



DRIVING LINES

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Presidents Message

We are past the half-way mark of 2020. This has been and continues to be “one for the books.” As we awaited the next crisis the year would bring, it turned out to be equine related —Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV). Because this highly contagious disease has come so close to Kansas City, Judi Adams has canceled our Michael Scott Clinic and Fun Day weekend on August 22-23.

Because of COVID-19 the Driving Trial committee was looking at a non-ADS sanctioned event. However, with VSV added to everything else, Barbara Kirby and her committee made the difficult decision to cancel the Longview By the Lake Driving Trial in September. They are now setting their sights on 2021.

If you have not been on the club’s website lately you should check out our gallery of members and their equines (and canines) having fun.

Your board has continued to work on the club’s behalf. It has approved an offer from board member Al Hale to put together a committee to develop guidelines and hopefully expand dwindling club membership. Al, Bobbi Wojtowicz and Jerry Plummer will be looking into what current and potential members would like the club to provide and constructive ways to go about this.

Until we meet again, let us hope all curve balls stay in the baseball stadiums. Drive safely and stay safe.

Linda & Barbara

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

Because she had so much disappointed response from current and new members signed up for the clinic, Organizer Judi Adams contacted Michael Scott about still coming to our area to meet with individual drivers at their own facility —and he said YES! So, it won’t be an official CDSGKC event as planned, but dedicated drivers will still have a terrific learning experience!

CDSGKC 2020 Events of Interest		
Aug.29, 9am Saturday	EKAHA Pony Express Horse Show at Longview Horse Park will have 3 Carriage Classes: Carriage Driving Working, Pl. Driving Open and Mini Driving.	
Aug. 22 FUN DAY Canceled	Clinician Michael Scott will be coming in to work with drivers on an individual basis at their own facility in lieu of our previously scheduled clinic.	Judy Adams 913-441-3733
Aug. 28	Barnett MO Horse Sale	Junior Yoder
Sept. 19&20 CANCELLED	Longview Lake Driving Trial at Longview Horse Park	Barbara Kirby 816-590-2982

Pony Express Show

Rae Jean Powell sends word that the Pony Express IS having a show The EKAHA club on Saturday Aug. 29th starting at 9:00am. CDSGKC is sponsoring class 19 Carriage Driving Working, and Amy Hull has graciously sponsored the Pleasure Driving Open, and the Miniature Driving! This will give club members an opportunity to get out and Drive!

Michael Scott Clinic and Fun Day Canceled

Until August 8th, drivers had signed up for all lesson slots and were looking forward to a Fun Day with their equines. Clinic Coordinator Judi Adams and her committee of volunteers met on August 7th under the trees at the facility to discuss Fun Day games, the lesson schedule and all things related to the weekend.

They had some fun times planned such as a cones course Scrabble game and an Apple Toss obstacle course game. Desensitizing serpentine, a bridge, a cowboy curtain and other fun activities were to be available all day. Everyone was looking forward to the activities.

Then Vesicular Stomatitis began to invade the Kansas City area. The threat became too great. Judi decided that the best option was to cancel the weekend.

If You'd Like To Watch —

Michael Scott has graciously agreed to give those who had pre-registered for the canceled clinic individual lessons at their own facility. If others would like to

watch that might be arranged with permission of the one taking the lesson. Judi Adams will be working on the schedule for Michael when he is here on August 22nd and will be driving him to the various locations. Contact her for more information.

Longview By the Lake Driving Trial

Coordinator Barbara Kirby and her committee also made the difficult decision to cancel the Longview Driving Trial for this year. "We considered having a non-ADS recognized competition. But that, too, seemed unrealistic." They will set their sights on 2021.

Their decision was based on several factors which included the presence of VSV in the area, COVID-19 and the changing government regulations. Feedback from potential competitors included horses that were not fit, people spending their money on other things this year, concerns about traveling to this area and not being able to return to work without being quarantined.

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Endurance Driving

The Midwest Distance Driving Association still has distance drives going on. CAA members Alice & Ray Hubert are a driving force (pardon the pun) in the distance driving world and have continued to enjoy the sport while doing social distancing.

You can find MDDA information at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.mdda.info/>



A "virtual" Tevis Cup for Drivers

One of the most well known endurance rides in the United States is the Western States Trail Ride, often referred to as the **Tevis Cup**, and it has gone virtual! Although the in-person ride has been canceled due to Covid-19, this opens up the *opportunity for the first (and probably only) time that carriage drivers can compete.* Normally the 100 mile trail ride has to be finished in a day but organizers are giving you a bit more time. Find out more here --

<http://www.teviscup.org/>

What You Should Know About Nosebands

The ADS Rules specify in several places that a noseband is mandatory. Do you know the history, purpose and correct adjustment of nosebands? Here are excerpts from an article that explains.

For many decades the noseband was of no particular interest to the world wide equestrian press, but over the past years this piece of leather on a horse's bridle has made it into the headlines, unfortunately, for unpleasant reasons. Often too tightly cranked in dressage or too deeply dropped in pony classes, the noseband has been wrongly used either to hide training issues or out of ignorance.

To read the entire articles go to:

[<https://www.eurodressage.com/2012/02/07/noseband-special-part-i-history-noseband>]()

In general one has to pay attention to the following:

- *All nosebands have to be adjusted in a way that it doesn't press on the*
- *nostrils or the cheek bone; the airflow must not be restricted in any way.*
- *Any noseband has to be fitted so you can pass 2 posed fingers resting*
- *on bony parts under the straps. The horse has to be able to still open its mouth, relax the jaw and chew, otherwise it will not come on the bit except when using force.*
- *Nosebands have to be chosen not entirely by purpose, but also by the*
- *horse's individual head anatomy and have to be fitted correctly.*

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