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Presidents Message

We hope everyone continues to be safe and healthy. As the nation begins to open the economy, people will be getting out and about more. At least during these next several weeks We encourage everyone to continue to observe safe practices of wearing masks and social distancing. This is for both your own safety and the health of others. One of the things that makes this nation great is our willingness to pull together in times of adversity and to care for and about others.

April was National Volunteer Month. "Thank you for all you do" doesn't seem enough to say to our volunteers who may work for a day at an activity or event, help for weeks or months to organize an activity or event, or work all year as an officer or board member to help make our club run smoothly.

May is National Carriage & Driving Month.

Opportunities are beginning to open for driving activities. What are you doing? Please take pictures and send them with a short description including name of horse, name of driver and activity to lindaasb3@gmail.com.

This has been a time when our drivers who are non-essential workers have had an unprecedented opportunity to be able to practice their skills for summer driving activities. We hope one of those is the *My Revelation Carriage Classic* which, barring unforeseen circumstances, will be in July.

Over 40 years of driving together as a club, our direction has changed. What has stayed solid is a focus on safety. Now is good time to let us know what **you** would like to learn; what kind of clinics, presentations "games" or drives you'd like. Would you be willing to host such a drive or an activity? Help us "think outside the box seat."

Please let us know in what direction your interests lie. We are a small club, but if everyone works together we can make this a mighty club. When the world can begin to relax from this pandemic let us come out stronger than before. Remember the little train that kept saying, "I think I can. I think I can."

Until we can meet again, drive safely.

Linda & Barbara



CDSGKC 2020 Events of Interest		
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	cancelled Iowa Carriage Glow CT&Pleasure Show. Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Marion, IA www.easterniowacarriageglow.com	Laurie Renda 319-360-1078
Aug. 22&23 8am - 4pm	Michael Scott Clinic & Seminar. Lee's Summit Equestrian Center, Missouri	Judi Adams 913-441-3733
Sept. 11-13	40th Annual <i>Villa Louis Carriage Classic</i> , Prairie du Chien, WI Judges: Karen Homer-Brown, Steve Holm, Jessica Axelsson TD: Kail Palmer-Miller info@carriageclassic.com ** Also hosting the 2020 CAA Carriage Showcase.	Mike Rider 608.326.4436 www.CarriageClassic.com
Sept. 19&20	<i>Longview by the Lake Driving Trial</i> . Judge: Boots Wright, TD: Keith Yutz	Barbara Kirby 816-805-8252

MRCC—Coming in July!!!

Following much deliberation and discussion, the *My Revelation Carriage Classic* committee has decided to hold our annual carriage driving show on July 11&12. There is no later date available at Longview Horse Park. And we received promising survey returns from past competitors who are ready to show and want to show with us.

This will be MRCC's 5th anniversary. It was the first carriage pleasure driving show in our area to be recognized by the American Driving Society, using their rules and officials. It offers our local drivers the opportunity to be judged by the best without having to travel long distances.

Although still relatively small it has become known as a friendly, first-class carriage pleasure driving show held at an outstanding facility. With this reputation, it attracts carriage drivers from many surrounding states. Loula Long Combs was a classy lady and a first-class horsewoman. Our desire is to honor her accomplishments in the driving world.

You do not need a fancy vehicle or harness to enter. The Utility Division is perfect for drivers wanting to test-drive the show ring. You compete against others with the same type of vehicles.

If you are new to ADS competitions and need help navigating the ADS rule book please let Organizer Linda Barta know (816.805.4252 or lindaasb3@gmail.com) and she'll have

someone contact you. You do not need to memorize the entire rule book.

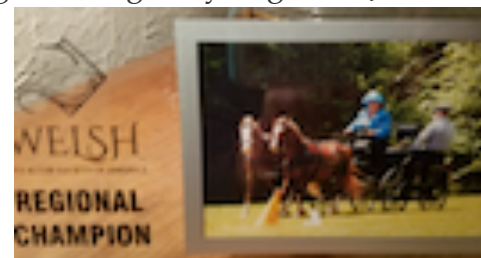
MRCC expenses are cut to the bone. Because of Covid-19 we were unable to contact many sponsors in a timely fashion. We are desperately contacting sponsors realizing that many are not able to sponsor this year. We need your support. Please consider sponsoring.

By the end of May our area should be out from under most restrictions. Our entries open on June 1 and close June 30. Our show follows in two weeks. We will look at what Covid guidelines to follow at the horse park. and merge ours with those from Jackson County Parks & Recreation and the ADS. Ours is one of the early competitions being held after restrictions are lifted, eyes will be on us.

There is a sponsorship form with this newsletter. If you have supported the show in the past, we hope you will consider sponsoring again. Thank you for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our own Rae Jean Powell and her Welsh Pony team of Dandardel Elias and Powell-haven Prince Sheridan for winning the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America's South Central Region Championship for Multiples Carriage Driving. Way to go Rae Jean!





Villa Louis Carriage Classic to Host

CAA Carriage Showcase

September 11-13,
2020



Q1. What is the Carriage Association of America Carriage Showcase?

A1. The Carriage Showcase is an annual tradition hosted by the Carriage Association of (CAA). Both antique and reproduction vehicles are exhibited in the showcase and evaluations are performed by a group of experienced restorers and evaluators. The evaluators inspect each vehicle and give an incredibly detailed description including their assessments of the quality and workmanship of the paint or stain; colors; trim; mechanical soundness; correctness of all vehicle parts (e.g. hitching pieces and lamps); correctness of all vehicle hardware (e.g. screws, nuts, hinges, and beading); and overall impression. Categories of judging include original and conserved vehicles along with antique vehicles “in use” and both amateur and professionally restored antique vehicles “on display” along with miniatures and reproduction vehicles as well.

What is the process of judging and providing feedback on the evaluations?

A5. The evaluations will be done by the CAA evaluators and then a public commentary is given where details and unique features of each vehicle are discussed. This commentary is very insightful for people as it gives understanding to the placings of each vehicle. Participants in the carriage showcase can opt-out of the public commentary if they would wish to have the judge’s evaluations not shared with the public.



The CAA’s Online Presence Book Club

The CAA has been hosting an online book club for some time but it has been for members only. But this year it has been opened to the public each Thursday at 2pm EST via their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/CarriageAssociation/>

The video clips can be viewed at any time. Depending on the topic being covered (and the weather outside) the videos have been watched no less than 682 times. Over the course of the eight weeks that we’ve been doing this, four of the videos have had more than 1,100 views.

One of the goals with this book club is to introduce readers to books they might not otherwise pick up - *The Elegant Carriage*, *Understanding Harness*, and *Felton’s Carriages*. They’re starting a new book this week, *The Hungarian Driving Style* by Tibor Pettko-Szandtner von Felsodriethoma, Royal Hungarian Major (rtd.), Inspector of Hungarian Horse Breeding. The forward is by H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.. We will be reading the *Advice for Correctly Putting to Pairs and Teams: The Pole and The Lead Bars*.

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My Revelation Carriage Classic Sponsorship Form

Name (Business/Individual): _____

Business Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address (Street): _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Company Website: _____

Name as Listed on Website and in Competition Program: _____

Club Contact Person Obtaining Sponsorship: _____

All sponsors will be listed on our website for the calendar year, printed in the program, and will be announced at the event.

\$300 sponsors may have a business presence at the event, i.e. banner (sponsor provided), and two tickets to our Saturday evening meal.

- **For best PRINT quality**, email a high definition logo in digital PDF format to lindaasb3@gmail.com
- **For best WEB quality**, email a high definition logo in digital JPEG format to lindaasb3@gmail.com

Divisions: VSE (Very Small Equine), Small Pony, Large Pony, Horse, Multiples, Utility and Novice Whip

Classes (within Divisions): Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Timed Obstacles, Scurry and Country Obstacles

Sponsorship Level

___ Entire Division (all 6 classes) **\$300**

___ Division Championship **\$100**

___ Individual Class **\$50**

Sponsorship Selection

(List division or class & division for individual class)

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

3rd choice _____

Special Class Sponsorships \$100 (check with show organizer for availability)

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

___ Best in Show Award

Other Sponsor Level/In Kind Amount: _____

Please make checks payable to CDSGKC & remit to Show Organizer (indicate MRCC on Memo Line)

Show Organizer

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Thank you for your sponsorship from the 2020 MRCC Show Committee!!!