



Carriage Tracks

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Northern California Driving Club
Established in 1992*

*To Perpetuate and Promote the Safe Use of the Equine in
Harness for Pleasure, Recreation and Sport*

April 2003

Chairman's Message

The "Season" is underway and the Calendar on our Website is very full. Good luck to all who are campaigning this year and to those who enjoy pleasure driving and lower key activities.

Speaking of lower key activities, we as a club have a wonderful opportunity this June 14th to either hold our postponed Trail Trial or schedule an organized Pleasure Drive at the beautiful Shady Oaks Ranch in Lodi. This will probably be the main topic of discussion at our April meeting at Ram Tap. This is a great way for our pleasure drivers or novice CDE's to drive at this beautiful venue without a lot of pressure. We can use the existing hazards and dressage courts. We would like to have your input whether you will be at the April meeting or not. Barrie Freeman is the committee chair and more committee members are needed. Here are some sample scenarios the committee will consider.

#1

Hold the planned Trail Trial with only the change of venue and limit it to *members only. We could use portions of the existing hazards as trials (ex. Drive over the big bridge, serpentine through the fort, etc.)

Volunteers for trial judges and timers are still needed. We could trade off duties so the volunteers can participate.

Organized Potluck lunch for socializing.

*Being a large club (80+) and if all come, a RSVP will be necessary and participation will be limited at this time to members only with one turnout. No super green equines.

#2

Plan this as a pleasure drive with arrows pointing the way along the course. Limited to *members only (see above)

The course would wind around past the hazards/obstacles dressage court, those who want to stop and try, fine, those who don't may continue on. One pass through and then follow the arrows around. You may go again but must stay on course to give others a chance. The main group of hazards are all in one place and can be easily be monitored for safety, etc.

The dressage courts are available but we must limit usage; they must be in good shape for another Grupe activity later in June.

Organized Potluck lunch for socializing.

Please let us know what you think. Discussion on the message list or private e-mails or phone calls to Barrie Freeman (event chairman) 530-677-5885 or cody@ponyplace.com and me are welcome. Please volunteer we will have a great time.

Happy Trails, Pat Scholderer

New Members

Jerry & Diana Cooley

Susan Christiansen

Nancy Durham

Fritz & Phyllis Grupe

Virgil & Sally Toothaker

Sally May, says she is rank beginner at driving, but long-time rider. I have a halflinger gelding, 10 yrs, and easy entry cart. Interested in clinics and beginning training.

Bunny Riley, I am a lifelong horse person. Started driving in 1969, enjoy trail driving and showing. Eager to learn about CDEs. Used to drive Arabs, now have minis, ponies, a welsh cob, a Belgian and TWHs to ride. I look forward to meeting everyone and participating in club events.

Treasurer's Report

NCDC ADT in lone: We had 22 entries including 1 pair. There was one last-minute scratch.

Money received:

Entry fees of \$40/turnout = \$880

Drug fees of \$3/horse = \$69

Optional corral rentals, \$10/horse = \$90

Total: \$1,039

Expenses:

Judge \$250

Arena rental \$150

Porta-potty \$65

Drug fees \$66

Corral rentals \$90

Insurance \$51.60

Total expenses \$675.60

Net to club \$363.40

Current acct balance: \$3,868.62

Secretary's Report

None submitted

NCDC MEETING
Saturday April 26th
At Ram Tap CDE
5:30 if marathon is not finished
meeting will be when marathon
finishes

Agenda for April Meeting

Regular Reports

New Correspondence received from:

Rails to Trails Fun Day

Carriage Club of America

Traditional Day of Driving

Old Business

New Business

Nominations open for the office of, Vice

Chairperson, Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Discussion & planning of June Event in Lodi

Open forum

Set the next meeting Date

Volunteers Needed

Traditional Day of Driving. We need a

committee and volunteers to work the event.

Contact Jay Hubert at 209-748-5607 or

jhubert@softcom.net

The Office of Vice Chairperson, Secretary and

Newsletter Editor are up for re-election in July.

Nominations open at the April meeting.

Upcoming events

April 12th Shandoni Schooling Show, Elverta.

Driving not to begin before 1pm.

April 13th Spring Tea & Drive at Woodland

Stallion Station, Woodland CA

Drive at 11 and tea at 1. Potluck as usual with

Tea provided. We will have our spring hat

contest. There will be a \$10 fee for non-

boarders to cover the insurance. If people want

to stay the night they need to contact WSS. No

need to RSVP. Contact Shelly at 530-753-

6761.

April 25th NCDC Meeting at Ram Tap

Contact Pat Scholderer at 925-778-2640 or

grannyncart@hotmail.com

April 25th-27th Ram Tap CDE, Fresno CA.

CDE CAMP May 9th -11th

Enclosed is the entry, or go to:

http://www.acornnmr.com/ncdc/cde_camp.htm

Calendar of Events 2003

- April 1 ADS Omnibus deadline
- April 4-5 California Draft Horse & Equipment Sale, Tulare, contact Carlsons Sales 209-668-1011
- April 5 Charity Driving Event Bakersfield , CA
- April 12 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
Dirwin6839@aol.com
- April 13 Spring High Tea & Drive at Woodland Stallion Station Woodland, CA Tina Haas
vetsunny@aol.com 530.668.5613 or Shelly Chavoor 530.753.6761
- April 25-27 "RAM TAP" ADS-CDE Tr, Pre, Int. Fresno, CA Denise Cuendett 559.291.1696 or
dchorses@yahoo.com
- April 26 NCDC Meeting at Ram Tap CDE Fresno Ca contact Pat Scholderer at 925-778-2640 or
grannycart@hotmail.com
- May 10 Carriage restoration clinic by Larry Newcomb Wheel rite contact Larry or Toni Newcomb at 209-847-5227
abuggynut@yahoo.com
- May 9-11 NCDC Weekend at "Eventful Acres" CDE practice and possible clinic (Mothers Day) Oregon House, CA Gina Miner 925.371.5325
gina@acornnmr.com
- May 16-18 **CANCELLED** "CAL-WEST" ADS-CDE Training, Preliminary & Advanced Temecula, CA Kathy Ashford 714.639.5413
cdecawest@yahoo.com
- May 17 Carriage Auction by Central Coast Auction, Auburn CA 805-238-1060
- May 17 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta , CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
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- May 23-26 Pacific Region Driven Dressage Festival and Clinics with Muffy Seaton & Jack Lyndon Moorpark, CA Christie Downing 805.529.0368 the
wintree@earthlink.net
- May 31 Pleasure Driving Show, rail and cones classes at Clay Station contact Debbi Packard at 916-687-7948 or
cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- May30-Jun1 Western States Horse Expo at Cal Expo Sacramento CA 800-352-2411 or
info@horseexpo.com
- Jun 6-8 "Trinity" ADS-CDE Tr, Pre, Hayfork, CA Dave Schumaker 530.628.4448
dschumak@aol.com
- Jun 14 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta, CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
Dirwin6839@aol.com
- Jun 28-29 A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving & Clinic, Santa Ynez Valley Carriage Club Tentative contact Mike McCormack 805-683-3847 or
aloha2mike@aol.com
- Jul 19 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta, CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
Dirwin6839@aol.com
- Jul 11-13 Lisa Singer Clinic at Clay Station, Wilton CA contact Debbie Packard at 916-687-7948 or
cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- Aug 1-3 CDE at CTETA Horse park (pending ADS) P,I Woodside CA contact Gerald Fisher 408.629.2767
piscator@mindspring.com
- Aug 16 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta, CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
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- Aug 17 (Tentative) NCDC sponsored A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving , Clarksburg CA.

- Sep 5-7 (Tentative) Garlic Classic CDE, Gilroy CA Celia McCormac 408.847.7921
Celia56@hotmail.com
- Sept 6 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta , CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
Dirwin6839@aol.com
- Sep 18-21 Grass Valley Draft Horse Classic www.nevadacountyfair.com Grass Valley, CA Sandy Woods 530.273.6217 drafthorseclassic@nevadacountyfair.com
- Sep 27 Shandoni Ranch Show w/driving classes Elverta, CA Doreen Irwin 916.991.5232
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- Oct 1 ADS Omnibus deadline
- Oct 3-5 California Classic ADS-CDE at Shady Oaks www.shadyoaksevents.com Lodi , CA Michelle Mills 209.366.1400 michellemills@shadyoaks.com
- Oct 12 Daehling Ranch Annual Picnic Drive, Elk Grove CA. contact Joe Daehling at 916-685-4965
- Oct 18-19 Mighty Mini (Miniature Horse) ADS-CDE Bakersfield, CA Doug and Renee True 559.582.3694 Dtrue@kings.k12.ca.us
- Nov 7-8 California Draft Horse & Equipment Sale, Moved to Tulare, contact Carlsons Sales & Services 209-668-1011
- Dec 6 8th Annual High Tea & Drive at WSS Woodland , CA Shelly Chavoor 530.753.6761 or Tina Haas 530.668.5613 vetsunny@aol.com

Spring is here and it is time to service the old trailer.

Submitted by Marty Brookman

Having lived in my LQ trailer for three years I am painfully aware of all the stuff I needed to do to keep it maintained and road ready. First and most importantly, the tires. I recommend actually crawling under the trailer to inspect the inside surfaces, with the trailer attached to the vehicle or at least well blocked. Check the tread. Look for wear and always, preferably before taking it out to use it, take it to get the air pressure checked. The cold tire pressure is listed on the side of the tire. I am a girl so learning this was not automatic.

At least once a year I have the breaks and bearings checked. I now, thanks to Jane Hart, I have my own grease gun and I grease my fifth wheel ball. Bumper pull trailers should get their balls greased also. Check cotter pins and be sure they are in place. Check your trailer chains for wear or missing parts and remember that the emergency brake release must be attached to the truck and not just to the trailer chains. Get a quick link to attach this wire cable to the truck.

Then crawl under the bed of the horse compartment to check the floor. Clean the floor from the inside. Be sure that old feed is removed from the feeders. Nothing like causing a colic by letting your loyal horses eat last years feed.

Check your vehicles for their emergency tools. I always carry a 20 ton bottle jack. My trailer is huge but the jack does come in handy for many things. Restock your spare fluids for the truck and trailer. Be sure that the hub wrench is loaded. Check your carriage ramps. The ratchet straps and fuzzies used to tie down the carriage.

The older the trailer the more likely it might need to have the axles and hubs lubricated. I used to do that to my older two horse trailer. Touch up paint does help. If you have a white trailer the appliance white spray paint is good and there are some types, like rustoleum that inhibit rust. Masking tape will help limit overspray on areas of chrome or decoration. If you go to a welder directly rather than to a trailer shop, repairs of the metal work are most often less expensive. I usually try to make these repairs as they happen so that the trailer looks ok--and so that no one knows.

At minimum change the oil in your truck and be sure to check tires there. I also change the water in my tanks yearly at least. Emptying the entire tank into a flowerbed and refilling it with 'home' water for the comfort of the horses. If you have lights on the trailer you might change a few bulbs or at least buy some spares for your 'kit'.

See you out there...Marty

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