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President's Message —

It's August and the Dog Days of Summer are upon us. The 4th *My Revelation Carriage Classic* is behind us. Although our entries were down considerably, our show was no different from many carriage shows in the Midwest. When the sun finally came out, instead of showing their horses prospective competitors had to scramble getting hay put up and doing other needed work that weather-related problems had delayed.



Unfortunately, due to lower entries our show lost about \$200. Hopefully next year, the weather and health -related issues will not rear their heads again as we celebrate the MRCC 5th anniversary!

Now, the current hot weather is causing us to delay the August Michael Scott Clinic scheduled for August 17th. Instead, Kelly and Pam Johnson have invited everyone out to their place for a fun day learning more about multiple hitches. I hope everyone who can will take advantage of this opportunity.

The major *Villa Louis Carriage Classic* in Wisconsin is the weekend after Labor Day and several of our drivers are going up to compete, along with crews and cheering sections. Good luck to all drivers.

And, CDSGKC's next competitive event will be the *Longview by the Lake HDT* on September 14-15. Give Mary Sawyer a call to volunteer, and check our website for more current information.
www.cdsgkc.org

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		
Aug. 17, 4pm	K Bar J Fun Day, 20905 E 181st, Pleasant Hill, MO, 9 miles east of Longview Horse Park. 816-918-8106	Kelly&Pam Johnson kbarjr@yahoo.com
Aug. 24&25 cancelled	OHHA 2-day Cowboy Country Combined Test s 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
Sept. 19-21st	CAA Conference & Cavalcade of Carriages, Germantown, TN check the CAA website for more info www.CAAOnline.com	www.CAAOnline.com
Oct. 5 & 6	CDSGKC sponsored Michael Scott Clinic at K Bar K Ranch in Pleasant Hill MO.	Judi Adams 816-863-9246
Dec. 14, Sat.	CDSGKC Annual Christmas Luncheon and Election of Officers.	Judi Adams 816-863-9246

Equine Viral Outbreak

In addition to weather problems, equine owners in our region are also having to deal with an outbreak of vesicular stomatitis. The number of cases in Colorado forced that driving club to cancel their CDE scheduled for August 24 & 25. Most animals recover from the virus but it usually takes two to three weeks and it is highly contagious.

Organizers of our September *Longview Lake Driving Trial* have been on top of the situation. Mary Lu Norland contacted our CDE Official Veterinarian, Dr. Maureen Sutter who said Missouri is one of the states requiring additional health certificate requirements. So for safety's sake, we will be requiring health certificates that are written in 10 days rather than the usual 30 days.

For more info, check these websites:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/cattle-disease-information/vesicular-stomatitis-info>

<https://thehorse.com/177171/usda-issues-updated-vs-outbreak-situation-report/>

<http://equinediseasecc.org/alerts/outbreaks>

We also suggest that any of our members who plan to trailer their equines out of state check with their veterinarian first.

Longview Horse Park Association

The LVHPA Board met on July 9, 2019. Major discussions included:

- The Saddle Up Show donated \$1000 to the LVHP General Fund.
- A design for the Bev Cathcard Pavilion sign should be ready for Board approval soon.
- A group using the Park in July left the office and grounds in a mess. Board is considering appropriate repercussions.
- Major work by the Beautification Committee is complete on the tree line by the barns.
- Need to monitor trailer parking to prevent people from parking by "No Parking" signs.
- Jackson County Parks maintenance has vacated a storage garage from the original farm. Bob McMillin asked if LVHPA might be interested in restoring it for a museum or equine education center. They are!



CAA Driver's Proficiency Evaluation

Three of our members recently arranged to take the CAA Driver's Proficiency Level 1 test. It was a cooperative effort!

Mary Sawyer contacted Jill Ryder at CAA; found out that Muffy Seaton, who is an evaluator, would be judging the Skunk River Driving Trial in Iowa; contacted her to see if she might be willing to come to our area after judging. She said "Yes!" Then Suzanne and Jim Avery who attended the DT said they could drop Muffy off on their way home.



Muffy Seaton watches as Judi puts a harness bridle back together.

Judi Adams hosted Muffy at her home and drove "Milly" for the driving portion of the evaluation. Linda Shay brought "Gunner" over for herself and Mary to drive.



Congratulations go out to all three who passed the evaluation and now have their well-deserved CAA Level 1 Proficiency Certificates!

Just goes to show that if you really want to get something done and have good friends and officials to help, you CAN make it happen.

CAA Learning Weekend

Six local carriage drivers journeyed to Dallas, TX for the CAA's first "In the Neighborhood" earlier this month: Judi Adams, Linda Shay, Mary Sawyer, Linda Barta, Mary Loy Brown and Lea Huber. During the two days, they had an opportunity to meet Jill Ryder, Chapter Liaison Sally Armstrong and other regional drivers. And they heard from several excellent presentations on a variety of topics.

The speakers, and a "Tip" from each —

Barry Dickinson —a recognized expert in carriage driving appointments, vehicles, history, and the proper use of lines and whips.
Tip: Keep your hands in front of your belly button when driving.

Jerry Rider —the Immediate Past President of the Carriage Association of America. He's also an expert on carriage history and restoration. He was instrumental in the CAA assisting the Met Museum in New York City obtain and organize the Brewster Carriage Company vehicle records. They are now computerized and available on-line. This is a tremendous research tool.

Tip: Wooden hubs are preferred for antiques.

Katie Whaley ("Hats by Katie") —spoke on modern day turnout. She's also an international competitor for the US with her pony pair. and showed slides from her trip to Germany for the world championships; shipping ponies, carriage and crew by air! Katie is unique in that she competes in both Combined Driving and Pleasure Driving so she was able to answer all types of reinsmanship questions too.

Tip: Your apron is part of your carriage and should coordinate with it, not with your clothes.

Carl Mitz— an acknowledged expert in the field of equine dentistry and a founding member of the Equine Dental Providers of America. He came ready to talk teeth, with actual equine jaw bones to pass around.

Tip: All equines should be floated at least yearly, mini's every 6 months.

We'll have more "Tips" from this outstanding weekend in future newsletters.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th
4:00pm

***We're going to have a fun day
and everyone is invited!***

***We're going to hitch our multiples 2, 4, and 6.
If you don't know how we'll show you.
You can also have a go on the lines!***

***At the very least get together
and visit with friends.***

***We'll provide Nathan's hot dogs and brats
and ice tea off the back of our chuck wagon.
Bring something to go with that if you like.
A chair and whatever beverage you want.***

K Bar J Ranch
20905 E 181st
Pleasant Hill, Mo

816 918 8106

Just 9 miles SE of Longview horse park.

**✓ Please call or reply with RSVP so we'll know
how much food to get.**

**Your Hosts,
Kelly & Pam Johnson**

Estate Sale: Linda Barta has moved and is
having a sale of antiques and horse related
items, driving and ridden on August 24 - 26th.
Go to www.estatesales.net for more details.