

Hub Club Officers

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President's Perspective

It's April and spring is finally here! Time to shake off winter as well as those pesky New Year's Resolutions and move on to real, achievable goals.

All my original goals are out the window as Newman decide to injure himself over the winter. Looks like I'll be doing a lot more volunteering this year but even that achieves goals for me (I'm sorry, I just can't help it) In order to pursue judging credentials or further CAA Driver Certification, experience at a show is required. So 2019 is now The Year of Volunteering at Driving Events.

I hope to see a lot of you working alongside me, as lots of people tell me when I reach out to fill clinics and shows: "My horse is X, Y, or Z so I can't participate." Well, here's your chance to stay connected with the sport, meet new people, advance your education, earn hours towards licensing, etc. Heck, use the time to get a tan, I don't care, but Get.Out.There. We need you!

Don't Forget! Our next meeting is Saturday May 18th after the last lesson of the clinic. Bring a dish to pass for our traditional Potluck then join us for a quick



meeting then a PowerPoint presentation by Trish Demers. Last year's was both entertaining and educational so you won't want to miss it!

Calendar and Upcoming Events...more info on last page

APRIL

12-14—Midwest Horse Fair

28—DDC Pleasure drive

MAY

2-5—National Drive Spring Fling
19—DDC Pleasure Drive
27—DDC Pleasure Drive

18-19—**HUB CLUB Spring Clinic**
25—**Navigator Clinic**

JUNE

2—DDC Pleasure Drive
20-23—Lexington Carriage Classic CDE
23—DDC Pleasure Drive

15-16—Midwest Carriage Classic
21-23 Metamora CDE
28-30—Skunk River HDT

July—Upcoming

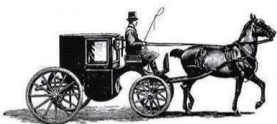
6—Notara Farm HDT
20—FVSA Day of Driving

14—**HUB CLUB ADT**
28—DDC Fun Day of Driving



“No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you’re still ahead of everyone who isn’t trying.”

THEN



NOW



‘Lil Bits

It’s Spring!! All sorts of opportunities are coming up. We have a clinic coming up in Hampshire, a navigator clinic in Lodi, Wisconsin and then the season is in full swing. Make sure you participate as a driver, or a volunteer even go audit.

We installed new officers at the general meeting. Krista Ziec has taken over as secretary after 2 years of service by Kelly Chuman. A big thank you goes out to Kelly for her work and dedication to the club. She will still be active in the Hub Club as she is heading up the HDT.

Tammy Carlo has resigned her positions of treasurer and webmaster. We thank her for her service on the behalf of the club. Sue West has graciously agreed to become the secretary effective immediately. Sue has been the treasurer before and we are excited that she has said yes! Welcome aboard Sue! (Again...lol)

Any issues, comments or needs for the website should be addressed to Lydia at this time.

On our contacts page, I’ve added the Midwest Carriage Festival’s Facebook page and Villa Louis’ Facebook page. If you don’t follow them, make sure you do. They do lots of interesting posts and it’s so cool to see those fancy turnouts.

On the last page of the newsletter are links to the shows and activities that are going on this next quarter. All you have to do is click on them and they should take you right there. If they don’t work for some reason and you can’t find the info you need, drop me an email or give me a call. (FarmAwesomeMike@gmail.com)

Musings From The Road...by Michele Harn

One of the requirements to becoming an ADS Pleasure Technical Delegate is to go to a show outside of my area. So why wouldn't I go to Florida in February? My husband is from Gainesville so he went along to visit family while I was working at the Grand Oaks Classic in Weirsdale.



We flew in Thursday to 80+ degree weather and hot sunshine. I sat outside enjoying the sweat rolling down my back while I worked on a month's worth of Vitamin D production! Friday, Darrin and I set cones for the Combined Test; again in the hot Florida sun. Saturday the weather changed to cloudy, cool and extreme wind, which turned into all day drizzling rain on Sunday. Several horses had difficulty with the many flags making noise and blowing in the wind. I think I'll put flags in my training arena at home.

Craig Kellogg was the Pleasure TD for the weekend. He gave an interesting history of the ADS as we rode around in the golf cart. Having grown up in the ADS, as his dad was a founding member, he saw things first hand. In fact, his member number is 00017. Wow! He taught me about the various responsibilities of the TD, including reviewing all the show's paperwork, looking for safety concerns and even checking for TP in the porta potties. Micki Bowen judged dressage Friday and the pleasure show Saturday and Sunday. We had a lovely visit Saturday over hot tea after the show while waiting for the prime rib and salmon dinner Saturday night.

Kacy Tipton-Fashik is a full time employee of Grand Oaks, very capably managing The Classic and various shows throughout the year. If you've never been to The Grand Oaks Resort, it should be on your bucket list. I lived in Florida almost 8 years while in graduate school at UF and in all my travels I have never seen stables and grounds so thoughtfully and elegantly designed. There are several eateries, bars, a spar, a chapel and a RV resort. My father-in-law parked his RV there so we could stay on grounds. The best part may have been visiting with many of my Wisconsin driving friends who live there for the winter and a few that have moved to Florida.

The competitors were well turned out with lovely vehicles and impressive animals. I was surprised by the number of four in hands. The commercial vehicle class did not disappoint, evening having live dogs in the dog catcher vehicle.

Next up is the Pioneer Pleasure Carriage Driving Show May 18-19 in Nebraska and then the Licensed Official's Super Clinic in July when I take my final exam.





Some Driving Opportunities in May

One of the things to come out of the general meeting was that people wanted to have some opportunities to drive early in the year. As a result of that feedback, we moved the clinic to an earlier date and made it for two days. As of this writing we still have a few slots open. We need to make sure these get filled up. It's a big cost to

bring in a judge from out of state. There's the flight, the food, the housing, not to mention the daily fee. As a club, we don't need to make money off of it, although that's nice, but if we break even and provide the opportunity to the membership to become better drivers, then it's money well spent.

There were also be a navigator clinic that the Hub Club is sponsoring with Dr. Jennifer Thompson at her farm in Wisconsin. We get first dibs on lessons. We get until April 10 to secure those spots until they go to the public. Take a second and sign up. Info has been sent with this newsletter but email me if you need more.

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Days of Driving at FVSA...by M. Chuman

There will be driving at Fox Valley Saddle Association. After a month or so of trying to work out dates and times – and even what we wanted to do, we have finally decided on two dates this year. We will also have 2 very different kinds of events.

On Saturday July 20th, the weekend after The Hub Clubs ADT/ dressage year show, FVSA will host what has been known as our Day of Driving. There will be a driving derby in the morning and then in the afternoon there will be ring classes, a cross country trace pace, and a cones course. Unlike in previous years, the second half of the day will

be treated as a dirty harness day. More info on that will be on our flyer and website. Clean marathon attire would be appropriate all day. Our hope is that this will make it easier for people to compete and not have to worry about all the bells and whistles of the perfect turnout.

Our second day will be Saturday September 28th we are going to have a day of driving games. This will not be any competition other than friendly competition between friends. It will be very low pressure, very low key. We are looking through all sorts of fun books on carriage games and will have a variety of

things to do. If there is a game you've liked in the past or something you would like to see, reach out to me at FarmAwesomeMike@gmail.com and tell me what you love to do and what you want to see.

We are hoping with these changes that we will see an uptick in attendance and be able to do more next year. It's a nice facility and we can put on some low cost and low pressure shows but we need people to come and take advantage. We will have more info up shortly on www.fvsa.org but reach out to me if you have any questions or comments.



Hub Club ADT...by Kelly Chuman

On July 14th HUB Club will hold it's third Arena Driving Trial (ADT) at Fox Valley Saddle Association.

An ADT is a fun, simplified version of combined driving and is a perfect first show for someone who is thinking about trying combined driving, thinking about moving up a level, wants to tune up before their next show, or just wants to have fun. It consists of three phases, dressage, cones, and marathon obstacles, but with the idea that the entire show could be held in one small arena. Fortunately for us, FVSA has more than just one small arena available, so we can spread out a bit. We have a full 40 by 80-meter dressage ring at our disposal, space for both a 12 cone and 20 cone course, and two colorful ob-

stacles.

In addition to the ADT, we will also have a % Dressage Test class. You can drive any test you want, so this is perfect if you want to do a practice round on a different test for your next show or try out a test from the next level up this is a great opportunity. This is a separate class and will be placed based on a percentage score. Your ADT Dressage Test will be scheduled before your % Dressage Test.

For people who are new to the sport (or just have a new horse), we have added a Novice division. Novice drivers are allowed a dressage test reader in the carriage with them and can schedule a time to walk any or all of their phases with a more experienced driver.

There are many volunteer opportunities available for this show. We will set everything up the day before (many hands make light work). We will send out a complete list of volunteer opportunities closer to the show, but if there is a specific job that is your favorite reach out to Kelly Chuman at FarmAwesomeKelly@gmail.com as soon as possible.

On July 13th at 7PM FVSA has invited HUB Club and the ADT competitors to join them at their Play Night. This is a fun evening of ridden and driven games and dinner. This is a blast for the whole family and is a great opportunity to drive your horse around the showgrounds. Contact Kelly for more details.



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The Midwest Carriage Festival...by M. Chuman

If you are looking for the Columbus Carriage Festival, you are going to be out of luck...mainly because it's new and improved and now known as the Midwest Carriage Festival. After many years, they have moved the location to the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI. Since 1999 it has been one of the premier pleasure driving shows in the Midwest, and a Father's Day tradition. If

you want to see beautiful antique carriages, modern carriages, majestic horses and drivers dressed to the 9s this is the place to be. The new venue will offer permeant stalls and more space for the competitors to be in, which will take some of the stress out.

One of the other cool things is that Michele Hern, who has been updating us on her road to being a TD, is one of the

organizers of the show and Hub Club is one of the sponsors. If you want to show, entries open April 15th and close May 25th. Check out their Facebook page...it's linked in our contact page. If you don't show, take a ride up and check it out, or even better volunteer. I know shows are always looking for help.



A Driving Day With Demers...by Lydia Gray

Editors Note: This is a reprint of an article written by Lydia. We've put it into here for two reasons. The first reason is that it won the CAA article of the year, which is way flipping cool, so make sure you congratulate Lydia. Also, check her out at Smart Pak, she is like a video star and has lots of great info. The second reason, and what I think is most important, is that it shows what an amazing time you will have when you take a lesson from Trish at our clinic on May 18th and 19th. I was the director on grounds for that day for FVSA so sadly I couldn't watch all the lessons, but more than once I saw a horse at the beginning of a lesson and the horse at the end of the lesson and I was sure that the horse's twin was swapped out. They were like different animals. It's well worth the money and the time and you will be a better driver for it.



Trish Demers directs Kelly driving Bert.

There are two kinds of people in this world: those that HAVE taken a lesson with Patricia "Trish" Demers and those that WISH they had taken a lesson with her (and those, like me, that have been evaluated by her for their Carriage Association of American Level 1 Driver Proficiency Program Level 1 and Road Driving – but that's a story for a different day)

HUB Club members Kelly Chuman, Carolyn Sluiter, Linda

Fidler, Jane Hemboldt, and Krista Ziec are the first kind, having taken a lesson with Trish on Sunday, August 12th after the HUB Club ADT "plus" on Saturday, as part of a two-day show/clinic weekend. If there was one theme throughout the sessions, it was breathe. Trish said that was HER personal takeaway from a recent Buck Brannaman clinic and it's made such a difference in her own driving and riding as well as in that of her students.



Trish helps Carolyn breathe into transitions.



Trish shares the train analogy with Carolyn.

The technique as she explained it to each of the drivers that morning was:

- Roll your shoulders up, back, and down
- Let your elbows hang heavy
- Inhale deeply using your diaphragm (ie belly breath not a shallow chest breath)
- Now exhale and ask for your transition up or down!

Using this method, we watched each driver reconnect to their horse who then easily stepped forward into a crisp, lively trot or a smooth, balanced halt. All tension was released from both driver and horse allowing the energy to flow directly from the horse's hind leg through the driver to the bit.



Trish checks Carolyn's horse for bulging to the inside in the corner.

Once Trish had established the concept of forward into the contact, it was time for Concept #2: Straightness and Bending. She compared the horse to the cars of a train, explaining that the first "car" moves (the head), then the second "car" moves (the neck), then the third "car" moves (the shoulders), and so on until finally the carriage itself (the caboose) moves. The purpose of this analogy was to show how all the cars of the train must be in alignment for it to stay on the track, and that if one car bulges, then the entire train derails and can't move forward properly.

Checking the length of everyone's whip, including the lash, she emphasized that the driver must be able to reach the horse's shoulder, in

case that's the "car" that has come out of alignment. Much of each lesson was Trish showing drivers how to recognize which part of their horse was bulging off the track – either to the inside or the outside – then guiding it back to where it should be.

This was most challenging in corners, as turns require a greater degree of engagement from the inside hind leg of the horse but also more balance so as not to fall onto the inside shoulder or onto the outside shoulder.



Kelly and Bert negotiate a corner under Trish's watchful eye.

Recognizing this, Trish providing some very straightforward advice on when to give the outside rein (to turn) and when to give the inside rein (to straighten after the turn) that produced some fluid corners and straight long sides!



Kelly drives Bert in a working trot that tracks up and is on the bit.

With both longitudinal (over the top) and lateral (side-to-side) balance established, the turnouts were able to produce some lovely, round, "through" moments that all dressage drivers and riders seek.

Thanks again to Lydia for letting me put this in. I'm sure that this excited you enough to get a lesson. As of writing, there were still a slot or two left. I don't know how long it will last. Don't let this opportunity get away from you. The flyer will be attached to this email, but if you need more info or need another copy, please reach out to me or anyone on the leadership team. Start the year off right! If you can't drive, audit. It'll be worth the time. I promise.

Annual Meeting, Food and Awards (Oh My!)...M. Chuman

On a cold and what turned out to be somewhat snowy day in January the Hub Club got together for our big annual meeting at FVSA in Hampshire. As usual, we had our potluck lunch, a silent auction and gave out awards. The awards were for Drive On! hours, high points in several different classes and then the Distinguished Service Award.

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After eating lunch, we called the meeting to order. We went through the business. One of the biggest things we talked about was how to increase membership. We have been losing people at an alarming rate and need a way to get people involved. We discussed different ways and in the end talked about bringing in friends. We all have friends in the driving community. Take a moment to think about who might benefit from a community of like-minded people and then invite them to become a member. Some of my best friends have been though horses and being able to go to a show or a competition where you know people...and people who will support you...is awesome. The bigger the community the more knowledge that is in the pool and the better off we are as a driver, a club, and a community.

The year is still new and we have a lot of opportunities laid before us. Make sure you scoop up those things. If you or your horse isn't ready to drive, then volunteer or audit. Take a step into a bigger and way more fun world.

2018 Award Winners

High Point Program

Pleasure Driving Horse

1st-Jane Helmboldt / Dancastle Stormy Weather

2nd-Al Breyer / Merriehill Angel Dust

3rd—Linda Fidler / Northern Lights Reign

Pleasure Pony/VSE

Krista Ziec / Bright Eyes “Lily”

Amateur Exhibitor

Al Bryer / Merriehill Angel Dust

Combined Driving Training Horse

Linda Fidler / Northern Lights Reign

Combined Driving Training Pony/VSE

Krista Ziec / Bright Eyes “Lily”

Drive On! 2018 Awards:

Kelly Chuman

Linda Fidler

Lydia Gray

Ann McCombs

Distinguished Service Award

Michael Chuman

Grace Freilach-Grubb

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Some Useful Websites—Just click on them!

www.hubclubdriving.com

www.facebook.com/HubClubDrivingClub

www.dairylanddriving.com

www.facebook.com/Dairyland-Driving-Club-208530719222156/

www.facebook.com/Indiana-Whips-and-Wheels-191131624240376/

<https://www.facebook.com/carriagedrivingfestival/> —NEW-Check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/carriageclassic/> —New-Check it out!

www.americandrivingsociety.org

www.carriageassociationofamerica.com

www.usef.org

HUB Club Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2019
Fox Valley Saddle Association Clubhouse - Hampshire, IL

Call to Order

President Lydia Gray called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

2019 Officer Installation

President – Lydia Gray
Vice President – Emily Berendt
Treasurer – Tammy Carlo
Secretary – Krista Ziec

Secretary's Report

The minutes from November's meeting were printed in the December newsletter. Sue West moved that we accept the minutes as printed. Mary Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Tammy Carlo reported that as of 11/19/2018 we had an opening balance of \$4,927.87. and our current balance is \$4,313.34. Kris Breyer moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Linda Fidler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Report

Membership - Tammy Carlo reported that you can now use the website to update your membership. The only type of membership that cannot be accepted via the website is the Junior membership (because of the signatures needed).

Discussion was held about if we should restart a mentoring program for new members. We all need to try to bring a new member into the club. Bring them to events, and share and like our event posts on we Facebook.

Tammy Carlo moved that we require 5 hours of volunteer a year as part of the membership. Discussion followed. Tammy amended her movement to say that we require 4 hours of participation (either as a volunteer, driver, groom, or supporter) at a HUB Club event (not including general meetings). More discussion followed. A vote was held regarding if the group wants to have some kind of hours requirement. The motions failed, but Lydia suggested that the group continue to think about ideas to improve member involvement.

Spring Clinic – Lydia has the sign-up sheets for the Trisha Demers Clinic. Contact Lydia if you are interested in attending. Saturday night of the clinic there will be a potluck.

HUB Club Show – Kelly Chuman has volunteered to organize one more show for HUB Club but stresses the importance of participation either as a competitor or as a volunteer if we would like to see events like this continue. Discussion followed about what type of show the group would like. The show will be on July 13th. Lunch will be catered by Lonnie.

Recreational Driving – Because of the lack of interest last year, Linda Fidler will not be organizing HUB Club recreational drives again. In 2019, Linda will be available as a resource if you have questions about where to go recreational driving. Lonnie Scheutz volunteered to organize a recreational drive on Sept 15 at Muirhead Forrest Preserve.

Explore Driving – Discussion was held regarding if we want to do this again, and if we wanted to partner with Dairyland Driving to continue this. We are going to reach out to them after their February meeting.

Horse Fairs – Lydia reported that we were asked if we wanted to do a demo at the Illinois Horse Fair in early March. There was no interest.

Sponsorships – The following sponsorships were made for the 2019-year FVSA - \$150 (already paid), Midwest Carriage Fest (previously known as Columbus) – Krista Ziec moved that we sponsor Single for \$100 Kris Breyer seconded. Motion carried. Sue West moved that we sponsor the lowest tier of sponsorship to Notara, Lonnie Scheutz seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be at the Trish Demers Clinic at FVSA on May 18 (just before the presentation).

Lonnie Scheutz moved that we each bring a guest to a meeting or an event in 2019. Krista Ziec seconded. Motion carried

Adjournment

Sue West moved to adjourn the meeting. June Pedersen seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 2:34.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Chuman
HUB Club Secretary

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Links to Websites, Facebook or entry forms—Just click on them and you'll go right there.

[HUB CLUB SPRING CLINIC](#)—May 18th and 19th. Links you right to more info.

[Dairyland Driving](#)—A list of all the dates, times, locations and all the info that you need to go to the Dairyland Drives. April 28th, May 19th, May 27th, June 2nd, June 23rd.

[Midwest Horse Fair](#)—April 12th-14th in Madison, WI.

[Navigator Clinic](#)—May 25th. Info on the clinic, including times, location and how to register. Reach out to our leadership team for more info if needed.

[Midwest Carriage Festival](#)—Their Facebook page. Follow it, it's awesome. Or, if you need the entry form, click [here](#). June 15th and 16th.

[Metamora CDE](#)—Info on the CDE. Dates, times, videos. June 21st-23rd

[Kentucky Carriage Classic](#)—Their Facebook page, as the website is a bit out of date. June 20-23rd.

[Skunk River HDT](#)—June 28th-30th. Ames Iowa.

[Notara Farm](#) HDT—July 5th

From The Editor (FarmAwesomeMike@gmail.com)

Hi Everyone. First of all, a big thank you to everyone who reached out to me with dates, ideas and all that great stuff. I want to say thanks especially to Lydia Gray, Michele Harn and Kelly Chuman for contributing articles for the newsletter. It's always super awesome to have other points of view and ideas in the newsletter.

As Kris Bryer has always said, this is your newsletter and while you might not think that the people in the club want to hear about what you are doing with



your horse, you would be wrong. We love to hear about it. Have you been to a clinic or competition lately? Share it with your Hub Club family. Have you

learned something new? Share it. You can always send me pictures, articles or even ideas for the newsletter. If you don't like writing, that's fine, shoot me an idea and I would be more than happy to write it. The more we are involved the better everything is.

Again thanks to all of those who helped and contributed to this. Please keep it in mind when you play with your equine friend over the next three months.