



Piedmont Driving Club Newsletter

Dedicated to the sport of carriage driving in Northern Virginia

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Advertising, articles, show reports, and information relating to driving and carriages are welcome for inclusion in the newsletter free of charge. Please use e-mail contact below and on the PDC website on the "Newsletter" webpage to send information. Photographs of members are welcome.

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Events Schedule

24 August, 2008

My Lady's Manor Driving Trail, Winterstown, PA

Contact Pam Schneider ~ 717-776-9748

5-7 September, 2008

Laurels at Landhope CDE (PA)

Contact Mary O'Rourke ~ 610-486-4684 or laurelslandhope@aol.com

20-21 September, 2008

Piedmont Driving Club Show

Middleburg, VA (Foxcroft)

28 September, 2008

Pleasure Driving in the Park

Bucks County Horse Park (PA)

Contact Teri Lewis ~ 610-847-8077 or hitchingpostfarm@frontiernet.net

2-5 October, 2008

Lexington CDE Classic

Kentucky Horse Park

Contact Susan Gilliland, 352-489-6586; s_gilliland@msn.com

7-12 October, 2008

National Pleasure Driving Weekend

Kentucky Horse Park

www.nationaldrive.net

22 October, 2008

NC State Fair and Pleasure Driving Show

Raleigh NC; Pleasure, Obstacles, Concours d' Elegance.

Glenn Petty W: 919-839-4701 sheri.bridges.@ncmail.com

17-18 October, 2008

Martin's Fall Carriage Auction

Lebanon, PA

1-2 November, 2008

Pine Tree CDE

Big Sky Farm, Southern Pines, NC

17-20 June, 2009

CAA Conference at Morven Park

Leesburg, VA

If you know of anything else your fellow drivers might be interested in, please let me know at lppence@wildblue.net .

President's Notes

The end of summer is nearing... and with a full moon, I might add. It's been a fairly eventful one with many well-attended picnic drives; the CAA conference in Lexington, Kentucky; the Olympics; and the World Singles Championships, just to name a few of the exciting things we've seen and done this summer.

The Piedmont Driving Club Show is once again upon us. Unfortunately, things are not looking particularly promising. While some horse-related events have been well attended, others have been cancelled -- mainly due to the incredible increase in fuel costs. I don't know if that's the reason for the few entries we have for the show so far, but to date we have two entries. Folks, if we want to break even we need at least 40 entries. If you intend to show, get your entry in now. If you have friends who drive, encourage them to get their entry in. If we don't have a big surge in entries very shortly, we will have to consider our options. Keep your eyes on the newsletter and the omnibus for updates to the show situation.

Speaking of our fall activities, we have the opportunity to have plenty of beautiful picnic drives. We have such an abundance of perfect venues through the counties the PDC members encompass. Help Anne out with ideas for locations and dates. All those fresh garden goodies that can be made into gourmet meals are ripe for the picking. (And you know the PDC membership. We are always ready to eat.) It makes an incredible scene for neighbors and visitors to see a well turned out line of horses and carriages meandering down a shady Virginia country road, so let's drive! And in the words of Bud Hufnagle (to Mrs. Worrell during a drive), "Knees together and no smoking!"

Maryalice

President, PDC

Notes and Changes (Flying Lead or Otherwise)

~ Jean Clagett is considering doing an exhibition of her sculptures and paintings during the National Drive at the Kentucky Horse Park (7-12 October). Is anyone interested in sharing a ride? Contact her at mjclagett@msn.com.

~ Angela Cichetti Deppe would love to drive with someone occasionally on Wednesday's. She says her boys never get go anywhere to socialize, only work, so they'd really enjoy it. Contact her at bramblehollow@hotmail.com.

~ Are you involved in preparations for the show? Call Maryalice and let her know you want to help — now would be a good time to let her know you're ready and willing.

~ Does your property and/or surrounding area lend itself to hosting a Picnic Drive? Call Ann Watkins to see if there is a time in the schedule that will work for you.

~ Do you have news or information that might interest your fellow drivers? Tell me so we can put it in the newsletter! Email Peggy Pence at lpence@wildblue.net.



Bits and Pieces



~ **Zilco harness.** Used once. F/S EZ Single, w/ Black reins, \$800 OBO, Call Kim 540.554.4955

~ **Mini-size easy entry cart.** Never been used. \$350.00 Price slightly neg. (Sells new for \$479.00) Call 304-856-1654. Also, looking for a 2-wheel cart, pony size, with brakes (not a marathon.) — New PDC member, Susan Murch.

~ **2 y.o. Cleveland Bay X TB filly.** Gorgeous! White stripe; huge, kind eye; beautiful mover; gentle temperament. Took 2nd on line @ Upperville in part-bred class. \$8500.00 firm.

~ **Yearling Cleveland Bay X TB colt.** Dark bay, no white, phenomenal mover and temperament! \$7,500.00.

~ **7 y.o. KWP gelding.** 16.2 hh, bay, white socks, white stripe. Very fancy, reliable, carriage / riding horse. Papered import. Lovely disposition. Single or pair driven. Extensive cross-country riding in company or alone. Has done several picnic drives here, driven extensively in carriage community.

~ **10 y.o. 3/4 Cleveland Bay gelding.** 17hh, 7 full seasons of foxhunting with OCH and Greenspring Valley. Been there, done that, in coaching four as well as pair. Lovely, kind horse with a heart the size of a basketball! Ridden mainly by women.

~ **8 y.o. purebred Cleveland Bay gelding.** Green broke to drive. Very steady and mature. Will continue training and adding mileage. This would be a lovely horse for just about anyone. Very gentle and sensitive. A compact, solid type, short coupled and upheaded. Extravagant mover. Could do well as dressage prospect.

For any of the above, please direct your inquiries to Maryalice @ 540-270-6157 or 540-341-4972.

~ **Freedman Harness.** Black with chrome to fit lrg pony/cob. Very good condition. Price \$1,600.00. (540) 554-8671 or email thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net .

~ **Jeff Day Carriage.** In good condition. Maroon with shafts, pole and dickey seat. Also, marathon back step. To suit 14.00hh—15.2 hh. Offers invited. (540) 554-8671 or email thehasteningfarm@earthlink.net .

~ **Beautiful 8-year old registered Morgan mare.** She is elegant and versatile. Rides and drives — professionally trained both under saddle and for the competitive driving circuit. Pleasant disposition and positive work ethic — also enjoys pleasure riding and trails (alone or in company.) 14.3 hands. Shots, worming and farrier current. With her quality bloodlines, she'll produce gorgeous foals. \$5,000.00. Also selling harness and 2 antique Meadowbrook carts. (703) 596-4122 or (703) 618-7165.

~ **Substantial, German-made marathon vehicle.** Lightly used, outstanding condition. Includes extra bars, wheel chocks, adjustable seats, pole (no shafts). Do not miss this one! Well priced at \$6,000.00. Carl Cox //540-349-3030 or email: pleasecallcarl@hughes.net .

Volunteers Needed for Therapeutic Riding Program

The Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation (www.ltrf.org), a non-profit organization located in Leesburg, is seeking volunteers for the fall session of their therapeutic riding and therapeutic driving program. The Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation provides horse-back riding and driving for therapeutic purposes for children and adults with disabilities. Volunteers needed for grooming, leading and side walking. No experience necessary. Must be at least 14 years old. A new volunteer orientation session will be conducted on Monday, August 18th, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Morven Park, Leesburg. For more information, contact Jocelen Pearson, jpearson@ltrf.org or 703-771-2689 (mailbox 5).

Speaking of Volunteers.... It's Show Time!!!!



Okay, remember the story of the Little Red Hen? Sure you do. She and her neighbors all wanted some bread. But first they had to sow the wheat. When the Little Red Hen asked her neighbors if they wanted to help, they were all too busy. Then when it was time to reap the wheat, guess what, they were all too busy. Take the grain to the mill... hmmm... all too busy again. Time to bake the bread and guess what. Those were some seriously busy neighbors. But the second that bread came out of the oven, they all got unbusy enough to rush over and get ready to eat the nice warm bread. No doubt you've guessed where this story is going by now. We know we all want to have a great show, but we all need to pitch in to make it a success. Here is a list of specific jobs we need people to volunteer for:

- ~ **For the Cones course: Scribe, course setters / ball retrievers**
- ~ **Show Secretary (we'd like to have the same person do both days, if possible)**
- ~ **Volunteer manager (coordinate all volunteers, troubleshoot as necessary)**
- ~ **Set-up crew (the more the merrier — many hands make light work)**
- ~ **Tear-down crew (see note for Set-up crew, same applies!)**
- ~ **Stable manager**
- ~ **Ringmaster (one needed for each day, can be the same person or can change)**

Please call Maryalice this week to let her know what you want to do (540-270-6157 or 540-341-4972).

And While We're Talking About Dough...

Do you have a talent for fund raising? Okay, do you have no talent for fund raising? One way or the other, we still need donations. You should be getting a sample solicitation letter shortly you can use to ask your local businesses to contribute something to the show. Anything, however small, is appreciated and needed. By the way, prize lists are online at the PDC website.