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## TEAMSTER TOPICS

From President Rick Norland

We completed our first board meeting of 2011 on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, the following are some of the outcomes:

- We will not be able to participate in the January Missouri Equine Council event or the Equifest of Kansas in February because we haven't had enough time to organize members to man a booth and/or to present carriage driving presentations / demonstrations. To assure that this does not happen in 2012 we established a calendar of annual reoccurring events which will give us time to plan for these activities. The board did pass a motion to assist with expenses incurred to members who represent the club at events subject to Board approval. The form, included in this newsletter, was developed for members to request support.
- Several committees were established with chairpersons assigned to allow for more member activity to assist with club functions. This is where most of the work of the club is conducted and the general membership is encouraged to become active in one or more of these committees. Conference calls will be used to help with time and travel, each committee having a call-in number. This will allow for most, if not all of the committee meetings to be conducted via telephone conference. I encourage all members to become active in a committee to help the club improve and to lessen the workload on the volunteers who always step forward to help. If you are interested in a committee please contact the chairperson. The committees are:
  - Programs and Events – Chairperson, Judy Adams
  - Marketing and Membership – Chairperson, Jack Turner
  - Fuzz Buster Show – Chairperson, Laura Browning
  - June PEHSC show and Fun Day – Chairperson, Mary Sawyer
  - HDT /CDE – to be determined
  - Equipment – Chairperson, Bill Shaffer
  - Long Range Planning – Chairperson, Rick Norland

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Dues: \$20.00 per calendar year. Dues received after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> will be paid through next year.

Deadline: New submissions by 5<sup>th</sup> of month. Items received after deadline will receive priority the following month. Electronic submissions are welcome. [rcmlbrown@me.com](mailto:rcmlbrown@me.com)

## CDSGKC 2011 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Contact
Jan. 15, Sat.	Hidden Valley Farm, Bev Cathcard Reunion!	See below
Jan. 21-23, 2011	Missouri Equine Celebration, Boone County Fairgrounds, Columbia, MO	Mo-equine.org/celebration.html
Jan. 27 – 30 2011	Carriage Association of America Winter Conference in Minnesota. Volunteers needed.	Caa.org carriagenews@frontier.com
* Jan. 30, Sun. 4pm	CDSGKC General Meeting at the Golden Ox. Kathleen Gustafson will speak on "Equine Nutrition." Please RSVP by January 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Bill Shaffer <a href="mailto:qpkasaka@hotmail.com">qpkasaka@hotmail.com</a> 913-592-3165
Feb. 11-13	EquiFest of Kansas at Kansas Coliseum in Wichita /	www.equifestofks.com
* March	CDSGKC Fun Day at indoor arena near Paola, KS	Judi Adams
* April 1&2	CDSGKC Driving Clinic & Fun Drive with Bob Giles at Lone Wolf Arena.	Judi Adams adamsjudi@sbcglobal.net
May	Midwest Driving Clinic in Minnesota	
June 4-5	Nebraska Pioneer HDT, Two Rivers State Park, Waterloo, NE <a href="http://www.easternnebraskadrivingsociety.org">www.easternnebraskadrivingsociety.org</a>	<a href="mailto:ponymom23@yahoo.com">ponymom23@yahoo.com</a> 402-670-2358
* June 18&19	CDSGKC Annual Horse Show and Fun Day at Longview Horse Park	Mary Sawyer 816-532-0046
June 25-26	Skunk River HDT, Three G Farm, Ames, IA <a href="http://www.bitsiowa.org">www.bitsiowa.org</a>	<a href="mailto:mary@threegfarms.com">mary@threegfarms.com</a> 515-450-1041
* This is a club sponsored event. To participate in Fun Days, non-members must sign a release and pay \$20.		

### Teamster Topics (continued)

- The 2011 budget was developed and approved with the exception of discretionary funds being tabled until the February Board meeting to allow for additional information and funding requests from the committees.
- The location for the April Driving Clinic and Fun Drive is being moved 8.5 miles south to Lone Wolf Arena due to concerns for the location of the indoor arena and parking during inclement weather at Saddle & Sirloin.
- Future Board meeting dates were established for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month

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### January Meeting on Nutrition

Our first meeting of 2011 will be at the Golden Ox Restaurant in the Stockyards, 1600 Genessee, Kansas City, MO 64102, 816-842-2866. Our speaker is Kathleen Gustafson.

There are three entrees to choose from: Grilled Chicken@ \$17.95, Oven Roasted Smoked Salmon@ \$21.95 or a 6 oz Fillet @\$25.95. Each entrée comes with salad, baked potato, breads, coffee, tea, soft drink, and ice cream. We need to give an estimated head count and entrée choice, by January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Friday before the meeting if possible. Contact Bill Shaffer.

## 2011 Club Calendars



According to the Chinese calendar, 2011 is the year of the rabbit. And to celebrate, Mary Lu Norland has, for the second year in a row, put together a fantastic club calendar. This year's is very special for several reasons. Here are some highlights.

✿ The calendar is dedicated to Doc McCrea, one of our founding members. ✿ Seven members have sponsored pages thereby adding \$350 to our treasury.

✿ The remaining months and cover are all historical photos pulled from the pages of our first scrapbook.

✿ The calendars are in full color, 13 months and full of photos you will enjoy—all in all, high quality for a mere \$15.

Mary Lu will have them at the general membership meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. She'll also get them to the folks who already ordered as quickly as possible—including those who have arranged for mailing. Checks should be written to CDSGKC.

A big THANK YOU to our sponsors—Dennis Browning, Barbara Kirby, Norma Foster, Bill and Sharon Lewis, Dick and Mary Loy Brown, Gail and Jim Thomas, and Rick and Mary Lu Norland.

## Cool Bumper Stickers

Now you can support your favorite hobby by displaying special European style stickers on your car. They promote either combined driving or pleasure driving and are just \$5.



They're printed on quality outdoor vinyl using UV resin ink which makes the sticker water resistant, scratch resistant, and fade resistant for outdoor durability. To order go to: [catalystdriving.com/topurchasestickers.html](http://catalystdriving.com/topurchasestickers.html)

## Bev Cathcard Reunion

What better way to start out the New Year than a Reunion. This one is for all of Bev Cathcards former students at Hidden Valley Farm, and current friends from virtually every equine organization in the area. Festivities will be from 2:00pm to 6:00pm and organizers request no gifts, just lots of great memories. Please RSVP:



Connie: 816-806-3582, Mary: 816-838-7123, or Shannon: 816-719-3112

Driving directions:

Sun Valley Clubhouse, John Knox  
301 NW Craigmont Drive  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Take the 50 Highway exit on Chipman Road. Go West to Pryor Road, turn left (South) to traffic light at O'Brien, turn left (East) and take the first right onto Craigmont. Go South approx 3 blocks to Killarney and Craigmont. Clubhouse sits on the Northeast corner.

## Sportsmanship Award

As we begin this new year, we want to remind everyone about the Bev Cathcard Sportsmanship in Carriage Driving Award given out each year by the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit. It was initiated by Bev several years ago to encourage drivers to enter the carriage classes in Pony Express shows.

Those competing for need to be current members of the CDSGKC, and The Pony Express Horse Show Circuit. This is not a point based award, however Bev would like for drivers to have shown in at least three shows during the year in approved Carriage Driving Classes. She is looking for competitors who are promoting traditional carriage driving, have an excellent attitude, and treat their horses and fellow competitors well.

Again, this is not a point based award, so it doesn't matter how you place. The primary quality is SPORTSMANSHIP. The 2010 recipient was, Dennis Browning.

If you have any further questions please let Bobbi Wojtowicz know. We're hoping to see lots of drivers vying for the award in 2011.

## Clinton Anderson Clinic

By Sharon Lewis-White

In October several members of the carriage club went to Clinton Anderson's week-long clinic at his facility in Stephenville, Texas. It was the hardest week we have ever loved. I took Paddy (one of our pair of Selle Francais driving horses). He was immediately nicknamed Goliath by Clinton.

We were taught each day by Clinton himself with many of his apprentices giving us hands on instructions. Although beautifully trained for carriage by Jerry and Charity Mathews, I wanted Paddy and ultimately Kyle to be soft, responsive and submissive under saddle too, and I didn't have the knowledge to get them there. Our dressage scores from the CDE/HDT were good but the judges saw some resistance.

The clinic was grueling and I have never worked so physically hard in my life. We started before sunrise and left after dark. By the third day we couldn't walk and hardly could move. The facility is unparalleled with a 500 foot outdoor and 300 foot indoor covered arena. Each horse had its own turnout made of cedar with a shelter and automatic waterer, a "patience post" on railroad ties and our own tack room. There were all breeds from Dutch Warmblood to POAs.

The clinic started with round pen work and then progressed to ground work. By the third day we were saddled and translating the ground work to the saddle.

Paddy became soft, submissive and knowledgeable. By the end of the week he would give to pressure applied with one finger. I swear he would clean my house, cook my dinner and give me a back rub if I asked. Paddy is a horse that is heavy on the forehand, but by the end of the clinic if I held up a hand and pointed he came to attention, balanced himself and responded with a great deal of impulsion.

Clinton yelled at us a lot but each time we deserved it. At one point I received a lecture on how "big" horses and little ladies don't mix. When I explained they were carriage driving horses he said that was a "good purpose" for those big ones".

Lessons learned and "aha" moments include:

- There are not enough wet saddle blankets in our riding. When a horse gets good at something that is not the time to stop that is the time you are just getting started.
- If all you do is train and not desensitize you will fry your horse.
- If all you do is desensitize and not sensitize they will become great puppy dogs that don't respond when asked.
- There are 3 stages to a horse's learning. Don't ask for the goal but ask for more each time.

We had a treat on the last day and went to his world class obstacle course. Wow was that fun! I would recommend it to anyone. The clinic cost \$1000 plus the price of a cheap hotel. Well worth the cost!

I will be teaching "the method" to Paddy's brothers this spring. Anyone is welcome to come to our house and watch.

## Saddle Fitting

When riding, the position of the saddle on the horse's back is the most critical aspect of saddle fit. The most common mistake made is to place the saddle too far forward. This places the rigid tree over the top of the shoulder blade, significantly restricting the movement of the front legs.

—From the AAEP Foundation 2010 calendar (ed. note.... Based on this information, it would seem that a harness saddle could also be placed too far forward on the horse's back. Since it is smaller and lighter, it wouldn't impede the horse's shoulder as much, but could irritate some horses and affect their performance).

## Condolences

Condolences to Jacki Turner who broke her right arm just before Christmas.

## Freiburger New President

John Freiburger who has been our Midwest Regional Director for several years, is the new President of the American Driving Society. John has sponsored numerous events at his Hickory Knoll Farm in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

In his final *Midwest ADS Report* before taking the reins of the ADS he wrote of his pride in the development of driving in the Central and Midwest regions:

*... driving in the middle of the USA will be well represented in the ADS. Considering the tremendous growth in driving in our two regions, that is fitting. We have managed to support new shows, many clinics and an increase in ADS membership so that the Midwest actually has more ADS members per capita than any region in the US.*

Our new Midwest Regional Director is Myrna Rhinehart from Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

## Lightweight Whips

These cold winter days can be just the ticket for working on some of those driving-related things we may have been putting off. Somethings that are more fun than cleaning harness or polishing brass are practicing with a rein-rail or perfecting your use of the whip. Rick Norland can help you make your own rein-rail.

Here's some info on finding a new whip. It's most important to get a whip you are comfortable using, one that's not too long or too heavy. Recently on the CD-L, there was mention of two different manufacturers of lightweight whips. MCR Whips is a new manufacturer of hollow fiberglass whips which are supposed to be just as light as the carbon whips but less expensive and a bit less brittle. You can't check out the website at [.www.mcrwhips.com](http://www.mcrwhips.com). And they're available from Sandy at Iowa Valley Carriage.

If you want to check out light carbon whips, go to [www.phssaddlery.com](http://www.phssaddlery.com).

## Pretty Impressive!

Charlie, a Zebra stallion, driving through an obstacle course at the training facility operated by Sammi Jo Sheedy and Jason Mayfield, in Willis, Texas. This is a demonstration for the Zebra Guru training clinic. According to his trainer, Charlie had never seen these obstacles before, but negotiated them without hesitation.





## Event Request

Please complete this form when requesting sponsorship from the Carriage and Driving Society of Greater Kansas City for an event.

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Event (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Please itemize the cost of the event and what portions you are requesting financial support:

Item	Proposed Cost	Requesting Funds
Example: Booth	\$200	Yes
Example: Demonstration Fee	\$120	Yes

Benefit to the club: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities at the Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of person/s requesting sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved     Not Approved

**CDSGKC Committee Heads**

Parades..... Pam Johnson  
 Equipment..... Bill Shaffer  
 Carriage Displays..... Norm Holland  
 Distance Driving..... Kay Wolfe  
 Pleasure Drives..... Bill Shaffer  
 Programs ..... Judi Adams  
 Shows ..... Laura Browning  
    Mary Sawyer  
 Combined Driving ... Barbara Kirby

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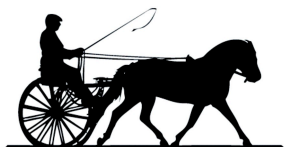
**Check out this website:**

[www.theharnessroom.com](http://www.theharnessroom.com)

A unique consignment store for carriage driving enthusiasts.

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 11316 Shannon Falls Road  
 Liberty, MO 64068

Remember last January???



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