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President's Message —

Longview Horse Park has a great new website! Take a look — longviewhorsepark.org Board Members of the LVHP Association are also making sure the beautiful grounds around the various arenas, barns and office complex are looking good for the show season. Not an easy job with all the rain we're having!



And, we have a CDSGKC member featured in an upcoming issue of the national magazine *Driving Digest*. Leslie Owen sent word that she was interviewed about her talented donkey "Esther," for their "Longears" column.

They're highlighting a donkey in one issue, and chose Esther for the May/June highlight honor!

Those of you who have attended events at Longview have seen "Esther" take home her share of ribbons from driving events.

*Linda Barta &
Barbara Kirby*



Dues: \$25.00 per calendar year. Dues received after Oct. 1st will be paid through next year.

Deadline: New submissions by 5th of month. Items received after deadline will receive priority the following month. Electronic submissions are welcome. editor@cdsgkc.org

CDSGKC 2019 Events of Interest		
June 28&30	<i>Skunk River Driving Trial</i> , Midwest Driving, Ames, IA. Judges: Tracey Morgan, Muffy Seaton TD: Wayne Kramer www.midwest-driving.com	Jada Neubauer 515-450-4820
July 13 & 14	4th Annual <i>My Revelation Carriage Classic</i> at Longview Horse Park. Judge Dave Remley (R) and Technical Delegate Lauren Reece (r). Prize list at cdsgkc.org	Linda Barta 816-805-4252
Aug. 2-4	<i>Carriage Association of America Learning Weekend</i> , Dallas, TX	https://www.caaonline.com/
Aug. 3-4	Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester, IA. CT on 8/3	Laurie Renda easterniowacarriageglow.com
Aug. 11, 11am	Gateway Harness Club Pleasure Drive, at Bridlespur Hunt Club, Eolia, MO	Rosie Ring GatewayHarnessClub@yahoo.com
Aug. 24&25	OHHA 2-day Combined Test at Payne County Fair Grounds, Stillwater, OK. Judge: Muffy Seaton	Hilda Wilkins hottruck95@gmail.com
Sept. 6-8	Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI Pleasure driving, Obstacles, Historic Site, Vendors	www.CarriageClassic.com 608-326-4436
Sept. 14-15	CDSGKC <i>Longview by the Lake Driving Trial</i> . Judge: Mary Anne Boyden TD: Wayne Kramer cdsgkc.org	Barbara Kirby 816-590-2982

New Rosters

All members who have paid their 2019 dues should have received current CDSGKC Membership Rosters via email. If you are not online, yours will come via USPS. Please check to make sure your entry is accurate. If there's a problem, contact our Secretary Jerry Plummer, 816-277-8663 secretary@cdsgkc.org. Once we have made any corrections we will send out a new one.

Member News

Bill Shaffer had a scare when his wife Dianna had to have a large cyst removed from her brain in April. Happily, Dianna is doing well and looking forward to having her hair grow back in soon!

Mary Sawyer is also recovering, after a fall a couple of months ago that has kept her off her feet. So, she's busy working with other members interested in the CAA Proficiency Program.

Barbara Kirby and Margita have already completed their first event of the season at the North Texas Sunrise Ridge Driving Trial in April. Word is, they brought home a blue!

Linda Barta is moving soon from her longtime home on the farm to her new home at John Knox Village. She has some horsey items for sale in case you're interested. Amidst all the hustle and bustle she's keeping track of the progress of our July MRCC show.

Judy Adams and Linda Shay flew down for a quick visit with Jim and Gail Thomas in Florida. While there they had a chance to talk with ADS judge Muffy Seaton about the CAA Proficiency Program and received a lot of encouragement to pursue it.

Good News for ADS Members

The American Driving Society recently added another reason for drivers and clubs like CDSGKC to join — ADS members are covered by Accident and Excess Medical Insurance. It's a no-cost member benefit!

Coverage is for registered members, licensed officials, and volunteers of The American Driving Society, Inc. while participating in ADS events and clinics.

This is one more good reason why your CDSGKC Board has no problem voting each year to continue our affiliation with the ADS.

Importance of the Singletree/ Swingletree

A recent question on the CD-L Digest brought up responses from two prominent Carriage Drivers : Hardy Zantke and Jeff Morse. Read on—

The Question:

My husband and I are having a slight disagreement. How much movement should there be in the swingle tree or how tight should the straps be?"

Response: Hardy Zantke

The most important thing is to have just the right amount of movement to not have disagreements between spouses :-)

Other than that, I don't think there can be too much movement, and think mostly the straps restricting the movement serve to not have the swingle tree hit the dashboard or other parts of the carriage, and the swingle tree of course must have enough movement so that the harness does not rub the horse with each step - which can be different with different horses depending on their strides and shoulder movements.

All this for singles. For pairs in addition we sometimes see "eveners" between both single trees, and that's a whole other subject. They come from draft horse driving to even the load between both horses - and are no good for carriage horses when trying to do dressage & obstacles). hardy

Response: Jeff Morse

Yes, you don't want the single tree to hit the dash board but more importantly, should a trace or trace buckle break or come undone, or should the trace end accidentally come off the end of the single tree, the strap on the opposite side will (or should) prevent the single tree from rotating parallel to the shafts and then having the other trace come off the singletree end and create a situation where the horse comes forward enough in relation to the shaft tips that the shafts fall out of the tugs...Ugh! .

This can happen if there is no dash to also prevent this, or if the single tree is mounted

under the cross bar, which it is in some vehicles. Those straps serve an important safety function.

Longview Charity Horse Show

Saddle Up has designated the Saturday morning Academy session of their June 21 & 22 Longview Benefit show to honor longtime area horsewoman Bev Cathcard. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Evicting Carpenter Bees

theHorse.com Posted by Lee Townsend, MS, PhD | May 7, 2019—Jennifer Clarke

Carpenter bees are important pollinators, but the large bees are intimidating and, when abundant, can cause extensive structural damage. This can be compounded by woodpeckers drilling in the holes for bee larvae.

The weathered, slightly roughened surfaces of soft woods in barns and sheds provide ideal nesting sites for carpenter bees. Every spring, carpenter bees emerge from their tunnels to expand them or begin to chew new ones, often nearby. They stock their tunnels with pollen as food for their larvae.

Structures with exposed soft wood always attract carpenter bees, so management will be a continuous process. There are three major control options:

1. When bees become active, treat entry holes by puffing a labeled insecticidal dust (such as Drione dust, Tempo 1% Dust, and Delta Dust.) into the openings. Read and follow label directions for using products around animals. Seal the holes with sections of dowel rod or caulk about two days after treatment.
2. Try carpenter bee traps (various designs are available on the Internet). Put these out when the bees are first active and searching for nesting sites.
3. Carpenter bees are very unlikely to attack slick, hard surfaces. Sanding and painting surfaces, though is not always practical. Stains and preservatives, however, are less likely to be effective.

My Revelation Carriage Classic

Saturday, July 13th (in the show oval)

8:00am — Morning classes begin.
Turnout and Working Pleasure

1:00pm — Afternoon classes begin.
Reinsmanship, Loula Long Combs
Ladies Class, Timed Obstacles

New for 2019: Large & Small Pony Classes!

6:00pm — Full Course Dinner, & Auction at
the Pavilion (Reservations
required)

Sunday, July 14th (on the cones course)

8:00am — Morning classes begin.
Scurry and Country Obstacles
running concurrently in the Cones
Arena and on the Country
Obstacle Course

What's Causing My Horse's Negative Trailer Behaviors?

thehorse.com/156947 Posted by Sue McDonnell, PhD, Certified AAB • Apr. 4, 2019
Q. What's causing my horse's negative trailer behaviors, such as kicking and pawing on the road? Loading is not a problem.

A. When loading is not a problem, and the kicking and pawing occur only when on the road, the first thing I think about is something about the vehicle's movement that is uncomfortable for the horse. Examples we have found over the years include balance problems and painful musculoskeletal conditions, particularly [neck](#) and [back discomfort](#), that understandably get aggravated by the horse's nearly constant effort to adjust head height to maintain balance on the trailer.... Observers can commonly associate the pawing and kicking with turns or starts and stops.

In extreme cases, we've seen some horses lose their balance and scramble, sometimes falling whenever turning, usually to one direction more than the other. We could see their worried expression and attempt to brace when experiencing even a slight turn. Some

of these horses do better with an alternate arrangement say, slant load or open box stall. Or in some cases the horse appears more comfortable when not tied. Even diagnostically, different arrangements would be something to try.

Pasture Grass Sugar Levels: When Are They Lowest?

theHorse.com/170199 Posted by Clair Thunes PhD • Apr 15, 2019 • Excerpts

The level of sugar in pasture grass varies due to several factors, including the weather, how stressed the grass is, its maturity, the time of year, and the time of day.

Generally, veterinarians and nutritionists recommend horses sensitive to sugar in pasture grass graze very early in the morning.... And, because sugar levels start to build up again with sun exposure, it's best to remove sensitive horses from pasture by about 10 a.m. If there's significant cloud cover, you might be able to leave horses out a little longer....

One exception would be if the temperature drops below about 40°F overnight. At this temperature and below, the plants' growth rate slows, stored sugars aren't used up. This means potentially at-risk horses should not have pasture access.

And, you must consider that some very sensitive horses might never be able to graze safely... Grazing muzzles are a very useful tool to help limit grass intake but still allow pasture access. Studies have shown that some muzzles can limit intake by as much as 80%.

Proper Pasture Management

Another important consideration is that most of the sugar in grasses tends to be in the bottom 3 to 4 inches of the plants. While it might be tempting to think that a very short, overgrazed pasture is safe because there's "nothing out there," such pastures present several risks—grasses are very stressed and only the lower inches of the plant are available, meaning these pastures can be very high in sugar....

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Horse

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Preliminary

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Preliminary

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