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# MY LADY'S MANOR PLEASURE DRIVING CLUB

# Resource Guide

Information for the Driving Curious

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My Lady's Manor Driving Club is an American Driving Society Member and a Chapter Club of the Carriage Association of America



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### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CARRIAGE DRIVING?

#### HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS!

In carriage driving there is a place for every equine; be it pony, horse, donkey or mule. You'll love the many options and traditions within driving, such as cross-country driving, skill activities, pleasure, carriage collecting and presentation. Where else will you find minis and drafts at the same show and a variety of classes, with some taking place outside the show ring? Driving clubs also host a variety of pleasure drives, as well as educational and informal fun events.

For some horses, carriage driving can be a glorious second career. The outgrown pony retains its usefulness to the family. The horse that has trouble staying sound under saddle may get a new lease on life. Driving is excellent cross training for other disciplines, especially dressage. Families for whom keeping multiple animals is not an option will find driving is a great way to extend a single horse's utility. If you have health problems that prevent you from riding, driving may be the answer for you. Carriages can even be customized to accommodate wheelchairs. Driving allows you to take a friend with you, making pleasure driving a sociable pastime.

#### WHAT KIND OF DRIVING DO YOU WANT TO DO?

Do you want to drive with friends or by yourself around the farm? Do you want to compete in pleasure shows or combined driving or endurance events? The happiest combinations are those who can match their driving preference with their horse's talent and suitability.

You may love the look of a Clydesdale, but be disappointed when he can't trot all day in the summer heat. That American Shetland might not be happy pulling six people in a vehicle. The bright ex-show Morgan you wanted may be too competitive on line drives at club events. Check out your local driving club or driving instructor for advice on appropriate activities.

#### **COULD MY HORSE BE A DRIVING HORSE?**

This is the good part! Horse, pony, donkey or mule—any breed can be driven, but not all individuals may be safe driving horses. For example, a horse that is spooky or inclined to bolt can be dangerous and is not suitable. The key factor is temperament. The horse cannot be unpredictable or nervous. He should be easily controllable, respectful and responsive. Note that gaited horses can be driven with no problem; however, if you want to compete in shows, the animal must be able to exhibit a trot in classes where required, unless special classes are offered.

Your horse must have manners, manners, manners! The carriage horse must be prepared to stand quietly for long periods of time, and to submit to prodding and adjustment of harness without objection. This is where your well-mannered pasture pet can really shine. Every driver understands the value of a steady, sensible animal, no matter what he looks like.

#### HOW DO YOU START A DRIVING HORSE?

You should always have a trainer or competent assistant when you are teaching a horse to drive and working with a green horse. Horses may be exposed to the equipment at a fairly young age. Easy work, such as pulling a lightweight, two-wheeled cart on level ground is appropriate for a young, green horse. A benefit of early schooling is that your horse will trust that you will get him out of any jam, whether it is a dog rushing him, equipment breaking or other spooky situations. As your horse gains strength and experience, he can graduate to a heavier or four-wheeled vehicle. Given a good start, horses can be reliable, happy driving animals well into their geriatric years.

#### HOW SHOULD MY HORSE RESPOND TO THE AIDS?

Unlike riding astride, drivers are limited to using the voice, whip, and the horse's natural inclination to move forward, as the riders' aids of seat, leg, crop and spur are not available. For this reason, basic training for driving horses may take longer than training for riding. You will be amazed though at how much you can communicate through your reins, whip and voice.

#### SHOULD I GET A TWO- OR FOUR-WHEELED VEHICLE?

Before investing in a vehicle and harness, you must decide what type of driving you enjoy. A simple two-wheeled vehicle with safe, modern harness is always a wise investment and a good turnout for beginners. Road carts, Meadowbrooks and metal utility vehicles are easily available, popular and cost effective. Unless your breed competition requires a jog cart with wire wheels, a wooden-wheeled vehicle is safer and more durable. When you and your horse become more skilled, you may decide to purchase a four-wheeled or fancier two-wheeled vehicle. Note that harness, carriage and the horse's style of movement should match to make the best use of your horse and vehicle. When purchasing a vehicle, consider modern reproductions. Antique vehicles or restorations of antiques may have defects such as rotten wood or weak joints. If you want to take this route, get help from someone who has the experience to make a knowledgeable assessment.

#### WHERE CAN I DRIVE?

Driving on public roads is becoming increasingly hazardous. In most states, you may legally drive on public roads as long as you display a slow-moving vehicle sign and remember that like a car, you are subject to the rules of the road. Be careful to determine if or when it is safe to proceed. Trails and field driving are another option. Before driving on new trails, inspect them for hazards first without your carriage. Look to parks and natural environmental areas (like Fair Hill and Morgan Run in Maryland) for suitable driving roads. Ask your local orchard owner or neighbor for permission to drive on his property. Driving clubs love to put on pleasure drives. Make plans to join them! A great time could be only a short trailer haul away.

#### ASSOC. & WEBSITES

#### <u>The American Driving Society</u> (ADS)

#### www.AmericanDrivingSociety.org

PO Box 278

Cross Plains, WI 53528 608-237-7382

NOT just for competitive drivers. Subscriptions to The Whip and The Wheelhorse are included in membership.

## The Carriage Association of America (CAA)

#### www.caaonline.com

4075 Iron Works Pky, Bldg D Lexington, KY 40511 859-231-0971

Historical information, different styles of driving. Subscription to The Carriage Journal is included in membership fee.

#### Carriage Driving List

Sign up there for the the largest forum for drivers online.

1. Send email to

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- 2. In the email, write SUB CD-L followed by your first and last names. Example: SUB CD-L Bilbo Baggins
- 3. NOTHING ELSE GOES IN THE EMAIL.

# ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative Heidi Ferguson

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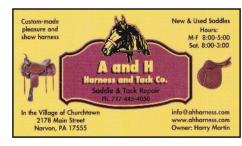
ADS, CAA and Driving Essentials sell many books and videos.
Check out their websites for choices.

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#### HARNESS AND VEHICLES





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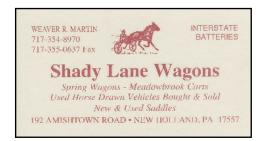
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The Carriage Association of America (CAA)

# Driving Digest Magazine www.drivingdigest.com/

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# The Essential Guide to Carriage Driving

By Robyn Cuffey and Jaye-Allison Winkel A complete, comprehensive single source for carriage driving as it's done today. \$25. From MLMDC.

Understanding Harness, Balanced Draft - Breast Collars -Neck Collars by Barb Lee, \$15.

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### DRIVING CLUBS IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Brandywine Valley
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bvdc.org,
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DrivingClub/Members



from PA, MD, DE, and NJ.

Most activities located in Fast

Most activities located in Eastern PA and Fair Hill, MD. Monthly "Driving Lines" newsletter.

**Membership info:** Bobbi Hagar, 293 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834, Bobbi@DSFGroup.org or 973-627-2263

**Activities:** Bi-monthly membership meetings, recreational drives, beginner clinic, junior clinic, continuous drive in May and CDE in October.

#### MARYLAND

<u>My Lady's Manor</u> <u>Driving Club</u> MLMDC.org,



facebook.com/myladys manordrivingclub.

Members mostly northern MD and South Central PA, member meetings.

**Membership info:** Form on web site. Membership chair:

Ann Sanders, P.O. Box 1002, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, kritterhouse1@gmail.com, 443-285-2515

Activities: Introduction to Driving Clinic, new member social, recreational driving days, Games Day, York County, PA. Check website for event, clinic dates and details, regular meetings and other events.



#### VIRGINIA

#### <u>James River</u> <u>Driving</u> Association



Jamesriverdrivingassociation. org

Facebook.com/jamesriverdrivin gassociation jamesriverdrivingassociation@g

**mail.com** Most members and

activities in central Virginia area surrounding Richmond. Monthly "The Scoop" newsletter.

**Membership info:** Shirley Cauley, 117 Chisholm Place

Charlottesville, VA 22902

#### **Activities:**

Recreational drives; educational clinics; arena driving trials;

Carriage parade at

## Blue Ridge Carriage Club

## Facebook.com/blueridgecarria geclub

Most members in or around Rockingham Co. & Shenandoah Valley area. Monthly meetings include a drive (weather permitting)

**Contact:** Dixie Hovermale 449 Crestover Dr. Broadway, VA 22815 brcc1welcome@gmail.com

**Activities:** Shows and recreational drives in various parts of the Mid-Atlantic region.

### <u>Piedmont Driving Club</u> piedmontdrivingclubva.com

Members from Loudon, Fauquier and Fairfax counties. Most activities near Middleburg, VA. Monthly "In Draft" Newsletter.

#### Membership info:

Cindy Stylianos, 13846 Blackwells Mill Road, Goldvein, VA 22720

#### **Activities:**

recreational/pleasure drives; 1 or 2 meetings per year

#### Shenandoah Valley Driving Club

Members mostly from Charlottesville,

Stanton, Lexington, VA and WV.



Activities in Shenandoah Valley, Lexington, VA area. Bi-monthly newsletter.

#### Membership info:

Bill Ruark, 638 Springbranch Road, Lexington, VA 24450

#### **NEW JERSEY**

# Gladstone Driving GladstoneDriving.org facebook.com/GladstoneEquestrian/

Most members from Mid-Atlantic States, activities at Hamilton Farm, Gladstone NJ. No meetings or newsletter.

**Info:** GladstoneEq@gladstonedriving.org **Activities:** events posted on web site.



# Garden State Horse and Carriage Society

#### GardenStateHorse.org

Most members and activities in New Jersey. Monthly membership meetings and newsletter "In Draft"

**Membership info:** Form on web site. Elke Wilkin, 63 Cooper Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

#### DELAWARE

### <u>Delmarva Driving</u> Club



#### Delmarvadrivingclub.com facebook.com/DelmarvaDrivin gClub/

Members mostly from Southern MD and Delaware. Monthly "Delmarva Driving Lines" newsletter. Video and book lending library.

**Membership info:** Form on website. Deborah Dawkins (Membership Chair), 25460 Dodd Lane, Denton, MD 21629.

**Activities:** Spring Pleasure show, recreational drives, Draft Horse show.

