

TEJAS CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CARRIAGE CLASSIC AT CEDAR CREEK RUN

The Carriage Classic is coming soon! After a rough winter, we are looking forward to good weather, good driving, and good friends. So please come join us on May 22nd for the pleasure show and May 23rd for the Continuous Drive.

The prize lists have been sent, but you can go to the TCA website and find more information and download a prize list. There is no opening date, so you can mail the entry to Paula Long now. We do have a closing date of May 1st, so that schedules can be done.

Come join the fun!

Alta Pederson

SILENT AUCTION

Okay, ladies and gents, time is growing short for items for the silent auction at Cedar Creek. If you haven't looked around and found something that you know will be the perfect item for someone else. Look again. I or someone will be there to take it off your hands anytime Friday or Saturday. The auction will be on Saturday and conclude Saturday night at the get together.

Happy hunting for items

Betty Lowe

ANDY MARCOUX CLINIC

At this time, there are still two slots available for the Andy Marcoux clinic being held July 9th -11th, 2010 at Cedar Creek Run in Greenville. Ruthie and Paul Graves will host a Meet and Greet that Friday at their Wiregrass Prairie farm.

Lessons will be \$113.00 each. There is a \$10.00 facility fee and stalls, if needed, are \$25.00 per night.

Along with the clinic, there has been some discussion over adding the CAA Proficiency Evaluations to the schedule. Mr. Marcoux is an approved evaluator. If you are interested in either the clinic or evaluations, please contact Camille Reed at 214-490-1237 or reedcamille@yahoo.com.

Please send checks for the clinic made payable to TCA to Camille Reed at the following address:

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ROAD TRIP TO LIVE OAK

A couple months ago Rosa Finsley and I were visiting at one of our TCA functions and we both shared how wonderful it would be to see Live Oak this year what with all the 4 in hands vying for their chance to represent the US at WEG in Lexington KY this year. Neither of us intended to brave the crowds at WEG and we both knew it would be one of the last chances we might have to see such a large field of teams at an event. So right then and there Rosa said with a grin, "Wanna go?" and I said "You bet...let's" and so that led to our road trip to Florida in March.

And what a pleasant road trip it was, Rosa and I talked ponies and plants all the way, and before we knew it we were on the beautiful Live Oak grounds watching some of the finest FEI competitors execute their dressage tests. This was my third trip to Live Oak and because of the nature of horse competitions, there's always something new. Some of the top drivers are competing with new equines, some continue with seasoned campaigners. The FEI dressage tests are demanding, lengthy, and produce a clear demonstration of driving skills, athleticism, and a real partnership between horse and whip.

All the Intermediate division compete in dressage on Friday. Once again, some of the finest from all over the country are competing, and because this level is a bit more relatable for many, there is much interest in seeing scores from an international body of judges. These judges don't give anything away and they demand accuracy, relaxation, purity of gaits, and good execution of the movements.

Saturday is of course the big day for many...Marathon Day. This truly brings out the spectators, and personally I find it very rewarding to see the interest in carriage driving sports manifested by a huge crowd of ordinary folks watching horses and ponies in an obstacle/hazard. A little eavesdropping can bring a grin as so many really don't know what they are watching, but they are thoroughly entertained.

The Live Oak grounds are arranged so most all of the obstacles are set up in a central open area. Many of them can be viewed from a single vantage point at least from a distance. If you want to follow one competitor's progress it is relatively easy to trek from one obstacle to the next as your competitor goes from the obstacle out to the track, and back in to the next obstacle. It's a grand way to really follow your pals progress in section E. Rosa planted herself up on the top of the open area, she was in the thick of it with obstacle 4, 5, and 6, (or was it 3, 4, & 5), just a turn of her body from each other. I settled on staying near the first 3 obstacles with the option to walk down to the challenging Gulch and a far away view of the water.

No matter where you place yourself seeing these upper level whips fly through obstacles is sometimes mind blowing! It never ceases to amaze that FEI competitors are doing 7 obstacles and going through 6 gates in each. Imagine the skills it takes to drive 4 smoothly through all the gates and trust me the best do just that.

Saturday night is the competitors party...(Hey, this is Ruthie writing, did you expect me not to mention the party???) Thanks to the generosity of Linda and Keith Yutzy, Rosa and I got to attend and had a great meal and got to visit with lots of folks. In fact there were SO many folks that our table was well past dessert and there was still a long line at the buffet tables. Unfortunately, that meant the band and the dancing were on hold until the floor cleared,(well past 9:00), and since Rosa and I had to stay fresh for the next day's long drive west after the cones competition, we went ahead to the hotel without hitting the dance floor...BUMMER!

Sunday 's cones competition was so much fun to watch. It was especially nice to see that none of the competitors needed to drive "hell bent for leather". Very little galloping was required to make times and generally a good forward trot with deliberate down transitions in the more difficult elements led to successful rounds.

There was a wreck on the bridge, but no injuries, and as the competition continued a far away rumble of thunder could be heard in the distance. This in due time led to a pouring rain just as the 4 in hands were winding down. Mike McClennan was driving in a steady light rain, Jimmy Fairclough came in as the rains got heavier and lightning flashed. Diana Brownlee called a storm delay, but Jimmy requested that he continue, which was allowed, he had a mishap at the bridge, which took out a good bit of the railing, but did not lead to any injuries or too much fanfare, and by this time the rains are strangling frogs. Chester Weber was to go last and he opted to continue in the storm, as well. Despite the fact that he was well ahead in the scoring and could have given up a few points, this brilliant horseman and his elegant team glided through the cones and produced a double clean round to the delight of the spectators, who by this time are all in the dry in the sponsor's tent. It was a thing of beauty and both Rosa and I were delighted to be able to witness both Chester's skills and his beautiful team in all the phases.

ROAD TRIP TO LIVE OAK CONTINUED...

Diana Brownlie and the ground jury cancelled the remainder of the show which meant the FEI Single Ponies and the Horse Pairs final placings stayed at their dressage and marathon scores

Rosa and I, along with several hundred others got drenched on our long walks to the parking area , but a quick change to dry off and Roas and I were ready to hit the road. More plant and pony talk and a wonderful stop in New Orleans to visit Rosa's son, (right up there as the best part of the trip), meant an easy drive home for us. Rosa was a delightful traveling companion and I think I can safely say we both enjoyed the adventure and feel like we saw some of the best combined drivers compete at a very special time and place.

Ruthie

CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to current TCA Members. Please send your information to jennifer@tejascarriageassociation.org or call 817-269-0632 by the 10th of each month. Your advertisement will be included in the newsletter and on the website. The Tejas Carriage Association is not responsible for advertisement content or accuracy.

CARRIAGES

New Frontier Easy Entry Pony and Mini Carts. In stock. The pony comes with metal or wood shafts, and the mini carts come with the expanded metal or wood flooring and dash in both A and B size. The pony starts at \$500.00 and the mini at \$450.00. Call Rex Ann at 903-845-6047.

Mini Cart. Call Karen Gorham at 512 793-2158 after 8PM.

Ladies Phaeton/Saylor Wagon. Just checked Sophie, my Standardbred against the beautiful Tiger Maple Ladies Phaeton/Saylor Wagon Paul built , to see if it is an appropriate size to put her to but alas she is just a smidge too tall for it to be a correct turnout and I have decided to sell it. Some of you have seen it; most recently at the Beginner to Winner day unhorsed as one of the examples in the Carriage and appointments quiz, or at our first Two Phase, where I competed with Babe and won both the Prelim pony dressage and cones. I competed with it at the Nashoba Carriage Classic and at the CAA conference. The carriage is a delight to drive and would suit a 12.3 -13.3 pony. Currently all metal and leathers are brown to be used with russet harness. It is cut under with a reach...great turning radius, flush hubs . It has a platform behind for a picnic basket or spares box. \$3000.00 call Ruthie at 903-883-4638.



HARNESS

Mini Harness. Call Karen Gorham at 512 793-2158 after 8PM.

Mini Synthetic Harness. Made by Tammy Rose a few years ago. Used by the Redman kids on "Scotty", but now missing bridle. A riding bridle/bit included. Tammy says with inflation, the harness is still worth \$200.00. Stephanie is in college and needs money for books. Email Helen Hogan at h.m.hogan@sbcglobal.net or call 817-478-0072.

HORSES

Adorable 38" Dun Pinto Gelding. He's about 7 or 8 years old. We bought Manley for the grandkids to ride, and he has been delightful with them considering the little time they've been able to enjoy him. He'll stand quietly allowing swarms of children to groom him or braid his pretty pony mane, but the children are involved in school, church, soccer, gymnastics etc., and the fact that Manley harasses the sheep and goats has led me to decide to sell the cutie. I had intended to train Manley to drive, but it would mean equipment purchases...The one time I ground drove him around he went forward easily and responds well to voice and all directional commands...He may have driven before...who knows...but regardless I feel he would be easy to teach. He is very clever and cute as a bug. \$600.00. Call Ruthie at 903-883-4638

CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED...

HORSES

16 yr. old White Percheron Gelding. Snowman has worked in commercial carriage operations in DFW area. He did work at a therapeutic riding center. Reason for placement - he is not fond of indoor arenas. Best offer to good home. Please contact Riding Unlimited at 940-479-2016 or ridingunlimited@aol.com.

Free To Good Home. 9 yr. old Shetland pony. Oneka's Apple Cider Spider (Charley Brown) is looking for someone to spend time with. Charley Brown is a bay gelding that was started roadster, then restarted with Tom O'Carroll. He is green-broke to drive, but has not had the practice needed. He needs someone with time and experience to make him feel loved and wanted. Call Barbara Siebenhausen at 817-925-6641.

2004 Second Premie Friesian Gelding for Sale. Magist is by the approved stallion Igram B (Lute) and is out of the Ster mare Lucky. He was orphaned at three days old, and as such has become quite a people horse. He is small at about 15 hands tall, but is put together perfectly. Extremely long mane and tail. Has been ridden and shot off of. Has also been put to a drag.

2007 First Premie and Site Champion 2 year-old Filly. Also by Igram B (Lute) and out of Epiphany (Provisional Ster). This filly is very tall and elegant. Beat a Model Mare to make site champion at her Keuring. This is a Stam 50 filly, which is hard to come by. Priced at \$7,500.00 apiece or \$14,000 for the pair. I hate to sell them, but I do need to do so. I own both the stallion and own both of their dams as well. Email Anita Sepko at anita.sepko@verizon.net or call 972-358-9286.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Wanted. Looking for a "small" country home in sound condition, on small acreage, approximately 10 very horse friendly acres, to the east of Dallas. Focusing primarily from the Wills Point area to the Caddo Mills area. We are retired and need to downsize in house size and acreage and cost. Please email me at debby.stai@earthlink.net if you know or have information.

Horse Trailer. 2006 WW Aluminum All Around Bumper Pull Stock Trailer. 16' long x 6' wide x 6'6" tall combo 1/2 slide and full swing rear gate, side escape door, center gate, spare tire aluminum diamond gravel guards on front, fenders and tongue, full length 1/2" rubber mats. Can be pulled by a small 1/2 ton pickup. Trailer weight - 2660 lbs. Like new condition. \$6,000.00. Email Alta Pederson at gpederdrum@aol.com or call 817-447-8077 with any questions.

Horse Trailer. 1998 Aluminum two horse slant load Siesta Sundowner for sale. \$18,500.00 In great condition. Email Jo Starkweather at rustyspur1@hotmail.com or call 903-662-5569.

Vaught Western Leather-tooled Saddle. 15" rough out seat for sale. good condition and a very comfortable saddle. \$100.00. Email Jo Starkweather at rustyspur1@hotmail.com or call 903-662-5569.

Parelli Lunge Line. 50 foot. Never used. \$80.00. Email Jo Starkweather at rustyspur1@hotmail.com or call 903-662-5569.

TRAINING

Carriage Driving Training/Coaching. If you need eyes on the ground, or just a bit of help improving communication with your driving horse or with personal driving goals or motivation, I am offering carriage driving lessons and coaching at Cedar Creek near Greenville (see website, www.cedarcreekrun.com). Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Saturdays would be available subject to Cedar Creek schedule. \$40.00 per session with additional facility fee of \$10.00. Sessions run approx 45 min. - 60 min. depending on progress. If interested contact me, Ruthie Graves at rufus1953@joimail.com or call 903-883-4638.

FOREVERMORGANS

ForeverMorgans is an organization of volunteers whose purpose is to be a resource for Morgans in need, whether they are surrendered, rescued from shelters, auctions, kill buyers, or simply removed from potentially dangerous situations. ForeverMorgans wishes to open our virtual barn doors to all Morgans in need of safe and loving homes. We focus on registered Morgans but will consider unregistered Morgans on a case-by-case basis.

You may already be familiar with us via our listserv, through other listservs such as Positively Morgans, or you may have seen our displays at shows. ForeverMorgans is a unique rescue in that it operates almost entirely via the internet, without a physical facility, and has members and supporters from all across the country.

Additionally, ForeverMorgans would be happy to provide any of our promotional materials (brochures, business cards, our PowerPoint presentation) at shows and functions in your area. Whenever possible, we try to staff tables with our own volunteers at such events, but printed and electronic materials can also always be supplied via snail or e-mail.

Thank you in advance for your time and support, and we invite you and all members of your club to join the conversation about rescue with the 400 others in our chat group, Forevermorgans-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Please don't hesitate to contact our Publicity Chairperson, Shirley Cauley, (shirley.cauley@gmail.com, phone 434-242-0550) if you have any questions or suggestions.

DRIVE FEST ATTRACTS DRIVERS FROM THE NORTH

Tom O'Carroll of County Kerry produced his annual St. Patrick's Day Drive Fest on Saturday, March 13th followed by a Customer Appreciation Day on Sunday with barbeque lunch for all and free driving over the property, several hazards marked to play in, the dressage ring open for practice. Weather turned out like an Irish blessing. Drivers got in the spirit with green decorations and shamrocks adorning harnesses and carriages. One mini wore his forelock wrapped as a green unicorn horn. The decorated pet to ride class featured a dignified Doberman with green neck adornment and hat sitting in the basket of a cart pulled by a jolly-looking Pinto mini. Several regulars from North Texas missed the trip due to illness, but those who went did well.

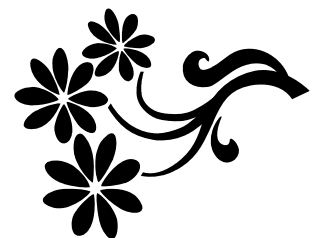
Marlene Collins hosting the event with Tom appreciated the response from exhibitors. " Everyone seemed to have a great time, and most importantly, no mishaps! " People complimented the imaginative classes and the atmosphere of fun and friendship.

The Mystery Race is a new feature of the event as of last year. A route around the property leads to 5 stations where drivers opt to either drive around the perimeter of the obstacle or take an envelope from the volunteer. The envelopes contain directions such as "Do nothing but talk to the nice person for two minutes." "Drive up the center line and perform a figure 8 at X." "Skip to the next station." "Drive through Gate A of the obstacle and back out before driving to the exit." Helen Hogan and Marky won it, preferring to trot around the perimeter of each station. "I figured with my luck I'd get too many long tasks."

The Obstacle was built of huge heavy light poles with an inner circle and two outer circles having various gates and four triangles. With all the gates looking alike, two going from inside out and two from outside in, the obstacle presented a serious challenge. Dowe Plantinga did a fabulous job!

Tejas member George Pederson placed in all the pony events, as did North Texas driver Sandy Cutshall. The Cones class lay in a meadow on the slope by the pond. Gate 7 had just room for a carriage to pass between it and the pond. A few horses looked at that water. Why they should with all the water we've all had, no one could guess.

Helen Hogan



2010 DRIVING CALENDAR

The Tejas Carriage Association calendar is open to all driving related activities. **TCA activities are listed in red.** Please send calendar submissions to jennifer@tejascarriageassociation.org or call 817-269-0632. For additional activities, see www.texasdrivingclubs.com, www.americandrivingsociety.org and www.caaonline.com.

MAY

16th - NTW Wits End Drivathon. Cross Country, Obstacles and Scurry Thru the Trees. Contact: Ree Salter at 940-374-3928 or witsend@wccs.net.

22nd - 23rd - TCA Carriage Classic (ADS) and Continuous Drive. Mickie Bowen will judge both events. Contact: Alta Pederson at 817-447-8077 or gpederdrum@aol.com. More information can be found on the club website.

28th - 30th - HACA Pine Hill Pleasure Show. Pine Hill Equestrian Center - Bellville, TX. Details to follow.

30th - Driving Trail Challenge. B-Tex Stables - Fort Worth, TX. 10:00 AM start. Contact: Tammy Haley at fmkisummer@yahoo.com.

JUNE

12th - NTW ADT. Non-sanctioned event to be held near Bridgeport, TX. Judge: Lisa Avila. Contact: Ree Salter at 940-374-3928 or witsend@wccs.net.

19th - TCA Recreational Drive at Cedar Creek Run. Cedar Creek Run - Greenville, TX. Contact: Connie Pitkin at 903-883-3727 or connie@cedarcreekrun.com. Also see, www.cedarcreekrun.com.

JULY

9th - 11th - TCA Andy Marcoux Clinic. Cedar Creek Run - Greenville TX. Contact: Camille Reed at 214-490-1237 or reedcamille@yahoo.com.

AUGUST

21st - Equestrian Market Day. Sponsored by the Brazos Valley Driving and Riding Club. Brazos Expo Center - Bryan, TX. Contact: BVDRRC at www.equinedriving.com.

29th - Driving Trail Challenge - "West Side Story". Parrie Haynes Ranch HTC - Killeen, TX. Contact: Kate Love at 817-202-5371 or kelove1958@gmail.com. Website: www.texasrailchallenge.com/driving.

SEPTEMBER

11th - Driving Trail Challenge at Trace Trails. Athens, TX. Contact: Kate Love at 817-202-5371 or kelove1958@gmail.com. Website: www.texasrailchallenge.com/driving.

17th - 19th - Tyler Breed Show with Open Driving Classes (USEF). Texas Rose Horse Park - Tyler, TX. Working, Turnout, Super Reinsmanship and Obstacles (Cones) sponsored by the Tejas Carriage Association. Judge (TBA) and more information to follow.

OCTOBER

2nd - NTW Fall Frolic Through the Foliage. Pleasure Driving Show, Arena Games & Poker Run. Weatherford, TX. Vanhoozer Farm. Contact: Barbara Vanhoozer at 817-596-4470 or barbara@vanhoozerfarm.com.

9th - NTW Fort Richardson Trail Drive. Contact: Pam Farmer at 817-594-3394 or tintopcarriage@charter.net.

30th - 31st - Longears Play Days. Good Hands Training Center - Navasota, TX. Contact: Marlene Collins at 936-870-6794 or tom@tocarroll.com. For details see, www.tocarroll.com.

NOVEMBER

7th - Fall Driving Event. Good Hands Training Center - Navasota, TX. Contact: Marlene Collins at 936-870-6794 or tom@tocarroll.com. For details see, www.tocarroll.com.

7th - NTW Montgomery Farm Drive. Montgomery Farm - Allen, TX. Contact: Rosa Finsley at 214-878-3975 or rfinsley@kingscreek.net. Website: www.montgomeryfarm.com.

13th - Driving Trail Challenge - "Final Follies". Tarrant Ranch - Tyler, TX. Contact: Kate Love at 817-202-5371 or kelove1958@gmail.com. Website: www.texasrailchallenge.com/driving.



**Tejas Carriage Association
Carriage Classic at Cedar Creek Run**

ADS Recognized Event

Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 at 9:00 am
Competitor's Party with Silent Auction,
Dinner & Dancing at 6:30 pm

Continuous Drive

Non-ADS Event

Sunday, May 23rd, 2010 at 9:00 am

*Division Championships and Special Awards for
Concours d' Elegance*

Cedar Creek Run
3915 Old Mill Road ~ Greenville, Texas 75402

For more information and prize list, go to:
www.tejascarriageassociation.org/carriageclassic.html



Membership Application

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Membership Level: _____ Individual (\$30) _____ Family (\$35) _____ Junior (\$10)-Birthdate _____

Half-Year Membership (New Members Only-Runs from July 1st to December 31st):

_____ Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$17.50) _____ Junior (\$5)-Birthdate _____

ADS Member _____ Yes _____ No Membership Number _____

CAA Member _____ Yes _____ No Membership information is required for ADS & CAA affiliation purposes only.

I am interested in (check all that apply):

_____ Recreational Driving _____ Pleasure Driving Shows _____ Clinics & Educational Events

_____ Endurance Driving _____ CDEs, HDTs & ADTs _____ Volunteering

Please make checks payable to **Tejas Carriage Association** and mail with application to:

Alta Pederson
305 Ryan Avenue
Burleson, Texas 76028

I hereby release the Tejas Carriage Association, its board and members from any liability and all claims of every kind (including costs, expenses, or attorney fees) that might result from damages, injuries or losses to my person or property during, or in connection with, any show, clinic, event or functions, whether or not such damages, injuries, losses result directly from the negligent act of omissions of the board or members of the Tejas Carriage Association. I understand that under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Signature(s): _____

If Junior, signature of Parent or legal Guardian: _____

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