



Carriage Tracks

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Letter from the editor

Our former newsletter editor, Allison Mazurkiewicz, is moving to the Seattle area, so I will be taking over production of the newsletter for the rest of this year. We're very sad to see Allison go, but it sounds like she has already made driving connections there and will be participating in some fun activities. I'm hoping she'll share her thoughts with us about what the driving community is doing there. We wish you all the best, Allison!

We'll be holding a **Special Election** to select a replacement for Allison on the RMCC Board. The election will be online so watch for a link to that in the next few days. It only takes a few minutes to access the online ballot and make your selection for board member, and voting is confidential.

Please let me know if there is anything you'd like to see in upcoming newsletters, or share photos of what you've been up to with your equines and we'll select a few each month to feature in the newsletter. The best way to communicate with me is through our club email. Put the word "Newsletter" in the subject line and send your thoughts, photos, and ideas to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com.

Safe driving,
Katie Bright

Time to Renew!

Don't forget to renew your RMCC membership! Even though the price of everything else is rising, our membership fee stays the same this year at \$35 for individuals, \$40 for families. Deadline for joining or renewing is March 31.

Be sure to put your ADS membership number on the form so we can be considered a **BLUE RIBBON CLUB**. Find the membership form on page 11 and learn more about Blue Ribbon Clubs on page 2.



What Is a Blue Ribbon Club?

The American Driving Society, Inc. (ADS) has developed a program to honor ADS Member Driving Clubs to promote membership in the ADS. Clubs must have a minimum of 75% of members who are also ADS members to apply for designation as a Blue Ribbon Club. The purpose of this designation is to encourage ADS membership and present Blue Ribbon Clubs to the membership and driving community. Application deadline has been extended to April 1, 2022 for the inaugural year.



The benefits of Blue Ribbon Club designation include:

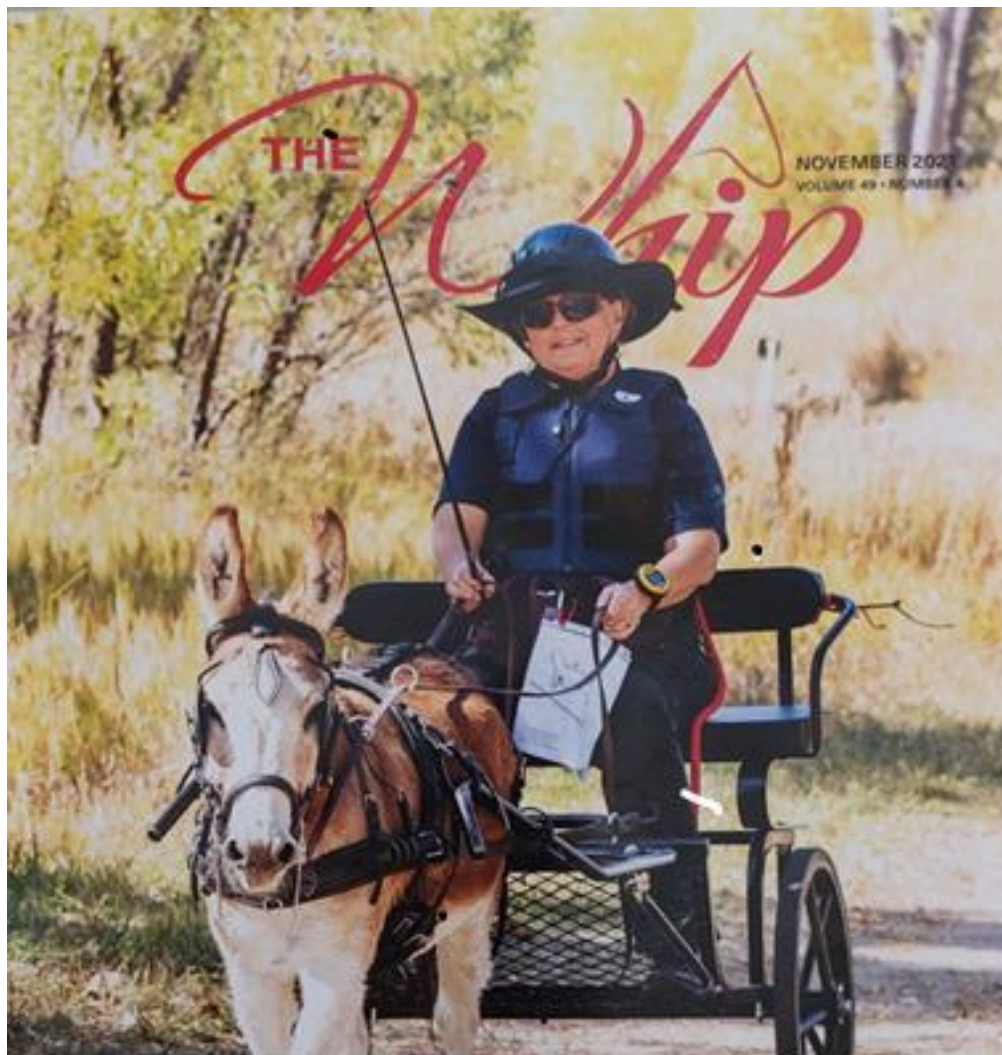
- Free ADS Club Membership for the following year
- Use of the Blue Ribbon Club logo for your club publications and activities
- Special coverage featuring your club and activities in The Whip
- Blue Ribbon designation in the Regions section of the ADS Website
- One copy of the current year ADS Rulebook
- Annual Blue Ribbon Club Day, a day of educational seminars on driving, horsemanship, sportsmanship and animal care. The Blue Ribbon Day will be held via Zoom for all Blue Ribbon Clubs and their members and will also be recorded for Blue Ribbon Clubs to show at club events.



Please include your ADS membership number on the form when you renew your membership!

In case you missed it . . .

Our very own club member Kim Fay was featured on the cover of *The Whip*, November 2021. She drove her donkey, Bentley, at the Colorado CDE & CT and won her division. Way to go, Kim and Bentley!



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DRIVING ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

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Ever wonder what all those abbreviations and terms mean that folks throw around when talking about driving?

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Here's a list of some of the more common ones in use.

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Organizations

ADS	American Driving Society
CAA	Carriage Association of America
FEI	Fédération Equestre Internationale
USEF	United States Equestrian Federation
CDS	Colorado Driving Society
RMCC	Rocky Mountain Carriage Club



Competitions

CDE	Combined Driving Event (3 phases: dressage, cones, marathon)
CT	Combined Test (2 phases, usually dressage and cones)
ADT or AT	Arena Driving Trial (3 phases taking place in an arena without Section A of the marathon)
HDT or HT	Horse Driving Trial (same as CDE without Section A of the marathon)
Derby	Timed driving in an arena (usually includes a combination of cones and obstacles)
CD	Continuous Drive (phases are driven with brief rest periods between rather than on separate days)
DD	Driven Dressage
PD	Pleasure Driving (refers to a competition, not driving for recreation)
Section A	The part of a marathon that does not include obstacles
Section B	The part of a marathon that includes the obstacles
Obstacles	The preferred term (as opposed to hazards) for the gated areas in a marathon
CTF	Compulsory Turning Flag (a pair of numbered markers defining a marathon course)

Judging terms

Presentation	Score based on condition and appearance of the turnout; may be judged at the halt before dressage or on the move during a dressage test
HC	Hors Concours (French for "without competition"), a noncompeting entry not eligible for awards or placings in an event
E	Elimination
R	Retired from one portion of an event
W	Withdrawn from the entire show or event
TD	Technical Delegate
LO	Licensed Official, may be Registered (big R) or Recorded (small r)

Miscellaneous terms

Recreational Driving	Driving for fun and camaraderie with other drivers
Turnout	Refers to the whole package: horse(s), driver, groom(s), carriage
Whip	Refers to the driver of a carriage (as well as the thing the driver holds)
VSE	Very small equine

Rules of the Road

As we head into spring, many of us will take to the roads to get our equines conditioned for summer activities. Here are some reminders about driving on public roads or on trails where you might meet riders or carriages. (Adapted from ADS “Trail & Recreational Driving Safety List” and the National Ag Safety Database)

- Call out to another carriage driver to ask to pass. Leave plenty of room between carriages.
- If you meet a rider, stop the carriage. Riding horses are often afraid of carriages. Allow the rider to determine how to safely pass.
- Bicyclists should yield to horses but they don’t always do so. Be courteous when asking a bicyclist to stop until you have passed them.
- Avoid driving in low light—at dawn and dusk.
- The law requires a “slow moving vehicle” triangle when driving on public roads. It must be visible and three feet above the ground.
- Carry a whip and always keep your hands on the reins. Besides your voice, that is the only communication you have with your horse.
- It’s not a good idea to drive on roads by yourself. Always take someone along. If a car is approaching too fast, that person can make eye contact with the driver and signal them to slow down.
- Take a phone with you, preferably on your person. If the phone bounces out of the carriage, it may be difficult to retrieve.
- When on a public road, drive toward the center of your lane not on the shoulder. That gives you room to maneuver if your horse spooks toward the ditch. And the driver of a car is more likely to slow down if you are not on the shoulder of the road.
- If on trails or private property, make sure you have permission from the land owners of the property you will be crossing.



RMCC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Date/times subject to change; please check the RMCC newsletter or Facebook page for additional details prior to events.

Facility fees may apply at any event and an additional fee of \$15 will be charged for nonmember participation at clinics and competitions.

Please note that our February Harness Fitting Clinic has been moved to March.

Day	Date/Time	Event	Location
Thurs-Sun	Feb 24-27	Rocky Mountain Horse Expo	Denver
Thurs	Mar 10 7:00 p.m.	Harness Fitting Clinic (rescheduled)	Zoom
Sun	Mar 20	Spring Brunch and Awards (in place of Holiday Party)	TBD
Fri-Sat	Apr 22-23	Troyer Auction	
Sun	Apr 24	Carriage Maintenance Clinic	TBD
Wed	Apr 27	Midweek Group Drive	TBD
Sat	May 14	Cones Play Day	Dee Deyen Ranch, Fort Collins
Wed	Jun 8	Midweek Group Drive	TBD
Sat-Sun	Jun 25-26	Silver Whip Driving Trial	Silver Whip Farm, Fort Collins
Fri-Sat	Jul 8-9	Troyer Auction	
Sun	Jul 10	Musical Kur	TBD
Wed	Jul 13	Midweek Group Drive	TBD
Wed	Aug 10	Midweek Group Drive	TBD
Sat	Aug 13	Mini-Marathon	Silver Whip Farm, Fort Collins
Sat	Sep 10	Practice Day/Fun Day	TBD
Fri-Sun	Sep 30, Oct 1-2	Colorado CDE	Colorado Horse Park
Sat	Oct 22	Halloween Drive	Dee Deyen Ranch, Fort Collins
Sat	Nov 5	Poker Run and Potluck, RMCC Annual Meeting	Silver Whip Farm, Fort Collins
Sun	Nov 12 or 13	RMCC Board Planning Meeting, 1:30 pm, via Zoom	

Save the Date

The RMCC Spring Brunch and Awards Presentations

March 20, 2022

Details to come!



More Driving Opportunities



Sun	12-Mar	Indoor Derby Drive #3	Messer Arena	Susie Haszelbart 303-882-2462
Sat	12-Mar	Driving 101	Franktown Fire-	Gary Lewman 303-660-6241
Sat	19-Mar	Driving 101 Snow Date	TBD	Gary Lewman 303-660-6241
Sat	26-Mar	Long lining with Joe Johnson	Sandy Clayton's	Sandy Clayton 303-718-7300
Sat	9-Apr	Easter Egg Hunt	Indiana Horse Arena, Golden CO	
Thur	7-Apr	Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting- Topic	Franktown Firehouse/Zoom	Terri Miller 303-838-6768
Sat	16-Apr	Easter Egg Hunt Snow Date	Indiana Horse Are-	
Sat	22-23 Apr	Troyer Auction	Adams Cnty Fair-ground	Troyerauction.com
wed	27-Apr	Bayou Gulch Playday	Bayou Gulch	Kelly Stanton 719-629-6899
Sat	30-Apr	Indoor Derby Drive #4	Messer Arena	Susie Haszelbart 303-882-2462
Sat	7-May	Driving Clinic - Clinician TBD	Salisbury	Kelly Stanton 719-629-6899
sat	21-May	Driving for Riders	Salisbury	Terri Miller 303-838-6768
Sat	4-Jun	Elizabeth Stampede Parade	Elizabeth	Sandy Clayton 303-718-7300
wed	8-Jun	Pleasure Drive Meetup - Comeifyoucan	Chatfield	Terri Miller 303-838-6768
Thur	9-Jun	Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting- Topic TBD	Franktown Firehouse/Zoom	Terri Miller 303-838-6768
Sat	11-Jun	Sporting Day of Traditional Driving	Thistle Hill Farm	Erik & Mary Jensen 303-886-5555
Sun	12-Jun	SDTD Cross Country Drive	Thistle Hill Farm	Erik & Mary Jensen 303-886-5555
Sat	25-Jun	Cones Day	Salisbury Park	

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If you are an ADS member, this looks like an interesting presentation coming up:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WEBINAR

February 23, 6pm-7pm Eastern

Horse Brain, Human Brain with Janet L. Jones, PhD

\$10 REGISTRATION FEE, americandrivingsociety.org

Jones details equine brain facts that will help us better understand and communicate with our horses and ponies.



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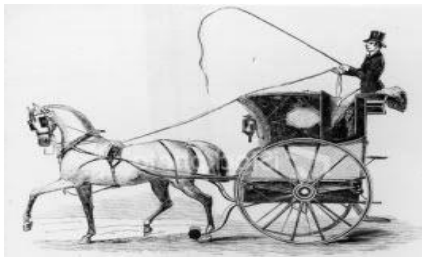
2022 Advertising Renewals

Thank you for your support!

Business card ads are due for renewal. Please send the \$30 renewal fee for 2022 to:

RMCC c/o Marte Alspaugh, 7180 Cardinal Lane, Longmont, CO 80503

For larger ad rates, please contact: Marte Alspaugh 303-530-1533



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Do you have a business to advertise? Know someone who does? Let them know about RMCC.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CARRIAGE RESOURCE PAGE

This page outlines resources for carriage drivers in the general Rocky Mountain area. These listings are not advertising, but are sources for driving-related information and services outlining name, address, contact information, and services available. The listings are free. If you want to be listed on this page, please send an email with the information you want displayed to RockyMtnCarriageClub@gmail.com



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	Once	6 mos	1 yr
Business Card	\$10	\$20	\$30
1/4 page Ad	\$20	\$40	\$60
1/2 page Ad	\$30	\$60	\$90
Full page/Flyer	\$40	\$80	\$120

**ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS MUST BE TO THE EDITOR
BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH FOR INCLUSION IN THE
FOLLOWING MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.**

Sends ads to: RockyMtnCarriageClub@gmail.com

RMCC OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Denise Loewe	Board of Directors
Vice President	Carol Ackerman	Kelly Stanton
Secretary	Katie Bright	Dee Deyen
Treasurer	Marte Alsbaugh	Allison Mazurkiewicz

2022 Membership Application Rocky Mountain Carriage Club

The annual rate is \$35 per year for individual and \$40 for family membership (January 1 thru December 31). The newsletter is emailed monthly to your email address.

New _____ Renewal _____ Individual _____ Family _____ Youth _____ ADS Membership # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

May we include your contact information on our member list? Yes _____ No _____

Breed of horse(s) _____

Driving preferences: Pleasure (show) _____ CDE _____ Dressage _____ Distance Driving _____ Recreation _____

Other _____

Are you willing to volunteer to help with driving activities and preparations for competitions? _____

****Rocky Mountain Carriage Club utilizes social media and internet websites for marking and information sharing about our club activities. Please see the Photo Release below and indicate your wishes**

Photo Release

Permission to Use Photograph

____ I grant Rocky Mountain Carriage Club the right to take photograph of me or my child. I agree that Rocky Mountain Carriage Club may use such photographs of me or my family (including children) for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, advertising, social media and website content.

____ I DO NOT grant Rocky Mountain Carriage Club the right to take photographs of me or my family (including children).

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Printed name of Participant/Parent/Guardian _____

Name of child/children _____

Date _____

There are two ways to submit this form and membership dues:

- 1. Send this form and membership fee (payable to RMCC) to:
RMCC c/o Marte Alspaugh, 7180 Cardinal Lane, Longmont, CO 80503
or**
- 2. Submit payment via PayPal to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com
and then send the completed form to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com (put "2022 membership" in the subject line)**