



Newsletter

August 2024



From the Top

Congratulations to Taylor Bradish. She and her horse have made the USA driving team to compete at the worlds in France. Good Luck and safe travels.

Hazy hot and Lazy days of summer are upon us. Go Slow, be safe and drink lots of water. This is a good time to clean things such as; your harness, blankets, and trackrooms Maybe a sale is in order!!.

We are looking for Board members. Please contact me or other present board members if you are interested. Looking forward to hearing from you and having another good year of events and interesting things to do.

Thanks to Bill Allen for organizing the baseball trip Sounds like fun.

Be Safe everyone and take care of yourself and each other.

Peggy

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(ADC Events are highlighted)

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION	LOCATION
July 31	Landmark Farm Fix A Test	ADC Website	Windsor, SC
Aug 21	Drive & Brunch at the Vista	ADC Website	Aiken, SC
Sept 14	Windridge DT & CT	ADS Omnibus	Hendersonville, NC
Sept 18- 22	Tryon Combined Driving	USEF Website	Tryon International NC
Oct. 9-13	ADS Annual Meeting	ADS Website	Southern Pines, NC
Oct 25	Annual Meeting	ADC Website	Gaston Livery Stable, Aiken,
Oct. 27	Fall Audubon Drive	ADC Wbsite	Silver Bluff Audubon
Oct 31	Windsor Trace CT & CDE	Windsor Trace Website	Windsor, SC
Dec 28	Christmas/New Years Drive	ADC Website	Aiken, SC

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Board News

Aiken Driving Club Board Meeting

JULY 8, 2024



Present: Peggy Dils, Sue Dougherty, Jerry Milano, Susan Gregorio, Karen Marlin Excused: Mick Burke, Tracey Turner

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Peggy Dils.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of ADC member's passing: Gene Rhinehart and Dione Appleton.

Minutes from the June Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report was approved as written;

Gaston Livery: The roof work is complete.

Drive at The Vista will take place on 8/21/2024. Waivers will need to be signed for this event. Volunteers are needed for the start. Brunch will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be provided by ADC.

The ADC Annual Meeting will be held on October 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.. Location TBD.

The Nominating Committee will be reaching out to the general membership for upcoming Board of Directors positions.

2024 ADC Donations:

Windsor Trace: \$1,000

Landmark Farms: \$1,000 for facility use.

Gaston Livery: \$500

ADS: \$500

Audubon: \$500

Taylor Bradish: \$500

Gerde Museum: \$200

FOTAS: \$100

Aiken Equine Rescue: \$100

Fix a Test: July 31, 2024 at Landmark Farms, Thrasher Lane, Windsor.

Baseball Game: July 31, 2024 reminder to all members to send their money in to Bill Allen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janelle Marshall and Michelle Huget have volunteered to co-chair the Education Committee.

The Nominating Committee to contact members regarding upcoming BOD positions.

Discussion regarding Juniors to compete for free at an ADC sponsored driving event or activity. Details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Gregorio, Secretary



Treasurer's Report July 2024



The beginning Checking Account balance for the month of June was \$20,477.30. The ending Checking Account balance is \$16,247.99

There were no deposits made.

There is one outstanding check totaling \$200.00

This gives the club an actual checkbook balance of \$16,047.99

Monthly expenses were for the newsletter, dressage ring storage, Pleasure show 2024 and 2025, (Judges travel, food, ADS, Highfields), deposit for Green Jackets, Eudora trip lunches. There were No deposits in June.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Dougherty



In Memorium

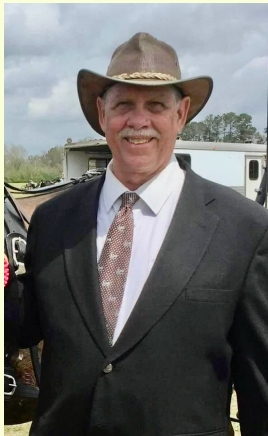
The Aiken Driving Club recently lost three of our members.

Dione Appleton passed away on July 5th. She was an original member of our club and lived in Hudson Heights Quebec Canada and Aiken, SC.



Gene Rhinehart passed away suddenly on July 7th. He was an active member of the Aiken Driving Club and a frequent competitor in combined driving events.

Gene and his wife, Katy moved here in 2015 and soon became members of the club. Gene could often be seen at local events either driving his horses, Celtic and Tru or volunteering his help to make the event successful. He was known throughout the driving community for his sportsmanship and competitiveness and always wanted to be "The guy to beat" at any show he entered.



Agnes Sector, wife of Aiken Driving Club member, Jim Sector passed away on July 16, 2024. A memorial service will be held in France at a later date.

August Member Profile

Risa and Richard Moon



Our family has two histories with driving. The first is Richard's which started almost five decades ago, when he agreed to be the second person for Lois Cheston on the marathon stage of a combined driving event in Connecticut. That soon hooked him and he trained a Morgan to drive. That led to going to the first pairs world championship to watch a new friend Larry Poulin compete on the American team. Over the next 12 years Richard and his family competed at many combined shows up through preliminary and groomed for Poulin several times.

Fast forward, Richard and I were eventers when we met through our eventing daughters and married in 2003. Several years later we thought driving one of our event horses that no longer liked to jump would be fun. However, the mare turned out to hate a carriage. So we gave up the driving urge until our granddaughter was born. That meant we needed a pony. We got the pony but too small for us to ride and too early for our not quite one year old granddaughter. So we had a professional, Blanchard Poole, train the pony to drive. Pony loved it and so do I.

It's likely more driving is in our future as the Aiken driving community is so welcoming.



New Education Committee Chairs

Janelle Marshall and Michelle Huguet are our new Education Committee Chairs. Contact them with your ideas for Educational Sessions!!

Janelle Marshall-jmdownunder@aol.com

Michelle Huguet-huguetaken@iCloud.com



Housekeeping Details!!

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 possible, 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. Checks may be mailed to the Aiken Driving Club, PO Box 271 Aiken, SC 29802

Submissions- Send all submissions to: Karen Marlin kmarlin@aikendriving.com

Past issues of the Newsletter may be found online at www.aikendrivingclub.com

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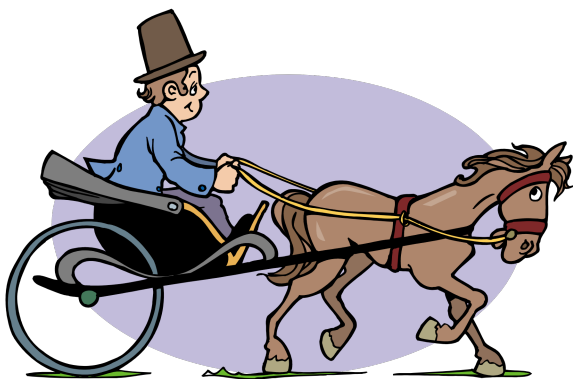
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From the Editor

CAN YOU HELP!!! We are in search of someone to submit pictures and/or articles from Club events to the Newsletter.

We are also still looking for a name for this newsletter. Submit your ideas for a catching name!

Contact the newsletter editor at
aikendriving@gmail.com



"Aiken is for Driving" placards/license plates for sale. \$25. Can be used as a front license plate on your vehicle, hang it in your barn or on your trailer. Contact Peggy Dils dilsaiken@gmail.com

Educational Grants

The ADC Board of Directors has created a grant from money donated to the Club in the name of Sandy Nicolaisen. Each grant will be awarded for use at a clinic designed to improve the skills of either an established driver or for a new driver just being introduced to carriage driving.

Please see the website aikendrivingclub.org under "Education" for details.

