



Newsletter

October 2024



From the August 21st drive & brunch at the Vista!!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(ADC Events are highlighted)

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION	LOCATION
Oct 5	ADC Volunteer Training	ADC Website	Windsor, SC
Oct. 9-13	ADS Annual Meeting	ADS Website	Southern Pines, NC
Oct 19-20	Timberland DT	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-Nov 3	Windsor Trace CT & CDE	Windsor Trace Website	Windsor,SC
Nov 7-10	Stableview CDE	USEF Website	Aiken,SC
Nov 23	Steeplechase Carriage Parade	Bretta Crump	Aiken,SC
Dec 18	Landmark Farms CT	ADC Website	Windsor,SC
Dec 28	Christmas/New Years Drive	ADC Website	Aiken, SC
Jan 18,2025	Landmark Farms CT	ADC Website	Windsor, SC
Jan 26,2025	Driving Derby #1	ADC Website	Windsor, SC
Jan 29,2025	Windsor Trace Cones Day	Windsor Trace website	Windsor, SC

Aiken Driving Club OFFERS

Volunteer Training

Open to ALL INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS (ADC membership inot required)

Saturday, Oct 5th 10:00-3:00

@ Landmark Farm, 480 Thrasher Lane, Windsor

Join us for a fun & informative hands on day. Training for all driving event volunteer positions will be offered. Brush up on your current volunteer skills or learn a new one!

Fall & Winter Driving Events are just around the corner.

Presented by: Kristin Whittington & Peggy Dils

Both are experienced drivers, gators, event organizers, and volunteers

RSVP by Monday, Sept 30th

A box lunch will be provided

Dress for the weather of the day - you will be inside & outside

Please **bring a comfy chair**

ADC & Landmark Farm Releases will need to be signed

Questions and to RSVP:

Renie Gillis 803-646-1175 call or text

ADC Board News



Aiken Driving Club Board Meeting September 2024

Members Present: Mick Burke, Susan Dougherty, Jerry Milano, Tracey Turner, Peggy Dils (by phone), Karen Marlin (by phone) Absent: Susan Gregorio

Gaston Livery Stable update - Mortgage is almost fully paid

Gerde Museum - nothing to report

Vista Drive was a great success

Peggy thanked volunteers and sent thank you notes to Janelle and Glenda Marshall for their help setting the cones course and Gayle Novak for organizing the brunch. All agreed it was better to cater the event than put the responsibility for food on a member who might also want to drive. The food was great too!

Annual ADC meeting decision is needed about whether we want a Halloween theme and prizes or not. Will discuss at the next meeting

Treasurer's report

Sue is awaiting the entry fees from the fix a test. Janelle to deliver to her soon;

Club Annual Membership Fees are trickling in. Per Karen M. about 36 people have sent in their fees.

October 1 is deadline we have set for new and renewing memberships, however the membership team (Ray & Karen) wait until the end of November to determine who is included in the membership guide

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Board

ADS Annual Meeting The ADC Silent Auction basket is done and ready to go. The basket includes:

Two wine glasses painted with carriage motif

Wine

Coasters from Gaston

Aiken wooden cutting board

And more.....

Thanks Peggy!!!

Event Dates for 2024/2025 were discussed and a few changes were made.

An updated list accompanies the minutes. Derby dates and locations were discussed. The Board agreed to the proposal to hold the derbies in 3 different locations. These are being investigated for suitability by Tracey and Lisa Singer. The Derby Final would be held at Greenfields Farm

New Business

Gerde Award Nominations Criteria suggest that the individual should fall into one of the following categories:

Driving: an active participant in Club drives and activities

A new driver who has made noticeable progress driving

A driver who competes in pleasure driving shows and/or Combined driving events

Volunteers who support the club activities

Or even a faithful groom

Possible suggestions from Peggy are:

Price Storey

Jim Hudson

Renie Gillis

Janelle Marshall

We asked Karen Marlin to send out an eblast asking for other suggestions for the board to consider. We set a deadline of 10/1 so that Peggy has time to get the cup engraved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Nominating Committee Chair Karl Zimmerman to provide a list – List from Karl. Candidates will be sent out in the next newsletter (?) and members have until 10/20 to submit their votes.

Next Board meeting will be held on October 14, 2024 at Gaston Livery Stable



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Memberships are due by October 1, 2024

You must submit a completed membership application form and dues payment to be a 2024-25 Club member.

There will be a drawing for a free one year membership for those who submit their completed membership by October 1st.

Go to the Aiken Driving Club website aikendrivingclub.org to renew by completing the online form.

You may then pay online with a credit card or mail a check for your dues to:

the Aiken Driving Club

P.O.Box 271

Aiken, SC 29802

(There is also a printable membership form on the website)

New 2025 Members

*Wendy Berndt

*Laura Gosnink

*Kimberly Keeton

*Susan McRae

*Jude Olmsted

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:

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Susan Gregorio

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Mick Burke

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Tracey Turner

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Janelle Marshall,

Michelle Huguet

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Ray Mansur

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Karen Marlin

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Treasurer's Report August 2024



The beginning of checking account balance for the month of August was \$10,768.83. The ending checking account balance is \$10,484.04.

There were deposits totaling \$1341.53, the debits totaled \$1626.32. There is one outstanding check totaling \$500.00. This gives the club an actual checkbook balance of \$9,984.04.

Monthly expenses were for The Vista, Fix-A-Test, Donations, Misc.

Monthly deposits were from Membership, Newsletter ad and Greenjackets Baseball.

Donations:

Gaston Barn 500.00

Gerde Museum 200.00

Greenjackets trip was a \$5 cost to club

Vista Brunch was a \$1877.00 cost to club

Fix-A-Test was a \$200.00 cost to club *(awaiting the entry fees)

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Dougherty

FROM THE TOP

Autumn is a great time in Aiken County. As the leaves change and air is crisp, explore new routes, take notice of new trees and plant colors as you get your horses fit. There are wonderful trails with lots to do and see around your area.

Keep your eye on the calendar and note all the things that are planned and enjoy. Join in when and where you can.

Volunteers -- you asked for training ... join us October 5th to learn about different jobs at driving events. General information about positions with hands on job experience . Should be a great educational short day.

Our Annual Meeting on October 25th will be another fun filled evening ... Dress to impress as it is Halloween weekend... and enjoy the beginning of a fun weekend. Drive at the Audubon on Sunday October 27th. Then enjoy the Potluck lunch. Bring your best fall dish.

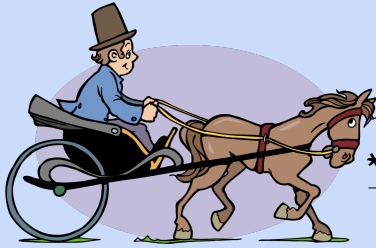
ADS annual meeting mid-October not far away in Southern Pines. Promises to be a fun time. Look at their website for more information.

Keep your eyes on the ADC Website for updates.

WT CDE&CT

October 31st-November 3, 2024

Entries close October 11, 2024



Aiken Driving Club Fall Weekend

*October 25th Annual Meeting of the Membership &
Election of Board Members

Gaston Livery Stable 6PM

RSVP on the club website aikendrivingclub.org

*October 27th Fall Audubon Drive

Silver Bluff Audubon

Drive Off at 10:30. Potluck lunch @ Noon

RSVP on the Club website aikendrivingclub.org

Election of Board Members

The following individuals are running for the ADC Board

President - Peggy Dils

Vice President - Tracey Turner

Secretary - Susan Gregorio

Treasurer - Tim Zimicki

At Large Members - Mick Burke, Jerry Milano, Dan Rosenthal, Taylor Bradish
(Vote for three)

Ballots will be emailed or sent by US mail around October 2nd to those
who are 2024-25 members as of October 1st. 2024

They must be returned by October 20th.

New Board members will be announced at the Annual Meeting on October 25th

Save the Date!!

Nov 23rd Aiken Steeplechase Carriage Parade
More information to Come

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS



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.org



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