

JUNE 2009  
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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE**  
**TREASURE VALLEY**  
**WHIPS**  
A CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB  
FOR RECREATION,  
COMPITITION AND  
EDUCATION  
FOR CARRIAGE DRIVERS and  
EQUINES OF ALL ABILITIES  
*AN AMERICAN DRIVING*  
*SOCIETY AFFILIATED CLUB*  
<http://www.treasurevalleywhips.org>



Greetings to all! There are many new and exciting events being planned for the *Treasure Valley Whips* Driving Club. We hope to see you all at the events enjoying the driving, the camaraderie and, of course, the food!

The three Summer Driving Days are scheduled for July 12, Aug. 2, and Sep. 13. We hope that by scheduling the events for Sundays, everyone will be able to get the

weekend chores done on Saturday, and will be able to join us.

A group of volunteers have been working hard on the scheduled activities, the props needed, etc. Of course, we can always use more volunteers! Susan Welch (208-887-6838) is the Volunteers Chairman, and will be very happy to hear from anybody willing to help. Susan has also volunteered to be the point of contact for information on the various activities. Each of the three Summer Driving Days will be held at the Cerio farm, located at 17446 Sunnydale Pl, Caldwell, ID. Each of the Summer Driving Days will be followed by the patented TVW **POTLUCK!** Friends, relatives, non-drivers of all types and future drivers are all invited. Just bring a potluck item with you, and your drinks, then come enjoy the fun.

The fall schedule will be kicked off by the annual fall clinic and Pleasure Driving Show on October 23-25, followed by another event on Nov. 8. So, it looks like we have a great summer/fall schedule going!

Now, to the details:

### **July 12 – Carriage Driving Games**

Eight different games classes will be scheduled. The emphasis will be on fun and safety. In addition, there will be some hazards set up, the bomb proofing arena and a dressage arena available for practice. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. Our patented potluck will follow. Additional details are provided in the brochure attached. Advanced registration (form attached) is solicited. Each person who registers in advance will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

### **August 2 – Sporting Day of Traditional Driving – Tish Lewis to judge**

The purpose of a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving is to preserve and

celebrate the carriage-driving style of bygone days, which encompasses horsemanship, driving acumen, care and preservation of carriage and harness, and the intangible qualities of good sportsmanship. The Sporting Day program has been put together by the Carriage Association of America. We will be using their rules and score sheets. Since we have never held a Sporting Day, the following Introduction to the Sporting Day is to help each of us understand what it is all about.

The Sporting Day focuses on traditional driving and includes three phases: a Turnout Inspection, a Country Drive, and the Cones Course. Traditional driving, as we define it, makes use of one of the recognized styles of driving – English Classical (or its German modification, known as Achenbach), Hungarian or American – whichever is appropriate for the type of carriage, horse, and harness being used. **All** types of carriages are accepted, but antique vehicles or traditional reproductions of antique vehicles are preferred. Drivers must carry a whip throughout the day while driving.

Although intended – for participants and spectators alike – more as a celebration of traditional driving than a competition, the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving does contain competitive elements. Each turnout, however, is competing against an ideal, rather than against the other turnouts in attendance. The optimum score of 100 is broken down among the three phases as follows: a possible 50 points for the Turnout Inspection, 25 for the Country Drive, and 25 for the Cones Course. Prizes will be awarded.

### **The Turnout Inspection**

The Turnout Inspection is judged at the halt and in motion. At the halt and on the move, turnouts will be judged on the quality, cleanliness, safety, and general impression given by the horses, driver (and passengers and grooms) harness, and carriage.

Particular attention will be given to the Driver's secure and well-balanced position on the box.

Horses/ponies must be clean. No boots or bandages may be used during the Turnout Inspection. Drivers, passengers and grooms should be dressed appropriately for the turnout. Hitch wagons and other wagon turnouts should be turned out with harness appropriate for the use for which the wagon is intended. The driver does not [why?? "need to"] wear a driving apron, but is required to carry a whip in hand and to wear gloves and a hat. The judges' score for general impression will take into account the cleanliness of the whole turnout, the suitability of the horse(s), of the vehicle, and the dress and deportment of the driver and grooms/passengers.

### **Scoring the Turnout Inspection**

The optimum score for the entire Sporting Day of Traditional Driving is 100 points. A possible 50 points may be earned in the Turnout Inspection. Each of the five categories (horses/ponies/equines, harness, carriage, driver/grooms/passengers, and general impression) will be given a score ranging from 1 to 10, with 10 being "of exemplary quality" and 1 being "extremely poor." The total number of points earned will be that driver's score for the Turnout phase.

### **The Country Drive**

This phase allows participants to demonstrate their ability to drive safely in a variety of conditions and situations. The rules of the road (using signals, asking permission to pass, etc.) are to be observed.

### **General Guidelines**

- Drivers may halt, walk or trot at will. Walk and trot are the acceptable gaits for the Country Drive, and drivers should choose the gait that is appropriate for the terrain and their horses. Anyone driving

recklessly or unsafely will be asked to leave

- Drivers will demonstrate their ability to keep their horses at a steady, safe pace so as to complete the course within the time allowed. Times allowed, and the allowable margin (2-4 minutes) will be set to suit the terrain, weather, conditions, and types of turnouts. The following are recommended:

Turnout Type	Recommended Speed
Horses .....	between 7 and 9 mpg (approx. 11-14 kph)
Ponies.....	between 6 and 8 mpg (approx. 9-13 kph)
Coaches.....	between 5 and 7 mpg (approx. 8-11 kph)
Heavy Horses .....	between 4 and 6 mpg (approx. 6.5-9 kph)
Donkeys.....	between 3 and 5 mpg (approx. 5-8 kph)

- The route should be suitable for all turnouts participating
- Recommended distance is at least 3 miles but no more than 7 miles.
- The course may include up to five simple Drivers' Tests, either man-made or natural. Any passages or tests should be at least 10 feet wide. Each test is to be completed within the overall time allowed and should not be hazardous in any way.
- There will be numbered mandatory course gates on the Country Drive. The purpose of these gates is to maintain the integrity of the course and to prevent drivers from taking shortcuts. The gates must be at least 10 feet wide, with a red flag on the right side and a white flag on the left.

### Drivers' Tests

Some example of possible Drivers' Tests:

- Drive up to a red carpet, halt, and take up or let off a passenger
- Drive up to a gate, stop, put a groom down. Groom opens gate, turnout drives through and stops, groom closes gate and remounts vehicle

- Rein back for a specified number of steps
- Demonstrate appropriate road signals
- Drive over a bridge
- Execute a whip salute
- Signal and execute a turn
- Demonstrate a repair, in case of breakage
- Drive at a fast trot up to a cone, and stop with the front hub in line with the cone
- Drive a figure-8 indicated by cones.

### Scoring the Country Drive

The optimum score for the entire Sporting Day of Tradition Driving is 100 points. A possible 25 points may be earned in the Country Drive. From the starting point of 25, points will be deducted as follows:

- 2 points for each failed Driver's test
- 5 points for not completing the course within the margin of time allowed
- 5 points per occurrence for not going through a mandatory course gate (with a maximum of 25 points)

### The Cones Course

This phase allows participants to demonstrate their ability to drive through a set course of cones, and to demonstrate the training of their horse(s). The Cones Course need only be completed within the prescribed time allowed; it is not a speed test.

### General Guidelines

- It is recommended that the Cones Course follow the Country Drive. However, if time or space is limited, the course can be incorporated into the Country Drive
- The prescribed pace for the Cones Course is a trot. Anyone driving recklessly or unsafely will be asked to leave
- The organizers will determine the length and speed of the course, and

the order of go. This information, along with a course map, will be posted following the Turnout Inspection.

- The Cones Course should be on a flat area. A nearby warm-up area of sufficient size for several turnouts to drive at the same time is recommended. The footing in both areas should be suitable for carriage driving.
- A minimum of 5 gates (but no more than 10) is recommended.
- Axle widths will be measured during the Turnout Inspection. The cones will be set at 18" wider than the axle width for 2-wheeled and shorter-based 4-wheeled vehicles. For 4-wheeled vehicles longer than six feet from front axle to rear axle, the cones will be set 24" wider than the vehicle's axle width.
- Each driver will salute the judge before beginning the course, but it is not necessary to salute at the end of the course.
- The judge will ring the bell when the driver may begin the course. The bell may also be rung if the driver breaks a piece of equipment or a harness part requires attention on course, whereupon the driver may halt, make the necessary repair and continue the course, at at the discretion of the judge. The judge will adjust the time accordingly.

### Suggested Speeds

Speeds may be modified to suite the terrain, weather, conditions and types of turnouts in attendance at any particular Sporting Day. Modified or shortened courses may be used for specific classes (types of turnouts), such as coaches or vehicles drawn by donkeys or very small equines (VSEs).

The following speeds (shown in *meters per minute*[mpm]) are recommended:

Turnout Type	Recommended Speed
Horses .....	between 180-230 mpm

Ponies.....	between 150-215 mpm
Coaches.....	between 135-180 mpm
Heavy Horses .....	between 110-150 mpm
Donkeys.....	between 85-135 mpm

NOTE: 100 meters = approx. 325 feet

### Scoring the Cones Course

A possible 25 points may be earned in the Cones Course. From the starting point of 25, points will be deducted as follows:

- 2 points for knocking down a ball from the cones
- 2 points for cantering (each occasion)
- 5 points for exceeding the time allowed
- 5 points for repairable equipment breakage (continuing on course is at the judge's discretion)
- 10 points for taking a set of cones out of order
- 10 points for failing to go through a set of cones

### Anyone driving unsafely or recklessly will be asked to leave.

This has been a lot of information about the Traditional Day of Sporting Driving. Hopefully, though, it will give each of you the information you need to feel comfortable competing. Depending on the entries, we will have classes for each type of turnout listed above. Award will be given for each class.

### Sep 13 – Combined Driving Festival

Details for the Combined Driving Festival have not yet been finalized. It will include a healthy dose of dressage, cones and obstacles.

### Oct 23-24 Fall Training Clinic and

### Oct 25 Pleasure Driving Show

This year, we are pleased to announce that Terri Jones will be returning to give the Fall Training Clinic and to judge the Annual Fall Pleasure Driving Show. Those of you who took lessons from Terri the last time she was

here will remember her wonderful style and excellent help. Lessons will be available all day on Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24. The Pleasure Driving Show will follow the format of prior years, with the Picnic Class being one of the favorites!

## **Nov 8 – Carriage Driving Games Day**

This day is tentatively being planning as another (different!) Carriage Driving Games Day. More details will be available as the date approaches.

## **Linda Fairbanks to Judge the Western Idaho State Fair Light Horse and Mule Driving Show Aug 25 & 26**

A number of people from the TVWs worked very hard with the Fair Board in getting the rules changed to correspond with the ADS rules. Cathy Carpenter, the new Superintendent, worked equally hard in getting many changes to benefit the drivers. The Western Idaho Fair Exhibitors' Handbook reflects and clarifies the exhibitor rules. These rules will make the entire showing experience at the Western Idaho State Fair both safer and more enjoyable for all. Safety is of primary importance to both the Fair Board and to the TVW members.

The one over-arching need in this show was for a knowledgeable, ADS judge. This issue, alone, will resolve many of the problems of the previous years. We requested that the Fair Board provide the show with a qualified ADS judge. In order to aid that process, the TVW Club agreed to sponsor part of the additional funds necessary to bring in an ADS judge. Cathy Carpenter again went to bat for the drivers, and convinced the Fair Board to ante up additional funds. The net result is that **Linda Fairbanks** will be the judge at this year's Western Idaho State Fair Light Horse and Mule Driving Show. Those of you who are familiar with Linda from her clinics and from competition will realize what a boon this us to the Fair – and to all of us! The

entire complexion of the Driving Show will be sure to reflect this change. Among her many credits, Linda has judged the Los Angeles County Fair Light Horse Driving show in the past. This is the largest pleasure driving show west of the Mississippi. Her input can only have a beneficial effect on the show!

We urge each of you to consider showing at this year's Western Idaho State Fair Light Horse and Mule Driving Show. That will be one way of showing our appreciation to the Fair Board for their willingness to work with us on the issues which we all considered of primary importance. We hope that in the future, the classes in the show will be the next area to be revamped. In the meantime, please show your support for the Western Idaho State Fair Light Horse and Mule Driving Show by planning to attend this year. It is only through our participation that the Fair Board will be motivated to continue to making changes and improving this show. Since it is the one "big" event that many of us attend, let's make it the best possible show.

If you do not have an Exhibitor's Handbook, you may call the Premium Office at 208-287-5663 or on-line at

[http://www.idahofair.com/competitive\\_exhibitors.php](http://www.idahofair.com/competitive_exhibitors.php)

[[http://www.idahofair.com/competitive\\_exhibitors.php](http://www.idahofair.com/competitive_exhibitors.php)]. Exhibitor Handbooks are also available in several locations including Albertson's Courtesy Counters, D&B Supply, Jim Flynn's Saddle Shop, and Zamzow's among other places.

**Entries close August 4<sup>th</sup>, or August 10<sup>th</sup> for on-line entries. August 10<sup>th</sup> is the post-entry deadline.**

### **Other Fairs**

- The New Plymouth Fair Driving Show is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 6
- The Homedale Fair Driving Show is scheduled for Friday, Aug 7

Information on both of these Fairs is available from Susan Marler at 208 794-8280 as well as on her web site at <http://www.buggyconnection.com/>

Jerome County Fair Driving Day is Aug 15. Information can be obtained by contacting\_\_\_\_\_

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## News from Out and About

Treasure Valley Whips members have been out and about competing and having fun this year. Here are a few of the highlights:

Amanda Horton, Donna Knight, Karol Petersen, Jan McEnroe and Ellen Short went to the first Happ's Training Weekend, in Ethel WA, in May. Despite Ari (half of Amanda's new driving pair of Ari and Flash) colicking, a good time was had by all.

Amanda, along with Ellen and Amanda Short, went on to the Woodland Stallion Station CDE in CA. She was able to complete the Dressage in good order, but Ari became substantially worse, and had to be withdrawn from the rest of the competition. Despite every care, when Ai returned home, he was the visitor of the Idaho Equine Hospital for some time, and is still on the walking wounded list. Amanda, all our sympathies go out to you! Most of us have been there, and know how hard it is to have your 'kids' sick!

On June 4, Amanda Horton, Daniel Spurgeon, Janie Golden, Valerie Ellis, Robin De Long and Kathy De Long, along with their equines, left to attend the Teddy Bear CDE in near Spokane, Washington. Janie led the pack by winning Training Level Single Pony with Nala, and coming in 4<sup>th</sup> place for Training level overall – way to go Janie! Robin DeLong showed folks how to drive cones and had one of two double clean cones rounds in the large Training Division – she was smokin'! Valerie and Amanda had good solid performances with Cotton and Flash respectively. This was

Valerie's first outing since last year and Flash's first solo run in a while due to Ari's illness. Daniel Spurgeon got to experience "gator life" and is now a convert. He promises to be a great back step man in the future.

The highlight of the trip had to be the gatoring and timing prowess of Kathy DeLong. Armed only with her cell phone (with a timer function) and a pen to dutifully record times as they went, she managed to keep Robin on time through out the marathon, although there was much more math than usual. Kathy will be asked to share her technique at upcoming clinics.

On June 17, several people from the TVWs, including Valerie Ellis, Barbara Cerio, Janie Golden, Caitlin Short and Amanda Horton traveled to western Washington to the Happs CDE. Happ's has become the premier event of the Pacific Northwest, and may soon eclipse other west coast events as well. The facility gets better every year, but this year the changes were dramatic. There were 85 entries, including 4 four in hand entries. All of the TVW members successfully completed the CDE. Valerie and Janie placed 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively in a large and competitive Training level Single Pony class. Amanda and Flash got their acts together and came in a very close second in Preliminary Single Horse and got the best combined dressage and cones score from all US entries other than those from the state of Washington – "best of the other 49" as they call it.

If there is only one event that you can attend, Happ's is a great one!

# TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB



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## SUMMER FUN DAYS



JULY 12 - CARRIAGE DRIVING GAMES  
AUGUST 2 - SPORTING DAY OF  
TRADITIONAL DRIVING  
SEPTEMBER 13 - COMBINED DRIVING FESTIVAL



### PRIZES! EXCITEMENT! FUN!

17446 SUNNYDALE PLACE CALDWELL, IDAHO

SIGN-IN BEGINS AT 8:00 AM; EVENTS WILL START AT 9:00 AM

MEMBERS \$30; NON-MEMBERS \$45 JUNIORS UNDER 18 \$25 PER ENTRY

ENTRY CAN BE SINGLE; PAIR/TEAM; OR GROUND-DRIVEN EQUINE

JUNIORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPETENT ADULT DRIVER

SPECTATORS FREE; PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR THE POTLUCK LUNCH

CALL 887-6838 TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.TREASUREVALLEYWHIPS.ORG](http://www.treasurevalleywhips.org)

THE TVW IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PROMOTING THE SPORT OF CARRIAGE DRIVING.

WE SPONSOR PLAYDAYS, PLEASURE DRIVING SHOWS, ARENA DRIVING TRIALS, AND PLEASURE DRIVES,

AS WELL AS CLINICS WITH NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED TRAINERS.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARRIAGE DRIVING IS INVITED TO ATTEND;

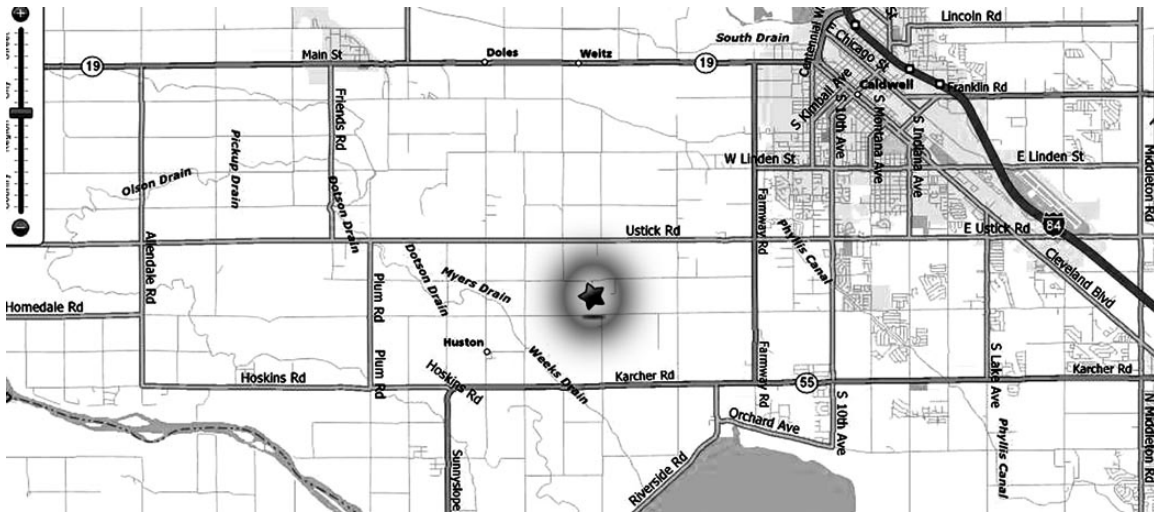
WE WELCOME DRIVERS OF ALL ABILITIES, AS WELL AS EQUINES OF ANY TYPE OR SIZE.

## DIRECTIONS FOR SUMMER FUN DAYS

**From I-84 (Westbound)** Take I-84 West to **Exit 27**, the Wilder, Homedale exit. At the top of the ramp, turn **LEFT** for 1 mile (following directions towards Greenleaf, Wilder, Homedale) At **Hwy 19/Simplot Blvd** (1 mile from exit ramp) turn **RIGHT** (toward Greenleaf, Wilder...) for 1 mile You will go over a RR track and come to Farmway Road - it only goes to the **LEFT**. Turn **LEFT** onto **Farmway Road** for 2.6 miles Turn **RIGHT** on **Lonkey Lane** (it only goes to right) Follow Lonkey Lane for 2 miles. You will come down a hill and around a curve. You will see sign on your left that says, "Sunnydale Estates". Turn left into **Sunnydale Place**.

**From Ustick Road:** Turn **SOUTH** on Farmway Road for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Turn **RIGHT** on **Lonkey Lane** (it only goes to right). Follow Lonkey Lane for 2 miles. You will come down a hill and around a curve. You will see a sign on your left that says, "Sunnydale Estates". Turn left into **Sunnydale Place**.

**From Karcher Blvd/Hwy 55:** Turn **NORTH** on Farmway Road for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Turn **LEFT** on **Lonkey Lane** (it will only go to your left). Follow Lonkey Lane for 2 miles. You will come down a hill and around a curve. You will see a sign on your left that says, "Sunnydale Estates". Turn left into **Sunnydale Place**.





**ENTRY FORM – TVW 2009 SUMMER FUN DAYS SERIES**

**SHOW DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHOW LOCATION: 17446 Sunnydale Pl. Caldwell, ID**

For all equines. Sponsored by the TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (TVW)

Mail entries to Susan Welch, 2106 East Bentley, Meridian, ID 83642

For information, call 208-887-6838 or check our website at <http://www.treasurevalleywhips.org>

DRIVER: \_\_\_\_\_ EQUINE(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(If not a member, fill out the address info)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Single[ ] Pair/multiple[ ] Ground driver[ ]

**FEES – ENTRY FEE IS FOR ALL DAY, PER TURNOUT. NO CHARGE FOR SPECTATORS / GROOMS / MEMBERS W/O HORSES**

Adult member: \$30 [ ] Adult non-member: \$45 [ ] Youth under 18: \$25[ ]

**DRIVERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST WEAR AN ASTM APPROVED HELMET AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPETENT ADULT DRIVER . HELMET USE IS ENCOURAGED FOR ALL DRIVERS**

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

***NON-MEMBERS MUST SIGN WAIVER:***

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this activity, 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 or its members, officers, volunteers, insurers, or other agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, ITS MEMBERS, OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, 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 THIS ACTIVITY.** 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 ACTIVITY IS HELD.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**OFFICE USE:**

Fees Paid? \_\_\_\_\_ (check No. \_\_\_\_\_)

Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Release Signed? \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR #(s) ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasure Valley Whips Driving Club**  
**2009 Calendar of Events (Summer/Fall)**

- **July 12** – Carriage Driving Games Day, 8 a.m. check in, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. competition and potluck, Cerio farm, Caldwell, ID
- **Aug 2** - Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, 8 a.m. check in, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. competition and potluck, Cerio farm, Caldwell, ID
- **Sep 13** - Combined Driving Festival, 8 a.m. check in, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. competition and potluck, Cerio farm, Caldwell, ID
- **Oct 23-25** - TVW Clinic and Pleasure Driving Show, Terri Jones, clinician and judge, Birt Arena, Nampa, times to be announced
- **Nov 8** – Carriage Driving Games Day, tentative schedule

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