



DRIVING LINES

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Presidents Message

We hope everyone has been following social distancing and other guidelines as appropriate to safeguard yours and others' health. America is a caring nation. We not only look out for ourselves, but each other also. As our area continues to open the economy, your event organizers and board are watching the guidelines unfold.

On June 5, the ADS finally released their Covid-19 requirements regarding sanctioned events and are updating them weekly making planning very difficult. After much research and discussion, the MRCC committee voted to cancel our show and not even hold it as non-ADS because of added Covid-19 liability. Most of the ADS shows have made the same difficult choice, including the prestigious Villa Louis.

The Driving Trial committee is still in research and discussion mode on what to do regarding our September event. ADS restrictions are not as complicated and there is more time to decide. We'll send out an email blast and have the decision on our website as soon as it's made.

Meanwhile, many local clubs have members getting together in small groups for short recreational drives and get togethers. And your CDSGKC Board just met and will soon have some upcoming plans. We have set our 2021 MRCC dates for July 10 & 11 so please mark your 2021 calendar and plan to join us then.

Until we can meet again, drive safely.

Linda & Barbara

CDSGKC 2020 Events of Interest		
Aug. 22&23	Michael Scott Clinic & Seminar Lee's Summit Equestrian Center	Judy Adams 913-441-3733
Aug. 28	Barnett MO Horse Sale	Junior Yoder
Sept. 19&20	Longview Lake Driving Trial at Longview Horse Park	Barbara Kirby 816-590-2982

June 27th Board Meeting

This was the first meeting for the Board since February. There was a lot to discuss, including everyone feeling that although it was very difficult to cancel this year's *My Revelation Carriage Classic*, it was the right decision.

Highlights —

- Our new website is on-line and up-to-date with lots of great information about our club and carriage driving. The newsletter is sporting one of the new versions of the logo in our letterhead.
- Jackson County Parks will hold our July show dates for next year's MRCC and apply that deposit toward expenses for this year's Longview Lake Driving Trial.
- Driving Trial Update - Plans are continuing for the Longview HDT in September, barring any new restrictions. Jerry Plummer will contact the ADS to check new release forms they have available, to make sure it does cover communicable diseases. And the deposit from MRCC will now go toward covering stall and other extra fees for the HDT.
- The Michael Scott Clinic is on-track and may be expanded to include elements of a "Fun Day" for members only. It will probably include some cone courses and other opportunities for members to enjoy driving at the Equestrian Center.
- We will be investigating adopting some form of computer software for future Board and committee meetings to improve communication.

From the CDL

- Q. What to do to keep the extra length of driving lines from dragging while driving.
- A. I take two large pony tail bands. The kind for thick hair. I attach these together. This gives you two loops (like a figure 8). Attach one end of the loop to the rein buckle and the other loop over your wrist. Keeps reins out of the way but there if you need them.



Choosing Salt & Mineral Blocks for Horses

Excerpts from *theHorse* [Clair Thunes, PhD](#) | Jun 22, 2020 |

....All salt sources have the similarity that they are all predominantly sodium chloride—more than 92% sodium chloride, based on the analysis I found.

Many people rely on the brown trace mineralized blocks as a **trace mineral** supplement to their horse's forage. However, while they are of course consuming trace minerals from these blocks as they consume the salt it may not be enough to meet their needs.

For example, a 1,100-pound horse has a daily maintenance sodium requirement of just under 10 grams of sodium... Based on one commercially available trace mineralized block, if your horse consumed an ounce (28.3 grams) of salt he would also consume 100 mg of zinc and 8.5 mg of copper. This will most likely not be enough to meet the shortfall remaining after consuming 1.5 to 2% of body weight as hay or pasture....

While the rock salt and trace mineralized salt might not fully meet your horse's nutritional needs, some horses appear to prefer their taste, preferentially consuming them over a plain white salt block. In this case the extra expense might be worthwhile and the trace minerals that are consumed are unlikely going to negatively impact the overall diet if you are providing other source of trace minerals in the ration.

My preference is to give loose salt in their feed at a rate of 1 tablespoon per 500 pounds of body weight, along with additional salt block access. This way I know they are consuming their maintenance sodium requirement and have additional salt available should they desire.

To insure trace mineral needs are met I find feeding a ration balancing feed or supplement that is designed to provide those nutrients that might be missing or deficient in a forage based diet to be more successful than relying on a trace mineralized salt block.

Send in Your Ideas

At the Board's recent meeting they all agreed to remind members that you are always welcome to present suggestions for future activities to them through Co-Presidents Linda Barta and Barbara Kirby. They particularly appreciate people who are willing to organize and plan the activity if it's accepted. Since Board meetings are open to all members you're welcome to come and present your ideas in person.

Friendship Power

A farmer had a very large metal pole shed that he no longer wanted. The Amish Family next door said they wanted it. Some of their friends would help carry it to his property about 800 yards away. Who would have thought that 250 friends would show up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZL7TqSeDus&feature=youtu.be>

The Up-Tick in Metabolic-Related Issues and the Subsequent Threat to Equine Health

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Much like their physician colleagues, equine veterinarians are seeing an up-tick in metabolic-related issues. It's a challenge with numerous contributing factors at its core. The industry has seen several breeds and disciplines skew toward heavier horses as their preferred aesthetic.

In addition, overfeeding and choosing the wrong feeds can set horses on a path for unchecked weight gain and the often-resulting metabolic concerns that accompany excess fat. Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) and insulin resistance (IR), often referred to as insulin dysregulation (ID), are serious threats to equine health....

Metabolic disorders are undeniably on the rise amongst younger and still actively-showing horses. Where a better understanding of EMS and IR may play a role in reversing this increase, the greatest contributing factor is the industry itself and at what weight certain breeds and disciplines are desired and, perhaps most importantly, what judges deem attractive.

The body condition that is seen across many show worlds and disciplines, including those of young horses, begs the question, 'What is too fat?' The body weight that many horsemen today are considering ideal is, in fact, overweight.

Outside of the show arena, many easy keeping, recreational horses also are kept at a body condition score that would often be considered over-conditioned due to lack of exercise or overfeeding, or both. When the overweight horse is considered normal there needs to be an industry shift and a renewed view of horse condition and health.

See full article: <https://www.platinumperformance.com/articles/metabolic-conditions>