

SUMMER 2012  
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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:** OPEN

**Secretary:** Barb Recla

**Treasurer:** Kathy DeLong

**Newsletter Editor:** Mary Van De Bogart

**THE NEXT MEETING** will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 27, at Lori Girdner's, 2165 Artesian Rd., Eagle, ID. Potluck! You may also bring your horse(s) to drive after the meeting.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

*Jan McEnroe:*

Welcome to summer! Since our last newsletter, the Treasure Valley Whips have been busy with a variety of driving activities.

In January, we had a great fitness and conditioning workshop with Tom Noll and Cindy Davis, and a reinboard clinic hosted by John and Mary Munson. The Munsons also hosted a workshop on dressage patterns in February. Our February and March bombproofing playdays had record numbers of participants. In March Dr. Danny Borders did an awesome hands-on workshop on wounds and bandaging. Our April clinic was cancelled, but the club took advantage of the Birt arena and enjoyed a weekend of driving fun. Megan Sibiga was here in May for a clinic that was well attended. We look forward to Megan returning soon! In June a few Whips members attended the Murphy Outpost Days and thrilled a crowd while driving around and though Murphy.

We have people traveling to Spokane for the Teddy Bear CDE this month, while others are recreational driving in the desert every Wednesday. We have a driving trip planned for The City of Rocks in Almo, Idaho on July 11, 12, and 13. Some members will be traveling to Philomath, Oregon for the Inavale CDE. The Knoll Rest CDE in Bonanza, Oregon is also in July. August is time for numerous fairs, and our members in La Grande are planning a Silver Creek recreational drive that we are all welcome to attend. The Equestrians Institute CDE will be in early August in Ethel, Washington. September brings Clay Maier back to Nampa for a long reining, **driving** (single, pairs, tandem), and tandem-riding clinic. We are very lucky to have him here again and I suggest that you take the time to come out and enjoy his lessons or audit. October is the month for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Weiser River Drive/ride. This year we will do a 3-day, 2-night trip from Midvale to Council, following the Weiser River Trail. Our PDS is the end of October, which is always a great way to spend the weekend driving.

Even if you haven't shown before, come out and enjoy! There will be classes for everyone.

Whew...that is all the events we have planned for now, but keep checking back to the TVW website for additional events that I have missed or have not been scheduled. Remember, if you don't see events that you are interested in **please** don't hesitate to bring your idea(s) up at one of the meetings or give a call to me or one of our officers and share your thoughts. This is your club and it is important that we offer whatever events you would like to see.

What have you been doing with your horse this year? Let us know so we can share your adventures with other members in our newsletter. I hope to see you out at one of these events. Let's all have some fun!!! Safe driving ...☺

Jan McEnroe

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

*Mary Van De Bogart:*

Well, the Whips have had some rough roads to travel this year. In the best of all possible worlds, we could just all enjoy our horses and each other; events would organize themselves and there would never be any trouble. Unfortunately, we are all only human. Human nature being what it is, when you put a bunch of us together and try to do anything, there will be differences. Occasionally, these become irreconcilable, and it is necessary to part company.

Kathy, Barb, and I never expected to have to deal with a crisis of this magnitude when we took our minor offices. As the remaining board members, we tried our best to do what we felt was in the best interest of the club. I fervently hope that we can go on from here with continued enthusiasm and a heightened awareness of the need to be kind, honest, and tolerant with each other.

### OFFICER'S POSITION OPEN:

The position of Vice-Chair is currently vacant. We will discuss how to fill this position according to the bylaws at the meeting on June 27.

### MEGAN SIBIGA CLINIC:



Eight Whips members took lessons at the May Megan Sibiga Clinic; there were also several auditors. It was a great clinic, with Megan demonstrating her uncanny ability to help everyone from the complete novice to the extremely experienced driver. Plus, it was a whale of a lot of fun! Particularly enjoyable was the informal cones competition at the end of the day Saturday, where the drivers took turns and the cone spacing was narrowed after each round. A good time was had by all!



## CITY OF ROCKS CAMPOUT AND DRIVE:



A few Whips members are planning on traveling to Almo, Idaho, to drive the City of Rocks on July 11, 12, & 13.

Usually, permits required which takes months to get. Steph Tetter is holding an open horse event from July 11-14, 2012. People can come and ride, **drive**, or hike; whatever their pleasure! It is quite the opportunity to experience a place with so much history.

The City of Rocks is known for its botanical diversity - you'll see cactus, piñon pine, sagebrush, aspen and sub-alpine fire - all on one day's drive or ride. Base camp will be in a large field adjacent to the City of Rocks National Preserve, elevation 5500 ft. The trail footing in this area is very good, with just a few rocky sections - it is NOT a rocky drive/ride.

Some history of the area:

On his way to California in 1849, emigrant James F. Wilkens described the dramatic geological area he encountered as "City of Rocks." The name remains, as well as hundreds of pioneer inscriptions, wagon ruts, and journal accounts, testifying to the nearly quarter-million people who traveled through here between 1843 and 1869. Visitors today will see nearly the same scene - granite spires and monoliths reaching 60 stories tall. Geologists estimate the oldest granite to exceed 2.5 billion years.

Established in 1988 as a national reserve, City of Rocks encompasses 14,407 acres of land (about one quarter is privately owned) and is renowned for its scenic, geologic, and historic significance. If you are interested in participating in this event, contact Jan McEnroe.

## FAIR TIME COMING UP!

The Light Horse & Mule Driving competition at the Western Idaho State Fair will be held on August 21-22. They have added more pairs classes this year, and the Whips are sponsoring several awards. The Payette County Fair will have their Open Harness Driving Horse, Mule, and Donkey Show on Thursday, August 11. I could not find any information about driving at the Owyhee County Fair yet this year.

## COMBINED DRIVING EVENTS:

Several Whips members are en route to the first of the Pacific Northwest CDEs even as I write. Hopefully we'll get some great stories about Teddy Bear CDE, which is taking place June 23-24 near Spokane. The CDE at Inavale will be held in Philomath, Oregon, on July 13-15. The Knoll Rest CDE is scheduled for July 27-29 in Bonanza, Oregon; and finally the Equestrians' Institute CDE will be held on August 3-5 at Happy Trails Arena (formerly Happ's) in Ethel, Washington.

## RECREATIONAL DRIVING

A group of TVW members is driving in the desert on most Wednesdays. Contact Jan if you are interested in participating in these drives.



## **Clay Maier Returns to Nampa on September 12, 13, & 14, 2012 for a Long-reining, Carriage Driving (single, pairs, tandem), and Tandem Riding Clinic**

We will soon have additional information and begin sign-ups for the upcoming Clay Maier Long-reining/Driving clinic. Mark your calendar now for this unforgettable event!



Known in the horse world for The Friesian Spectacular, Clay Maier trains his performance horses and teaches clinics on long reining and carriage driving. Clay's clinics open new perspective from the ground that will also bring a new understanding in the saddle or carriage. Clay's humble, quiet and modest teaching style helps students to relax and absorb the joys of horse training and companionship.

You can develop driving skills that will make both you and your horse more confident, safe and successful. Clay can introduce you to the basics of driving; or let him help you with your specific driving goals.

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 insight on what the horse is thinking, are the keystones of this style.

Clay was asked to represent the USA at the Queen's Jubilee in England this year. He will have the DVD with him on his visit to Nampa. We will have a chance to be the first to watch this presentation with Clay.



## 2012 MURPHY OUTPOST DAYS

Murphy Outpost Days, which is held each June, celebrates Idaho's frontier past and pays homage to a bygone era. The Owyhee Historical Society holds demonstrations throughout the first weekend in June, including gold panning, a longhorn cattle drive, caning, quilting, silversmithing, and tatting. This year, carriage driving was included, and the Treasure Valley Whips Carriage Driving Club was invited to participate. Six turnouts from the Treasure Valley Whips showed up to participate in this event. We had a diverse group; an Arabian, a Blazer, a Norwegian Fjord, a Morab, a Morgan, and a Mustang, put to a variety of carts. The crowd enjoyed seeing the horses, drivers and passengers weave their way through the streets, stopping to take pictures and answer questions. Murphy has a lot of original buildings and we took advantage of this, taking pictures that look as if they might have been taken a hundred years ago. Murphy is surrounded by desert, and we were able to drive around, through, and out of town

throughout the day. We explored the Rabbit Creek road out of Murphy, which was a thrill as it was packed, hard and smooth - perfect for a good fast trot! We also found hills to drive, and enjoyed the sensation of travelling back in time to retrace the same trails that our ancestors drove before us.

This was an awesome event! Horses and humans all had a great time, and we were able to share our love of carriage driving and its history with people who were interested. Thanks to all TVW members who participated in this wonderful day.

*(Note: I just heard that the Historical Society has asked if they can use our picture for t-shirts to sell at the museum! How cool is that? Also, there may be an article in the August "The Whip" magazine about this event.)*



# American Driving Society

## Hours to Drive Log

Record your hours spent driving your horse recreationally. When you reach a milestone, send your log sheets into the ADS and we will send you the appropriate pin and put your name on the Web site and in the Whip. Return log sheets for the year by **November 30**, to the ADS office.

**Milestones: 100 hrs, 250hrs, 500 hrs, 750 hrs, 1000 hrs**

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**TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS - 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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)**

## **2012 TVW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- **January 14** - Rein Board clinic, hosted by John and Mary Munson, Star
- **January 19** - TVW Business Meeting, Sunrise Restaurant, Middleton
- **January 28** - Fitness and Conditioning Clinic with Tom Noll and Cindy Davis, Meridian
- **February 4**-Learning and Understanding Dressage Patterns, hosted by John and Mary Munson, Star
- **February 18** - Clay Maier Video-athon, hosted by Debbie Lyons, Middleton
- **February 25** - TVW Bomb-proofing/Playday, Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **March 15** - TVW Business Meeting,
- **March 24** - TVW Bomb-proofing/Playday , Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **April 21-22** - TVW Megan Sibiga Clinic and ADT, Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho (cancelled)
- **May 19-20** - TVW Megan Sibiga Clinic and ADT, Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho
- **June 27** – TVW Business Meeting, Potluck, and Drive, 2165 Artesian Rd., Eagle, ID
- **July 11-13** – Driving at the City of Rocks, Almo, Idaho
- **September 12,13,14** - Clay Maier Long Reining & Driving Clinic and the Friesian Spectacular
- **October 27-28** - TVW 8th Annual Pleasure Driving Show , Birt Arena, Nampa, Idaho

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