

From the Top



As we drive into the fall season, it's time to leg up and look at the busy schedule ahead.

Good luck with your upcoming competitions. There is a lot to think about and to do over the

next few months. If you are not driving but want to be involved you can volunteer at the events and learn more about driving and the levels. Giving back is always rewarding.

A big thank you to those who are hosting events and allowing folks to learn at competitions, clinics, derbies and pleasure drives. It is a great sport.

Visit our website aikendrivingclub.org there are always additions as the season gets rolling. Enjoy the cooler weather, be safe, stay well and be kind.

Peggy

Club News

Fall Audubon Drive

Enjoy the beautiful Fall colors on November 1st at the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary for our annual Fall Drive and Potluck. Drive Off begins at 10 AM. Potluck Lunch starts at 12 Noon. Please bring a dish to share. A donation to the Silver Bluff Audubon of \$25 per vehicle is requested. Please register on the ADC website by October 25, 2026.

Notice to Membership

Last month, the ADC Board suggested an amendment to the By-Laws addressing helmet safety guidelines. Upon review, the Board agreed to a minor wording change to include anyone on a carriage, not just the driver.

Article IX-Miscellaneous Section 6

- The wearing of an approved ADS safety helmet is strongly advised ~~while driving~~ when on a carriage at "Club" Activities.

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www.aikendrivingclub.org

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



2026 Upcoming Events

Please check the event's website for the latest dates and times (www.aikendrivingclub.org) or the ADS calendar for dates and omnibus information (<https://www.americandrivingsociety.org>).

Also check your email Inbox for email 'blasts' with up-to-the-minute Aiken Driving Club updates and information.

Date	Event	Location
October 6 th – 8 th	Rider2Driver Clinic & Camp ADC Sponsored	Landmark Farms, 480 Thrasher Lane, Windsor SC 29856 For more information: https://www.aikendrivingclub.org/event-details/rider2driver-clinic-camp
October 16 th – 18 th	ADC Dressage Derby	Landmark Farms, 480 Thrasher Lane, Windsor SC 29856 For more information: https://www.aikendrivingclub.org/event-details/adc-dressage-derby
October 22 nd – 25 th	Windsor Trace CDE and CT Entries open August 24, 2026 ,	1070 Curb Chain Lane Windsor, SC 29856 For more information: https://americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1721395 Windsor, SC
October 30 th	ADC Annual Meeting Halloween Party	Gaston Livery Stable, Aiken SC RSVP by October 20th
November 1 st	Fall Audubon Drive & Potluck	Silver Bluff Audubon Center 4542 Silver Bluff Rd. Jackson, SC RSVP on ADC website.
November 23 rd - 25 th	Saddle Chimes in the Pines Holiday Recreational Drive	Stable View Equestrian Center, Aiken, SC For more information: https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1776128
November 28 th	Thanksgiving Brunch (tentative)	The Vista Schooling and Event Center
December 16 th	Landmark Farms Combined Test #9	Landmark Farms, 480 Thrasher Lane, Windsor SC 29856

Rider2Driver: Landmark Farms Learn to Drive Camp

Time is running out to join this event, so check the ADC website for entry information or to audit.

When: October 6,7,8

Clinicians: Kristin Whittington FEI & ADS Combined Driving official and local driving instructor Sara Odom

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

Come give carriage driving a try! The camp includes two days of hands-on driving and lecture based on the Carriage Driving of America (CAA) Entry Level standard including: entering & existing the carriage; use of aids in driving; Reinsmanship; parts of the harness & harnessing; putting to and unhitching the carriage; and executing basic turns, halt, and salute at the walk and trot. Day three includes a schooling 'derby competition' where participants can experience the fun, excitement, and camaraderie of a show experience in a low-key atmosphere.



<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=transitions%20rider2driver>



Dressage Derby October 16th-18th

Don't forget to submit your entries for the 2026 ADC Dressage Derby at Landmark Farms. **Entries close October 7th.** Mail Entries to: Peggy Dils, 189 Dogwood Road, Aiken, SC 29803 or leave entries in black and yellow box at entrance of Landmark Farms, 480 Thrasher Lane, Windsor, SC 29856.

Use entry form: <https://www.aikendrivingclub.org/event-details/adc-dressage-derby> for online payment.

ADC Annual Meeting



Gaston Livery Stable will be the venue for the 2026 Aiken Driving Club Annual Meeting on Friday, October 30th.

The Halloween theme for this year's meeting includes plans for a costume party and traditional Halloween tricks and treats.

Check your email Inbox for more details and to RSVP by October 20th.

Board of Directors Meeting

September 14, 2026

ADC board meeting at Joy and Jerry Milano's home 6pm

Next meeting Gaston Livery October 12, 2026

Present: Peggy Dils, Michelle Huguet, Tracey Turner, Diane Wattson, Mick Burke, Jerry Milano, Susan Gregorio.

Absent: Dan Rosenthal

Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and approved as written.

Old Business:

Gaston Livery & Gerde Museum: Peggy states nothing new to report at this time.

Practice Day at the Vista: due to the extreme heat both event dates were cancelled. The club has credit with the Vista, and discussion was held regarding an upcoming date, with suggestions for around Thanksgiving.

Peggy will check future availability with The Vista and report back.

New Helmet bylaw proposal. Wording will be changed to read when "on" a carriage.

Education:

- The September 25th Biofeedback Workshop with Melissa Wessel is being held at Landmark Farms.
- Kristin Whittington suggested a future educational opportunity for members to review the "proposed" new Dressage tests. More details to follow.
- Rider2Driver Clinic & Camp at Landmark Farms, October 5th through 8th is moving ahead as planned.

Dressage Derby: The October 16-18 dressage derby at Landmark Farms is proceeding as scheduled. Judges have been chosen, entries opened September 7th and close on October 7th. Volunteers are needed as score runners, ingate stewards and warm up stewards. Please respond to either Peggy or Susan with your availability.

Windsor Trace CDE Sponsorship: The ADC Board of Directors voted to sponsor the upcoming Windsor Trace CT/CDE in the amount of \$500.

The **ADC Annual Meeting and Fall Weekend** will be held October 30th thru November 1st. Friday evening's party theme will be "An Old Fashioned Halloween" members are encouraged to dress for the occasion. Prizes to be awarded, games to be played, food and drinks to be served!

Next Board of Directors Meeting: October 12, location TBD

Susan Gregorio, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: FY26 PERIOD 11

ADC CHECKING ACCOUNT STATUS

Month	Balance
@ Month Beginning	\$ 13,015.20
@ Month End	\$ 13,487.85
Monthly Transaction Total	\$ 422.65

MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS: SUMMARY

Transaction	Amount	Breakdown	Actual Amount	Posted Amount
Credit	\$ 2,357.88	2027 Membership (x21)	\$ 948.26	\$ 146.64
		2026 Rider2Driver Clinic ➤ Entries \$ 1,409.62	\$ 1,409.62	\$ 1,316.01
Debit	\$ (1,340.00)	2026 ADC Business Support ➤ Insurance (\$ 920.00)	\$ (920.00)	\$ (920.00)
		2026 ADC Donations ➤ American Driving Society University \$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)
		2027 Derby Series ➤ ADS Competition Fee \$ (300)	\$ (300.00)	\$ (0.00)
		2026 Baseball Outing ➤ Bill Allen: Expense Reimbursement \$ (20.00)	\$ (20.00)	\$ (20.00)
	\$ (1,017.88)	Total	\$ (1,017.88)	\$ (422.65)

Notes: The difference between the actual transaction amounts and the account's posted amounts are attributed to the following timing factors:

- Credit card expenses are paid on the 15th of the following month.
- Online payments made through the ADC website require processing time before they are reflected in the ADC account.
- Delay between the issuance of a check and its withdrawal from the ADC account.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES: OVERVIEW

	Income	Expenses	Total	Keynote
2027 Memberships (x24)	\$ 1,053.95	\$ (0.00)	\$ 1,053.95	Family Membership-Email Newsletter Jerry & Joy Milano_6/02/2026 Erika Culmann_7/20/2026 Steve and Tara Gudenkauf_6/30/2026 Karen/Judy Marlin/Chamberlain_8/15/2026 Paul Dougherty_8/31/2026 Joe and Maria Roosa_8/31/2026 Bill and Kim Allen_8/31/2026 Vicki/Jeff Dickson/Born_8/31/2026 Trudy/Robert Mackay/Anholt_8/31/2026 Individual Membership-Email Newsletter Robin Kroc_8/15/2026

	Income	Expenses	Total	Keynote
				Linda Algire_8/31/2026 GladysAnn Wells_8/31/2026 Diane Wattson_8/31/2026 Meredith Commons Russo_8/31/2026 Cynthia Doll_8/31/2026 Lori Weiss_8/31/2026 Gretchen Schmidt_8/31/2026 Sherri Dolan_8/31/2026 Al Smith_8/31/2026 Lori Harrison_8/31/2026 Lisa Barrett_8/31/2026 Joyce Bristow_8/31/2026 Suzy Haslup_8/31/2026 Mary Baillie_8/31/2026
2026 Rider2Driver Clinic	\$ 1,409.62	\$ (0.00)	\$ 1,409.62	Rider2Driver Clinic & Camp-Learn to Drive 3 Day Camp Julie Jenkins_8/19/2026 Erika Culmann_8/17/2026 Jeanne Ricciardelli_8/25/2026 Maurine (Mo) Swanson_8/23/2026 Rider2Driver Clinic & Camp-Auditing Fee Annette Jacobs_8/28/2026
2026 Baseball Outing	\$561.00	\$645.00	(84.00)	

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Newsletter Deadlines: The deadline for articles, photos and classifieds is the 20th of each month. Photos must be sent by email in "JPG" format with name(s) of person in photo and if available, the names of the horse(s). Please include photo release if needed.

Classified Ads: Classified ads for ADC members are free and will run for 3 months unless otherwise noted. Non-members may place ads for \$25 which will run for 3 months. Business card ads are \$100/yr.

Payment: Checks may be mailed to the **Aiken Driving Club, PO Box 271 Aiken, SC 29802**

Submissions: Send all new newsletter submissions to: Diane Wattson @ dmwattson@gmail.com. Past issues of the Newsletter are available online at www.aikendrivingclub.org.

