please get out your marker of choice and begin the creative process! If you have questions or you don't have internet access call Mary Lawrence (763-785-2442) and she will assist you in any way she can.



The above is the logo used for the 1992 national driving conference held in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Calling all DDC Members!

Please share your story about how you acquired your love of horses, your first horse, how you got into carriage driving, and your favorite activities with driving horses. Send your story and photos (especially the good old ones when you were just a youngster) to Jane Licht, 2964 County Rd. AB, McFarland WI 53558, or email her at jllicht@sprynet.com

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Molly with Melinda and Therese driving a Marathon 172

HICKORY KNOLL CDE CONTINUES TO CHANGE

By John Freiburger

The sixth Hickory Knoll CDE was held July 18 and 19 at Fitchburg, Wisconsin. Change is our tradition, fulfilled in 2009 with the construction of a permanent lime-fine based dressage arena, a kilometer of new trails and a new Strom'n Norman obstacle.

The old Strom'n was tight for pairs and fours. The original remains as a practice obstacle for competitors. The replacement was constructed on top of the knoll with the huge hickory tree. Marc Johnson offered design advice and Krupp Construction donated dozens of fifteen inch by four inch salvaged Douglas Fir timbers for the project. It has almost thirty possible gate settings, allowing gating that can be driven swiftly by fours as well as ponies by offering inside, outside and medium depth gates. The obstacle is competitor friendly, while still being a challenge.

The Sunflowers, a technical obstacle of fourteen by fourteen foot planters boxes filled with flowers, with a bower set at the center of the obstacle, was also expanded. The tall flowers, blooming for the event, make memorization of the gates a requirement as once between boxes, the only side views are of sunflowers. Gated for two optional routes to each gate, several competitors taking the tight interior option ended up losing seconds as the turns were tighter than they looked.

The cones course, as approved by TD Ken Mott, was not tight. It had more than two dozen changes of rein, but was a flowing arrangement laid out on the smooth grass polo field. The hundred meter grass and warm up arena were also placed on the polo field, as was the general warm up area. Footing was excellent due to perfect rainfall before the event.

Dressage opened Saturday with Craig Kellogg at C and Susan Mott of Canada at E. Preliminary ponies had four scores under 45 with Christie Loiacono posting what proved to be the lowest of the day, a 38.23, with Jada Neubauer close behind at 40.77. Dr. Chet Thomas lead

Prelim Horse with a 41.14 while Phil Odden and Jeff La-Due tied in pairs with identical; 49.5 scores. Casey Zubek's four was well received in the one hundred meter ring with a 44.04 while Jim Blocks Preliminary Tandem brought home a 50.22.



Dannielle Oster driving in the Storminin Norman hazard.

Photo by Bob Mischka.

The VSE's drive in the eighty meter arena with Barbara Kirby coming in with a 50.95 as best in the division. Mary Ann Carter pulled off a 46.46 in Training Pony and Pam Pollak in Horse achieved a 45, the lowest Training Level dressage score of the day. First time competitor Dr. Bill Clark scored a 51.03 in Training Pairs with his Friesians.

Cones was quite clean with only a few eliminations for backwards gates. Thirteen drivers of fifty went double clean.

Marathon day was cloudy and cool, the high only reaching the low seventies. The well schooled drivers had no eliminations, no one lost on course, no one missing a gate. Every one passed vet check with Lana Santamaria, another first time competitor, taking home the award for best conditioned Training level competitor while Celeste

Pitts had the fittest Preliminary horse.



Mary Ruth Marks driving the cones.

Photo by JoAnn Swenson.

Before the awards ceremony, a short business meeting was held with the organizers, officials and drivers attending. Expansion by the addition of an intermediate division was recommended by the officials and competitors and will be strongly considered by the organizers. The competition in the preliminary divisions was fierce. Some local intermediate level drivers compete at Hickory Knoll in prelim

currently while others volunteer. We hope to add Intermediate next year as the improved facility can handle the level and our drivers are ready for it. So next year again...forever changes.

Menomonee Park Drive

Easy grassy trails, good weather and a very good turn out of DDC members highlighted the pleasure drive held on August 16, 2009, at Menomonee Park . The park is located in the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls in Southeast Wisconsin.

Thanks to Donna Crossman for taking photographs since Jane Licht, who usually takes photographs, was unable to attend.



Monica Totsky is new to driving and has been attending many of the recent DDC pleasure drives.



Bill Clarke is getting his pair ready for the drive.



Alice and Raymond Hubert are driving their Standard Breds.



Barb and Greg Dylak led the way while Donna Crossman took this photo as she rode with Roger Houk who was driving Jazz.



Dan and Karen Soby with their pair of Haflingers with Bill and Marsha Clarke in the background.



Sue Deters and Gary Hartman-Deters on the trail.



Thanks to Roger Houk for organizing this event.

Let Roger Houk or Tom Smiley know of your ideas for pleasure drive locations next year.

MIDWEST DISTANCE DRIVING ASSOCIATION'S NOVICE RIDE/DRIVE

By Jane Licht

Many DDC members who attend the drives also participate in other horse-drawn events such as distance driving.

With the rain predicted for Saturday, April 25, those of us who volunteered for the Midwest Distance Driving Association's Clinic and Novice Ride and Drive at Black Hawk Ridge near Sauk City were concerned that attendance would be low. However, we were pleasantly surprised by the numbers of hardy competitive riders who came to ride in the morning and all the rest who attended the clinic and rode or drove in the afternoon.

MDDA president Jac Deweese welcomed the group and presented the rules of competitive riding and driving. Wes Licht summarized the vetting process, explaining what many in the audience had observed before the start of the clinic, and reviewing the parts of the scoring sheet. "The vet is the judge. Be kind to the vet," said Wes as he placed an overhead of Dr. Howard Ketover on the screen. Then the real live Dr. Ketover came and answered questions. He also encouraged everyone to take care with their horses because the trails that were in great shape early in the morning were now rather slick.

Wes led the driver's meeting in one corner of the log cabin while Jac led the novice rider's meeting in another corner. The drivers were to focus on the red surveyor's tape and arrow signs marked DRIVERS along the trail while the novice riders were to look for blue tape and arrows. For a couple of places where they shared the same trail, drivers were to communicate that they would stop and stand quietly to let the riders pass in case a rider's horse was not comfortable with horses attached to carriages.

After lunch, Wes began harnessing his pair of buckskin Morab mares, Annie and Ellie. Derrick Dupler came over to assist in hitching since I was busy taking photographs. I got on the back of our marathon vehicle and Derrick took a photo of us. He handed the camera back to me and away we went. Some of the drivers elected to go 6 miles but Wes thought his pair could easily handle the 12 mile drive.

Tim and Ruth Casserly from northern Illinois brought their pair of Arab geldings. They hitched Bach and Harley to their wagonette. When they finished their drive and unhitched, Tim joked that Ruth had taken time to wash their vehicle before coming to Iron Oak, which turned out to be quite unnecessary considering the muddy conditions during the course of their 12 mile drive.

Though they started after us, the Casserlys caught up to us as did Derrick Dupler's client, Cathy Kirsling and her Fjord pony Enga. Derrick rode along with Cathy for moral support. Both Cathy and her horse did very well, proving that the well-conditioned horse will have a good pulse and respiration regardless of the breed.

Because the trail had many loops, we met drivers coming and going. I was able to take a photo of Susie Koos Acker and her Welsh pony and also Katz Jackson driving her reliable Morgan mare Talon. They both seemed to be doing well and having fun. When we did the last half of the trail, we caught up again with both the Casserlys and Cathy and Derrick. Wes agreed to stop for a moment to let me take a photo when they moved aside to let us pass.

The large open air pavilion was buzzing with activity all day long as horses were vetted, as riders were sent out in groups and as drivers were sent out at 5 minute intervals, all by our timer, Gerry Millard. After they returned, they soon required pulse and respiration checks mainly done by the vet students, followed by complete vet checks. Veterinary students Suzanne McKichan and Dustin Lochner also checked metabolics such as gut sounds, hydration and capillary refill. Dr. Sabrina Brount carefully observed horses trot out to determine soundness and their level of energy. Lastly, Dr. Ketover checked every horse for sore muscles and for swelling, heat and pain on the legs. We were pleased to learn that every horse that started finished successfully and no riders or drivers took a wrong turn on the trails.

The novice riders and drivers were supposed to eat lunch early and they did but there was still much food left on the buffet tables in the log cabin. However, when the 25 mile competitive riders returned, they had worked up big appetites and soon most of the food was gone. My big batch of potato salad disappeared as well as the sloppy joes, baked beans and the homemade cookies and brownies brought by other MDDA members.

Jac recognized the volunteers: Gerry Millard for timing all the competitors, Jack Shea and Jane Licht who handled registration, Linda and Jim Low who set up the food table and helped scribe, Glenn Garbisch who helped with a variety of tasks, Romona Radtke who helped with P&R, Katz Jackson who prepared the sloppy joe mix, and Wes who presented part of the clinic.

Prior to the drive on Thursday, Jac Deweese, Wes Licht, Jack Shea and Gary Jackson met at Black Hawk Ridge and marked the trails for the various groups of riders and drivers. It is amazing how many volunteers are needed to run a good distance ride and drive event.

We had a very enjoyable awards party with completion awards for all competitors and ribbons for the top 6 in every category. Jac handed out the ribbons and the competitors came forward to receive them amid lots of clapping for their horses' accomplishments. Jac congratulated all the participants and reminded them that in this sport, to finish is to win! For a complete listing of all the

Midwest Distance Driving events for the season, go to the MDDA website: www.midwestdistancedriving.org.

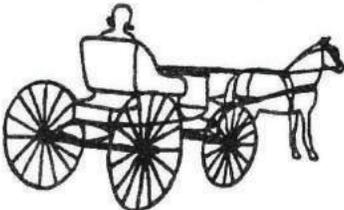


Susie Koos Acker



Wes put on his safety helmet after this photo was taken.

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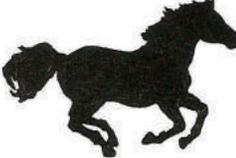
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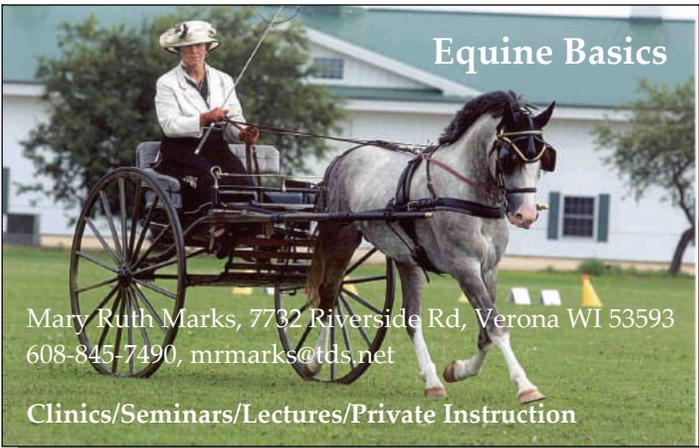


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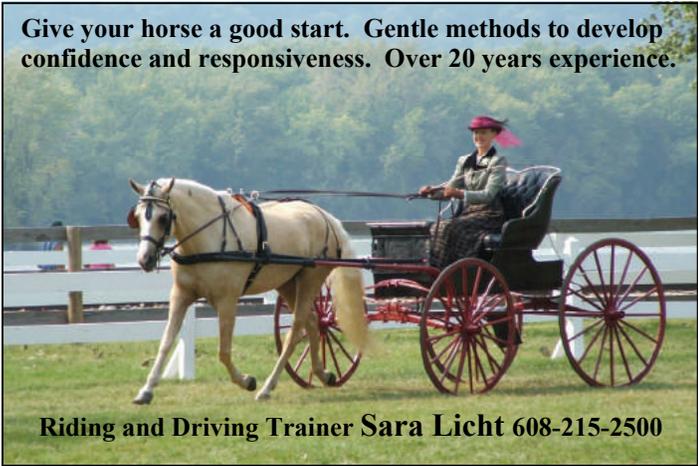


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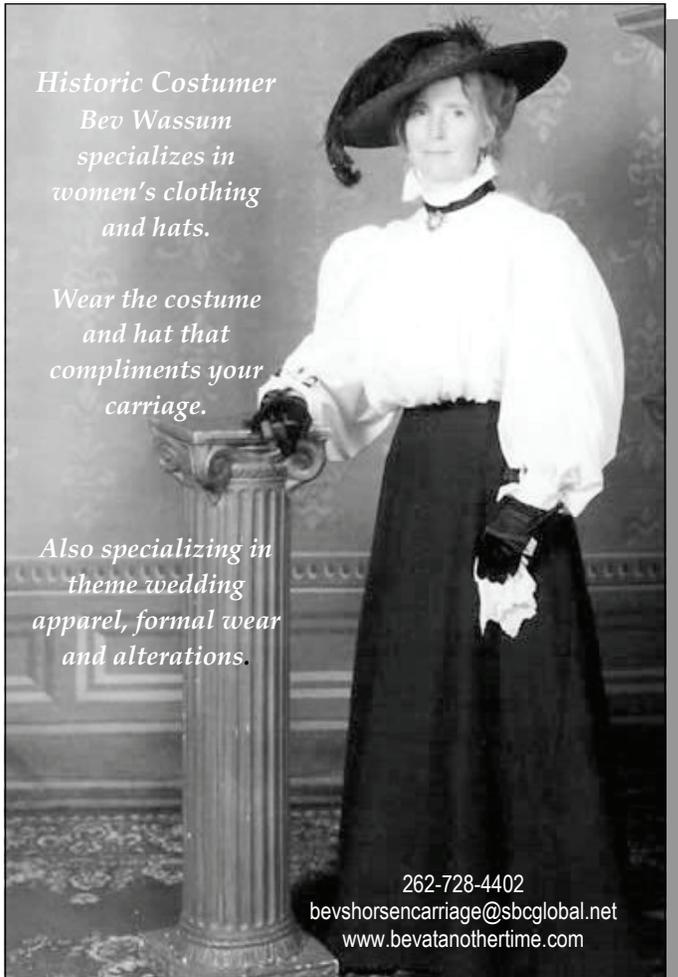


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