

President's Message



Spring in the South is almost here! The longer days bring lovely flowers and trees and lots of projects on the farm. March brings all kinds of horse events to our area and is one of the

busiest for driving competitions. I hope you're able to enjoy yourself and participate and have lots of time to drive and perhaps introduce someone to driving (go for it)!

A BIG THANKS to our Organizers and Volunteers whose efforts allow us all to play at something we love. Be safe and kind. Happy Spring!

Member News

New Members

Please welcome our new member Mary Sawyer

Volunteer Hours



Be sure to log your ADC volunteer hours using the automated log sheet posted on the ADC website. The website includes information about using the automated log sheet or the traditional paper

sheet, guidelines for what qualifies as volunteer hours, and deadlines for submittal.

<https://www.aikendrivingclub.org/volunteers>

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Upcoming Events

Here's a quick view of the events planned for this Spring as of press time. Times and dates can change, so check the event's website for the latest updated dates and times (www.aikendrivingclub.org) or the American Driving Society calendar for dates and omnibus information (<https://www.americandrivingsociety.org>). Also check your Inbox for email 'blasts' with up-to-the-minute updates and information.

Date	Event	About the event
February 28 - March 1	Landmark Farms CT & DT* Landmark Farms 480 Thrasher Ln. Windsor, SC	Omnibus on ADS website: https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=548049&item_id=2700086
March 8 (Closing Date: March 1)	ADC Winter Driving Derby #2 Greenfields Farm 1060 Curb Chain Lane Windsor SC	ADC website: https://www.aikendrivingclub.org/event-details/driving-derby-2-2
March 9	ADC Quarterly All-Member Board Meeting	Keller Williams Aiken Partners, 237 Park Ave SW, Ste 101, Aiken, SC
March 18 (Closing Date: Mar 2)	Windsor Trace Continuous Drive Chateau Log Farm/Greenfields Farm 1060/1070 Curb Chain Ln. Windsor, SC	Windsor Trace website: windsortracecede.org
Apr 5	ADC Winter Driving Derby #3 The Vista Schooling & Event Center 859 Old Tory Trail, Aiken, SC 29801	ADC website: https://www.aikendrivingclub.org/event-details/driving-derby-3-3
May 8 – 10	Carolina Carriage Club DT & CT Windridge Farms 882 Goodes Creek Church Rd. Mooresboro, NC 28114	Omnibus - American Driving Society website: https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1624594
May 21 – 22	American Driving Society Recreational Drive	Stable View Equestrian Omnibus 05-21-26 Recreational Drive at Stable View 151 Stable Drive Aiken, SC 29801

* **Volunteers Needed** for Landmark Farms events. Please contact Barb Mettle via **text message** at (410) 693-0776.

Club News

Winter Derby #1 and Spring Audubon Drive Canceled

South Carolina winters are typically the best times for us to get out and enjoy our equine partners. Unfortunately, February packed an unusually rough blow this year with wind, sleet, ice, and snow all timed to interrupt start of our competition season. The ADC Winter Driving Derby #1 on February 1 was re-scheduled for February 21st only to be canceled due to weather. The Spring Audubon Drive (Feb 22nd) was also canceled due to weather. Fortunately, the weather forecast looks better for the remainder of the season.

Windsor Trace Cones Challenge



Lisa Singer's Chateau Log Farm was the place to be this month for a fantastic day of cones schooling. Each entrant had two opportunities to drive the challenging and fun cones course – both timed and scored, with the first drive counting toward an award. There were a variety of elements on the course, including a bridge and a box. The Cones Challenge and the upcoming Continuous Drive are fantastic schooling opportunities with enough challenge to help build skills at any level.

Thanks to Lisa and all the dedicated Volunteers for making this such a fun event.

Pictured: Mary Baillie and Rocky

Landmark Farms CT and DT #8

This event is currently underway, so more next month. Meanwhile, it looks like things are off to a great start!



Spring Fashion for the Gentleman Whip



Making New Friends

Board of Directors Meeting

February 9, 2026

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

Excused: Daniel Rosenthal

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tracey Turner.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from January BOD meeting approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Gaston Livery - Concerts and Saturday markets continue and are well attended.

Gerde Museum - nothing new to report

Education: The recent Fitness for Driving seminar held at Cross Fit in Aiken was successful and enjoyed by those that attended. There are currently no upcoming educational workshops scheduled at this time.

Dressage Derby was successful with 20 competitors in attendance. The Board thanked Susan and Carolyn for their efforts. The BOD agreed to donate \$300 to Landmark Farms for use of the facilities for all 3 days of the Dressage Derby.

Driving Derbies: The BOD acknowledged and thanked Tracey for her efforts organizing and rescheduling the upcoming Driving Derbies. The February 1st derby has been rescheduled to February 21 at Greenfields due to inclement weather. The remaining derbies are scheduled for March 8 at the Dougherty's, and April 5 at the Vista.1

The Quarterly meeting will be held on March 9th location TBA.

Volunteer Hours: as of this date, no responses have been received or hours reported. Diane will include information in the February newsletter.

Audubon Drive is to be held on Sunday, February 22. Jerry Milano is organizing a work party for pre-drive clean up.

NEW BUSINESS

Peggy is currently updating a list of local driving instructors and mentors for distribution to club members.

Recreational Drive: There will be an ADS Recreational Drive at Stable View on May 21. Lisa Whitcomb is the Organizer and contact person.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: March 9th location TBD (Note date and location change under Upcoming Events.)

Susan Gregorio, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

ADC CHECKING ACCOUNT STATUS

Month	Balance
@ Month Beginning	\$ 11,838.77
@ Month End	\$ 12,461.65
Monthly Transaction Total	(\$ 622.88)

SUMMARY OF THE MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS

Transaction	Amount	Breakdown	Actual Amount	Posted Amount
Credit	\$ 3,926.98	2025 Christmas Drive	\$ 14.57	\$ 14.57
		2026 ADC Business Support	\$ 171.45	\$ 171.45
		2026 Derby Series	\$ 746.81	\$ 361.45
		2026 Memberships	\$ 354.15	\$ 297.63
		2026 Sh. Temple - Clinic	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 2,640.00
Debit	(\$ 3,219.33)	2025 Christmas Drive	(\$ 29.14)	(\$ 29.14)
		2026 ADC Business Support	(\$ 497.99)	(\$ 227.89)
		2026 Derby Series Note: 3 Refunds	(\$ 325.00)	(\$ 0.00)
		2026 Sh. Temple - Clinic	(2,605.19)	(2,605.19)
		Total	(\$ 469.66)	(\$ 622.88)

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 withdrawal from or deposit into the ADC account.

Summary

Income from Memberships, as of 30-Jan-26	163 Memberships (+8 in January)
2026 Sh. Temple - Clinic	+\$ 34.81

Member Classifieds

Carriage Machine Shop 2019 Bird-In-Hand Red Hawk

This lightly used vehicle features:

- Black body with 32 in. dark green wheels
- Approximately 350 lb.
- 70 in. A closed loop shafts
- 4-bolt hub system
- 3/16 in. disc brakes on rear
- Full cover
- \$3,000
- Full specification sheet available



Also available:

Zilco harness – Horse size \$500

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Have something to sell? Include your ad here.

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 required.

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.

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