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Presidents' Message —

This fall we have lost two of our early club supporters. Last month we said farewell to past President Hurshell Herrell. This month we said good-bye to Francis Peniston. Francis was a long-time member and supporter of the Morgan horse and the driving club. He also loved to remember and worked to preserve the history of the Pony Express and St. Joseph area. He was a Navy veteran. From his submarine days, he developed his motto of, "Keep an even bubble."

With the untimely weather this year, we were unable to bring Michael Scott to Kansas City for one of his fabulously informative clinics. Rain kept us from the Fun Day at K Bar J Ranch also. Hopefully next year Mother Nature will prove more helpful.

If anyone has a concern to bring before the board, we will have a board meeting on Sunday, November 17, at 1pm in the Gallery Room at Places Restaurant on the John Knox Village campus in Lee's Summit.

I hope everyone has put the CDSGKC Christmas Luncheon/ Annual Meeting/ Election on their calendars for Saturday, December 14th. It's the same great place as last year with lots of delicious food!

Until next month, drive safely.

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		
Dec. 14, Sat.	CDSGKC Annual Christmas Luncheon and Election of Officers. Cinzetti's Italian Market Restaurant, 7201 W. 91st. O.P. KS	Judi Adams 816-863-9246
CDSGKC 2020 Events of Interest		
April 9-12/2020	2020 ADS North American Preliminary & Intermediate Championships will be in Southern Pines, NC	

Nominating Committee

The 2019 Nominating Committee consists of Dick Brown (Chair), RaeJean Powell and Jerry Plummer. They are looking for members to fill the following positions:

3 Officers

- Vice-President for a 2 year term
- Treasurer for a 2 year term
- Secretary for a 1 year term

4 Board Members

- 3 for 3 year terms
- 1 for a 2 year term

The committee has heard from 3 members willing to serve on the Board, but so far, none willing to take over as Officers. *Please realize that our club cannot continue to function effectively without members who are willing to step up into leadership positions.*

We will be accepting nominations from the floor on December 14th before the election but the committee would really appreciate hearing from you in advance. If you're willing to fill any of these open positions, please contact Dick Brown, 816-781-1766 or rcmlbrown@me.com soon.

Condolences

Francis Peniston's daughter Suzanne King wrote to tell us of his passing in early October. She wrote: *He always enjoyed the Carriage and Driving Society members and had many good friends. I just wanted to send a note to thank you all for the kindness shown him and let you know of the enjoyment he received as being a part of this group over the years.*

Sincerely,

Suzanne Peniston King
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From "The CAA Spokesperson"

On the first Thursday of every month the free online program *Horses in the Morning* highlights driving. Here is a recent episode (click to listen):

[Driving: New Driven Dressage Tests, Horse Driven Hearses and Tui-na Therapy](#)

Longview Horse Park Association

Fourth Quarter Board Meeting

- Jess Bain, for many years the President of the LVHPA, has died and there will be a memorial service for him on November 2nd at the Olathe American Legion Hall. He was 94.
- The Cross Country Advisory Committee is interested in some of the items for sale at the Rio show facility which is closing.
- Windermere Run, a USEA Championship eventing competition is expecting 200 entries the weekend of October 26 & 27. Rain or shine.
- Work is progressing on the sign for the Bev Cathcard Pavillion.
- The accident involving the arena light pole has brought up the need to replace all of the poles. To save considerable cost, the County will be doing the job themselves.



Q & A

Q. What's that hook in the middle of the harness saddle if we're not using a check rein on our driving bridles?

A. It's often called a "water hook" because in the olden days drivers used to hang a water bucket on it so they could stop and dip water for their horse from a well or stream.

October ADS Wheelhorse

Half Halt by Hardy Zantke

I learned to prepare my horses for moving off by giving them a half halt, meaning, by picking up the reins and taking on some contact. That is the preparatory command. Then the horses know, hey, he is getting ready, something is going to happen now. They were put on alert and were now waiting for what would be asked of them next.

There really are only three things that could come next: Either (and rarely) I would ask for a rein-back, using voice and more contact, or, I was just checking and would release my hand again without anything else, and we continue standing. But most likely we would be moving off. In that case, I would release my hand (ease the contact) the end of the half halt and simultaneously with that would give them the verbal execution command to move off, now with just a cluck.

Horses have very good hearing. No more words are needed. They all learn this quickly, especially if in the beginning, when they are not used to it yet, or one is lazy or really laid back the driver has the hand with the whip ready to give him a slight tap on the rump, or as much as needed, but hopefully only one tap and right away!

They learn very quickly, after just a few times, that just the taking up contact then release together with the cluck is the cue to move forward.

Choosing a Helmet

There have been several recent postings about equestrian helmets on the CD-L. The one point that keeps coming up is

DOES IT FIT YOUR HEAD!

As someone who fits helmets as part of my job, fit is way more important than brand as long as the model is approved for equestrian use. The equestrian helmets are designed for falls from a height with both frontal and rear protection.

Pretty much everyone agrees that fit is critical, which means you need to try it on. So an online buy may not be the best unless you can exchange it. Most will also say that all the rated brands are good.

Another post gave this website which is loaded with good info.

The Snell Foundation test standards for Equestrian Helmets

<https://www.smf.org/standards/E/E2016/E2016>

