

Wheel to Wheel



2021

Newsletter for the HUB

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A current negative Coggins must be on file with the club secretary in order to participate in any HUB Club event

**The HUB Club:
Education &
Camaraderie**



From the Editor As your editor, I ask that you send me photos and anything else that you would like to see in the newsletter. I am more than happy to use anything you want in the newsletter, as it is **YOUR** newsletter. If you want to continue to have an informative newsletter, I need material from the membership. You can send them to me directly at briarpatcheast@aol.com by the 20th of each month. Kris Breyer

From the Webmaster: Please submit items for web page. Include pictures of all our members. Please send names of driver, passengers, horse(s), and description of what you are doing, and where.

Prez Message:

Show season is in full swing and we got nice reviews from members that attended the past venues. Due to a mix up in scheduling the Day of Driving at Fox Valley was poorly attended

but rumor has it those who went had fun. **Ann**



Editor's NOTE: This newsletter is **VERY** late due to an ongoing dispute with Microsoft over my Microsoft 365 subscription, which we paid for, twice. I am working in a 2007 version of Word and it is a problem.... **Kris**



2021 Driving



Midwest Region (and then some...) 2021 Driving Season

Event	ADS Rec'd	Date	Host	Location	Contact
Rocky Mountain Derby		8/8/2021	Rocky Mountain Carriage Club	Silver Whip Farm Fort Collins, CO	rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com or Kerri Rochon kerrirochon@hotmail.com
My Revelation Carriage Classic		8/14-15/2021	CDSGKC	Longview Horse Park Kansas City, MO	Linda Barta lindaasb3@gmail.com
Metamora CDE & CT	X	8/20-22/2021		Windrush Farm Metamora, MI	ddaly0037@gmail.com
Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic		9/3-5/2021	Rocky Mountain Carriage Club	Silver Whip Farm Fort Collins, CO	rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com or Kerri Rochon kerrirochon@hotmail.com
40 th Annual Villa Louis Carriage Classic + CAA Carriage Showcase	X	9/10-12/2021		Villa Louis Prairie du Chien, WI	Mike Rider www.CarriageClassic.com
Indiana CDE and CT	X	9/17-19/2021	Indiana Whips & Wheels	Hoosier Horse Park	Nancy Dozier ndozier@infomgmtsol.com
Longview by the Lake Driving Trial		9/18-19/2021	CDSGKC	Longview Horse Park Kansas City, MO	Linda Barta lindaasb3@gmail.com
Colorado CDE	X	10/1-3/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Colorado Horse Park	Eric Jensen 303 886-5555
National Drive Fall Drive		10/5 - 10/2021	The National Drive	Hoosier Horse Park, IN	TheNationalDrive@gmail.com Dave and Linda Sadler



A well turned out commercial vehicle representing a bygone era.....

Why We Put To in the Open *(an educational editorial)*



By Mryna Rhrinehart JVC Carriage

When we harness our horses at home, they are tied in crossties in the barn alley. When we are away from home, they are either tied to the trailer or tied (or loose) in a stall. However, once we are ready to hitch (or put to) the vehicle, we move them to another area. In any location, they are ALWAYS required to stand square for grooming, harnessing, and putting to, and moving a foot is not allowed. This training process starts very early for the horse, and the techniques used are another article. At home, we put to the vehicle in our indoor arena. It is a contained location, and also where we store our practice vehicles. The horses are faced away from the door, but with plenty of room to go forward. Once we are hitched, we can either continue to

drive in the indoor or drive the horse to our outdoor arena or trail. When we are away from home, we also put to in a location where they can just move off forward once put to. We feel that when their muscles are cold, they don't need to be pushing the vehicle around sideways or back to be able to move off. That being said, we don't put to facing a wall or a trailer. Depending on the individual horse, amount of training, and other circumstances, we may either use a header to put to or not, but again we require the horse to stand. Our less experienced horses may require a header, but they are still expected to stand on their own with minimal holding. We are working towards being able to put to without requiring a header clinging onto them. If they do happen to move, while not abusive, we are very serious about the infraction they have just committed. The response to that infraction may take on different forms depending on the personality and training level of the horse. Some horses only need to be "growled" at, while others may require a bump of the bridle (caveson or reins) with a strong verbal "STAND". Rarely does the infraction require a smack on the neck, as the idea is to keep the hitching process smooth and timely without creating stress and escalating the situation. Dancing around is definitely not tolerated. Once the horse is put to the vehicle, the driver immediately mounts the vehicle and sits on the box. A hitched horse without a driver on the box in any circumstance is a dangerous scenario. We do not lead the hitched horse from the ground, or have them stand for an inordinate amount of time while put to without someone on the box. Our helmet has already been put on before we start the hitching process. Once on the box, we take our time. We might put on our gloves, arrange our reins, pick up our whip, take a deep breath, etc. before asking the horse to move off. We want the horse to understand that just because he is put to, he doesn't get to move right away, and has to wait for the driver to ask him to move forward. As the horse's training progresses, the header works his way to the side, behind the blinder, so that the horse also learns that he can't just move forward when the header moves over. Again, we are working towards the horse holding himself and responding only to the driver. When we ask the horse to move off, it is calm and quiet. We want the horse to walk and warm his muscles. Horses that have been Amish-trained tend to want to immediately break into a trot and go eight miles down the road. These horses have to be retrained to understand that it is ok to move off at a calm walk. That behavior might take a while to undo. At home, once we are finished with our driving, we go back to our indoor to unhitch. We unhitch in the same place that we put to, and our horses come to know this location. We might actually drive the horse around the indoor for a couple of rounds just so they don't get into the habit of stopping in the unhitch location on their own. Again, they need to be responsive to the driver at all times. Once stopped, this again means that they are not allowed to move, but usually this is less of an issue with unhitching than putting to, both because they are tired and they know the vehicle is coming off. When we are away from home, we always unhitch again in the open. We take the vehicle off the horse, and then walk them to the trailer or stall. We never unhitch facing or tied to the trailer anymore. Why? When you unhitch in the open, you are more likely to remember to remove the vehicle before the bridle. Many instances of the bridle being removed while the horse is still put to the vehicle are a result of driving up to the trailer, getting out, maybe tying the horse, and then pulling the bridle, much like if you were riding instead of driving. The driver's "home" is the trailer, and as a result, that is where they go. The driver is usually in a public location with other people and busy talking to others. The driver is relaxed and possibly tired from the drive, and are out of their home routine. I have seen it happen, even in our own family. Luckily for us, it wasn't disastrous. Some people feel that they need to have their horse face something in order to remain still during the

putting to and unhitching process. That is a training issue, not a hitching issue. The horse has to learn not to rely on that wall, trailer, or header to stand absolutely still during putting to. Again, he has to learn to hold himself and respond only to the driver. I have heard from some people that their horse just can't stand still. However, that same horse can stand all day under a shade tree in their paddock. We have saying in our family, "Cutting horses can make decisions, driving horses do not." I also had to learn this the hard way with a difficult horse I was training. That horse is now a multi-champion after we had to go back and find all the times he was making decisions on behalf of us. When we undid those decisions and required him to do everything we asked, he gave up control and relaxed to listen for the next directive. When you are the "Alpha-horse", you allow your horse to not have to make decisions on his own behalf. He trusts you to make them for him, just like the Alpha mare takes on a lot of responsibility for the herd. The rest of the herd then follows her lead. Be the Alpha, require your horse to stand, and get to the point where you can put to in the open, with or without a header. You will be safer for it.



SALE BARN

For sale: Carriage from Jack Stewart's Golden Carriage company, Golden, CO. Purchased circa 1993. Has shaves and pole. Used with pair of 14.2 Morgans. Brakes. Stored inside. Asking \$3,000. Buyer responsible for transport. Located northern Illinois 25 miles south of Rockford, Il.
Don Hayes 815-761-2757 Dnjdyhys@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Wooden driving cart for sale. \$750

OBO Built by Amish - DA Hochstetler & Sons, Topeka IN for a 16H TB. Has been stored inside so the condition is very good – just needs the dust cleaned off. Striking Red with Black pin striping. Wheels are 48". Black leather seats. Rear entry – seat moves forward. Call Nancy Jacoby 847-650-2447 or email nanookj@comcast.net for more details. Located in Wauconda, IL.



Getting to Know a Member: Dr. Ann McCombs

Growing up: I grew up in Iowa a born horse lover. I had all the stuffed horses and Breyer horse models I could save up to buy. When I was 10 a friend got a POA pony and invited me to come and ride. While I was there, a man led a chestnut filly up and said, "Hey little girl would you like to ride a horse?" Well of course!! Little did I know that 2 yr. old horse had never been ridden and I would fall in love with her and torment my parents until they relented and bought her. I knew enough to be dangerous and my horse knew nothing so for 1 year we learned together with only a bridle because I couldn't afford a saddle. One day the man who had bred her and sold her to me welded a car tire cart. We ordered a harness from Sears and made it "fit". In one easy lesson we were off driving down the roads and thru the pastures. I even drove thru downtown Davenport Iowa at night to be in a Halloween parade with my decorated cart. Of course, no one even thought about a helmet back then. I wondered why my horse would buck when I asked her to canter in harness as the breeching would crease across her rump.

Education: I went to Iowa State University right after high school and got a BS in Animal Science. I knew from the time I was 10 that I wanted to be a horse vet so I applied to vet school but did not get accepted. Instead, I was offered a teaching position while getting my Master's degree in Reproductive Physiology. When I completed my Master's, I needed a break from school so I returned to the Quad-Cities and taught Jr. college Biology, sold better sportswear and recruited blood donors for the Redcross.

While there I met my now husband, Chris. We dated a few months and I moved out to Southern California. First, I worked as a small animal vet tech then as a cardiology research technician and finally as an air quality engineer. Chris followed me to California. After I had been out of school for 2 years, I applied and was accepted to vet school but Chris encouraged me to continue working as an engineer to save money for tuition. After being out of school for 3 years Chris and I married, moved to Ames, Iowa and I began vet school. I graduated in 1993 and we moved to Harvard to join an equine practice.

Family: Chris and I have only 4 legged kids. I have 1 older brother and 1 younger sister who has 3 kids that I consider duds because they don't have the horse "bug"

Work: I own my own equine veterinary practice, McCombs Equine Veterinary Services

Horse Experience: I have done many horse activities from showing gaited horses, barrels and poles, jumping, dressage, fox hunting, trail riding, mounted orienteering, combined driving and pleasure show driving

My most vivid memory while driving: Too many to fit into this column. I remember going to my first ever pleasure show at Villa Louis. I had only done combined driving and due to Tevis' cancer had decided to make the change. I had a brand-new carriage, a new used harness and had put together my turnout with lots of advice about polishing brass. My first class, turnout. Sue West was on the carriage with me as my groom. It was a decent sized class of novice horses. The announcer kept calling out the places and I figured I was out of the ribbons when he called my name in first place. I drove over, accepted my ribbon and Sue and I were crying tears of joy so I could hardly see to drive out the arena.

I struggle sometimes: to find enough time to practice

My favorite thing to do with my horses is: hang out

It's really interesting to: continue to learn new things from great clinicians

Any day we're: spending time with friends and horses it is wonderful



First photo of Animule, Griffin and me driving at Sue West's Octoberfest.

2nd photo Tevis on cross country at Villa Louis



3rd photo Tevis in line up at Wade House

4th pic is 3.5 month old Morgan colt, Ritz

5th pic is Tevis at Villa showing in Utility division



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HUB CLUB Membership Application Year _____

NAME: _____
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PHONE :(home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____
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Please check preference: Newsletter sent via email _____ U.S Postal Service _____
Also member of: ___ ADS ___ CAA, ___ USEF, Local club _____

MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: 18yrs or older, 1 vote per membership
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Couple and any underage children (<18), immediate family, 2 votes per membership.
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Child under 18yrs of age, no voting privileges. (Must have an adult member as sponsor).
Also, parent/guardian must sign on application for Junior Members to participate at club events.

I accept the benefits, obligations and responsibilities of membership and agree to abide by the HUB Club bylaws

Signature(s): _____ Date _____
_____ Date _____
_____ Date : _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$25.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$35.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____
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*New memberships received after June 30 will be pro-rated for 6 months

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