

President's Message



'Tis the season of exciting events coming up. Keep your eyes on our website as Karen Marlin keeps it up to date. Our calendar of events is beginning to fill up – so if there is something you'd like to see happen or need help – let your board know. Don't forget to update your membership.

Until next time – stay cool as you bring your equines back to work. Be safe and stay well! Peggy

Club News

ADC Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your Aiken Driving Club membership. Your ADC membership supports the local equine heritage and gives you access to a variety of recreational, pleasure, and competitive driving events. Look for the renewal email in your Inbox or you can renew it online from the ADC website.



Vista Drive and Brunch

The extreme temperatures this August forced re-scheduling of the Vista Drive and Brunch not once, but twice. Originally scheduled for August 19th, even the early morning temperatures/humidity were too much, so the drive was moved to August 26th which turned out to be another scorcher day. The event will be re-scheduled in the cooler months ahead. Stay tuned for the new date.

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ADC Website:

www.aikendrivingclub.org

Facebook:

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



Notice to Membership

The ADC Board is suggesting an amendment to the By-Laws addressing helmet safety guidelines. Voting will be done at the annual meeting (October 30, 2026) held at Gaston Livery.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IX-Miscellaneous Section 6

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

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
September 11 th – 13 th	Windridge CT and DT	Windridge Farms, Mooresboro, NC For more information: https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1626684
October 5 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	Gaston Livery Stable, Aiken SC
November 1 st	Audubon Drive	Details to follow
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
December 16 th	Landmark Farms Combined Test #9	Landmark Farms, 480 Thrasher Lane, Windsor SC 29856

ADC Dressage Derby October 16th – 18th

Landmark Farms in Windsor SC will host the October 2026 Dressage Derby. Entries open on September 7, 2026, and close October 7, 2026.

Divisions: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate

Classes: VSE, Pony, Horse Turnouts: Single, Pairs

Dressage Tests:

Training B, October 16 & 17, Training C - October 18

Preliminary B, October 16& 17, Preliminary C - October 18

Intermediate B, October 16 & 17, Intermediate C - October 18



The top 2 scores from October 16 and 17 in each class in each division will compete in the Championship rounds on October 18. If turnout does not qualify on day 1, then they may return on day 2 to attempt to qualify for the championship on Sunday. Drivers may also compete only 1 day (Friday or Saturday) or return on the second day to drive HC if they have previously qualified.

2026 Windsor Trace CDE and CT

The Windsor Trace Combined Driving Event is known for its welcoming atmosphere. It's an ideal show if you are new to carriage competitions or are a more seasoned or advanced competitor. If you're looking to move up a division, this is the place to do it! This year, the show is a week earlier than in past years. No "Fall Back" time change in the middle of the show! This year, there are old favorites and some new offerings.

- Combined Test (CT) on Thursday – here's your chance to warm up your dressage and cones skills before the CDE.
- The famous Windsor Trace Mule Crawl on Friday night with drinks and snacks offered as we drive parts of the course and see all the obstacles.
- **NEW:** If you haven't done many (or any) CDEs, we can provide a mentor to help you with your turnout, walk your dressage test, explore the marathon course and obstacles, walk the cones course, or just be a friendly face and support through the show. Contact Judy Chamberlain (judychamber@gmail.com) if you are interested.
- **NEW:** Training Limit and Training Open divisions. (Training Limit Division is open to drivers who have not completed more than 2 CDEs and/or Driving Trials (DTs) above the Training Division, with a horse of any level of competitive experience.)

Whether you're new to the sport or a longtime competitor, you'll find the Windsor Trace event to be friendly and encouraging.



Board of Directors Meeting

August 10, 2026

Present: Peggy Dils, Mick Burke, Dan Rosenthal, Diane Wattson, Michele Huguet, Susan Gregorio, Jerry Milano. **Excused:** Tracey Turner

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Peggy Dils.

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

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and approved as written.

Gaston Livery: Renovations and improvements continuing. Gaston Market days and other public activities are well attended. Many more planned for the future.

Vista Drive: August 19th. First turnout leaves at 8:00 AM. Breakfast follows beginning at 9:30. Weather permitting.

ADC Fall Weekend: October 31 through November 1st. This is Halloween weekend as well as the Fall Steeplechase weekend. The theme for Friday night will be Halloween Party atmosphere; members are encouraged to attend in costume. There will be a drive at the Audubon held on Sunday, November 1st.

Gerde Award: Please submit your nomination(s) to any BOD member.

ADC Helmet Safety: A notice will be sent to all ADC members for their review regarding the ADC BOD recommendation related to the wearing of an approved safety helmet.

EDUCATION:

- September 25: Melissa Wessel biofeedback workshop
- December/January: driving rule changes: Rebecca Gutierrez and Kristin Whittington
- February 18: Pleasure show rules and turnout info: Katy Reinhart
- Future education opportunity suggestions include a Bodywork workshop, Equine Insurance.

ADC Barbeque: The BOD wishes to thank Tracey and Paul Turner for the ADC BBQ held at their farm. Great food and a fantastic venue.

Dressage Derby: October 16-18 at Landmark Farms in Windsor. Check the ADC website for further information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Gregorio, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: FY26 PERIOD 10

ADC CHECKING ACCOUNT STATUS

Month	Balance
@ Month Beginning	\$ 13,249.31
@ Month End	\$ 13,015.20
Monthly Transaction Total	\$ (234.11)

MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS: SUMMARY

Transaction	Amount	Breakdown	Actual Amount	Posted Amount
Credit	\$ 669.10	2027 Membership (x2)	\$ 108.10	\$ 53.10
		2026 Baseball Outing ➤ Entries (\$ 561.00)	\$ 561.00	\$ 561.00
Debit	(\$ 1,888.21)	2026 ADC Business Support ➤ Insurance (\$ 920.00) ➤ US Postal: PO Box (\$ 196.00)	\$ (1,116.00)	\$ (196.00)
		2026 ADC Donations ➤ American Driving Society University \$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (0.00)
		2026 Baseball Outing ➤ Bill Allen: Expense Reimbursement \$ (645.00)	\$ (645.00)	\$ (625.00)
		2027 Carriage Classic ➤ Meeting \$ (27.21)	\$ (27.21)	\$ (27.21)
	(\$ 1,219.11)	Total	\$ (1,219.11)	\$ (234.11)

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 (x3)	\$ 160.69	\$ (0.00)	\$ 160.69	Jerry & Joy Milano, Erika Culmann, Steve and Tara Gudenkauf
2026 Baseball Outing	\$561.00	\$645.00	(84.00)	

Advertisements

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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.

