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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please take a moment to renew your membership dues, if you have not already done so. Membership for the TCA runs from January 1st to December 31st. An updated application can be found later in the newsletter.

CARRIAGE CLASSIC SILENT AUCTION

Items are needed for the silent auction being held during the **Carriage Classic at Cedar Creek Run** on May 22nd. Half of the proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to local therapeutic programs, such as Riding Unlimited. For more information on Riding Unlimited, see www.ridingunlimited.org.

If you would like to donate or have questions, please contact Betty Lowe at the information listed below. Betty will also be attending the **Beginner to Winner Day** on February 20th and can accept items at that time. Items do not need to be equine or driving related. All donations are greatly appreciated!

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BITS & TRACES

TCA member, Helen Hogan has received wonderful news. She has been invited to judge the Andalusian Nationals in Fort Worth later this October. She was also notified by Publish America, her book **Ridgecrest Rescue** is now released.

Helen's new mystery forces Rod Mannering, a decent guy, to outwit a murderer and a scam artist. Finding his friend's body at a horse show pits Rod against a killer. A developer's lawsuit threatens financial ruin. With physical and money problems, Rod won't romance the attractive Texas rider Taylor Blair, but together, despite vicious threats, they unearth the real estate scam.

The Highway Patrol finds Rod's daughter's car abandoned like vehicles of women killed recently, and he forgets all else. With Taylor, he heads into a storm to find Belinda. A trip wire catapults him over the cliff. Battered, hanging onto a narrow ledge, he insists Taylor climb the ridgecrest to rescue Belinda. Fears and hopes attack his mind throughout his painful wait. Readers identify with a man struggling through physical and emotional comeback and a woman regaining control of her life in a backdrop of Arabian horse shows.

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ADS SUPER CLINIC

I've recently returned from my second ADS Super Clinic. This one was held in Tampa. The cold weather chased us east so there was no relaxing on a warm Florida beach. No matter really, since the Licensed Officials committee kept us so busy, there was barely time to go outside.

I wanted to share my experience with everyone, so you can get an idea of the training that takes place at these functions. I was particularly excited about our all day Friday driven dressage session with FEI German judge Dr. Vetter. We spent the better part of the day observing photos, and videos of movements and figures as Dr. Vetter gave us further insight into what is expected as far as accuracy, paces, etc., are concerned. He, of course uses the training scale as a basis for his scoring, emphasizing the foundation of rhythm, suppleness, and contact, as essential to progressing through the equines education, and though he judges the highest levels which require greater impulsion and collection, all of which he spoke of applies to training and preliminary levels, as well.

Dr. Vetter also introduced us to the video "*If Horses Could Speak*", an incredibly enlightening presentation of the effects of questionable training practices on the horse physically and mentally. We are currently fortunate in driven dressage that there is a fairly good understanding that an emphasis on extravagant leg movers is often incorrect and relaxed back movers are still recognized as the superior performer. Dr. Vetter urged strongly to recognize the difference and remember the importance of those fundamental basics.

Though Dr. Vetter's seminar lasted throughout the whole day, most everyone would have gladly sat through another hour or two. Most felt they came away better for it and that it would be helpful in their own experiences as officials.

So that was day one of this year's Super Clinic...Day two included an hour long seminar on Turnout presented by Katie Whaley and Steve Holm, and then I was given an opportunity to present a session on the new Super Reinsmanship specifications and rules. Both of those had to be repeated in the afternoon for the officials who hold both pleasure and combined cards. The sessions I attended were german to dressage and pleasure...There were sessions for CD officials being held concurrently, as well. It was one busy place.

Organizing something like this must be a monumental task! Not only does the L.O. committee make arrangements for such seminars for all disciplines, but they also decide on the tests that all officials must take every three years, they grade them and conduct discussions on the questions as well; NOT to mention they choose a venue and decide on all the logistics of taking care of 70+ people. The folks who do this deserve high praise as their single most important function in the ADS is to maintain high standards for our officials. I sure came away with a great sense of appreciation for their efforts to give me and someone who may judge me and my equine someday better skills to be an ADS official.

Ruthie

ALERT ACADEMY SPRING DRIVING CAMPOUT

April 17th - 21st, 2010

(Saturday - Wednesday)

Alert Academy International, Hwy. 80, Big Sandy, TX

Full hookups/and or dorm rooms available on campus

Quiet wooded trails

Campfire meals (nearby restaurants available, also)

Please RSVP.

For additional information, directions, and camping fees, please contact:

Carol or Jimmie Muckleroy

903-759-8104 or cmcarriagedriver@aol.com

Beginner to Winner Day

Sponsored by the Tejas Carriage Association



Join us for a day of informative lectures and a general club meeting. Attendance is free to all TCA members.

February 20th, 2010

10:00 AM

**Wiregrass Prairie ~ Carriage House
Greenville, Texas**

Schedule for the Day:

The Anatomy of a Safety Check

The first seminar of the day will be a basic safety and harness/carriage fit program. Alta Pederson will present the program using the standard safety check as an outline. 45 minutes

Carriage Quiz, What the heck is this?

Paul Graves will present this carriage quiz and answer session. 30 minutes

Lunch Break

The Class formerly known as “Reinsmanship through the Trees”

What judges are looking for in your Super Reinsmanship class using the new scoring system and rules. Presented by Ruthie Graves. 15-20 minutes

Moving on Up

Tom Knicker will present on overview of criteria to guide competitor's decisions to progress through the combined driving levels. 45-60 minutes

Lectures will be followed by a short general meeting at approximately 3:00 PM. Lunch will be ordered on site that day with a menu of Subway or pizza to be decided. Car pooling is encouraged with the weather, we have been experiencing. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Ruthie, either by phone or email.

Wiregrass Prairie
Paul & Ruthie Graves
1928 CR 3318
Greenville, TX 75402
rufus1953@joimail.com
903.883.4638

Directions: From I-30W (Dallas), take exit #87 towards FM 1903. Turn right onto FM 1903. Go 4.1 miles, turn right onto TX-34 S. Turn left onto CR 1564. Turn left on CR 3318. The Graves' farm will be located on the right.

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.

FEBRUARY

20th - TCA Beginner to Winner Day & General Membership Meeting. Wiregrass Prairie - Greenville, TX. Contact: Ruthie Graves at 903-883-4638 or rufus1953@joimail.com.

21st - Driving Trail Challenge - "Rocky Road". C-Bar Ranch - Valley Mills, TX. Contact: Kate Love at 817-202-5371 or kelove1958@gmail.com. Website: www.texastrailchallenge.com/driving.

21st - NTW Denise Hinder Clinic. Sunrise Ridge - Paradise, TX. Contact: Denise Hinder at 559-350-2753 or teambomber1@hotmail.com.

MARCH

TBD - TCA Novice Day. (Tentative) More information to follow.

13th - St. Paddy's Day Drive Fest. Good Hands Training Center - Navasota, TX. Contact: Marlene Collins at 936-870-6794 or tom@tocarroll.com. For details see, www.tocarroll.com.

14th - Customer Appreciation Day. Good Hands Training Center - Navasota, TX. Contact: Marlene Collins at 936-870-6794 or tom@tocarroll.com. For details see, www.tocarroll.com

20th - HACA's 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt. Bonnie and Lee McMurty's Farm - Round Top, TX. More details to follow at www.houstonareacarriageassociation.org.

20th - Driving Trail Challenge. B-Tex - Fort Worth, TX. Contact: Kate Love at 817-202-5371 or kelove1958@gmail.com. Website: www.texastrailchallenge.com/driving.

21st - NTW Denise Hinder Clinic. Sunrise Ridge - Paradise, TX. Contact: Denise Hinder at 559-350-2753 or teambomber1@hotmail.com.

APRIL

10th - NTW 15th Annual Sunrise Ridge HDT. Sunrise Ridge Ranch—Paradise, TX. ADS sanctioned. Contact: Kate Morgan at 817-523-4616 or katemorgan@gmail.com.

17th - 18th - Plum Creek CDE. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Paula Long at 817-614-2986 or long.paula@rocketmail.com. Also see, www.pccss.org.

24th - Beginning Drivers Clinic. Good Hands Training Center - Navasota, TX. Contact: Marlene Collins at 936-870-6794 or tom@tocarroll.com. For details see, www.tocarroll.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 gpederdum@aol.com. More information can be found at www.tejascarriageassociation.org/carriageclassic.html.

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

The Carriage Classic at Cedar Creek Run & Continuous Drive
are quickly approaching.

Look for the prize list for both events in the March newsletter. Additional information can be found at www.tejascarriageassociation.org/carriageclassic.html

2010 DRIVING CALENDAR CONTINUED...

JUNE

12th - NTW ADT. Non-sanctioned event to be held near Bridgeport, TX. Judge: Lisa Avila. More information to follow.

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

TBA - TCA ADT. (Tentative) More information to follow.

AUGUST

21st - Equestrian Market Day. Sponsored by the Brazos Valley Driving and Riding Club. Brazos Expo Center - Bryan, TX. Contact: BVDRC 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](mailto:kelope1958@gmail.com). Website: www.texastrailchallenge.com/driving.

SEPTEMBER

11th - Driving Trail Challenge at Trace Trails. Athens, TX. Contact: Kate Love at 817-202-5371 or [kelove1958@gmail.com](mailto:kelope1958@gmail.com). Website: www.texastrailchallenge.com/driving.

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.

11th - 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](mailto:kelope1958@gmail.com). Website: www.texastrailchallenge.com/driving.

CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to current TCA Members. Please send your information to jennifer@tejasdrivingassociation.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.

CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED...

CARRIAGES

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

HARNESS

VSE/Mini Four in Hand Harness. Leather with brass. Can be used as two pair harnesses. \$800. Email Al Bulgawicz at mini@willowcrest.com or call 281-351-9770.

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

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

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.



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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