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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
A CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB
FOR EDUCATION,
COMPETITION AND RECREATION
FOR CARRIAGE DRIVERS and
EQUINES OF ALL ABILITIES
AN AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY
AFFILIATED CLUB**

<http://www.treasurevalleywhips.org>



CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS:

Chair: Jan McEnroe

Vice Chair: Donna Knipe

Secretary: Barb Recla

Treasurer: Kathy DeLong

Newsletter Editor: Mary Van De Bogart

**THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING will be held
at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 17, at the
Sunrise Café in Middleton.**

NEW MEMBERS:

Janice Engle

Donna Staack

Janet Zandersmith

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Jan McEnroe:

It has been a busy summer with club members participating in many activities: our Horse Driving Trial, the Snake River Stampede Parade, the Kuna Parade, Combined Driving Events, Driving Camps, Can Drive, fairs, Wagon Days Parade...etc..

The weather is starting to cool down which means recreational drive/rides will be coming your way soon. Watch your email and club calendar for dates.

We are looking forward to Clay Maier being with us September 24-26 for his long-lining/driving clinic. This is a super clinic whether you are just starting or have been driving for years

Plan now to come out for our Pleasure Driving Show in October. We will have classes for beginners to advanced drivers. Even if you are not driving yet we have ground driving classes for you to compete in. Bring your horses and enjoy. For the drivers we have dressage, rail classes, reinsmanship, cones, town and country, and more.

We have a variety of events coming this fall so remember to keep checking the club website for dates and times. We are working on having another Trec in October as well.

A few members have started ground driving trails again, so if you are interested give Mary a call and she will get you on the email list.

Enjoy the upcoming cool weather and Drive On....:)



Barb Recla & Jan McEnroe in the Snake River Stampede Parade

JULY 16, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Amanda Horton:

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm by Jan McEnroe. In attendance: Jan McEnroe, Kathy DeLong, Mary Van De Bogart, Lee Van De Bogart, Amanda Horton, Merry Jo Schreffler and Ellen Short.

Minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting approved; motion by Amanda and seconded by?

Financial report for the period 3-18-14 to 7-15-14: Current balance \$5512.47; Expenses \$10,896.86; Revenue \$10,492. We have four new members since the last meeting.

Committee Reports

- A Drive in the Park: Event was successful on all levels including financial: \$45 was netted after expenses.
- Motion by Kathy DeLong to reimburse Amanda Horton \$800 for the pole panel obstacles used by the club. Seconded by? Motion passes, all in favor.
- Motion by Amanda Horton to purchase formal cones numbers. Seconded by Kathy DeLong. Discussion that the club should wait to see if the ADS Fund gives the club a \$500 grant before making such a purchase. Tabled until September meeting.
- Snake River Stampede Parade: Members Jan McEnroe and Barb Recla participated and won awards ground driving in the parade.

New Business

- Western Idaho Fair: No motion to provide sponsorship at that event was made.
- Megan Sibiga Clinic – August 19-21- Amanda Horton made a motion to have the clinic run under the auspices of the TVW. Merry Jo Shreffler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Amanda explained that she did not feel comfortable organizing the clinic without the insurance backing of the club's policy. Kathy DeLong will contact Equisure to include the clinic as one of the club's events. It was noted that we would have extra insurance days due to the cancelation of the lavender drives. A discussion was had about a group dinner during the clinic – it was decided that the group would go out to dinner instead of a barbeque at the arena. The dinner will be on Wednesday Aug. 20th.
- Clay Maier Long Reining Clinic & Demonstration: The latest tentative dates are for the Dinner and Demonstration to be held on September 22 with the clinic running September 23-25 at the Birt Arena.
- Power of Pink Xtreme Trail Challenge – October 4, 2014; Volunteers are needed to set up one week before and take down one week after. Contact Jan McEnroe. (*Ed. Note - This event has been cancelled.*)
- Driven Trec – October 11, 2014; Will be held at Birt Arena.
- Pleasure Driving Show Committee: No one has volunteered to organize the show. Will put further info in the newsletter. (*Note: Amanda is going do do it one more time...*)

Next meeting September 17, 2014 at Sunrise Café, Middleton, Idaho.

Respectfully if unartfully submitted,
Amanda C. Horton

“A DRIVE IN THE PARK”

Amanda Horton

Pictures provided by Suzi Romine

The second annual Idaho Driving Festival – A Drive in the Park HDT & CT was held June 7th- 8th at the Idaho Horse Park. We had 40 entries, more than twice the number of entries from the first year's event. Course designer Keith Yutzy created a lovely and challenging marathon and cones



Courses; and decorating divas Kathy and Robin DeLong along with a little help from their friends gave us memorable obstacles like the “Buggy Business”, “Gone Fishing” and “Margaritaville”. This year Intermediate level was added which included hiring a second judge. All dressage classes were judged by two judges meaning each exhibitor got the advantage of getting comments from two officials. Daryl Spurgeon was the ultimate volunteer, taking the entire week off of work to assist Keith in building the courses and helping insure things ran smoothly through the event. Linnae Costello a non-horsey friend of the club provided superb secretary skills to help event organizer Amanda Horton from pulling out too much of her hair. Lee Van De Bogart (which also includes Mary☺) was our cones steward, Sarah Kehne our scorer and a multitude of other volunteers helped make the event an unqualified success.



The two day format was welcomed by the exhibitors giving them a little more breathing room to prepare for all of their events. We will continue with that format for next year and hope to include Intermediate II next year which consists of Advanced Dressage and Cones and an Intermediate marathon. Next year the combined test will probably be limited to multiple hitches (4 in hands, tandems, etc.) that cannot compete in the driving trial. This will allow more room for driving trial entries.



Finally, the event was financially successful as well basically breaking even. In addition, the ADS Fund approved a second year event grant of \$500 to the TVW to assist with travel expenses of the officials. The silent auction also provided over \$450 to the club. These funds enabled the club to reimburse the obstacle construction costs for the pole panels used in the Buggy Business obstacle. Hopefully the club will be able to invest in a few more items that will make our event even more spectacular every year: next year think cones numbers.

Please put June 6-7, 2015 on your calendars now for our third annual Drive in the Park!



“THE CDE AT INAVALE”

Kathy DeLong

The CDE at Inavale is held in a very small town outside of Corvallis, Oregon, just 1.5 hours from the Oregon coast. Nestled amidst the tree farms in the rolling hills outside of Philomath, Oregon is a large farm that is home to a multifaceted center for riding events, cross country jumping, a

COLLABORATORS ON COMMON GROUND

Clay Maier

Long reining, long lining, and ground driving are several names for this from the ground-up collaboration that builds a solid relationship between you and your horse while you both learn concepts and skills to complement your riding or driving.

What is meant by being connected? One dressage glossary defines it as “The state in which there is no blockage, break, or slack in the circuit that joins horse and rider into a single, harmonious, elastic unit.”

I am not a dressage rider by any means. At least by what we commonly consider a “dressage rider” today, actually I am a fairly eclectic horseman. I enjoy pack trips and cattle brandings. I’ve driven stagecoaches in Yosemite Park. I was a rodeo competitor for many years. I have competed at all levels of competitive driving, from coaching to combined driving. However, over those years I have taken many things from the world of dressage. One concept that lends itself especially well to long reining is the importance of connection.

large boarding kennel for dogs, and for the last 5 years the CDE at Inavale.

Bev White heads up the event making sure that every detail is covered and each competitor has a memorable experience. The CDE at Inavale just wouldn’t be the same if it wasn’t for “the twins”, Frances and Carol Bowersock. As well as being very hard workers they add a sort of comedic presence and they make you feel very “special” -- in one way or another!

Well, dressage came and went on Friday, and Saturday brought the marathon - favorite of most CDE competitors! The marathon phase at Inavale is beautiful. Going over the wooded trails is like being in a storybook. A canopy of trees covers the driving paths with open grass areas and 7 challenging obstacles -- two of them with water! Marathon day was hot, so they let the advanced levels go first. Our later start time gave us a chance to watch the two water hazards, where we saw some impressive runs. The TVW’s were well represented with John and Mary Munson driving their Fjord pair Flint and Spring, Amanda Horton with Erin Fredrick Sharts as her groom driving Ivy, and Kathy DeLong and Ellen Short driving Chloe. John said he had lots of fun on the marathon; he was just coming off section B as I was waiting to start it. I know Amanda and Erin had a great run and lots of fun too because Erin was smiling in every picture and Amanda climbed to fourth place with their swiftness in the obstacles. Chloe, Ellen and I had a great run too with no penalty points added to our score! At the end of the day we enjoyed a deliciously catered dinner, awards and the closing of the silent auction.

Sunday brought cooler temperatures and a bit of thunder and lightning! Rain was on its way, and just as I entered the cones course it started. The cool rain was a breath of fresh air, Chloe was a perfect lady and we had a double clean round! It doesn’t get any better than that!

Good friends, beautiful horses everywhere and a perfect setting I’m going back next year!

As the above definition implies, it goes well beyond just our hands connected to the bit. We can encourage the horse to relax and stretch his entire body into the bit, which is connected to our soft understanding hands, our relaxed and elastic arms and shoulders right up to where we conceive the thought we want to convey. Ultimately, the real connection is between two minds: the horse and trainer.

Once we begin to develop connection many things fall into place, flexion, balance, straightness, rhythm, suppleness, collection. All of which helps your horse be what he can really be, a more enjoyable carriage horse, a more enjoyable jumping horse, a more enjoyable trail horse — and have a more enjoyable relationship with you.

Wherever you are headed with your horse, regardless of your past experience, you can make that journey more rewarding by being connected from the ground up. Starting from day one, you’ll like it and your horse will too.

—Clay Maier

Clay Maier Long Reining/Driving Clinic
September 23-25, 2014
Contact: Jan McEnroe
mudopie@clearwire.net 208-466-0133

Clay's long reining program takes both the horse and trainer through a series of easy to understand steps, building a foundation for almost any training goal. Learn techniques to develop more sensitive hands, find out how and why to teach lateral movement, lengthen stride or collection, and perhaps most importantly, how to softly stretch the topline.

The limited number of participants allows Clay to give all the necessary time for each individual's goal regardless of their or their horse's level. The intimate group provides the chance to learn from each other.

Long reining offers the opportunity to create and achieve goals throughout your horse's entire training program.

- *Develop confidence and communication on common ground.* Sometimes we have a very forward, strong-moving horse, a young horse, or a horse struggling with a new concept. The long reins give the trainer the ease of confidence to introduce ideas using a safe and easy to understand method.
- *See the progress your horse makes.* Many dressage arenas include mirrors for the rider to see exactly what that topline looks like, or, when asked for a bend, is the horse actually stepping under or just turning his head. Long reining not only provides effective techniques but also allows a perspective for seeing the horse's progress.
- *Every day is a productive day.* These days, time seems to be everyone's most valued commodity. Due to our busy routines, our "horse time" occasionally suffers. More often than not, we can prepare and accomplish more with the long reins in a very limited time frame, which allows us to respect one of the pillars of all good training programs — consistency.

Who Would Benefit from this Clinic?

This clinic is open to all breeds and ages of horses, and to students and horses at all levels. It is an effective training method for driving and all styles of riding.

Clay Maier's lifetime of experience with *many breeds* includes over two decades of work with Friesian horses. His well-honed skills include not only starting, training and exhibiting some of the country's best-known driven horses, but also developing performance Friesians.

Clay's clinics open new perspective from the ground that will also bring a new understanding in the saddle and cart. Together, you and your horse can benefit from insights that long reining brings to whatever discipline — from dressage, to trail riding, to driving. These clinics offer a superb opportunity



to learn techniques directly from a master of long reining and driving horses.

Clay's goal in teaching is to have his students gain confidence in the techniques by hands-on practice during the clinic. He uses clear, easy-to-understand exercises embedded in a solid foundation of the Maier style of building a training relationship with your horse. Kind communication and consistency, matched with his perspective on what the horse is thinking are the keystones.

Treasure Valley Whips Recreational Drive/Ride with Clay Maier September 27, 2014 Gerdie Creek (Murphy, ID)



Time: 10:30am - ?

We will meet at Dan's Ferry Service at 9:30am for those of you who would like to follow us out or meet us there.

**Enjoy a drive/ride with epic views from
the Owyhees.**

The road surface is dirt with a few rocky spots. Good footing for trotting. Perfect terrain for a leisurely afternoon of driving fun...

What to bring:

A trusty steed at least 3 years old

Water for your animals

A side dish for the potluck (main dish is furnished)

Chair for sitting

Directions:

From Hwy 78 Eastbound

Heading East, past Joyce Ranch Road

Keep an eye out for mile marker 36

Travel another ¼ mile

Turn RIGHT on unmarked dirt road "Gilmore Ranch Rd" (Watch for TVW signs)

Travel approx 6 miles to camp

Contact Jan McEnroe with questions. 466-0133

We would like to know if you are coming so we have enough food

If you don't feel comfortable bringing a horse come out anyway, and enjoy great company and catch a ride. 😊

INTERESTING FACEBOOK GROUPS

Mary Van De Bogart

I have found these two Facebook groups to be very useful, as well as interesting!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/446016945467300/>

Northwest Carriage Driving Classifieds

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282656115143658/>

Horse Cart Conversion or Building

LOTS OF TRAINING GOING ON THIS SUMMER!

These are pictures that some of our members have shared on Facebook.



FOR SALE

Almost new easy entry horse cart. Had it built for my 15 h Arabian but it is a little too heavy for him. Very sturdy with motorcycle tires and marathon shafts. Would be great for a Fjord or something a little stronger than an Arab. \$ 1200 OBO Phone: 901-0853.



Selling my 2002 Glinkowski Carriage. Always stored inside. Comes with single shaves and a pole for pairs, wrench for wheels, back step weight, rubber snap in mats, non removable cushions on the grooms seats front and rear brakes, lamp brackets. Marathon driver's seat is on sliding rails for adjustment , storage under seat, covers for driver's seat and carriage. I enjoyed using this carriage very much; it's comfortable. My new pony is smaller than my previous horse and so must sell. Carriage weighs about 430 pounds. Asking \$4200.00. I can be contacted at : cell 542-235-1585 home [541-473-2494](tel:541-473-2494) email kathyerniedelong@gmail.com



1985 P. Duvall Road Cart from Southhampton, MA; Black harness w/ brown lines made in England; Giddings English saddle; Rusky May Western saddle w/ breastplate, bridle, girths, and good saddle blanket. Located in Boise. For more information call Helen Johnston (208) 362-1551.



Meadowbrook cart, located in Burns, Oregon. Needs refinishing; good restoration project. Contact Carolyn at (541) 589-1406.



~ Entry Form ~
TVW - Clay Maier Clinic
September 24-26, 2014
Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho

Name: _____ TVW member? yes no
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

LESSONS:

2 day lesson package – Wednesday and Thursday only; includes lessons two days plus meals for participant and Dutch oven dinner/on Tuesday evening & long-lining/driving demonstration

#____ - Lesson package @ \$250/\$300* \$_____

3 day lesson package – Wednesday, Thursday; and Friday includes meals above.

#____ - Lesson package @ \$375/\$425* \$_____

1 day lesson – Friday only includes one lunch; *must purchase Dutch oven dinner separately.*

#____ - Lesson @ \$125/\$175* \$_____

TICKETS:

(Audits include lunch)

#____ - Audit(s) @ \$25/\$30* each day (Wed, Thu & Fri)
Specify day(s): Wed Thu Fri \$_____

#____ - Junior (18 & under) day audit(s) @ \$10/day:
Specify day(s): Wed Thu Fri \$_____

#____ - Tuesday Dinner & long-lining/driving demonstration
@ \$25/\$30* \$_____

#____ - Extra lunches @ \$7 per day
Specify how many each day(s): Wed Thu Fri \$_____

#____ - **Stalls** @ \$70 (Tue. After 6pm-Sat am) w/shavings \$_____

TOTAL (*make checks payable to "TVW"*) \$_____

*price for non members of the Treasure Valley Whips ~ Release for lessons required if not a TVW member~

Mail Entries to:
Amanda Horton
1410 W Highland View Dr.
Boise, ID 83702

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

c/o Kathy E. DeLong

2147 9th Ave E

Vale, OR 97918

(541) 473-2494 or kathyerniedelong@gmail.com

NAME: _____

Names of family (if Family membership) – specify the other adult voting member:

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

May we send your newsletters via e-mail to save postage? ____ Yes ____ No

INDIVIDUAL \$25: ____ FAMILY \$35: ____

MEMBERS’ ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I/we intend to participate in equestrian activities sponsored by or affiliated with the Treasure Valley Whips driving club. I am fully aware that certain inherent and unavoidable risks and dangers are involved in any equestrian activity. I understand that these risks, hazards, and dangers could result in my injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, or damage to my personal property.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

Being aware that these activities entail risks, hazards and dangers, I agree to accept and assume all responsibility and risks for any injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death and damage to personal property arising from my participation in these activities. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate fully aware of the risks, hazards, and dangers.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being permitted to participate in these activities, I agree, pursuant to the limitations on liability pertaining to equestrian activities contained in Title 6, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, not to hold the Treasure Valley Whips nor its members, volunteers, officers, or agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, ITS MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICERS, INSURERS OR OTHER AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, OR RIGHTS OF ACTION WHICH ARE RELATED TO OR ARISE IN ANY MANNER OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES.** This release of liability includes, but is not limited to any negligent act or omissions of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers, or other agents, which may result in my personal injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, and damage to my property. **THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY ALSO EXPRESSLY EXTENDS TO, AND INCLUDES THE OWNERS/PROPRIETORS OF ANY PREMISES OR FACILITY AT WHICH THE EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES ARE HELD.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this document, I have given up substantial legal rights and/or possible claims which I might otherwise assert or maintain in the future including, but not limited to legal rights and claims for negligent acts or omission of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers or other agents and the owners/proprietors of the premises and facility. I further agree that the laws of the state of Idaho shall govern the terms and effects of this agreement and that proper venue will be the courts of Idaho.

I HAVE READ THIS PARTICIPANTS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS. I EXECUTE IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GURARENTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Date _____ Member’s signature _____

(Parent/Legal Guardian signature required if member is under 18)

TVW 2014 FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 17	TVW Business meeting
September 24-26	Clay Maier Clinic
September 27	Recreational Drive with Clay Maier
October 4	Phillips Dead End Ranch Playday
October 11	Driven Trec at Birt Arena
October 25,26	Pleasure Driving Show
November 19	TVW Business Meeting

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