

Wheel to Wheel

Newsletter for the HUB



2017

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The HUB Club:
Education &
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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:

Linda Fidler has done an amazing job organizing our annual pleasure drive, to be held this year on Saturday, October 28 at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve in Kane County, Illinois (about 10 minutes from the Fox Valley Saddle Association). We're

officially scheduled from 9am to 3pm, with lunch and the last HUB Club meeting of 2017 at 12:00pm noon in Shelter 1. Even if you don't bring your horse, come and ride with someone else, come and volunteer, or just come to the meeting and have lunch with us (more details on that later). Email me if you think you're coming and for which part (driving your own horse, riding with someone else, helping out as a spotter, bringing lunch, attending the meeting) so we have an idea of how much food, space, and time we'll need.

Yours Truly, **Dr. Lydia Gray**



2017 Driving



Oct TBD DDC Didier Farm/Radtke Drive, Port Washington, WI

Oct 10-15 National Drive, Lexington, KY- Virginia Goodman, thenationaldrive@gmail.com, 502-370-1848

Oct 21 DDC Horses in the Park, Columbus, WI

Oct 21- 22 Hickory HUB October Fest, 5438 Highway M, Fitchburg WI 53575 frei@chorus.net

October 28 Fitchie Creek FP HUB Club Fall Fun Drive.

Fitchie has two bridges to cross; winding path through wooded area; mild rolling hills; grass, limestone and some blacktop paths. Trailer parking on grass just east of the entrance drive. Two shelters, restrooms and access to water. Depending on the condition of the season in late October, the water pump may or may not be operational so suggest that we bring our own water for our horses. Link to the information about Fitchie Creek

<http://kaneforest.com/ForestPreserveView.aspx?ID=20> **...AND MEETING**

Nov TBD Corn Maze Drive, Spring Grove, IL- Richardson's Farm

Dec TBD Victorian Horse Drawn Parade, Sharon, WI

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8lfgl4bvew5hk7/AAA8ifNmtvsMhrLkkoYDLdgqa?dl=0>



This is the link to the Hub Club Library – out on Dropbox. For those unfamiliar, Dropbox is a free computer app. that allows files to be shared on the internet. Anyone clicking on this link will get the excel spreadsheet with the most updated library on it. This link to a dropbox HUB Club folder, contains the library spreadsheet but also a number of ADS forms, event packing lists, scans of the articles that were copied as pages in the library, etc. I don't know if we plan to put the articles onto the website or the packing list or other forms. CDE entry form, cones scoring forms, etc.

Anything else anyone things should go into this folder and we can share with members and they can read the heavier articles direct from the link without

having to save or download to print. would like to remind everyone that we now have a mail out and back program.

If you want to check something out from the library you contact [Leslye Sandberg](mailto:leslyesandberg@gmail.com)

leslyesandberg@gmail.com and include your mailing address. The item will be mailed to you. We ask that you return the item in a timely manner in the preaddressed envelope that will come with it. You will have to pay the return postage. In upcoming issues I will be showcasing some of the new additions. And again I ask for your suggestions for items to add to the library. Note that any horsey movies or videos you have that you no longer want or need, can be donated to the library as well.



Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve is located on 466 acres and has 3.5 miles of trails

Different scenic views at every bend

Picnic lunch served at Shelter 1

Grass staging area for horse trailers

Last HUB Club meeting for 2017!

OCT. 28, 2017

PLEASURE DRIVE AT FITCHIE CREEK

DAY OF DRIVING AT THE FOREST PRESERVE - Come drive out at one of Kane County's finest forest preserves, Fitchie Creek. You will experience driving on a mix of limestone, grass and blacktop paths, that wind through meadows, forests, over bridges and up and down easy hills. Lunch will be served at Shelter 1 in view of the horse trailer staging area at the Russell Road entrance.



<http://forestpreserve.countyofkane.org/Images1/Trail%20Maps/FitchieCreek%20TRAIL%20MAP%202016.pdf>

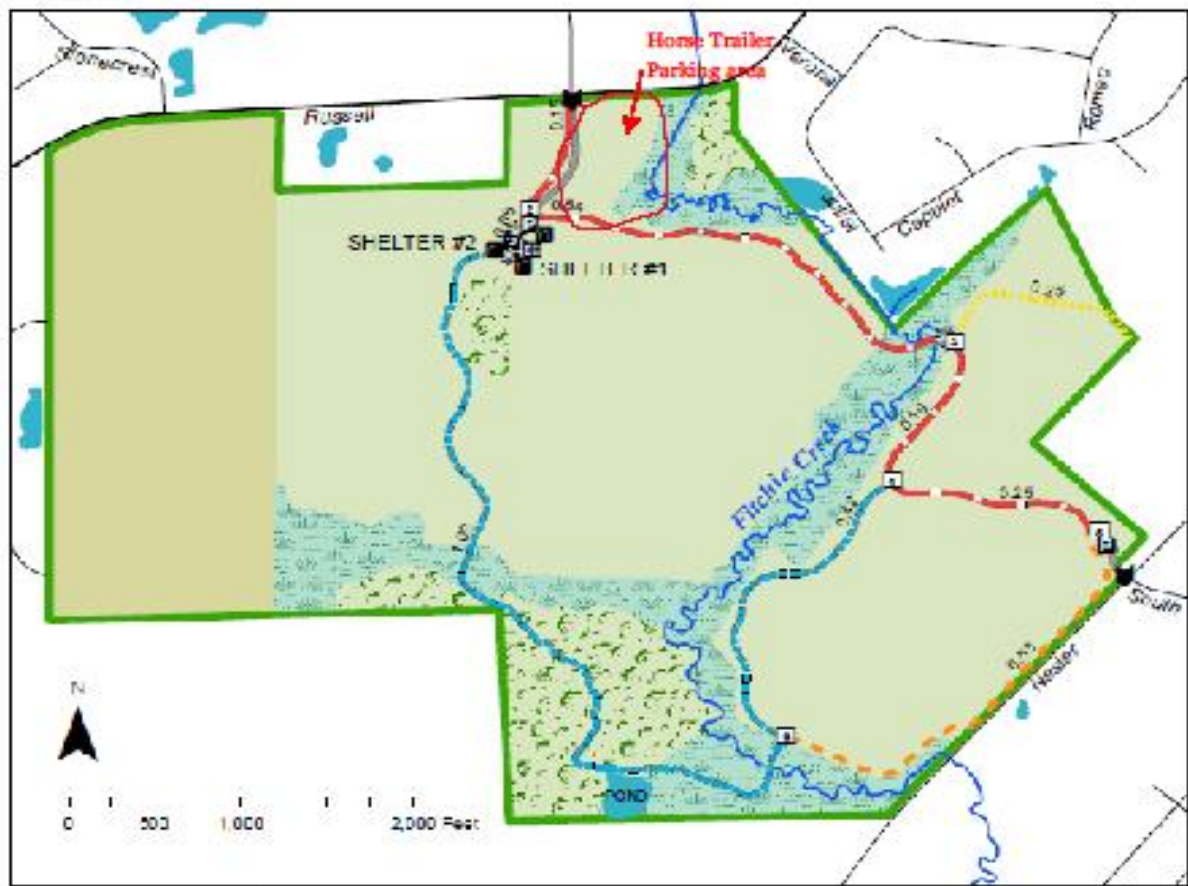
FITCHIE CREEK FOREST PRESERVE

**39W933 Russell Road,
Elgin, IL 60124**

**Oct. 28, 2017
9 AM to 3 PM**



Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve



Flowers, wild
grasses,
mushrooms,
butterflies, birds
other forest
creatures inhabit
Fitchie Creek.



Hickory Hub



**Saturday October 21 and
Sunday October 22, 2017**

Saturday morning we will offer a combined test with dressage judged by Muffy Seaton, followed immediately by cones.

Saturday afternoon you will drive a Pace Marathon. This will be a timed event, but the obstacles will not be timed. Your overall optimal time will be determined by Article 960.2, Speeds at ADS Marathon Competitions. There will be only one course for all divisions and all divisions will drive all five gates. ADS rules apply regarding cantering as do other general marathon rules.

Due to the tight schedule, each driver should have their own navigator as going around twice may not be possible.

Sunday Muffy Seaton will be available for lessons at the dressage arenas (80 m or 100 m) , the cones arena, or for obstacle driving.

The venue is open to practice on Sunday, but lessons will obviously have priority. There are no other fees other than those listed on the entry form

Saturday is limited to 20 entries. Sunday lessons will be scheduled as entries arrive.

We do need volunteers. Please email if you are willing to volunteer and we will email the volunteer form to you.

John and Betsy Freiburger

The Hickory Knoll Fund Inc. (I.D number 30-019000) is a 501(c)3 public charity and donations are deductible

The Hickory Knoll Fund, Inc.

5438 Highway M, Fitchburg WI 53575

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ADS Educational Event Entry Form: Hickory Hub Oktoberfest Combined Event Schooling Show October 21 and Clinic October 22, 2017

Name of driver _____ ADS # _____ if member
Jr D.O.B. _____

Address _____

Cell phone _____ Email _____

Name of Horse 1 _____ Birth Yr. _____ Height _____

Sex _____ Coggins # _____

Name of Horse 2 _____ Birth Yr. _____ Height _____

Sex _____ Coggins # _____

Name of Horse 3 _____ Birth Yr. _____ Height _____

Sex _____ Coggins # _____

Owner: _____ Address _____ Email: _____

Pace Marathon Division ☐ Training ☐ Preliminary ☐ Intermediate **Lesson focus:** ☐ dressage ☐ cones ☐ Obstacles
Equine ☐ VSE ☐ Small Pony ☐ Pony ☐ Horse

Schooling Show fee \$60.00 _____ Twelve stalls are available and over-night stays will receive priority.

Day stall (each day) \$30.00 _____ Day stall includes the trailer fee. Yes, it is cheaper to have a stall rather than simply trailer.

Trailer fee (each day) \$35.00 _____

Overnight stall plus 2 days \$40.00 _____ Preferred time for lesson _____

Camping with electric \$10.00 _____

Lesson \$90.00 _____

Non-ADS Member fee \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

Disclaimer: To be signed by every participant, including each person who rides with a driver on a carriage or assists in handling horses even from the ground.

Make checks out to and mail to: The Hickory Knoll Fund, Inc.

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American Driving Society DISCLAIMER and HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

This form must be signed by every Competition participant or if a minor, their consenting parent, including each person who rides with a driver on a carriage not only during the actual Competition or Clinic but including any time from arrival at the Competition or Clinic to departure. I understand and agree that neither the American Driving Society ("ADS") and its officers, the Driving Event Competition or Clinic ("Competition"), Competition judges, officials, workers, volunteers or organizing committee nor the property owners accept or shall have any responsibility of any nature whatsoever for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horses, owners, riders, drivers, grooms, passengers, attendants, spectators or any other person or property in connection with this Competition.

I hereby expressly agree without any limitation or condition for myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents: (1) to be bound by the rules and by-laws of the ADS and any local rules of this Competition; (2) that every horse, driver, attendant, groom and/or passenger is eligible as entered; and (3) to accept as final any decision of the Competition officials on any question arising under the ADS rules and by-laws or any local rules of the Competition. I also agree, without any limitation or condition, to hold the ADS, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and Competition judges, officials and organizing committee, harmless from any and all liability, loss, claims or actions, causes of action, judgments or demands of any nature whatsoever. I am fully aware and appreciate that equine sports, including driving in this particular Competition involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death. By participating I do so voluntarily and expressly assume any and all risks of injury to me or loss of my horse(s) or equipment. I agree to release and voluntarily waive the right to sue the ADS, its officers, directors, employees, and agents, stewards, Competition judges, personnel, volunteers, officials, and organizing committee, including their agents and employees from and against all claims for damages, including money damages, for any action taken or otherwise any harm caused by me or my horse to others, including whether arising from directly or indirectly from the negligence of the ADS or the Competition.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the ADS its officers, directors, employees, clinicians, members, volunteers, coaches, representatives, assigns, Competition judges, officials and organizing committee, their agents and employees from any and all claims for loss or injury caused by me or my horse that occur during or in conjunction with this Competition.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the ADS and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition, sport, or the ADS. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable ADS rules and all the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT.

DRIVER Signature: _____ **Print Driver Name** _____

(Parent or Guardian must sign if under 18)

Groom/Navigator/Passenger/Attendant Signature: _____

Print Name _____

Groom/Navigator/Passenger/Attendant Signature: _____

Print Name _____

Groom/Navigator/Passenger/Attendant Signature: _____

Print Name _____



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**Show
Gig for
Sale**

Built by Todd Frey of Frey Carriage, Columbus, Wisconsin. Gig is about 15 years old, lightly used. I have used it at a few shows and it is very well balanced and smooth riding. It has a beautiful dark green paint finish. It has new shaft covers and includes a full canvas cover. It is in very good condition. **\$3,800** Contact Sandra Nowicki, 262-889-4802 or sannowicki@aol.com

FOR SALE: Angel, white Percheron mare, 20 yrs old, 17 hh. Very sweet, easy going. Has been driven in many parades and 3 weddings. Rides



Western, English and bareback on trail or in arena. Very smooth and will neck rein, jogs and lopes. Takes at least an intermediate rider/driver, as she will test you. Trailers, bathes, clips, ties, etc. UTD on shots, coggins, etc. Comes with western saddle, bridle, work harness with stand and forecart.

Good forever home a must! \$1800 (the carriage and fancy harness are also for sale separately) **Linda Lanzer Richmond, IL 815-546-7995**

FOR SALE: Neat oak hunting cart made in Pennsylvania; maroon seats for 4 humans with room for dogs below. Needs a better home than I can provide. Driven with 14 h 2 pony. In need of a little TLC \$3,500 negotiable. Call Nancy Baker 608-329-6711 or nakabak7@gmail.com



Country Carriages Road Cart for sale. Includes custom fabric cover for storage, Cart stand, cart jack, rain seat and rain seat back cover. Used with 15hh horse. 49.5" diameter wheels, 76" shafts. Show ready! Asking \$2000

Contact Cathy Thomas 608/332-8361, cathytho@gmail.com. Located in Verona, WI.

FOR SALE: 5-acre Horse Property, with 4-stall barn, 350 bale loft, 4 fenced paddocks, 2.5 acre equine seeded pasture, lighted sand arena, close to trail system, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 16x40 in-ground pool, Barrington schools. **See droneography on YouTube at "21670 N Countryside Lane, Barrington"**. Listed with Lynn Fairfield, ReMax, (847) 373-3311, listing active 1-28-17, Owners Robert & Janet Molzahn (847) 381-7347. **Selling price \$587k.**



For sale:

Pony presentation vehicle that was used in the World Pairs. We are selling our presentation vehicle as we have replaced it with an antique that we can use for our four as well as our pair.

The vehicle is suitable for 13 HH to 14-2 HH ponies. It also has single shafts and thus can be converted to a single. It has both single trees and roller bolts.

Currently it has brass hardware, but we have a full set of stainless as well. Rear wheel stainless disk brakes, two side and one rear light can be included. We have used this for pleasure shows as

well as CDEs. Condition is very good. Many photos are available. **With three lamps, pole, shafts and all hardware \$5900. Without lights \$5450.**

John & Betsy Freiburger frei@chorus.net

For sale:

We bought this vehicle new and used it much less than anticipated—maybe 10 outings. It has a pole and shafts. I'm not sure of the weight but have driven it single with the off horse, a Belgian thoroughbred cross. The brake is in the center of the floor so it can be driven easily from either traditional or traffic position and it rolls quite freely. It's well sprung and rides quite comfortably over uneven ground as well as roads. Pictures don't show the color well—the frame and gear are all a



beautiful shade of bottle or hunter green and the woodwork is light varnished wood. Its been used for a wedding supper, an HDT, a couple of Pleasure Driving classes and three club pleasure drives. I am asking \$2,600. Call me at 630-363-4619 with any questions. Grace Frejlach-Grubb



For sale:

The gig is most suitable for a cob size horse/pony, however the horse shown in the picture is a 16.3 field hunter. It's royal blue with gold pinstripes and has natural oak wheels and shafts. The interior is black velvet and as comfortable as any loveseat. It has been used at Villa Louis, Iron Horse CDE as well as many pleasure drives and the Sharon WI lighted Christmas parade. I'm selling it for \$1800.

Call me at 630-363-4619 with any questions. Grace Frejlach-Grubb



For Sale. 1998 Kuhnle Single Presentation Carriage. Good condition. Solid and safe. Completely redone and repainted 2 yrs ago. Brakes redone also. Black with tan pinstripe. Brass OR chrome fittings! Sized for 15-17 hands. Dicky seat removable. Excellent for pleasure shows, and CDEs. This carriage was used at the World Singles Championships by its former owner! Asking \$7000/OBO.



Contact Jennifer Thompson, drjlt@hotmail.com, 608-622-9190.

Also for sale: this Colonial Carriage Easy Entry Cart. Draft or large horse size. Great entry level cart or training cart. Good condition. Horse in picture is 17.1hh. Always kept indoors, never wrecked. \$1000/OBO. Delivery available within reasonable distance. Contact Jennifer Thompson, drjlt@hotmail.com or 608-622-9190





2018 ADS NA Championships Announced!

Hickory Knoll CDE - July 20-22, 2018 - Fitchburg, WI
Katydid CDE/CAI** - November 1-4, 2018 - Aiken, SC

Thank you and Congratulations to both venues. Mark your calendars!!!

Munich Octoberfest



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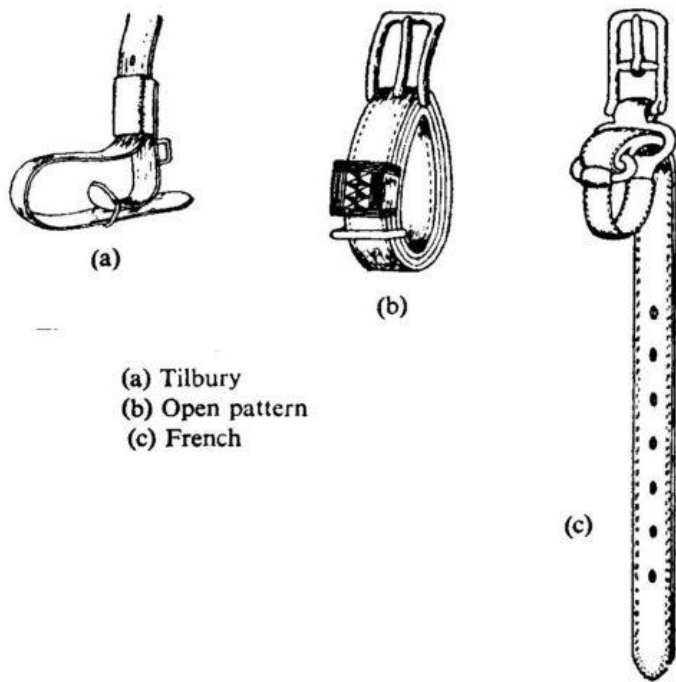


This is an opportunity for all members, but especially novice drivers, to get input and advice from other members. Each month we will be posting an anonymous question raised by a Hub Club member and asking you, the membership to respond from the deep and vast store of your driving knowledge and experience. So let's go!

QUESTION: What kind of shaft loops should I be using with my vehicle and horse?

ANSWER: Shaft Loops: ABC FROM CHIMACUM TACK

POSTED ON AUGUST 25, 2017 BY MAREN AMDAL



A post by Janie Amdal

Since we began Chimacum Tack in 1992, you can imagine I've been asked thousands of questions about harness and tack – especially about shaft loops. Fortunately, I have had excellent resources for answers, and I've made an effort to talk with customers at length to learn what I can from their expertise and/or contacts. I must have asked my harness maker thousands of questions by now – and I am always amazed at what I still don't know! He always has the answers, and a smile in his voice. If I can't explain what is

needed, he will call customers for me. In fact, as he has branched out into more and more innovative work, we have researched lots of things together.

Goran and Gerda think I should do a blog to answer some of my most frequently asked questions – and today we're going to talk about shaft loops! If you have questions or find something confusing, please let me know and I'll be glad to find you the best answer. To start, here are just a few of the questions we hear about Shaft Loops:

- What kind of shaft loops should I use?
- How should I decide?

- How many sorts of [Harness](#) shaft loops are there?
- What are they used for?
- Where can I learn more?
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- **Types of Shaft Loops:**

- **a) Tilbury Tugs** are a classic style still used with four wheeled carriages. They are designed to attach tightly to the shafts, so that the horse and carriage move together. There is no play in the shaft loop, They are used for 4-wheeled vehicles with independently hinged shafts. The single horse harness saddle is provided with shaft tugs to transmit the force of shafts to the saddle.

b) **Standard (English) open shaft loops** are frequently with straight-shafted, two-wheeled vehicles, and gigs. Open shaft loops are often used with an over girth – for example as used with the Comfy Fit harness. The shaft loop buckles to a strap which comes from the saddle and has a strap on the bottom of the shaft loop which buckles into the over girth



c) French Tugs are similar to Tilbury Tugs and are used with two-wheeled vehicles with upward curving shafts, and when the vehicle is incapable of being balanced. French tugs are generally a strap which wraps around the shaft tightly and then buckles to the girth or over girth. French Tugs are also available with a metal curved section to support the shafts. often considered to be fancy, French Tugs are practical wherever the shafts must be held down, as would usually be done with English tugs and a wrap-girth. Since they are both fancy and practical, French tugs are very versatile.



Sometimes open shaft loops are used with wrap straps on two wheeled vehicles as well. Rather than having an over girth, (slightly longer than the girth) with buckles, the girth has a long, usually narrow strap attached. The strap is designed to wrap around the shaft (often with a tug stop on the shaft) in an X configuration and then buckle back to itself.

Quick Release Shaft Loops were designed for use with Marathon Shafts with a closed-loop on either a two wheel cart or a four wheel vehicle. Quick Release shaft loops release with the flick of a finger, which is helpful in many situations including CDE events, off road driving or Trekking. While they will not *prevent* an accident, Quick Release tugs can make getting out of the results of an accident quite a bit faster. Quick release tugs will release the saddle from the shafts – but remember that you have to do release both sides OR release the girth.

Shaft loops are *not* used in multiple hitches, as there are no shafts in use.



How they work – Tips and Pointers:

- With a two wheeled vehicle it is important for the shafts to **shift up and down** a bit as well as back and forth as the terrain and balance of the cart changes. If the shafts are cinched down too tightly the effort of pulling the vehicle is shifted to the [saddle](#)/girth rather than using the benefit of the breast collar or neck collar. The open shaft which buckles to an over girth is the answer in this case.
- Sometimes **open shaft loops** are used with **wrap straps** on two wheeled vehicles as well. Rather than having an over girth, (slightly longer than the girth) with buckles, the girth has a long, usually narrow strap attached. The strap is designed to wrap around the shaft (often with a tug stop on the shaft) in an X configuration and then buckle back to itself.
- Four wheeled vehicles bear the weight of the vehicle on their axles, and can be balanced. Often they are driven with a **girth with wrap straps**. Here is a link to helpful article about exactly how that works. <http://www.carriagedriving.net/index.php?m=a&a=24>
- Vehicles used in a show ring sometimes use harness with no breast collar on a single pleasure rig. The **wrap straps** are cinched tightly to the shafts and the carriage is pulled forward by just the saddle.

There are so many opinions about which method is better for the horse. As I researched for this post, I came across a helpful discussion about the question of over girth vs. wrap straps. Here is a link to it: <https://www.chronofhorse.com/forum/forum/discussion-forums/driving/176203-wrap-strap-girth>

Here are a few comments from a recent discussion of getting out of a dicey harness situation..

- You can release everything BEHIND the saddle by undoing the backstrap. This usually does not have a lot of tension on it so should be relatively easy to get undone.
- It is also possible get a quick release attachment to connect the back strap to the saddle if you prefer.
- If you are able to undo the girth then all the harness from saddle to tail will stay with the cart as it is not connected to the horse anywhere else but the crupper, which will slide right off the tail.

How should I decide which style shaft loop to use?

1. Remember that comfort and safety for you and your horse is absolutely the first consideration.
2. Think about the style of driving you will be doing. What are the characteristics of the cart or carriage/s you will be using? Look around – speak with people with whom you drive, or any trainers with whom you work. Ask what they use and why. What are the benefits? Drawbacks? Ask if there are restrictions on the style you must use in the venue in which you will be driving?
3. Check into some of the forums, groups, and online conversations to see what other people have found to work for them.
4. Remember that more than one style shaft loop can be used on the same harness if needed. Many people have multiple vehicles and may need to use their harness in various ways – that's why we sell lots of harness parts. You can easily buy stand-alone pieces to adapt your current harness to work with many vehicle types.
5. Use your common sense and do what you think is right for your equine and your driving needs. And, always feel free to ask for help.

Wheel to Wheel

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HUB CLUB Membership Application Year _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE : (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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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