



September 2018

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

Buddy Buggy Day



Kelly and Cooper

On August 11th, I headed out to Ann McClure's facility for some driving with my mule Cooper. The event was called Buddy Buggy Day, which I hadn't done before.

What a kick!

On Saturday a group of BODS members filled in gopher holes while Pres Lilla & her hubby set up

a cones course and hazards. Over the past year I have been driving a four-wheel cart that I purchased from one of our members, Liz. It has been a challenge to change from a two-wheel cart. The back-up has been especially difficult. Well, the course had a back up, so we got to practice & got better and better!! Member Jackie rode with me and gave me lots of great pointers! Hence Buddy Buggy ! There were 5 drivers participating and lots of spectators, lots of fun, and it was a great



Disa and Liz's Bisquit



Ann and Rodger

learning experience. We even had a member from our neighbor club in the Fresno area—Phyllis Rumley from CVHA. The BODS has put so much fun into learning a new angle on driving for myself and Cooper.

~ Kelly Moore

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Bleedin' Brakes

By Lil Clary

As the new owner of a used Pacific Carriage "Dartmoor" -- thanks Deb for selling me this wonderful carriage and thanks Disa for telling me it was for sale! -- I have a lot to learn. Fortunately, the day after I bought it, Harry Councell and Ann spent hours with me going over the cart and helping me start the transition from my two-wheeler.

I'm pretty obsessive about maintenance and knowing how to do stuff on equipment so I asked lots of questions about 'how things work.' That's how I discovered (thanks to Harry, Ann, Jackie and others) that brakes on carriages are a major pain.

I can now confirm that that is true.

This morning my husband and I set out to bleed the brakes on the carriage. In preparation, we read or viewed on YouTube everything we could find online about motorcycle and carriage brakes. I wrote out a list of supplies/equipment we'd need and purchased two bottles of DOT 3 brake fluid. My husband got out his Mityvac (an automotive tool for establishing a vacuum) and we put together the right set of parts to vacuum bleed the brake lines. We took lots of pairs of gloves, paper towels, shop rags and newspaper to the barn figuring based on the warning label on the bottles that brake fluid is pretty nasty stuff.

Doing work on the brakes is definitely a two person job. You can't reach the brake fluid reservoir and at the same time open the lines to drain them. You must keep the reservoir filled or you allow air to enter the system — and lose all braking power. When we got everything set up, David crawled under the carriage to keep the reservoir filled. I positioned myself by the driver's left side brake.

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Bleedin' Brakes continued ...

Our first sign that the job was not going to go well was when I discovered that the 10 mm crescent wrench* would fit on the bleeder valve but because of the configuration of the brakes and the spokes on the wheel I couldn't fully open or close the valve while simultaneously pushing down the connector onto the fitting while pumping the handle on the vacuum tool. Tried a different 10 mm wrench but its 'head' was too thick and prevented getting the connector tight. Repositioned both the wrench and the connector and in doing so popped the tubing off the vacuum system, spilling brake fluid onto the mat in the barn.

Started over.

We reversed positions and David got to do the valve/push/pump part of the job while I kept the reservoir filled as fluid finally drained into the catch-bottle. In the process I knocked over the bottle of brake fluid. I overfilled the reservoir and more fluid spilled. Fortunately we had put a metal shop tray under the reservoir so at least that part of the brake fluid didn't hit the rubber mat flooring in the barn. (Did I mention that we both were wearing rubber gloves and eye protection?)



The brake fluid reservoir, just out of reach!



Brake system with the rubber nipple cover in place.

Finally felt that we had filled the lines and weren't seeing masses of air bubbles so we closed up the system, removed the vacuum tool and popped the nipple covers back on the bleed fittings.

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Sadly, when we pushed the brake pedal, it felt very spongy and didn't seem to be applying any pressure to the brakes. Put all the toys away and moved the carriage back to its home in the side of the barn figuring that we'd screwed up somewhere.

As we did so, David had the happy thought to push the brake pedal while we moved the carriage into its final position and, miracle of miracles, the cart stopped DEAD. The brakes work!

Yes, brakes are a pain. We can confirm that for sure but now we have the confidence that we got them working properly and can probably repeat the work. Just to make sure I wrote out a whole list of instructions and observations to refer to next time around!

If you have suggestions about brakes, I'd love to hear them. Mzlil2988@gmail.com

*Since our brake experience, David bought an inexpensive 10 mm combi wrench for me and ground down the crescent head so that it fits properly.



Have you had “adventures” with carriage maintenance?

Or perhaps advice to give? We'd love to hear about it!

News from Debra Hilberg:

On Friday, July 13, 2018, I said good by to Paso Robles, our home for over 15 years and head out the drive way for a 5+ day drive with 4 dogs and my LQ horse trailer to Aiken, South Carolina. Ron had already left the Wednesday before via train, he would arrive on Saturday, the 14th. It turned out to be a relatively uneventful trip, other than traveling with 4 dogs in the cab of my pickup, 2 of which had not really traveled anywhere, 1 of those 2 had never been any further than the vet 20 miles away. So, keeping fingers crossed and the tank full, we head out. All of the dogs managed to get into a routine quickly! They found their 'spots' in the truck and stayed there the whole trip. We would stop every 2 or 3 hours for fuel and 'potty break'. I would take 2 at a time out for their 'walk', leaving the truck running because it was so blasted hot, then trading those 2 for the next 2. We all would get a snack and drink, get fuel and hit the road again.

I was able to manage about 500 miles per day. We would hit the road about 7 or 8 in the morning and drive till almost or dark every evening. The camping part was actually kind of fun and relaxing. I was able to get into a KOA 2 nights, on the 3rd night the KOA was full, so I managed to find a beautiful RV park west of Nashville. All of them had a pull thru so it was really easy to 'park', hook up the electric for the air conditioner and power. Wow, thank goodness for that air! We would not have survived without it. The sounds and smells of the campgrounds was wonderful. All we would hear are the birds and critters in the trees at night and smell the woods. It was so much better than any motel would be. And, the dogs and I could go for nice leisurely walks thru the park. Once the walking and dinner was done, I had a floor full of furry friends and we all got some much needed sleep.

On the last leg of the trip I was able to make a slight detour of about 300 miles to Crossville, TN to visit some long time friends that had moved there from Fresno, CA. We had a great visit, stayed the night and head out the next morning. That 300 mile detour was totally worth it, I was able to reconnect with some really great friends. The dogs didn't mind it either. When we finally hit our driveway, what a sight! I just drove up the driveway of a home that we purchased sight unseen, over the internet! That is having confidence in your realtor! Luckily I had 'toured' the Equestrian Development, Three Runs Plantation, Aiken, SC, back in December. I have to say, we got really lucky, I love the home, love the area, love the development, it is really a slice of heaven. It took the dogs a while to 'settle in'. For the first couple of weeks, every time we took them out for their walk, they would run to the truck expecting to get in and hit the road again. But, once our furniture arrived, (almost 30 days later!), they were much more relaxed about their new home.



So, I am sending along some photos of our new 'digs' in SC. The horses have settled in well. They have been here a little over 30 days now and are handling the change in climate pretty well. Hopefully Al will be back to driving soon and Eyrl can resume his dressage work. We have a ridden dressage arena with mirrors, jump ring and club house around the

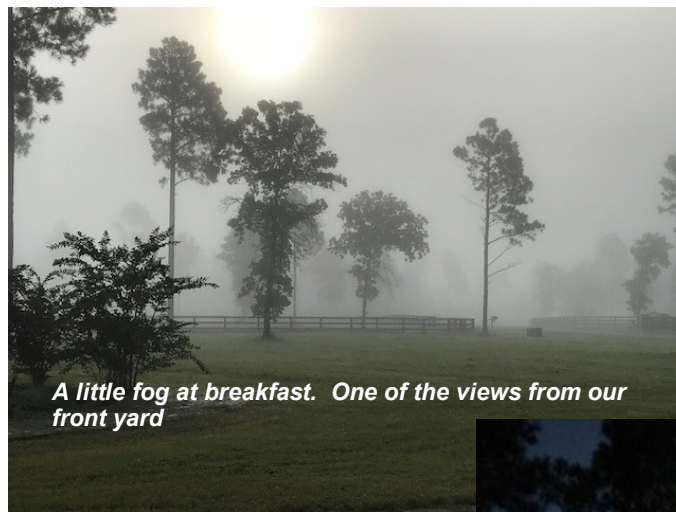


corner. So, if I want to 'school' under saddle, it is a five minute walk, on a beautiful trail to the arena. We have 30+ miles of groomed and maintained trails that I can ride or drive from my front door. We are currently waiting for plans for our barn to be complete and we can start the building process soon. We live amongst great neighbors, friendly people everywhere! I have discovered there a quite a few former Californian's living in the area, and more are moving here. I discovered that my new horseshoer is from my home town! Small world

Enjoy the photos, if anyone is ever in the area, be sure to look us up!

Al and I on a trail ride. This is how they all look! We are walking thru the woods.

Tree lined street in Aiken, the friendliest town in the country! We live about 10 miles from here. There is a 'horse district' in Aiken, the street light buttons are set high enough so that the equestrians can push the 'walk' button from the back of their horse!



A little fog at breakfast. One of the views from our front yard



A really pretty night from the horses run in. This is the back of the house. We have a screened in porch that includes a fireplace for those mild winter evenings! I love sitting out there when it is raining.



Auditors welcome!

THE BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY PRESENTS

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Award winning author and equine professional teaching communication skills and dressage to horses and riders of all disciplines all over America, Europe and Australia. Anna's books, Stable Relation, Relaxed and Forward, and Barn Dance are insightful and popular. Horse Prayers is newly released.



October 6 and 7, 2018

**OVERLOOK DRIVING CENTER
7755 Feenstra Rd, Paso Robles, CA**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 (8:30 - 5:30): CALMING SIGNALS

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Carlton Hotel Restaurant August 15, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla Hewitt, Judith Baron, Larry & Kay Weeks, Stephanie Szabo

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the July 18th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report, on file. We received a \$330 refund from our Insurance Company, financial reports were filed on our recent events – Buddy Buggy Days and the Harry Councill clinic.

Old Business –

Promotion of the Club – Ideas were presented to advertise what we do as a club and thereby encourage new members. One idea was to check with our mini horse members at their facility to ask when they have group drives that we may be able to join in. Also send information to the Horse Connection, Hoof Beats, the Equine Connection, SLO Horse News and other local publications about our upcoming events. We could send sections of our monthly newsletter to them for their information and possible publication.

Another idea is to schedule a ranch tour to visit members and their facilities. Also, get a list of visitors at the annual Horse Expo to invite them to activities. Notify other horse groups in the area, display our club post cards at local feed and tack stores, and contact David Congolton to discuss the fun of carriage driving on his radio show.

Club Jackets/Caps – Larry & Kay brought items that had been ordered by members.

New Business –

November Parkfield Drive – Lilla will check the availability of the rodeo grounds, which we have already paid for. It could be the first weekend in November or the weekend before Thanksgiving. Other events are scheduled which may or may not interfere with our members setting up at the fairgrounds. She will report back.

Meetings every 2 months/Newsletters every 2 months – This has been discussed before and there are varied opinions. It was noted that the CVHA meets every 2 months and also prints a newsletter every 2 months. It was suggested we do a survey to the membership asking for their opinions, either through monkey.com or sent to members directly.

Schedule of Events for 2019 – We need to start planning and scheduling dates for activities.

Calendar of Club Events –

Anna Blake Clinic – October 6th and 7th – Laurel Renz has received reservations and deposits from 10 riders and is putting names on a waiting list for possible cancellations. We are going to check with Anna Blake to see if we can increase the number of auditors allowed as there is a lot of interest in this clinic.

Other Driving Events – see calendar at end of newsletter.

Announcements/Reports

July 22 – Midstate Fair Draft Horse Show – Several members attended and commented that it was a good presentation on a very hot day!

August 3-5 – Ventura Co. Fair Carriage Show – Kathy LaChaine attended and presented a report and photos in our August newsletter.

August 12 – Buddy Buggy Days at Ann's. We had a good turnout with 5 drivers who enjoyed competing on the interesting courses set up by Lilla & Aleks. Several members and visitors had a good time auditing and visiting with everyone. A wonderful surprise highlight was the birthday cake presented to me after we had lunch. Thank you!

Next Meeting – A new schedule for this meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of the month, September 26th at Stephanie Szabo's place. She will show us the World Equestrian Games in North Carolina for our entertainment. Members can bring their own meal.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Walter, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - BODS - 2018



(Needed: organizers and co-organizers at events).



October 6-7 Anna Blake Clinic at Overlook Driving Center.

See flyer this issue.

November—nomination and election of board members

December TBA Christmas Party

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The American Driving Society (ADS) has a great program that recognizes your time spent in the box. It is open to members of the ADS and is completely on the honor system. Simply record the time spent in the carriage (they do have a log that you can use to record time) and get recognized for driving 100, 250, 500, and 1000 hours! These hours roll from one year to the next so you don't have to do it all in a year.

In November, turn in your hours (for each milestone) and be recognized in the ADS's beautiful magazine, "The Whip," January edition, and receive a lapel pin with the hours displayed.

These hours are hours spent driving "recreationally" and time spent showing should not be counted (though, they aren't checking where the hours come from and sometimes ADS gives contradictory information).

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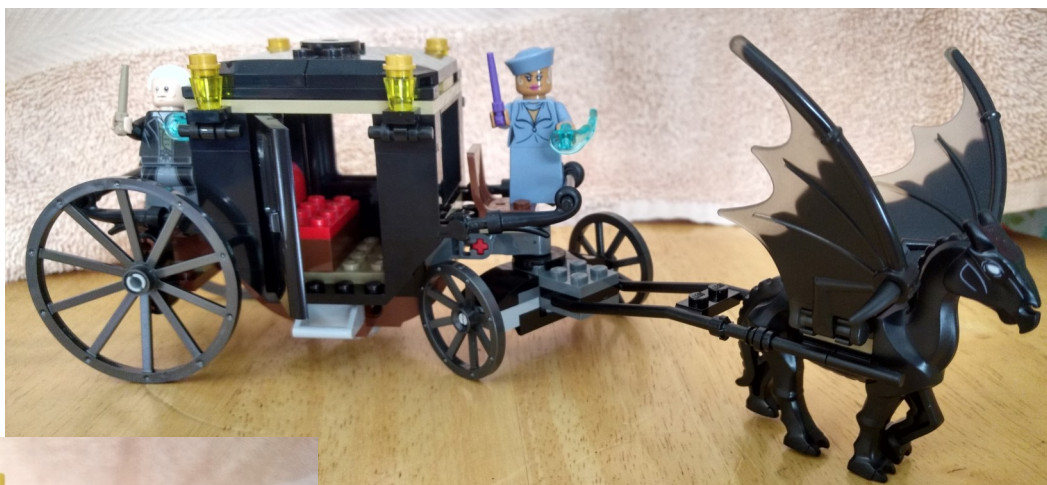
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My latest Carriage Build:



So, I just wanted to share my latest toy. It has some cool detail on the fifth-wheel assembly. As my kids have grown past their Lego obsessions, I get to indulge my own! This is from the *Fantastic Beasts* movie and features a Thestral pulling the carriage. The kit says for ages 7-14, but I was not discouraged!

~ Kathy

About Brass Oak Driving Society

The Brass Oak Driving Society exists to encourage, educate and inspire its members in the world of carriage driving. We recognize that every member has different goals, and we are committed to providing opportunities for every member to participate, learn and grow in a safe, friendly and fun way.



Brass Oak Driving Society Membership Form

Yes, I/we want to join the Brass Oak Driving Society. Memberships are for one year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. New subscriptions or renewals paid after November 1st will apply to the following year. No refunds on membership. Make check payable to BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY.

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Oct 4-7 California Fall Classic CDE www.claystationhorsepark.com

Oct 12-13 AZ Draft & Mule Assoc Show www.adhma.com

Oct 13-14 Arizona High Desert HDT/CT www.arizonacarriage.org

Oct 27-28 Halloween Hustle/Dressage Day m.jody.cutler@gmail.com

Oct 27-28 Clay Station HDT www.claystationhorsepark.com

Nov 4-9 Wagon Drive, Death Valley Call Sue: 760-662-6102

Nov 30-Dec 3 ADS Annual Meeting (Florida) www.americandrivingsociety.org

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Feb 6 Sweetheart ADT Hesperia, CA Veronica: t.v.campbell@verizon.net

National:

Sept 12-23, 2018 World Equestrian Games, Tryon, NC Tryon2018.com

Pamela Miller-Mitchell is our Pacific Region ADS rep.

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