

## TEJAS CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

# The Runabout

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## CAA DRIVER PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

TCA members and all Texas Carriage Drivers have an opportunity to participate in the CAA Driver Proficiency Program right here in our state.

This means you will not have to travel to the various out of state venues where these will be offered!

To better understand what the program is all about log onto the CAA website, <http://www.caaonline.com> and click on the Driver Proficiency link.

If you'd like the pamphlets to prepare you for what to expect for Level One purchase them through the CAA site.

To prepare, you might want to purchase booklets; Level I (\$15), Road Driving (\$10) and Level II (\$15). Syllabus booklets are available now from the CAA office for the amount shown, plus postage of \$3.

We will be offering the Level One evaluation with Marsoe Larose. Instruction will be available with Simon Rosenman.

Cost per participant: Evaluation Fee—Payable to CAA \$60.00

Instruction Fee—Simon Rosenman \$50.00

Evaluation Fee—Marsoe LaRose \$50.00

Travel expense will be additional.... divided among the number of participants.

Instruction is NOT required to be evaluated.

### LEVEL 1:

The basic level (but not for complete beginners) is for those ready to drive away from home. This is a competence evaluation and will confirm that you are doing things safely. This level covers harness knowledge, harnessing and putting to, practical driving, horse care, and general knowledge. Any safe style of driving is accepted.

What do you need to do now? Sign up IF you are committed to getting your certificate for Level 1. I will make arrangements to get Simon and Marsoe here based on the number of people committed to this effort. Email me, Ruthie at [rufus1953@joimail.com](mailto:rufus1953@joimail.com) to indicate your interest.

Basically what I am doing is amassing a list to see if this is worth doing...Please contact me ONLY if you are serious about getting your Driving Proficiency Certification.

Ruthie

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## THANK YOU!

The TCA would like to thank Carol & Caitlin Sewell of Cliffside Farm. They graciously donated a dressage arena, letters and an arena layout tool to the club. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by everyone and so helpful as we get the club up and running.

## TCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The first TCA Board meeting of the year was held January 24<sup>th</sup> at Michelle and Paul Grundmann's farm.

We want to thank Carol Sewell for donating a ridden dressage arena, letters and arena layout tool to the club.

Barbara Siebenhausen suggested we run a fund to put money in every time someone hits your cone. This would need a volunteer to run the program. Not voted on.

**TEASURER'S REPORT:** We have \$2181.48 in the checking account. We will be paying \$1209.16 out of this for the cones. We have 66 members and 29 attended this meeting.

Adopt a Cone is still available. A motion was made and voted on and passed that we purchase the cones.

Random items: Be thinking about if we want to do the CAA driving proficiency test.

Reminder: Start collecting for the silent auction at the Pleasure show at Cedar Creek Run.

Sheryl Lunz volunteered to print and collect the TCA newsletter to send to Ann Pringle of the *Driving Digest*, and to the editors of *The Whip* and to *The Carriage Journal*.

Janie Amdal will be sending in VSE reports to *Driving Digest* and said she welcomes news items to include.

Attendees signed a card for Tim Branam.

### **BEGINNER TO WINNER DAY:**

Ruthie is applying for an ADS grant to help fund some of our expenses for the day. Raffle items for the day will be: Cart stand (Paul Graves), ladies hat, scarf & fly veil set and Lisa Perry sterling pendant (Jennifer Ralls). Assignments for the day: Alta will man the entry table, Betty will oversee the raffle's table, Jennifer will set up the raffle display with her hats, Carol M. will bring the lunch tickets, AM snacks and a loaner PA system. Several volunteered to bring coffee, filters, cups, etc. Cathie will coordinate the TCA store table and Michelle and Ruthie will coordinate lectures.

### **FUTURE CALENDAR:**

MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, CDE rules with Keith Yutzky at Golas's house( no horses), APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>, Pleasure Show Prep with horses at Cedar Creek Run, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, Swap show. Dressage and cones with the Brinkers. Larry Brinker Clinic 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Grundmann's. Swap show means if you show in the AM you work the show in the PM or visa-versa, JUNE still needs topics, JULY working on club organization at Ruthie's, AUGUST tentative activity in Tyler (Texas Rose Horse Park) first or second weekend. Elizabeth and Jennifer looked into this. Dwain Gaus will contact Kim Brunson about open dates. SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> Pleasure Show at Cedar Creek Run to be followed on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> with a Continuous Day of Driving Mickey Bowen, proposed judge. SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup> Trail driving in East Texas at Alert Academy. More info to come later. Carol Muckleroy is organizing this activity.

Meeting Adjourned.

## ADOPT A CONE UPDATE

At this time, there are 13 specific cones adopted. More money has come in, but not specifically assigned to cones. There are still several available. Please consider adopting a lonely cone...they (we) need your support. Thank you to everyone who has adopted at this time.

## TCA CLUB STORE

Listed below are the item order numbers and websites that we will have available at this time. The websites will give you the colors and sizes. Type the number in the advanced search area and press return. Please add \$5 to the prices below for XXL.

The following are available on [StantonOnline.com](http://StantonOnline.com)

### T-SHIRTS

Short Sleeve - 2000	\$12
Long Sleeve - 2400GL	\$15

### SWEATSHIRTS

Crewneck 50/50 Weight - 18000	\$20
Hooded 50/50 Weight - 18500	\$25
Hooded 80/20 Weight Heavier - 9500	\$30

### HATS

Soft-sided Single Color - PBV-R	\$15
Soft-sided 2 color - PSWT-R	\$17
Visors - AD13	\$12

The following are available at [Agustasportswear.com](http://Agustasportswear.com). Type the number in Fast Search and click go.

### JACKETS

Fleece-lined in body/quilted sleeves - 5680	\$45
Cotton-lined - 3100	\$25

### Special orders are also available.

To order, e-mail the information to Cathie Golas at [jcgolas@verizon.net](mailto:jcgolas@verizon.net). Mail a check made payable to TCA to Cathie at 6708 Estados Drive, Allen, TX 75002.

In order to get your merchandise at the Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, Cathie will need the check and information by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please call her at 972-442-3420.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to current TCA Members. Please send your information to [jennifer@tejascarriageassociation.org](mailto: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.

### FOR SALE

Miscellaneous. Items—Glory driving bit, 6" copper mouth, new condition \$50 (orig: \$80). Sprenger X-heavy quick release shackles for D-end traces (new—never used) \$50 (orig: \$80). Contact Carol Muckleroy at [cmcarriagedriver@aol.com](mailto:cmcarriagedriver@aol.com) or 903-759-8104.

## 2009 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](mailto:jennifer@tejascarriageassociation.org) or call 817-269-0632.

**Every Tuesday AM throughout 2009.** VSE Learning Day. B-Tex Ranch. Rendon, TX. Call first if the weather is questionable. Contact: Barbara Siebenhausen at 817-925-6641 or [bjs041960@yahoo.com](mailto:bjs041960@yahoo.com).

### JANUARY

**31<sup>st</sup> - Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**—OHHA Back-to-Back ADTs. Payne County Expo Center. Stillwater, OK. Contact: Linda Johnson at 620-627-2324 or [ldjohnson50@hotmail.com](mailto:ldjohnson50@hotmail.com).

### FEBRUARY

**20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup>**—Dana Bright Clinic. See clinic form for additional information.

**21<sup>st</sup>**—"From Beginner to Winner - What You Don't Know Can Hurt You" A day of lectures and demonstrations with special guests. Acappella Farm - 1056 CR 3504, Quinlan, TX 75474. Contact: Michelle Grundmann at 903-883-0797 or [acappella@topher.net](mailto:acappella@topher.net). See flyer for a list of scheduled speakers.

### MARCH

**14<sup>th</sup>**—TCA Monthly Program. Discussion: Rules for Driving Trials and CDEs with Keith Yutzy. Golas Farm - 6708 Estados Drive, Parker, Texas 75002. Contact: Cathie Golas at 972-442-3420 or [jcgolas@verizon.net](mailto:jcgolas@verizon.net).

**14<sup>th</sup>**—St. Paddy's Day Drive Fest. Good Hands Training Center - 7368 FM-2, Navasota, TX 77868. Contact: Tom O'Carroll at 281-731-5202 or [tom@tocarroll.com](mailto:tom@tocarroll.com).

**14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**—Plum Creek Spring Swap Drive and Clinic with Francine Dismukes. (Tentative Schedule). Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Chuck Leshikar at 512-376-2602 or [leshikar@aol.com](mailto:leshikar@aol.com).

**28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**—NTW Sunrise Ridge HDT & Driving Weekend (ADS). Paradise, Texas. Contact: Kate Morgan at 817-523-4616 or [katemorgan@gmail.com](mailto:katemorgan@gmail.com).

### APRIL

**11<sup>th</sup>**—TCA Monthly Program. Discussion (with horses): Preparing for a Pleasure Driving Event. Contact: Ruthie Graves at 903-883-4638 or [rufus1953@joimail.com](mailto:rufus1953@joimail.com).

**11<sup>th</sup>**—Plum Creek Day of Driven Dressage. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Chuck Leshikar at 512-376-2602 or [leshikar@aol.com](mailto:leshikar@aol.com).

**25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**—Plum Creek CDE & Combined Test. Agarita Ranch - Lockhart, TX. Contact: Chuck Leshikar at 512-376-2602 or [leshikar@aol.com](mailto:leshikar@aol.com).

### MAY

**15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**—Larry Brinker Clinic. More information to come. Contact: Michelle Grundmann at 903-883-0797 or [acappella@topher.net](mailto:acappella@topher.net).

**16<sup>th</sup>**—TCA Driven Dressage Schooling Show. Judge: Holly Brinker with Larry Brinker overseeing driver warm ups. More information to come. Contact: Michelle Grundmann at 903-883-0797 or [acappella@topher.net](mailto:acappella@topher.net).

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**—HACA Pine Hill Pleasure Show. Judge: Bill Peacock. Pine Hill Equestrian Center. Bellville, TX.

### SEPTEMBER

**19<sup>th</sup>**—TCA Pleasure Driving Event (ADS). Judge: Mickie Bowen. Cedar Creek Run - 3915 Old Mill Road, Greenville, Texas 75402. Contact: Ruthie Graves at 903-883-4638 or [rufus1953@joimail.com](mailto:rufus1953@joimail.com).

**20<sup>th</sup>**—Continuous Day of Driving. Judge: Mickie Bowen. Cedar Creek Run - 3915 Old Mill Road, Greenville, Texas 75402. Contact: Ruthie Graves at 903-883-4638 or [rufus1953@joimail.com](mailto:rufus1953@joimail.com).

**25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**—TCA Pleasure Drive & Camping. Alert Academy. Big Sandy, TX. Contact: Carol Muckleroy at 903-759-8104 or [cmcarriagedriver@aol.com](mailto:cmcarriagedriver@aol.com).

# From Beginner to Winner

Sponsored by the Tejas Carriage Association



On Feb. 21, 2009, 9:30 AM at Acappella Farm, find out what it takes to go from "Beginner to Winner".

A series of seminars, some with the theme "What you don't know CAN hurt you" for carriage drivers of all levels and interests.

Schedule for the day....

## **Back to Basics**

Dana Bright will discuss and demonstrate the importance of good harness fit and the appropriateness of the carriage to the horse and driver.

## **Lurking Monsters in Your Carriage**

We have all seen a few incidences of wheels falling off and carriages breaking in half in 2008. Paul Graves will discuss things you can do regularly to prevent avoidable accidents.

## **Should My Helmet be Falling Over My Eyes?**

Alta Pederson will demonstrate proper fit for safety equipment.

## **VSEs...What Can our Littlest Equines Really Do?**

Barbara Siebenhausen will show us all the accumulated evidence, that we should never underestimate the abilities of Minis.

## **Lunch Break & A Chance to Visit Vendors**

### **Coaching Trip to Bavaria**

Rosa and Chuck Finsley share a virtual tour of their magical coaching trip to Bavaria.

### **Navigator Know How**

Keith Yutzy will tell us what we need to know, before we take that back step in a CDE.

### **What is That Judge Thinking?**

The Ready for Prime Time Whips will drive various dressage tests, while Dana Bright explains what judges want to see in both you and your equine's performance.

### **Prize Drawings**

Throughout the day, participants can purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each) for the opportunity to win prizes. There will be several drawings at the conclusion of the lectures.

*To help defray travel costs for our out of town clinicians, all participants will be asked to pay a modest \$7.50 fee. Please bring a chair for the day. A delicious homemade lunch will be available for \$7.50. Must **RSVP** by February 16th for a lunch count. This helps our food vendor prepare.*

#### **Acappella Farm**

Michelle & Paul Grundmann  
1056 CR 3504  
Quinlan, TX 75474  
[acappella@topher.net](mailto:acappella@topher.net)  
903.883.0797

**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. Go 4.4 miles, turn left onto CR 3504 (Rancho Road). The Grundmann's farm is located 1.7 miles on the left. It is immediately after the creek bridge.



## Dana Bright Clinic February 20 and 22, 2009

Dana started driving seriously in the early 1980's, with a single Welsh pony stallion. She competed with him through Advanced level as a single, and is now driving him and two of his "kids" as a pair, tandem and unicorn at CDE's and pleasure shows. Dana's students drive a large variety of animals, from Drafts to miniature horses; plus she sees the full spectrum of driving animals when she judges. Dana holds "R" cards for pleasure and combined driving, pleasure TD and dressage with the ADS, and "R" with USEF for pleasure and combined driving. She serves on the board of directors of the ADS and has organized and taught at several young driver's camps, in the Mid-Atlantic region and New England.

Dana's lessons are for all levels of drivers, breeds of horses, and the recreational, competitive or pleasure driver. I will form a waiting list of drivers whose check I receive after the clinic has filled. There are always circumstances that require me to fill a spot so don't hesitate to send in your application and check even if you feel the clinic might be full. You never know. We expect the clinic to fill quickly, so reserve your lesson as soon as possible. There are only 16 lessons available.

**Clinic dates:** February 20 and 22, 2009  
**Times:** 8am to 5pm  
**Location:** Paul and Michelle Grundmann - Acappella Farm, 1056 CR 3504, Quinlan, TX. 75474  
**Fees:** \$65 for one 50 - minute lesson for TCA members  
 No charge to audit

The clinic facility has a covered arena, so the clinic will be held rain or shine.

A limited number of stalls are available. The cost is \$20 a night per stall.

Your place in the clinic will be reserved with the receipt of your check. There are no refunds unless someone else can be found to fill your spot. Contact Michelle Grundmann for more information: [acappella@topher.net](mailto:acappella@topher.net) or 903.883.0797

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address (opt): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimate Arrival Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Focus of lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a lesson on:	Friday am _____	_____ # of lessons x \$65 _____	
	Friday pm _____	_____ # of stalls (\$20 - night) _____	
	Sunday am _____		
	Sunday pm _____		TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

**Please make your check payable to Tejas Carriage Association and mail to:**

Michelle Grundmann  
 1056 CR 3504  
 Quinlan, TX 75474

# The American Driving Society

Membership **Special** for the **Tejas Carriage Driving Club**

NEW MEMBER ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP OFFER

◆ Mr. ◆ Mrs. ◆ Ms. ◆ Dr.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Company Tejas Carriage Association

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

family membership includes (Names): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Expires December 31*

## Driving Interest (check all that apply)

Recreational: ◆ Non-competitive

Competitive: ◆ Pleasure Shows  
◆ Combined Driving

Other: ◆ \_\_\_\_\_

## Member Type (circle one)

- ◆ Life - \$1000.00
- ◆ \*Commercial - \$100.00
- ◆ Individual - ~~\$75.00~~ **\$55.00**
- ◆ Family - ~~\$95.00~~ **\$75.00**
- ◆ Junior (under 18) - \$40.00

## Method of Payment:

◆ Check or Money Order ◆ Visa ◆ Mastercard

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADS Members Receive:

### The ADS Rulebook

*Containing rules for competition, guidelines for turnout, and information on the governance of the society. Free download or \$10 for hard copy.*

◆  
**The Wheelhorse Newsletter**  
*Monthly*

◆  
**The Whip Magazine**  
*Quarterly*

◆  
**The Omnibus**  
*Bi-Annual Directory of Competitions*

◆  
**The Buyers Guide**  
*Annual*

◆  
*Invitation to Educational Clinics and Seminars*

◆  
*Access to Members only section of Web Site*

◆  
*Membership Decal and much more*

## \*Bonus Benefit!

**In the annual ADS Carriage Driving Buyer's Guide, ADS Members may promote their business in two categories for FREE. List your carriage, horses, or other driving related items for sale. Business size color ads are just \$49.00!**

[americandrivingsociety.org/buyersguide.asp](http://americandrivingsociety.org/buyersguide.asp)  
for more details.



Please return this form to:

**The American Driving Society**

P.O. Box 278 • Cross Plains, WI 53528

Phone: (608) 237-7382 • Fax: (608) 237-6468

E-mail: [info@americandrivingsociety.org](mailto:info@americandrivingsociety.org)

\*\*\*This offer is for club members who have never been members of the ADS. Membership will begin the day you join and be active for one year.\*\*\*



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## Membership Application

Membership runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Michelle Grundmann  
1056 Rancho Road  
Quinlan, Texas 75474

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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## Adopt A Cone

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be inscribed on Cone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Cones to be Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 Adoption Fee Per Cone Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Michelle Grundmann  
Attn: Adopt A Cone  
1056 Rancho Road  
Quinlan, Texas 75474

# Thank you for your support!