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## *Presidents Message*

This year marks the end of three decades of the club fulfilling its mission of preserving the heritage of carriages and equine driving that prevailed at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

To continue our mission into the fourth decade, we need to enhance our drivers' ability on the lines whether in recreational driving, showing or gaming — whatever style of driving they enjoy. We should encourage our members to enjoy their driving.

Your new officers and directors have met and accomplished quite a bit in our January board meeting. Your Events Committee, headed by VP Judi Adams, has put together a balanced year of educational and fun activities for our members and others.

After so many years, we need to look at the changing demographics and abilities of our members and volunteer base. These can and do affect our ability to continue our mission and to hold competitions. Your Long-Range Committee, headed by Pat Werts, is looking at the ways and means we may need to change to continue our mission into and beyond the fourth decade.

Now is the time to check your harness for wear, and clean it if you didn't last fall. Don't forget that your equine companions have been on vacation this winter. They will need conditioning before you hit the road for a long drive.

Check the calendar in this newsletter and save the dates for our activities and events. Happy driving!

*Linda and Barb*

Dues: \$25.00 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. [editor@cdsgkc.org](mailto:editor@cdsgkc.org)

CDSGKC 2019 Events of Interest		
Feb. 22-24	EquiFest of Kansas 2019, Topeka Expo Center. CDSGKC Driving Derby all three days!	Mary Lu Norland 913-963-8333
April 27&28	NTW Sunrise Ridge Driving Trial & Combined Test, Paradise, Texas	<a href="mailto:katemorgan@gmail.com">katemorgan@gmail.com</a>
May 2-5	National Drive's Spring Fling, Hoosier Horse Park, IN. ADS Recreational Driving Event	<a href="mailto:thenationaldrive@gmail.com">thenationaldrive@gmail.com</a> 217-621-7845
May 4&5	Michael Scott Clinic	Judi Adams 913-441-3723
May 17	Pioneer Pleasure Driving Carriage Show, Seward, NE Judge: Ruth Graves	Garnet Blatchford <a href="mailto:arington@qwestoffice.net">arington@qwestoffice.net</a>
June 28&30	Skunk River Driving Trial, Ames, IA Midwest Driving, Ames IA <a href="http://www.midwest-driving.com">www.midwest-driving.com</a>	Jada Neubauer 515-450-4820
July 13 & 14	4th Annual My Revelation Carriage Classic at Longview Horse Park. Judge: Dave Remley (R) and Technical Delegate Lauren Reece (r).	Linda Barta 816-805-4252
Aug. 24&25	OHHA 2-day Combined Test at Payne County Fair Grounds, Stillwater, OK. Judge: Muffy Seaton	Hilda Wilkins <a href="mailto:hottruck95@gmail.com">hottruck95@gmail.com</a>
Sept. 12-15	CDSGKC Longview by the Lake Driving Trial. Judge: Mary Anne Boyden TD: Wayne Kramer	Barbara Kirby 816-590-2982



**EquiFest  
Driving Derby**  
Topeka Expo Centre  
February 22, 23, 24

The **Driving Derby** portion of EquiFest will be in the large Landon Arena on Friday and Saturday afternoons at 3:00pm and on Sunday morning at 10:15am.

Ten teams will compete in two divisions, pony and horse, most are CDSGKC members. We'll use ADS rules, but not an ADS judge. Since the winner is based on the fastest time, the "Judges" will actually be the digital timer and the displaced balls (time penalties). And there is payback to the first three places.

Mary Lu wants to remind everyone that you can save quite a bit of money by ordering your EquiFest tickets *in advance*. Advance tickets for one day are \$18. If you just show up at the door, it's \$25.

<https://equifestofks.com/tickets.htm>

We're hoping for a good crowd to cheer on the Derby entries, and with three days to

choose from you have several opportunities to pick the best day / time for you.

If you'd like more information, or are even thinking about helping out, contact—  
Mary Lu Norland [bygonefarm@gmail.com](mailto:bygonefarm@gmail.com)

### EECVI – Six Month Health Certificates

Extended Equine Health Certificates lasting more than 30 days are now available.

GVL® digital Extended Equine Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (EECVIs) provide a better solution for frequent horse travelers to keep moving and stay compliant.

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- \* Health certificate that lasts up to six months
- \* Owners have 24/7 access in online account
- \* Automatically submitted to original and destination states
- \* Greater participation nationally

Available now in the following states: AL, AR, FL, GA, ID, KS, KY, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NM, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV and WY.

<https://www.globalvetlink.com/products/ee cvi/>

## Club Activities for 2019

Saturday, February 23rd  
Informal get together in Topeka to cheer on the Driving Derby entries.

Saturday, March 16  
Luncheon meeting for members interested in the Carriage Association of America's *Carriage Driving Proficiency Program*.

April (tentative)  
A road trip to Boonville, MO for a tour of the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding farm. And/or, helping with a Pony Club Educational Play Day.

May 4 & 5  
Michael Scott is coming to hold one of his popular driving clinics.

July 13 & 14  
*My Revelation Carriage Classic* ADS sanctioned pleasure driving show

August 2-4  
*Carriage Association of America Learning Weekend "CAA In the Neighborhood"* in Fort Worth, Texas

Sept 14 & 15  
*Longview by the Lake Driving Trial* ADS sanctioned driving event

October  
Tour of *Grants Farm* in St. Louis, Mo.

December 14  
2019 CDSGKC Annual Christmas luncheon and Election of Officers

Other possibilities:

A Continuous Drive, which is a lot like a Driving Trial, including cones, dressage and a short marathon but designed to be completed in 1 day with a minimum of preparation, cost and volunteers.



## Special Offer 1st Timers Only!

For the next 10 days, the American Driving Society is offering Individual

Memberships to 1st Time Members only for just \$40. You must fill out a special form, available from Mary Lu Norland, to take advantage of this offer.

See her at the Driving Derby or call her at 913-963-8333. Deadline for this fantastic offer is February 24th!!! Always wanted to be an ADS member? This is your chance.

## Know Your Horses Vital Signs

SmartPak Equine has a new website to help horse owners successfully monitor their horses vital signs— temperature (T), pulse (P) and respiration (R). Starting with typical normal ranges:

Temperature = 99.5 -100.5°

Pulse = 28 - 42 beats per minute

Respiration = 8-12 breaths per minute

To decide what's normal for your equine you'll need to take those vital signs for a couple of days at various times of day and start a log. You can get step-by-step instructions on how to do this by going to: [SmartPak.com/HorseHealthChallenge](http://SmartPak.com/HorseHealthChallenge).

Oh, and you might want to make a small investment in your own stethoscope!

While you're learning some of the skills of a vet tech, check out this site too:

[SmartPak.com/BodyConditionQuiz](http://SmartPak.com/BodyConditionQuiz) . It explains the Henneke Body Condition Scoring Scale. It provides a standard system used by equine professionals to determine healthy weight. It runs from 1, which is "poor" (thinnest), to 9, "extremely fat" (fattest).

## Congratulations Mary Lu!

The February 2019 issue of the ADS *The Whip* includes a very informative article by our own Mary Lu Norland. Since the content is of great interest to many of us and all don't receive this magazine, she has given us permission to reprint excerpts here. Enjoy!

### **Growing the Sport—Emphasis on Junior Drivers by Mary Lu Norland**

It is so exciting to see junior drivers! I have professionally taught every grade from kindergarten to graduate students sometime or other during my lifetime AND worked with 4H kids, so it is fun to see them sharing the same interest. The kids offer a different perspective and a fresh one. This population is an important source of potential growth for our sport. I have three different instances of working with junior drivers; two of which are utilizing pony clubs and the other is an ongoing group of clients.

First I need to share a bit of background. The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is based in Lexington, Kentucky. The Pony Club system came from Great Britain, beginning in 1928. Presently there are over 500 clubs in this non-profit organization in the US with over 11,000 members. Members range from 7 to 25 years of age with a goal of teaching sound principles of horsemanship to children who might not otherwise be able to afford costly lessons.... Their mission—

*The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. develop character, leadership, confidence, and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports. [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org)*

That mission statement does not sound as if driving is included in their program's scope, but further investigation shows driving as included in their offerings of instruction. The "pony clubbers" have a firm foundation of equine study and they bring a fabulous background of organized knowledge.

Jada Neubauer, our new Region 5 Director, owner and trainer at Skunk River Equestrian

Center in Iowa has tapped into this fabulous resource through her daughter's Pony Club. The Juniors have become quite a force to be reckoned with as their numbers have increased at the Skunk River Driving Trial in June. Several years ago organizers began encouraging them with free Junior entry fees and by allowing competitors to donate back their stall deposits to "the Junior Fund" for the kids to clean the stalls. Every adult competitor I know contributes their stall deposit to this fund.

The Kansas City area has another adult who will be dipping into the Pony Club "treasure chest," Jenny Garner, herself a Pony Club alum. A clinic is planned for spring/summer. Our driving club, the Carriage & Driving Society of Greater Kansas City will supply the equines and vehicles for the event. Jenny is a trainer in the Kansas City area and is an ADS Combined Driving committee member.

My third group is someone I became aware of through the CD-L Digest. Stacey Giere, trainer at Maple Crest Farm in Brecksville, Ohio, (near Cleveland) says of her 50 clients, "Three-fourths are kids." Stacy has followed her mother in the horse business and reports that her kids are just a continuation of a successful family following.... She feels that driving has a "special empowerment that occurs with the kids." Although we have only spoken on the phone together, I could feel this woman's passion for our sport. It is "...every driver's mission to somehow expose someone to driving," she said. "We need to have a grass roots movement to keep doors open by simply inviting people/ someone to 'come ride with me'...."

Again, these are but three instances in which Junior drivers are being asked to join our ranks and I think they are amazing. However, this is but a beginning and, if you have more stories and more ideas on how to include these kids and add more to our ranks (and enrich our lives!), please write a little something up and let us all know!

## CAA Driver's Proficiency Program

The *Carriage Association of America* has developed a comprehensive program to help drivers achieve driving and horsemanship competence, skill and safety. Drivers are invited to participate in a test of those driving and horsemanship skills by an approved CAA Evaluator.

Mary Sawyer will be meeting with several club members on Saturday, March 16th at 12 noon to discuss the program's requirements and develop a plan to meet its goals during this coming year. CAA membership is not required to participate or to take the test. The only requirement is to buy the CAA Syllabus for Level 1, which costs \$18.95 plus shipping. Mary has the syllabus and you can see it at the meeting.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, plan to come to the March 16th meeting. You can contact Mary at [mdsawyer11@mindspring.com](mailto:mdsawyer11@mindspring.com) or 816-532-0046 (landline, no texts).

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## CAA in the Neighborhood

CDSGKC has been invited to partner with several other *Carriage Association of America* Chapter clubs in our region to partner with CAA for their learning weekend on August 2-4 in Fort Worth, Texas. The theme will be "*Moving Forward, While Looking Back*".

There will be several well-known speakers who will relate how history and tradition influence your driving today. It will cover many aspects of carriage driving that will help you to "up your game" in and out of the ring. You don't need to be a CAA member to attend.

*Carriage & Driving Society of Greater Kansas City  
Invites You to Join Us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# *My Revelation Carriage Classic*



## **NEW Date & Division**

**July 13 & 14, 2019**

Longview Horse Park  
Kansas City, MO

*David Remley, Judge*

*Lauren Reece, Technical Delegate*

### *Divisions*

VSE  
Small Pony  
Large Pony  
Horse  
Multiples  
Novice Whip  
Draft

### *Classes*

Turnout  
Working  
Reinsmanship  
Timed Obstacles  
Scurry  
Country Obstacles  
(House Rules)



*Signature Class:* Working Ladies to Drive (Loula Long Combs trophy)

Concours d'Elegance trophy + Championships in each division & Junior Driver

### **Hospitality**

*Friday Welcome Dinner (Cost \$12)*

Deli style buffet with an array of meat, cheeses, salads, and other fixings.

*Saturday Competitors Dinner (Cost \$25)*

Fried chicken dinner with comfort food sides.

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