



February 2018

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

A note from the Prez:

At the end of December, Aleks and I drove cross country, visiting family and friends. Our end destination was Orlando, Florida where we “ran” in the Walt Disney Dopey Challenge (5K, 10K, 1/2, AND Full marathon). Along the way we got to see some interesting carriages.

In Kansas, we stayed the night in a little town called Oakley, which was NOT named for Annie Oakley, but that didn't stop the town from using her “image”. Walking from our hotel to the (only?) restaurant in town, we passed a shop titled Carriage and Buggy Shoppe. Unfortunately, we found out that it had been closed for years, but it was neat to look through the window and see a couple carriages and tools.

The next day, we visited family near Utica, KS. This family is where I was introduced to driving when I was a kid. At that time Uncle Wally kept a team, or two, and would use them around the farm and do long weekend camping trips with them around the state. When I was about ten, we went back for a family reunion. I still remember my elderly grandfather (who came to California



from Kansas during the dust bowl) climbing up into the back of the green passenger wagon for a trip down memory lane. I got to sit on the box seat with Uncle Wally and I remember him handing me the lines. That was the first (thankfully only, so far) time I have had a run away! The horses hadn't been hooked for awhile and they felt good. They also could tell that I didn't know what I was doing. Wally guided them into the freshly worked farming ground, bouncing us all through the ditch lining the road, but everyone stayed in the wagon, and the horses soon realized that it was too much work.

Me, in front of a bronze carriage horse at The Grand Oaks.

It was great fun and gave me the driving bug.

Spring time: truck/trailer maintenance

By Lil Clary

Maintenance chores, you know, the ones you wake up about 3:00 a.m. and remember that you haven't done yet. Then you worry about them until you fall asleep...then forget all about them when you get up to have breakfast....

At our place, it is past time to do maintenance on our truck, and I know that the tires need to be replaced all the way around.

Two years ago we had the trailer in to Heacock on 101 near Arroyo Grande. We replaced flooring, had nuts & bolts replaced, did an overall electrical service, and all those little things that need doing because they have driven you crazy. Example: the hinges on the tack room door have had loose screws. No matter how much they were tightened or how much Tite bond we used, they kept popping. And the bar-closer on the rear was wobbling—not specifically a safety issue, but it was loose enough to bang-bang-bang on the road.

How can it be time to take it back for a safety check?

I'm blaming our lack of rain for the delays. If we had been having a normal spring I'd be thinking about such issues just because it felt like the right time of year. This is a probably a carry-over from the days when April rolled around and my mother would make us wash the walls, take the bedsprings outside & dust them, pull up carpets and hit them with a gadget to get rid of dust. Of course, in Wisconsin when spring comes you know it!

Anyhow, hopefully this silly note will trigger reminders.

Just hope I can follow my own advice.



Ann McClure has many old driving VHS tapes, including shows that Mike recorded and commercial tapes. If anyone is interested, or has a method to digitize them, contact Ann.

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Uncle Wally is now in a nursing home and his team is long gone, but his son is a collector of carriages and has his own harness and wagon shop (his “real” job is teaching at a high school). While we didn’t get to visit his shop, he did show us around one of the garages at the farm. The green wagon was still there, along with several others, and he has since collected several sleighs as well. They all need restoring but one in particular caught my eye. It is just a small sleigh that is unique in that it had a folding top over the passengers. I asked why didn’t more sleighs have this feature and my cousin said that that design just “caught” the cold rather than letting it glide over the passengers. I’m not so sure, but it was a cute little thing.



From Kansas, we made our way to see friends in Arkansas. Going through Oklahoma, we stopped at the Pawnee Bill Ranch. Pawnee Bill had his own Wild West Show during the early 1900’s, and he and Buffalo Bill joined forces at the end of the Wild West Show Era. When the show was in its hay day, they used two trains to haul all of the livestock, performers (from all over the world), tents, and set pieces. The museum at Pawnee Bills old ranch displayed a stage coach

and chariot, harness, saddles (lots of side saddles), and costumes. They still do a show once a year in an arena on the property, and you can drive your car through the pasture where they have cows, horses, and buffalo.

For the last several years, I have been aware of Gloria Austin’s carriage collection at The Grand Oaks Resort in Florida, and it has been a dream of mine to go see it. Then last Summer, she announced that she was selling her collection; I thought I had missed it. But, lucky for me not all of it was gone. The collection used to have over 150 usable carriages and many harnesses, appointments, and even fake horses. There were maybe 25 carriages left and many of those had been sold, but were waiting to be picked up from their new owners, including a beautiful omnibus that they were trying to figure out how to ship due to its towering height.

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The center piece of the museum is the Dress Chariot of the Emperor of Austria, made in the 1840s. Gloria “discovered” the carriage in a dilapidated, unrecognizable state at a carriage shop in Oregon. Its history had been forgotten, and it had been used for the film industry. She had it restored to its original glory, including real gold leaf and real gold in the tassels. She



also commissioned to have appropriate harness made as well as mannequin horses. For a cool 7 million dollars it could be yours, but that does not include the harness or horses.

Even at Disney World itself, there is carriage driving. Besides the horses used to pull the trolley on Main Street at the Magic Kingdom Park, you can also ride in a carriage at two of the resorts; Port Orleans Riverside, and the Fort Wilderness Resort. When Aleks and I had our honeymoon at WDW, we did the ride at Fort Wilderness, and I hoped to do it again this trip, or go over to Port Orleans Riverside and do theirs. While our timeline did not work out to do those rides, we did get to visit the Tri Circle D Ranch at Fort Wilderness where all the horses are kept. They keep between 70 and 90 horses at a time and use them for horseback rides, pony rides, pulling the trolley in the Magic Kingdom, or carriages at the two resorts and for special events such as weddings.

Their farrier was trimming one of their many white ponies which are used for pony rides but also pulling their Princess carriage for weddings. He answered questions from a visiting family, and we all chuckled when the little boy said “that’s the frog.” Yep it was, and when the farrier asked if they had horses, the little boy said “no,” but they had been learning about them the week before and that they hoped to get some someday.



Farrier at the Tri-Circle D Ranch,
Walt Disney World Florida

We also got to go into the Draft Barn, which was made up of Shires, Belgians and a Clydesdale or two. Each stall had the horse’s name, how many bags of shavings they got, and what feed and supplements they were to get each feeding. The barn also had a calliope that Walt Disney used for the opening day parade at Disneyland. They will still bring it out every once in a while.

On our drive back to California, we spent a few hours in New Orleans. I hoped for a carriage ride there, but it was a cold night and we may have been after hours for the carriage rides. But we did find tie posts, left from when horses were the transportation, all over the old town, and that made me super happy.

We had a great trip, and I can’t wait to revisit these places and find some new ones to explore.

IHOP Restaurant, SLO January 17, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla & Aleks Hewitt, Diane Kastama, Larry & Kay Weeks,

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the November 15th meeting were approved as presented. There was no official meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Linda Fairbanks, on file.

Old Business –

2018 Dues – Membership Chairman noted that \$35/year is a membership with newsletters sent by email and \$50 is a membership with newsletters sent by USPS. Dues should be paid by the end of February.

New Business –

Newsletter Advertising – Our newsletter editor suggested a limitation be considered for members' ads noting items for sale (not affecting business cards). After discussion, M/S/C that members' ads will run for a 6-month period of time, i.e. January through June, then purged unless the member asks for a continuance of their ad. Members should advise the newsletter editor or the secretary of any changes or cancellation of their ads.

Clinic with Harry Councill – Larry and Kay Weeks stated that Harry is willing to conduct another clinic here, continuing on with the basics presented before. Suggested date is July at Ann's.

March 24-25 – Triumph USDFD Clinic in Moorpark. Diane explained what is offered at this clinic for students with disabilities. It was very successful in the past. They need volunteers to help with the students and preparing the driving horses. Volunteers can carpool down to Moorpark. Contact Diane for details.

Calendar of Club Events –

February 16-19 – Clinic with Larry Brinker – Diane reported that Larry would be giving lessons at Ann's on February 16th & 17th and at Linda's on February 18th & 19th. The charge is \$80/lesson and reservations should be made through Diane. There are still a couple of slots available for lessons. Auditors are welcome at no charge. A flyer will be prepared and sent out to all members as a reminder.

Other Driving Events – See back page of newsletter for full listing.

March 10-11 – Festival of Driving, Pleasure Carriage Driving Show – Arizona Driving & Carriage Society – ADCSSecretary@gmail.com. Flyers were distributed and after discussion, M/S/C that we donate \$100 as a sponsorship wherever needed. Treasurer will be advised.

Announcements/Reports

December 20 – BODS Christmas Party – Gloria reported we had 33 members and guests in attendance and, from all reports, everyone had a great time.

Next Meeting –

February 21 – The next meeting will be in North County at the Chinese Buffet Restaurant in Atascadero; dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Walter, Secretary



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Lessons are \$80 for 45 minutes.

Driving or Riding

Auditors welcome.

Feb 16,17, 2018 - Arroyo Grande, CA 235 Cimmarron Way at Ann and Mike McClures

Feb 18,19, 2018 – Paso Robles, 7755 Feenstra – at Linda Fairbanks

Please pack your own lunch

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Horses/Mini/Mule(s) _____

Lessons please indicate which date and how many lessons

South County

Feb 16 _____ Feb 17 _____

North County

Feb 18 _____ Feb 19 _____

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Mail to Diane Kastama, 620 Matilija Lane, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 dkastama@verizon.net 805-458 2428



The **Arizona Driving & Carriage Society** will be hosting the **2018 Festival of Driving, Pleasure Carriage Driving Show**, on March 10 & 11, 2018. Entries are now open.

A.D.S. rated Judge, Mary Anne Boyden will be Judging the Ring & cones classes, which follows American Driving Society rules for Pleasure Driving competitions. In addition to traditional ring classes, we offer Carriage Dog, Antique, Costume, Novice and Junior classes. For those without traditional Pleasure vehicles, we have a Utility/Marathon vehicle division.

Reserved time slots are scheduled for **Driven Dressage** tests, with Judge Lois Wittington. Tests are prescheduled for fifteen-minute intervals. You have the opportunity to drive the ADS Dressage test(s) you desire, with personalized conversations with the Judge, following your test(s). If time allows, you may practice individual elements, for critique and improvement, following your test(s).

This is an open, two-day driver-friendly show. Your Draft, gaited, and mule entries are welcome, with classes (AARP, costume, multiple Cones and Obstacle classes, and a Pleasure Pace Drive) designed for you and your equine to enjoy.

Special Pre-enter discount: Prior to February 26th, you can enter 6 or 7 classes and pay only \$100, the cost of 5 classes, which means one or two classes are free!

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The best place to view and print the show entry forms and Show Information is on the ADCS club web site:
<http://www.arizonacarriage.org/event/festival-of-driving-pleasure-carriage-driving-show/>

The Show organizer contact information is: **Peter Atonna**

mjatonna@gmail.com 928-308-3559

I am more than happy to directly e-mail the show information or any other information you might need. Please see my e-mail, listed below.

Thank you,

Marcia Fetherston, Arizona Driving & Carriage Society

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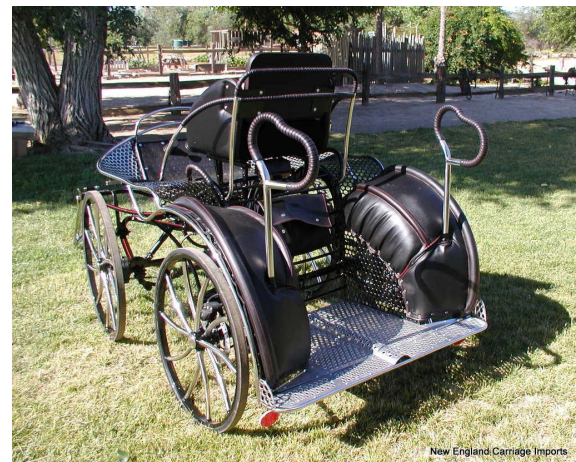
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Driving Events around the region:

Feb 23 Clinic with Larry Brinker at Fresno H.P.

www.centralvalleyharnessassociation.com

Feb 24-25 Continuous Drive at Fresno Horse Park CVHA

Mar 10-11 Arizona – Festival of Driving — see page 8

April 13-15 Super Clinic – Clay Station

April 28-29 HDT – Clay Station

May 11-13 CDE at Sergents www.sergentcde.com

Jun 2-3 Pleasure Days at Hansen Dam www.pleasuredays.org

June 15-17 – Summer Festival CDE

<http://www.claystationhorsepark.com/cde-summer-festival.html>

Pamela Miller-Mitchell is our Pacific Region ADS rep.

Pamela can be reached at 818-899-0211 or pam.hei@verizon.net

2018 Membership Dues are due!

See membership form on page 14 for details.

The February meeting will be held at Golden China

In Atascadero, Wednesday, February 21st

dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm



Brass Oak Driving Society has a Facebook Page! Please like our Page if you are a Facebook person. If you aren't a Facebook person, you can still view the page by going to www.facebook.com/brassoakdriving/. It is a work in progress but the idea of it is to be one more place to reach current and prospective members. Content will include club event announcements, other driving events in the state, and a place for club members to post photos of their latest horse escapades. There is also a link to the clubs website so that prospective members can find out more information about the club.