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Presidents Message -

February is a busy month of holidays and celebrations. We began by watching to see if Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow. Then we celebrated our Super Bowl champions. Coming up is Mardi Gras on the 25th. Anyone going to New Orleans?

On the 20th many celebrated Hoodie-Hoo Day, when everyone in the northern hemisphere who is tired of winter could go out at noon and chant Hoodi-Hoo while waving their arms about. Sounds like a winter blahs stress reliever to me.

Of course, there are the federal holidays of Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day. Did anyone volunteer time in honor of MLK? For the love struck, there is Valentine's Day and for movie aficionados there is Oscar Night. And this year we celebrate Leap Year.

Not to be outdone, our social and educational event for February is this Saturday, Feb. 22nd. We will meet at Johnny Cascone's in Overland Park where the menu offers many delicious Italian options. Then we will listen to Ed McCarty, equine dentist, discuss the importance of dental hygiene in our equines. With a bad tooth or a sore mouth we cannot expect them to listen to us through the bit. See the calendar for more information. Those of us who went to the CAA's In the Neighborhood weekend last summer thoroughly enjoyed a discussion by an equine dentist.

In May we have two exciting events planned. Look for information on the reinvigorated Fuzz Buster spring show at Osage Oaks and the Michael Scott Clinic at Lee's Summit Equestrian Center.

Linda & Barbara

CDSGKC 2020 Events of Interest		
Feb 22, Sat. 12:30pm	CDSGKC General Membership Meeting at Johnny Cascones, 6863 W. 91st Overland Park KS. Guest speaker, Ed McCarty Equine Dentist in Linwood KS .myhorseteeth.com	Linda Barta 816-590-2982
April 9-12/2020	2020 ADS North American Preliminary & Intermediate Championships will be in Southern Pines, NC	
May 2, 10am Saturday	Spring Fuzzbuster Schooling Show. Osage Oaks Arena, Buckner, MO. CDSGKC Volunteers needed to help.	Bobbi Wojtowicz 816-258-1952
May 16 & 17 8am - 4pm	Michael Scott Clinic and Seminar. Lee's Summit Equestrian Center. See flier for details.	Judi Adams 913-441-3733
May 30-31	ENDS Pioneer Pleasure Driving Carriage Show & CT. Seward, NE 68434 Judge: John Greenall. TD: Katy Rhinehart	Garnet Blatchford garnetblat@gmail.com
July 11 & 12	5th Annual <i>My Revelation Carriage Classic</i> at Longview Horse Park. Judge: John Frieberger. TD: Susan Koso	Linda Barta lindaasb3@gmail.com
July 17-19 *new date	Skunk River Driving Trial, Skunk River Equestrian Center. Ames, Iowa 50010	Luanne Evans bitsiowa.org
Aug. 1&2	Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow CT&Pleasure Show. Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Marion, IA www.easterniowacarriageglow.com	Laurie Rends 319-360-1078
Sept. 11-13	40th Annual <i>Villa Louis Carriage Classic</i> , Prairie du Chien, WI Judges: Jody Cutler, Ruth Graves, Katy Tipton Fashik TD: Dr. Gregg Cutler. info@carriageclassic.com	Mike Rider 608.326.4436 www.CarriageClassic.com
Sept. 19&20	<i>Longview by the Lake Driving Trial</i> . Judge: Boots Wright, TD: Keith Yutzky	Barbara Kirby 816-805-8252

The names listed below are those who have paid club dues for 2020. If your name is not here we have not received your 2020 dues or membership form.

Paid Dues for 2020 as of 2/16	
1. Adams	10. Kirby
2. Barta	11. Martin
3. Bridges	12. Mason
4. Brown	13. Owen
5. Deselich	14. Packard
6. Garner	15. Plummer
7. Goodman	16. Powell
8. Hillman	17. Rider
9. Hull	18. Sawyer
	19. Shay
	20. Votipka
	21. Wojtowicz

A Training Tip from Clinton Anderson

Downunder News

January 21, 2020

Whenever you desensitize your horse to an object, use the *Approach and Retreat Method*. Build the horse's confidence by approaching him with the object that scares him and then retreating (taking the object away) when he stands still and relaxes. The number one rule

"Annual dental care is vital to the life, health and longevity of your horse."

— Ed McCarty
Equine Dentist



to remember when using this method is not to take the object away from the horse until he stands still and shows a sign of relaxing. That can be one of five things: 1) licks his lips, 2) blinks his eyes, 3) takes a big breath, 4) cocks a hind leg or 5) lowers his head and neck.

If you do take the object away while he is moving and using the reactive side of his brain, you'll teach him the opposite of what you want. Remember, horses are a flight or fight animal. You have to constantly reinforce that the answer is not to run from danger, but to stand still and relax. You want him to think that's the only way he can feel safe.

downunderhorsemanship.com

Good News from ADS and USEF!

The ADS Board of Directors has voted to sign a licensing agreement with USEF which is very beneficial to our members who are showing at recognized events and shows

USEF has been granted a license to use our suite of New 2020 ADS Dressage Tests at their shows and will cease to use the current suite of tests last edited in 2008 after their retirement date of June 30, 2020.

This agreement means that drivers will have ONE set of new tests to learn and that those tests have been developed by the ADS' Driven Dressage Committee with support from numerous ADS volunteers.

Competition Organizers may once again offer dual-recognized events with designated divisions recognized either by ADS or by USEF. This change ensures that all drivers at all levels of competition can compete at the same show, and goes a long way to eliminate a source of confusion and division in our sport. This change too is in keeping with ADS' desire to allow organizers and competitors to shape their own events and is consistent with our core belief in inclusiveness.

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Safety Tips Around the Barn

From theHorse.com Feb. 7, 2020

Double-ended snaps/screw eyes. Bucket handles and hooks can, and often do, cause eyelid and nostril lacerations. That's common enough (Bonus tip: Use safety buckets with rubber coverings on sharp handle finishes, as well as safety bucket hangers or closed eye hooks). But double-ended snaps and screw-eye hooks can cause the same injuries.

"It helps to always have the snaps pointing toward the wall and making sure the screw-eye doesn't have any gaps/metal edges," Arbittier said. "Investing in safety snaps or hangers is a good idea."

(more)

Hay mangers. These are popular in some stables to reduce waste and slow consumption. Scott Ahlschwede, DVM, the director of ambulatory services for Rood & Riddle Saratoga, in Saratoga Springs, New York, encourages horse owners to think twice before using them. He once saw a horse at a large barn suffer a catastrophic injury after getting a leg caught in a V-shaped manger. The next day stable staff removed 200 mangers.

"It's okay to feed hay on the ground—that's the natural way horses eat," he said.

Metal tack racks. Metal is unforgiving. If a horse bumps into a bridle hook, saddle rack, or blanket bar, there is a risk of injury. If a horse can reach blanket racks over their stall doors, they can get teeth caught and break their jaws. Horses in cross-ties kicking at saddle racks can get their legs stuck. Choosing stiff rubber hooks rather than metal is one option. For saddle racks, consider solid ones that can't trap legs (a piece of 4-by-4-inch lumber is an option). Another option is hanging tack racks in areas away from horse traffic.

If they're designed to fold down after use, return them to that position.

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Bobbi Wojtowicz (816) 258-1952.





MICHAEL SCOTT CLINIC
MAY 16TH & 17TH, 2020
LESSONS 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SEMINAR STARTS AT 5:30 PM -8:30 PM

LEE'S SUMMIT EQUESTRIAN CENTER
12910 E. LONE JACK/LEE'S SUMMIT ROAD,
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO 64086 • 913-940-4914

Michael Scott Biography

Michael Scott hails from Monticello, Minnesota. He has been driving for 24 years in pleasure and combined driving with many grand champions, including Villa Louis Carriage Classic and Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow in both disciplines of driving. He drives his own equine as well as those of his clients.

Michael has worked with all equines from VSE's to Drafts including Donkeys and Mules. He is skilled working with beginners to advanced, horses and drivers. He also welcomes working with handicapped drivers. He focuses on recognizing and understanding the personality of your animal.

LESSONS

Lesson fees must be received by May 1st, 2020, and are non-refundable

\$100.00 for private • \$50.00 each for semi-private, 50 minute lesson

First come, first serve with prepaid and scheduled lessons

Auditors are \$20.00

SEMINARS WITH MICHAEL SCOTT

Subjects:

What to do when problems occur?

Gait Descriptions and Definitions with questions and answers on any subject.

Seminar is free to participants for those who are taking lessons and auditing lessons.

Seminar \$20.00 (For those not auditing lessons)

Saturday at 5:30 pm - with BBQ meal - Pre-order \$12.00 per person, 48 hours prior

Vaccinations

Must be received 48 hours prior to event, send to:leessummitequestrian0819@gmail.com

You must present vaccination records including Eastern Encephalomyelitis (EEE), Influenza & Rhinopneumonitis, Rabies, Strangles, Tetanus, Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE), West Nile, & and current Negative Coggins test for all equine dated within 6 months before unloading your equine.

Boarding

\$50.00 per stall for the weekend w/bedding - First come, first serve. (Only 9 stalls available)

PIXEM Video Robot - \$10 per day

For those wanting to get a video of your lesson (to keep) on your phone or iPad, download the PIXEM App for Apple or Android prior to the clinic.

Lunch is available for \$5.00 per day, on Saturday and Sunday *Please pre-order, 48 hours prior

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No Dogs Allowed