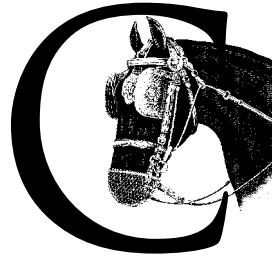


# NCDC



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CARRIAGE TRACKS

**Hello NCDC!** A letter from your editor, Harriet Merritt

I'm Bacck...with a brand new hard drive...whew! Happy New Year! And a very full one it is! First off, check the Meeting in March at the Project Ride Tack Sale. This meeting is to finalize some tabled decisions from the January meeting to avoid last minute scrambling. If we don't have a quorum at the meeting, we will generate proposals, publish them in the newsletter and take a vote through the mail! (Yeah By-law change!) Project Ride has a wonderful facility, and does a great job for the community, so our participation at the Tack Sale will be an added bonus.

I'm keeping this short, as there's a tremendous amount of info this month! Hope to see you all out there driving and playing soon!

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## NCDC QUARTERLY MEETING:

March 25th, 2pm

Project Ride, Elk Grove

### AGENDA:

- Review and hear reports from Treasurer, Education Committee and Impromptu Activities Committee.
- Plan Shady Oaks play day.
- Establish protocol for club donations in support of non-club activities.
- Finalize logo creation and implementation.
- Set date for fourth quarter meeting (to take place before Meeting of the Minds).

Directions to Project Ride: I-5 to the Elk Grove Ave. Exit. Turn Right (East) Go for miles! Turn Right on Elk Grove Florin, ½ block turn Right on Southside, Dead End, turn Left through chain link gates to large metal building, PROJECT RIDE! Plenty of Parking!

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## NCDC JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

submitted by Laura Keister

Date: January 14, 2006

Location: Shady Oaks Clubhouse, Lodi, CA

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM by Chair, Pat Scholderer.
2. Reading of Minutes. Motion was made to waive reading of the Minutes since they were posted in the last NCDC Newsletter. 1st Lorraine Waite, 2nd Gina Miner. All approved.

At this point, Pat S. informed the members that Gina Miner would be stepping down as Treasurer and that Thomas Smith would take over as interim Treasurer. Sally Baker has also resigned and Laura Keister will act as interim Secretary until nominations are proposed for new officers later this year. Pat S also advised that she has resigned her position and that Liz Hendrick would take over at the close of this meeting. The members would like to thank Pat, Gina and Sally for all their dedication and hard



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work. A motion was made to have the 2005 officers approve checks for the next Quarter until the 2006 officers can be added to the bank account.

- Ist by Gina Miner, 2nd Lorraine Waite. All approved.
- 3. Financial and Membership Report. Gina Miner advised that bank balance is \$9,579.07 with membership checks of approximately \$200 to be deposited. Official treasurer report to be printed in next newsletter. Outstanding expenditures include annual insurance premium, ADS membership and Ione ADT expenses. Membership is handled by the Treasurer and may appoint an assistant to handle this important function.
- 4. Introduction of New Members. Susan Hassett, Lisa Gillette, Michael Muir, Beverly Minor, Victoria de la Roza, Lorraine Waite, Don Kideshida, Casey Ashley. Casey Ashley won the drawing for the free subscription to Carriage Driving World (organized by Buck Scholderer).
- 5. Introduction of Guests. Michael Muir of Access Adventure and Mickey Cohen, organizer and founder of the California Horse Expo.
- 6. Reading of Correspondence. Pat Scholderer and Sally Baker both presented their resignations letters.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- 1. Impromptu (Quickie) Committee. Purpose of this committee is to approve financial support of unanticipated expenditures not previously accrued for up to \$250. Thomas Smith stepping down from this position

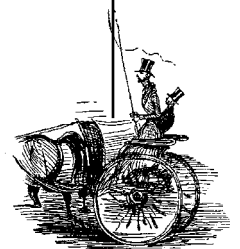
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in order to take over as Treasurer. Kathy Freeman and Ken Odom are current members of committee. Sharon Waite and Celine Rickards volunteered. It was agreed that 3 out of 4 votes would carry – majority rules.

2. Bylaws Committee. This committee (Jay Hubert, Gina Miner, Laura Keister, Carol Sweet, Harriet Merritt) was formed to review bylaws and to incorporate voting by email. Harriet Merritt prepared and mailed out ballots to all current members as of November 2005. Thank you to the members who mailed in their 108 votes that approved the change in bylaws. Motion was made to dissolve the Bylaws Committee. 1st Sharon Waite, 2nd by Thomas Smith. All approved.

3. Education Committee. Members are Leslie Berndle, Lorraine Waite and Debra Smith.

Debra Smith proposed a Beginners Clinic by Mike Dowd, Oakdale. Date and location to be decided.

Gina Miner informed members that Lisa Singer is available June 28-30 for a clinic and proposed this as a club event for NCDC. Asked for support from members to approve (probably \$550 a day). 1st Allyn Carmen, 2nd Laura Keister. All approved.

Allyn Carmen (and Jay Hubert in absentia) discussed presenting a Course Design Clinic to see if members are interested. One day as cones, one day as hazards, end of day demo (possibly as Play Day at Shady Oaks). Jay Hubert to go forward on this.

## 2006 EVENTS AT CLAY STATION HORSE PARK

A Series of 5 HDTs will be offered at Clay Station Horse Park by Debbi and Stan Packard. This will be a progressive competition where top training and top preliminary horses will win a harness. Rules to follow.

### HDT Dates

May 20

June 24

July 22

August 12

October 28

The very successful Dressage Extraordinaire will return September 2-3 with Marsoe LaRose as head judge with a clinic on Monday, September 4.

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### Other ideas for clinics were:

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Clinicians: Sterling Grayburn, David Ventura

Conditioning & Endurance

Harness Fitting

### Old Business.

#### Calendar:

1. ADT - Howard Park Arena in Ione. March 18. Entries open February 1. Same dressage test as Ram Tap.
2. TDD – Traditional Day of Driving at Silverbend in Clarksburg. August 20. Linda Fairbanks possible judge. Formal dressage attire required and Jay Hubert will definitively describe dress and equipment requirements prior to event to avoid last year's (mis)interpretation.
3. Shady Oaks Play Day. Committee is Jay Hubert, Buck Scholderer and Gina Miner. Date is Open at this time.
4. CDE Camp-Hiskins. Gina Miner discussed limited dates available for Hiskins and conflicts with other events.
5. Shady Oaks now has worldwide FEI recognition for

Advanced Drivers. The Grupes were awarded and are hosting the National Pairs Championship 2006 in conjunction with the 7th CA1-B (formerly called California Classic) at Shady Oaks on October 6-8, 2006. As always, they appreciate our club's continued volunteer support and participation. They are encouraging an additional CDE at Woodside to entice more East Coast turnouts to come and play in three closely scheduled CDEs before returning home (Twin Rivers and, Woodside#2 and Shady Oaks).

#### **Proposed New Venues:**

1. Michael Muir, new member and guest, introduced himself and gave us an overview of the 12,000 acre Rush Ranch (Solano Land Trust and Muir Land Trust) and headquarters of Access Adventure. This is open space land for everyone and offered this venue to NCDC for special events. A 2,070 acre portion is available to construct an arena and trails and possibly NCDC could be part of this effort. Access Adventure also conducts Wilderness Wagon Train Weekends. April 29-Open House at Rush Ranch, May 4-7 Wildflower in San Luis Obispo, June 10-18 Fandango Pass-Applegate Trail, July 29-Aug 6- Applegate Trail, Oct 7-15 Lost Coast Redwood, Mendocino. Also sponsors one international event per year: 2007 New Zealand, 2008 Australia. Mike can be reached at: email: stone-wallmike@hotmail.com.
2. NCDC Rush Ranch Committee is Susan Hassett, John Walker, Ann Breznoz and Debra Smith. Susan Hassett suggested Rush Ranch as a Fall combination work and play weekend drive.
3. Livermore Rodeo Grounds. Gina Miner discussed Kelly Albrecht's suggestion of Livermore venue for a May 6 event. Could be for an informal clinic (possibly Mike Dowd's Beginner's Clinic). Cost to rent park is \$150. Also Sycamore Park nearby has all fire roads for driving access.
4. Sacramento Horse Expo – June 9-11. Micky Cohen discussed opportunities for NCDC at Horse Expo. Behind the barn levy is 40 acres that could host a 3-day driving event possibly for 2007. Jane Merritt stated that this would be an opportunity for the public to view different equestrian driving disciplines. NCDC would be included in Expo advertising. Liz Hendrick will appoint committee to review Horse Expo involvement. Dean Lacey to be this June's 2006 driving exhibit committee chair.
5. Clay Station Horse Park. Deb Packard distributed flyer of upcoming events. She also added that she and Stan will host a Play Day one day a month (after winter

rains) for \$10 including lunch. Need to give Deb 2 days notice if you are participating. Dates to be posted on email.

6. Please contact Celine with any schedule changes or additions.
7. Next NCDC membership meeting is March 11 – 2 PM at Project RIDE in Elk Grove (THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED AT PRESS TIME). Fall meeting may be scheduled at Rush Ranch.

#### **New Business**

1. Appointment of Interim Chair. Liz Hendrick was appointed interim Chair until nomination period later this year.
2. Survey regarding donation and sponsorships. Tabled.

#### **Special Business**

1. Logo. Logos were on display. Allyn pointed out “pros and cons” of the logos presented. She will have to “work up” logo selected and improve upon for reproduction qualities. Tabled.

Adjournment.

Motion made to adjourn. 1st Gina Miner, 2nd Debra Smith. All approved.

**FEBRUARY FINACIAL STATEMENT** submitted by Gina Miner: Balance is \$9,495.60

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#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

*Michael Muir, Fairfield*

Michael joined at the Jan planning meeting, where he talked about the Access Adventure program for people with disabilities. Take a look at <http://www.muirheritagelandtrust.org/accessadventure.htm>

*Don Kinoshita, Cotati*

Don also joined at the Jan meeting, after spending some time with Mike Dowd and Sharon Waite driving Haflingers. He has a Haffie and is just starting out.

Bridgette Marie Ruston, Salinas

Many of us know Bridgette and her Wacky Hackney ponies. She drives single and tandem, and is always a treat to watch.

*Susan Flagg, Knightsen*

“I mostly do competitive trail (NATRC) and endurance riding. Own 3 horses and 3 mules, Meadowbrook cart and harness. I'm currently having one of my mules trained to drive. I'm interested in doing combined driving and some obstacle and pleasure driving at the mule shows.”

*Cindy and Harry Councell, Gilroy, CA* My husband and I are new members to NCDC. I will admit that we joined

partly because we went to Shady Oaks for the first time last year and now my husband wants to tackle the obstacles. We live in Gilroy and belong to a local driving club (WSDDA in Hollister) that the Cooleys also belong to. We have driven many places locally; Ft. Ord, Henry Coe, our neighborhood ... and we have an assortment of driving horses; draft, draft-cross, Friesian. We also have an assortment of driving vehicles; 5 2-wheelers and 5 4 wheelers, yeesh! We have it baaad.

*Kasey Ashley, Santa Rosa*

"I have saddlebreds and Norwegian Fjords. I like to do any type of driving. Pleasure, trails and am starting to compete in CDEs. If you have a club event that is within 4 or 5 hrs of Santa Rosa, I can be there. We all love to drive at our ranch. There are 8 of us that drive. Not all of them compete, but we can sure drive."

*Lynn Mangel, Penn Valley*

"Been riding for years, new to driving. Have been taking lessons from Valerie Greenwell for about a year. Just purchased a Haflinger mare to drive. Will be purchasing driving equipment (harness, cart, etc)"

*Melissa Wessel, Forestville*

Melissa came to the Hiskens weekend in Oct. "I have a Morgan. Would like to compete in CDEs. Retire professional horse trainer. Also would enjoy clinics, pleasure drives or rides"

**SURVEY SAID!** Submitted by Laura Keister

Of the 37 surveys returned following are the numbers and comments:

Question:

1. All approved support of non-NCDC events.
2. How much per donation per event.
  - (14) \$100
  - (14) \$250
  - (01) \$300
  - (01) \$350
  - (07) \$500

If you average the above it's \$335 per event - some of the (14) \$100 include ranges to \$250)

Majority of comments said depending on event in our region and length. Hazard sponsorships, handicapped events, pleasures shows not just CDEs, Nevada County Fair, Breed show driving classes sponsorships, events with direct benefit to members, not clinics where clinician gets the profits, beginner events, and ADS sponsored event, need to match what other clubs give at Ram Tap, etc.

3. Should annual budget be established to limit these event donations?
  - (08) Said NO w/o limitations
  - (04) \$500
  - (12) \$1000
  - (01) \$1500
  - (03) \$2000
  - (01) \$3000
  - (08) no limit but should be a percentage of total NCDC funds available

Majority of comments (16 ) indicated no budget amount If we have the money or a percentage of the total year funds. If we can, we need to support the events in our region and possibly a small sponsorship in out of state major CDEs. Officers and QC to establish normal contributions and review of QC expenditures. Consult with other MOM attendees how they contribute.



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## AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY MEETING 2006 IN CINCINNATI

*By Phyllis Rumley Pacific Region Director*

I have finally had time to digest what I experienced in Cincinnati at the American Driving Society Annual Meeting. It was a very interesting meeting from several points of view. First, I was no longer the newest board member at the meeting and I had some experience to bring to the table. I had put together the first Pacific Region Learning Weekend ever. And I even had something to offer at the meetings.

Renee True traveled with me as the VSE Ad Hoc committee chairman. As a group of drivers I see this group as one of our most involved politicians and fastest growing groups in ADS. Every Board meeting the VSEs are asking for changes for their drivers. They have an outstanding spokesperson in Renee; she stays abreast of all new issues for her group and stays in touch with them. This could be a good lesson for those of us in other areas of driving. If you have an issue get involved and take your concern to someone or to the right committee and speak up. ADS is listening as you will see by what the VSE drivers are getting done.

My first meeting was the Combined Driving Committee. I am not a member but anyone can attend and you can even speak up with issues and ideas. The committee had several issues to deal with. One was the helmet issue. As we all know you must wear a helmet with an ASTM/SEI tag. The question was how to interpret the rule that says the helmet must be worn in the obstacle or hazard. Does that mean you can take it off or unhook your helmet after each or the last hazard. NO! NO! NO! That came out loud and clear that is not how the rule reads and you may not remove your helmet any time on the marathon course. Another issue that came from the VSE drivers concerned junior drivers not wearing their helmets at a pleasure show and or during dressage and cones as adults do. This rule is in place for safety and applies to all junior drivers. It does not matter the size of the horse or pony as it is a mandatory safety rule for junior drivers. It was also pointed out that juniors must wear helmets when acting as grooms in pleasure shows, dressage and cones competition.

The next issue was the driver's inspection time before cones. People (organizers and officials) are misinterpreting the rule. The hour limit is a minimum not a maximum and should not be used to complicate the event. This came up because of an event in the West and also one in the East. So you see they are listening. The plan is to get the information out to officials so they can do a better job of interpreting the rules.

Discussion of the printing the rule book in both dual and single page format was approved and discussion of a password only access for members only to the ADS Rulebook was discussed and tabled. The 7 page TD report will be revised to make it user friendly.

Marathon order of go was discussed this had been discussed by many organizers. There is no standard for order of go. It is at the organizer's discretion and this information needs to get out to officials.

ADT can now use a marking sleeve for cones this was highly approved by all.

VSE members from the Northwest asked for a ruling on a change of age limits for junior drivers so they would not need an adult on marathon this did not pass. Changing a VSE CDE to a 3 section event was given to Renee True's Ad Hoc committee to review. Along with new measurements of hazards in marathon and obstacles in cones. Renee was called on to take this to committee and get organizer's input.

The Combined Driving committee meeting was well attended and well run by Tom Knickers. I was impressed with his commitment to hear the ADS members and address their concerns. If you have something that needs to be heard by this committee be assured that Tom will listen and get it addressed by his committee.

After the Combined Driving committee meeting I attended the nomination committee that is chaired by Natasha Grigg. Natasha informed us that this is the year that we will be searching out a new president as Jody Cutler's term is up the end of 2006. All other board positions and committee chairs are available only if the existing chairs wish to step down. So we are as a committee to ask each board member and committee chair if they wish to serve for another term. If you are interested in getting involved in the inter-workings of ADS please contact me and I will happily send your name on to my committee chair.

The next meeting I attended was the Regional Directors meeting chaired by Bob Koopman. Bob has put together an informational survey that we discussed. It was really a way for us to define what our job is. We came up with many different ideas for our job description. Rounding up new members for ADS, Educating our members, bringing driving clubs in as ADS members, educating the public, bringing in revenue for ADS, starting a regional website for informational purposes, there were more ideas but these are the basics. The Pacific region was very much in the limelight with our Regional Learning Weekend, but there is much more they see us doing. In the next few months I plan to come to the local clubs and ask what part do they see our region tackling and how each club could help with our next steps.

My next meeting was the ADS Board Meeting on Sunday. The agenda called for an hour spent on minutes, president's comments, introducing a new treasurer and his report which really was very detailed. Other topics included ratification of email votes, discounted memberships for new members, and the ADS fund. None of this went as planned and there was a lot of discussion on each subject. As I saw it, the discussion was a good thing. It means your board is paying attention and is not a rubber stamp organization. After a nice brunch and speeches to thank Ann Pringle for all her hard work for ADS we went on with the meeting which seemed very tense to those of us on the fringe. The report to consider USEF licensing of officials was not well received and has been tabled. The Bylaw committee is still hard at work and will be distributing a draft of Policies and Procedures in the Wheel Horse. All changes will have a month for input before voting.

Holly Pulsifer had put out a survey to ADS members and had a report on her findings. Briefly ADS is perceived as source of 1) education 2) governance of competitions 3) community 4) driving activities. After looking this over Holly concluded that our committee structure and agendas and the Board does not adequately enhance those priorities. When looking at this survey report I was happy to see we as the Pacific Region were starting to address these needs.

The Nominating Committee reported, The Pleasure Committee did not report because they do not exist as of yet, Combined Driving Committee reported a condensed version of my earlier report, The Regional Directors reported by hard copy of areas and then Bob Koopman reported on our committee meeting.

The discussion of where and when the next meeting would be held became a very lively discussion. The Southern Region has invited the ADS Board to the Kentucky Horse Park during their pleasure driving weekend. The problem is that it is the same weekend as the Pairs Championship in Lodi. The discussion was never finished and still goes on by email I feel the Pacific Region needs to speak up. This is a meeting for ADS membership. I will not attend if it is held the same weekend as a National event that needs all ADS membership support but mostly our regional support. Please send your opinion to the ADS Board either through me, Jay Hubert, Hardy Zantke or Jody Cutler.

The 2007 fall meeting has been slated for the Pacific Regional meeting. Some how they think our Learning weekend is going on forever in Clovis. What a shock for me! I even raised my hand and asked if I had heard right. They smiling said I had. Who wants my job by 2007?

This was an informative, hardworking meeting. Many

committee chairs and Board members see ADS in an evolving and growth phase. It looks like the Pacific Region will be helping with this evolution.

New in the Future

New Director Susan Koos/Ackers

New Website

New Regional Website

New ADS President

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New Meeting Sites

New Direction for ADS

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## **THE TRAILS AT WOODLAND STALLION STATION ARE OPEN TO OUTSIDE DRIVERS**

by Shelley Chavoor

Please call ahead 530-661-1358 and make arrangements. Fee of \$10.00 per turnout to cover insurance costs and a signed release form.

Report on condition in Mid February:

The farm roads were in good shape with only a little mud. Some ruts and horse prints on the roads made it a little bumpy but it was fairly decent driving. Vineyards are in their winter state and are being pruned; the lake is fairly low but there are some geese and egrets hanging out as well as a large flock of turkeys in the pine trees. Feel free to contact me about road conditions if you are interested in coming to WSS. It's a great place to get your equines in shape for the upcoming season. Ann Taylor, the owner is very enthusiastic about having driving at WSS and would like us to have more events there. She also wanted me to let you all know that there will be open driving classes at the Morgan Sport Horse Classic on May 14th. I have entered this for the past 3 years and it is alot of fun. This year's judge is supposed to be very good. Hope to see you all driving at WSS.

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**FYI:** by Pat Scholderer You can sign up for the free Northern California Horsin' Around! Monthly Calendar" at Horse N Pony's national website. [www.horsenpony.com](http://www.horsenpony.com) Click on Equestrian News. Look under the Regional Threads for it. There are No. & So. Calif. news threads AND a Driving News Thread! It's listed under Discipline News Threads. Happy reading.

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## **CARRIAGE ASSOC. OF AMERICA'S LEARNING WEEKEND IN HOLLISTER, CA.** by Jan Borgman

This past weekend, Linda Taylor and I had the experience of attending... The two day event was held at the beautiful, private, D'Arcangel Ranch, nestled in the hills quite close to Tres Pinos. Several topics of interest were cov-

ered by knowledgeable speakers. Who better to present a seminar on "How to Correctly Fit Harness" (this included work collars) than Moses Smucker. Ken Wheeling, standing next to an antique Gypsy Wagon, gave us a close look at Gypsy Wagons in addition to a separate talk, held in the large tent in which several different carriages were displayed, on "How to Identify Carriage Types". A discussion entitled "Turnout" was led by the well turned-out Vicki Bodoh. Vicki showed us correct clothing choices for both men and women. The humorously enjoyable Barry Dickinson showed us, with the assistance of a couple of (sometimes white-knuckled) volunteers who sat in a cart, how to balance a two-wheeled cart and he demonstrated long-lining techniques with the assistance of Roger the Horse. Katie Whaley and Steve Holm spoke on "Drive Smartly, Drive Safely" and Gerry Glazier demonstrated proper care and cleaning of a carriage. Each repeating session was accompanied by the actual items used in the topic of discussion. This was a very well planned two-day event which culminated in a Mexican Horse "Fiesta" show on Saturday night, followed by a banquet dinner of fajitas. Attendees came from the east coast, mid-west, Canada and California for this fun weekend of learning. We found everyone to be very friendly and easy to talk to. Questions were strongly encouraged and clearly answered. To receive the most benefit, one must have some knowledge of carriage driving (at least know which way the horse should point while hitched to a cart). This event is a valuable learning resource for the novice as well as the more experienced driver. I'm sure glad I attended!!

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fritz Grupe and his pair! They have been awarded the Farnam/Platform - USEF Horse of the Year Champion - Combined Driving Pair Horses!!!

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**SPRING TEA AND PLEASURE DRIVE** at Woodland Stallion Station: Sunday  
May 21th; drive starts at 11:00 and tea at 1:00.  
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**FOR SALE:** 3 yr Bay mustang mare and foal. 14 hands sweet and gentle, very refined. She halts, leads, trailers and you can trim her feet easily. She has carried a saddle two times and her foal was sired by a 12.2 hand pony. \$800 for the pair to the right home, Dressage saddle. Crosby Prx St George 14-25" seat. Excelent condition. \$800, Lois Patten, 14200 Morgan Canyon Rd, Prather, CA 93651, 539-298-4124

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**FOR SALE:** Smuckers black leather hames style (21" collars) with brass (steel tongues) tandem harness, Deluxe with upgrades, Supreme gig saddle for wheeler, complete "like new condition", originally fit 16.2 American Saddlebreds. Asking \$3,000. Nancy Taylor Rojo, 1-530-274-7336, ntrojo@gv.net

**FOR SALE:** Bird-in-Hand Eagle for large horse or pairs. Many extras. Used only a few times. \$4000. Nancy Taylor Rojo, 1-530-274-7336, ntrojo@gv.net

**FOR SALE:** Bird-in-Hand Country Gig for 14.1 to 15 hand. Show condition. Walnut stained Oak, moss green metal, with brass appointments and straw colored pin striping. A real beauty for only \$2200. Nancy Taylor Rojo, 1-530-274-7336, ntrojo@gv.net

**FOR SALE:** Glinkowski Marathon 100, 2005 model, excellent condition, single horse, 15h to 16h, used in 3 CDE's, never crashed or rolled, black with red pen striping, tilted rear wheels, removable odometer, teardrop shafts, extendable axle, \$5900 OBO A new Marathon 100 delivered to the west coast would cost \$7650! Save \$1750 and be ready, for the upcoming season! Linda Jeffery, stage-coachrnh@volcano.net 290-296-7192

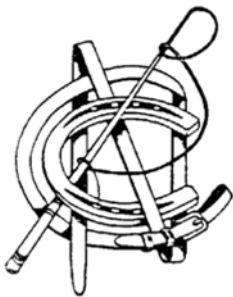
**FOR SALE:** 1999 Ford F-250 XLT Automatic, power windows, power door locks, cruise control, CD player, sliding rear window, running boards, 4x4, 5.4-triton engine, standard duty. 127,000 miles, recent smog, easily pass excellent mechanical condition. Has rhino bed liner, extended cab, gooseneck hitch in 6 ft bed and upgraded heavy-duty rear hitch. Has airlift suspension system. \$8200.00 Kathy or Mac Henderson 916-663-3376, 916,663-3462, Henderson@surewest.net

**FOR SALE:** 1980 Ford F-350, 2 wheel drive, Ext- cab, long bed, camper special, 400 cubic inch c-6 transmission, new air condition, not rebuilt. Power steering, recent brakes, tires and shocks. Tow package, needs new horn on steering wheel and headliner in cab. \$3200.00 Kathy or Mac Henderson 916-663-3376, 916,663-3462, Henderson@surewest.net

**FOR SALE:** 1991 Ford F-250 4x4 XLT Lariat with 73.5K original miles. 460 gas engine. Truck set up with 1991 Lance 4000 9'4" camper in good condition. \$7,500 for the package or will consider selling separate. Matt Gaspar Fresno, CA mattandsandi@yahoo.com

## 2006 CALENDAR

- Feb 25-26 Fun (Play) Day at Ram Tap <http://www.centralvalleyharnessassociation.com/> Fresno, CA Sallie Phillips 559.855.3770 PineRose1@yahoo.com or Jackie Mills 559.434.6649 rrub@comcast.net
- Mar 10-12 Arizona Combined Driving Event Training, Preliminary, Intermediate Coolidge, AZ Peter Atonna 928.636.4228 mjatonna@commspeed.net
- Mar 18 NCDC Arena Driving Trial Lone, CA Jay Hubert, jhubert@softcom.net
- Mar 24-25 Project RIDE Tack Sale Date Change! Elk Grove, CA Corie Brooks
- Mar 25-26 Spring Fling Driving Trial for all sizes of Equines Madera, CA Jack & Marie McKee McKeek-mar@sti.net
- Mar 31-Apr 1 California Draft Horse & Equipment Sale at the International Agri Center Inc. <http://www.californiadraffhorseauction.com/> Tulare, CA Dan Baumgardner 559.334.7731 dan@whitemoreauctions.com Wayne Whitemore 559.284.6505
- Apr 21-23 Ram Tap CDE, <http://www.ramtapcde.com/> Fresno, CA Jackie Mills 559.434.6649 rrub@comcast.net
- May 6-7 "Pleasure Days" Pleasure Driving Show, ADS Pleasure classes, utility driving and short marathon pleasure drive Templeton, CA Ron Fairbanks 805.237.8476 lfairbanks@excite.com
- May 20 Clay Station Horse Park HDT Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- May 21 Pleasure Drive & Tea at Woodland Stallion Station Woodland, CA Shelley Chavoor 530.753.6761 wsstea@scrubjay.nu
- Jun 2-4 Trinity Combined Driving Event Hayfork, CA Frances Bowersock 503-824-4888 beesock@colton.com
- Jun 3-4 North West Combined Driving Event's Stoneybrook Driving Trials Eagle Creek, OR Tish Hodges 503-632-4966 tishhodges@msn.com
- Jun 9-11 Horse Expo at Cal Expo [www.horseexpo.com/](http://www.horseexpo.com/) Sacramento, CA 530.295.1424
- Jun 10-11 Pacific Region Driven Dressage Festival Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced, Musical Kur Arroyo Grande, CA Ann McClure 805.481.0530 makomc@msn.com
- Jun 16-18 Happ's Combined Driving Event <http://www.happs-inc.com/> Ethel, WA Maureen Harkcom 360-978-4562 mailto:maureen@happs-inc.com
- June 24 Clay Station Horse Park HDT Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- June 28-30 Lisa Singer clinic TBA Leslie Berndl
- Jul 15-16 North West Combined Driving Event's Beaver Creek Combined Driving Event, ADS, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, VSE Beaver Creek, OR Tish Hodges 503-632-4966 tishhodges@msn.com
- Jul 23 Sonoma County Carriage Classic <http://www.sonomacountyhorsheshows.com/> Santa Rosa, CA Ted Draper 707-546-2568 info@sonomacountyhorsheshows.com
- July 22 Clay Station Horse Park HDT Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- Aug 4-6 Dr. Henry Boyd Memorial Driving Event <http://www.henryboydcde.com/> Woodside, CA Gerald Fisher 408.464.8916 piscator6717@sbcglobal.net
- Aug 12 Clay Station Horse Park HDT Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- Aug 12-13 Lincoln Creek Combined Driving Event, ADS Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and VSE Centralia, WA Mickey Lofgren 360-266-9415 mickey@grassmountainfarm.com
- Aug 20 A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving and NCDC meeting Clarksburg, CA Jay Hubert, jhubert@softcom.net
- Aug 26-27 Driving Summer Camp sponsored by the Brass Oak Driving Club Arroyo Grande, CA Ann McClure 805.481.0530 makomc@msn.com
- Sep 2-3 Dressage Extraordinaire at Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- Sep 4 Clinic with Marsoe Larose at Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- Sep 9 "KISS" (keep it simple silly) Drive Fun & Games <http://www.garlicclassic.com/> Gilroy, CA Celia McCormack 408.847.7921
- Sep 15-17 tentative Combined Driving Event at Twin Rivers Ranch Paso Robles, CA Andrea Baxter mir21\_4@yahoo.com
- Sep 16-17 Happ's Driving Trials-Twice! Ethel, WA Maureen Harkcom 360-978-4562 mailto:maureen@happs-inc.com
- Sep 21-24 20th Annual Draft Horse Classic <http://www.nevadacountyfair.com/> Grass Valley, CA 530.273.6217
- Sept 22-24 tentative Tentative CDE at the Horse Park <http://www.horsepark.org/> Woodside, CA Gerald Fisher 408.464.8916 piscator6717@sbcglobal.net
- Oct 6-8 7th Annual CAI Shady Oaks Competition Attelage Internationale (formerly the California Classic CDE) \*ADS & \*FEI (Preliminary, Intermediate & Advanced levels) & The Horse National Pairs Championship <http://www.shadyoaksevents.com/> Lodi, CA Bonner Murphy 209.462.2209 bnmrmrphy@aol.com
- Oct 21-22 "Mighty Mini's" Combined Driving Event for very small equines-Training & Preliminary TBA, CA Renee True 559.582.3694 dtrue@kings.k12.ca.us
- Oct 21-22 North West Combined Driving Event's Fall Frolic Driving Trials, ADS, Training, Preliminary, VSE Beaver Creek, OR Tish Hodges 503-632-4966 tishhodges@msn.com
- Oct 28 Clay Station Horse Park HDT Wilton, CA Debbi Packard 916-687-7948 cla-sta-horsepark@softcom.net
- Oct 28 Halloween Hustle ADS Pleasure Driving Show with Cross Country Obstacles <http://www.whipsnappers.com/> Moorpark, CA Jody Cutler 805.529.2753 GJCutler@earthlink.net
- Nov 3-4 California Draft Horse & Equipment Sale at the International Agri Center Inc. <http://www.whitemoreauctions.com/> Tulare, CA Dan Baumgardner 559.334.7731 dan@whitemoreauctions.com Wayne Whitemore 559.284.6505
- Nov 3-4 Tentative ADS Pacific Regional Gathering along with the "Meeting of the Minds" calendar. Clinics, Seminars, demonstrations, private lessons for beginners to advanced for more info: <http://www.centralvalleyharnessassociation.com/> Clovis, CA Phyllis Rumley 559.298 ADS Pacific Regional Representative
- Nov 11 Antique Carriage Club 14th Annual Meeting and Dinner Escalon, CA Larry Newcomb 209.847.5227
- Dec 2 tentative Pleasure Drive & Tea at Woodland Stallion Station Woodland, CA Shelley Chavoor 530.753.6761 wsstea@scrubjay.nu
- Dec 2 Raymond Christmas Drive Raymond, CA Debra Manning 559.325.9488 admanning@juno.com
- Dec TBA Old Pueblo CDE Training, Preliminary & Intermediate Tucson, AZ Sally Henry 520.883.1818 Azoldpueblocde@aol.com



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