



Newsletter

September 2024

From the Top

Welcome to SeptemberYou remember back to school days. Well you can say back to schooling horses days.. Getting ready for an exciting season ahead.

No more olympics to watch but bright futures for your horses, moving up divisions, great pleasure driving in the cooler days and new adventures for you all.

We have information on a Volunteer 101 day coming up in October, so grab a friend and join us.

In the meantime enjoy ,be safe and stay well.

Cheers Peggy

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(ADC Events are highlighted)

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION	LOCATION
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

Aiken Driving Club OFFERS

Volunteer Training

Open to ALL INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS

ADC membership isn't 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
or email ponylady2017@gmail.com

Share this flyer with anyone you think might be interested.

Board News



Aiken Driving Club Board Meeting August 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Peggy Dils

Present: Peggy Dils, Karen Marlin, Mick Burke, Ray Mansur, Jerry Milano, SueDougherty, Tracey Turner, Susan Gregorio

Secretary's report: approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report: approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Drive at The Vista: 22 entries as of this date. Volunteers needed. The event Brunch is being catered by Bella Vita.

A Volunteer 101 Workshop will be held on October 5th from 10 - 3 at Landmark Farms. Boxed lunches will be provided to participants. Demonstrations as well as information regarding all opportunities to volunteer at driving events (Pleasure Show, CDE, CT's, etc) will be provided to prospective volunteers in hopes of sparking additional interest and participation in club events.

October 25th Annual Meeting to be held at the Gaston Livery at 6 p.m.. The theme will be "Festivities of the Season". Hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with a trick or treat opportunity. Bring a trick or treat item and get a ticket, all items will be placed in a basket and your ticket will allow you to randomly choose a "trick or treat".

Membership: Ray Mansur reported that members need to be encouraged to

"complete" their applications in their entirety online, even though they may have been completed in previous years. Payment MUST be either sent in via USPS mail or online via credit card. NO EXCEPTIONS. No memberships will be considered complete until payment and information is received. The deadline for membership is October 1, 2024. A random drawing for a free year's membership will be conducted for those who have met all criteria.

Gerde Museum: There is a new exhibit at the museum.

Driving Derby: Dates and venues to be determined. 3 derbies proposed. More information to follow.

Thank you to Bill Allen for the Baseball Outing. A great time was had by all!

Audubon Drive will be held on October 27th.

NEW BUSINESS:

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The Education Committee is reviewing the suggestions received at the June General Membership meeting. Details forthcoming.

Jerry Milano suggested hosting an Acupuncture seminar and demonstration. This event would be free of charge for ADC members. Jerry forwarded the details to the Education Committee for follow up.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for Board of Directors positions are being chaired by Carl Zimmerman and Michelle Huget. Please reach out to them if you would consider a position on the BOD.

ADS Annual Meeting: October 9, 2024 in Southern Pines. Check the ADS website for all pertinent information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: 9/9/2024 at the Turner's

Susan Gregorio, Secretary



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Memberships are due to be renewed before
October 1, 2024

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

(Complete the entire form even if you have previously given us this information)

Otherwise you will not be a member!

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

Go to the Aiken Driving Club website
aikendrivingclub.org/membership-2
to renew online or renew by completing and mailing
the membership form found on page 11
of this newsletter along with dues payment

to the Aiken Driving Club
P.O.Box 271
Aiken, SC 29802

September- Member Profile

Dan Rosenthal



According to family lore, announced my intention to own horses – specifically Lippizans– in 1959 at a performance of the Spanish Riding School. True or not, I eventually owned two Lippizan stallions, a gelding and 3 mares though not all at the same time. Then for a few years Ann and I had 6 Lusitano stallions as well. For 30 years we practiced French Classical Dressage and owned the Iberian horses and then one day I

bought Ronnie (aka BALSUMA the Gipper) – a Section C Welsh pony who drove and everything changed.

Ronnie was joined by Kokovoko Jazzman and single pony became pair pony. When Ronnie had to retire, I went to Dartmoors and 2 geldings (17 years later I still have Kris and Skip and they did the Continuous Drive at Lisa’s last winter with my niece Natasha Rosenthal as whip). Tabitha joined us in 2013 and Maude came as a leased pony in 2015 and pairs became fours. To everyone’s astonishment, what had been intended as an “experience just to try it” became my favorite activity. After Maude went home to Tracey Morgan, the “team” grew to include AJ, Charlie, and Cash. All 6 of them moved with us to South Carolina in 2020 where we were joined last year by Win.

Driving has brought me so much pleasure over the years with Combined Driving as the major focus of our activity. Its hard to get everything organized and have everyone sound (including me!) and to get the 4 to a competition but I have loved every single moment of every single competition (including the cones course where I had 14 down and time penalties to boot).

I think that the most distinctive attribute of the driving community is the very fact that it is a community of people who enjoy their horses and each other and who work together to make sure that we all have fun and stay as safe as we can. My work with the Board of the ADS brings me into contact with drivers and officials and trainers all over the country every day and almost without exception those contacts leaving me feeling better about the sport of driving and the people who do it.

Ann and I love our farm in Wagener as do our small menagerie (3 cats, 6 dogs, and 12 equines) and every day we are thankful for the help we had finding it and getting it organized and the warm welcome we have received from the drivers in this community.



Treasurer's Report August 2024



The beginning checking account balance for the month of July was \$16,247.99. The ending checking account balance is \$10,768.83.

There were deposits totaling \$54.52, the debits totaled \$5,533.68.

There are three outstanding checks totaling \$900.00. This gives the club an actual checkbook balance of \$9,868.83.

Monthly expenses were for club insurance, PO Box renewal, bereavement, donations*, BBQ, Baseball game*, ADC new check order, Vista deposit.

Deposits for the month were membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Dougherty

Donations*

Windsor Trace CDE	\$1000
Gaston Barn	\$ 500
ADS	\$ 500
Audubon	\$ 500
Gerde Museum	\$ 200
Fotas	\$ 100
Equine Rescue	\$ 100

Baseball Game*

The deposit for member fees will show in August, the total cost to the club was \$5.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Dougherty

How Much Weight Should My Horse Pull

| BY DANA BRIGHT |

The not-so-simple art of weight pulling calculation

Probably the first question an aspiring driver asks concerns appropriate weight for their horse to pull. They may have a carriage purchase in mind, or have visions of taking all of their children and their friends on drives, when someone asks, "Are you sure that's an appropriate load for your horse to pull?" There is a lot of anecdotal advice out there, with no documented evidence; or documented studies mostly done on draft horses that don't necessarily translate to the type of work sport horses are asked to do.

There is no simple answer to the question "how much can my horse pull?" This has been the subject of many studies in the past, when a horse's pulling strength was essential for commerce, agricultural work and transportation.

There are many factors to take into account when trying to estimate how much your horse can or should be asked to pull. The first bit of information you need is an estimate of your animal's weight. You can use a weight tape, but those only measure heart girth and are not as accurate as the following formula for horses of varying body types. You need to measure your horse's heart girth and body length in inches. Then, multiply the heart girth (in inches) by the heart girth, and that number by the body length (also in inches) then divide that by 330 to get a weight in pounds. This formula works for horses over the age of one.

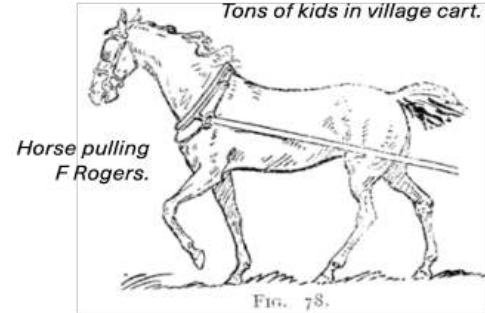
There are different weight estimate numbers for yearlings (divide by 301) and weanlings (divide by 280), but that is irrelevant to this article since yearlings and weanlings aren't ready to pull weight.

A common and pervasive guideline for weight pulling, for "continuous work with occasional heavy pulling and short rests" says:

- On a flat, smooth road a horse can pull up to three times its own weight.
- When roads are bad or hilly, up to twice its weight, and



Tons of kids in village cart.



- When roads are bad, or on fields, sandy going, hills: up to its own weight.

There is not source for this information given, so one would assume it comes from experience of those actually using horses as transportation.

Let's look at factors that need to be considered when calculating how much your horse should be asked to pull.

The horse's size, breed, conformation, age, level of training, fitness level and temperament come into play. Some breeds of horses are built more powerfully than others. Natural ability needs to be enhanced by conditioning along with a good health management program.

The driver's skill affects the ease of the horse's job. If the horse is guided through smooth starts and stops, he will be less stressed. Timely use of the brake according to terrain needs will ease the work. Other factors that can be controlled by the driver for the benefit of the horse are intended use: from recreation to competition; the speed at which the work occurs and the duration of the work and number of passengers. Recreational use doesn't imply less stress on the horse, but the competition needs of completing a task at a set speed and time don't apply as much. The driver also needs to make sure appropriate harness is fitted to make the job of pulling easier; a very narrow breastplate doesn't give as much bearing surface to push against as a wider one, or full collar. The angle of draft of the traces can affect pulling power. A carriage with brakes that grab and don't work properly will make it harder for the horse to pull. The load the horse pulls needs to be balanced. Carriage maintenance is also important, wheel bearings need to be lubricated as well as the fifth wheel; to minimize friction.



Play Ball!!

by Bill Allen

ADC held its inaugural baseball outing at SRP Park on Wednesday, July 31. We had 25 attendees at the E-Z-GO Party Patio near right field to see the Augusta Greenjackets take on the Down East Wood Ducks from Kinston, NC.

It was warm and humid but the patio was in the shade and a breeze from the river made the evening pleasant. As it turned out, ADC was the only group on the party patio and so we had our choice of excellent seating at the bar-style high tables. The ticket price included a buffet dinner of burgers, hot dogs, BBQ pork, side dishes, dessert, and soda. Thankfully the serving line was very short. Our group could also get beer and snacks without having to leave the patio.

Some folks actually watched the baseball game while others socialized and we got to meet some new club members. Unfortunately the home team lost, 6 – 2. But everyone had a great time and hoped that we would return to SRP Park in the future.



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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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American Driving Society

50th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Big Sky Farm

390 Tremont Place

Southern Pines, NC 28387

There will be a celebration of the ADS that includes the 2024 Annual Meeting of Members and Board of Directors election for the 25/26 term.

Register on the ADS website
americandrivingsociety.org

Need assistance with registration?
Call (608)237-7382 M (9-5 Eastern), T (9-1), Th (9-1), F (9-5).

Stabling and RV spaces are LIMITED! Reserve your stalls and camper spots by emailing info@americandrivingsociety.org.



Time To Vote

An election for new Club Officers and At Large Board Members will be happen in October.

A nominating Committee headed by Carl Zimmerman iwould like to hear from you if you are interested in running for one of the seats.

We will have more information in the next newsletter and on the website. Keep you eyes open!



**2024-2025 Aiken Driving Club
Membership Application**

The membership year runs from October 1, 2024
until September 30, 2024.
Please renew your membership by October 1, 2023

New Renew

Please send this form with your payment to PO Box 271 Aiken, SC 29802. Thank You

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone#1 _____ Phone#2 _____

Email _____ Email #2 _____

American Driving Society member #(s) _____, _____ Please include if a member(s)

Family members _____, _____, _____

Select one of the following membership options

Single Membership [] Email newsletter (\$40) [] Newsletter sent by US mail (\$60)

Family Membership* [] Email newsletter (\$55) [] Newsletter sent by US mail (\$75)

*Family membership is 2 or more family members living in the same household.

Would you like your name included in member directory? Yes ___ No ___

Participation Survey

Would you be interested in helping with club activities?

Please circle all that interest you

1-Board of Directors 2-Public Relations 3- Website 4-Recreational drives.

5-Pleasure Shows. 6- CDE/Derbies 7- Club Photography 8- Setup at events.
9-Dinners/BBQs 10-Annual Meeting

FOR CLUB USE ONLY Payment received Date: _____ Amount: _____
Check _____ Cash _____ Credit Card from website _____

