

The Reinboard

From the Editor

This is the time of year when we're planning our driving challenges for the year, looking at our carriages for signs of wear (you are doing that, aren't you?), cleaning our harnesses and trying to decide where to compete. Why not clean out last years driving "stuff" gathering dust and put it for sale in The Reinboard, members get 3 free ads per issue. Don't forget, if you have a spot for a passenger on your drives or an informal driving get-together, please let me know and we'll get the word out. We hope to get the members together more often for fun and support and this newsletter is one source of information in addition to the website and Yahoo PRDA site.

What's New?

The club website is now up and running. Photo's from the latest get-together at the Winmill Carriage Museum at Morven Park are on the <http://www.PRDA-inc.org> website. Please take a look at what you missed. Our webmaster, Carole Pivarnik, has designed a great website for the club and started a PRDA member's only board on Yahoo. Members can post photographs, place ads, messages and even announce you're looking for people to fill an empty seat on your drives. *Remember, it's always preferable to drive with a friend along.* Individual members can choose if they want to receive postings from this board or if they just wish to visit. To access these sites, go to:

For the website: <http://www.prd-inc.org>

For the Yahoo PRDA Board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PRDA> The Yahoo board is not difficult to sign in and peruse, but we only have 9 registered members. Give it a look!

An Unanswered Challenge

One of the biggest challenges of our organization is two-fold, increasing the membership and providing a fun and challenging experience for our members. This is a challenge for our members, too! What do you want from your club? What are we doing well and not so well? We need members to be an active part of the club. The **Too Hot to Trot** series still needs a leader this year or it may not be held (commercial: I did it last year and it was fun and a great way to meet members). The THTT series runs every Wednesday evening during August. The **Trace Pace** also needs a sponsor this year. You don't need to be a board member to head up a function, just someone willing to lead. If you have a driving passion, bring it to the board and let's see if the club can benefit. There is no lack of support in the club for good ideas.

Virginia & Maryland Driving Clubs and contacts:

Potomac River Driving Assoc., Northern VA: smithforge@juno.com

James River Driving Club, Central VA, cchildre@collegiate-va.org 804-784-0001

Piedmont Driving Club, Northern VA: wgallen@vcmails.com 540-829-0118

Shenandoah Valley Driving Club, Western VA: dondero@ntelos.net

My Lady's Manor Driving Club, Maryland: jmskelley@direcway.com

Upcoming Driving Activities (some may be for club members only)

Apr 8: Multiple Hitches Driving School, Bundoran Farm, North Garden, VA contact Fred Scott 434-295-4188 or www.bundoranfarm.com

May 7-9: Women Only Driving Weekend at Nemaquin Resort in PA, contact Sheryl Jordan at 724-329-6961 x 3.

May 8: The Old Dominion Morgan Association is offering a spring show, near Fredricksburg, with two carriage classes as well as dressage and hunter classes. Entries are open to all breeds. Contact Karen Samson, Kkareid@aol.com, for more information.

May 12-15: The Bonnie Blue National will be held from the 12th to 15th, with various driving classes. On Friday night, Hackney horses will perform, in addition to pleasure driving classes for single horses and ponies. Saturday evening brings Friesian driving classes, and a multiple pleasure driving class. To receive a prize list, contact the Virginia Horse Center at info@horsecenter.org or 540-464-2950.

May 23: The Potomac River Driving Club's Horse and Pony Trials to be held at Morven Park. More information can be provided by Glenn Smith at smithforge@juno.com.

Jun 4-6: Singles & Pairs Driving School, Bundoran Farm, North Garden, VA contact Fred Scott 434-295-4188 or www.bundoranfarm.com

June 12: Summer offerings include the Catalyst Combined Tests (dressage and cones) in Powhatan, with Training, Preliminary and Open Preliminary divisions, with classes for horses and ponies. Shelly Temple is the contact, 804-598-0059 or www.catalystdriving.com will have details closer to the date.

June 27, MLMDC Play Day, Dickerson, MD. Informal in turnout, yet follows ADS format to compete on a marathon course (without hazards) plus cones course. Training and Prelim. Added bonus for Dressage Test with Anne Council judging. Marathon consists of mostly rolling terrain with one hill; minimal gravel road. Distance will be between 6K - 9K depending on weather/grounds condition. Play Day is open to all ADS clubs with \$5 capping fee for non-MLMDC members. \$25 entry fee for competition; \$10 per Dressage Test. For more information contact Candy Smith, 304-876-3523 or ponydriver@frontiernet.net

July 11, MLMDC Poker Pace, Dickerson, MD. Fun day to drive the marathon course and collect your poker hand. Best hand wins; best time for tie-breaker. The Poker Pace is open to all ADS clubs with \$5 capping fee for non-MLMDC members. \$25 entry fee for all. Contact Candy Smith, 304-876-3523 or ponydriver@frontiernet.net

July 28-31: The Rockbridge Regional Fair has a variety of driving activities, with an Arena Trial, a Pleasure Show, and a clinic offered on the grounds of the Virginia Horse Center. This fair was a very enjoyable activity last year, and should be well attended this year. Pete Hecht at dondero@ntelos.net can give you more information. There is a Draft Horse show here as well.

September 4 - 5: A very exciting addition to an existing show is the expansion of the Old Dominion Carriage Show held on Labor Day weekend. On September 4, an American Driving Society recognized Pleasure Driving Show will be held, and on the following day, September 5, an ADS recognized Arena Driving Trial will take place. Both are open to all breeds, and run along side the Old Dominion Morgan Horse Show, all held at the VA Horse Center in Lexington. Byran Childress is your contact, 804-769-3721 or Shelly Temple at shelly@catalystdriving.com. After June 1, the prize list will be on www.odmhamorgans.com. This is a very fun, well organized show with a nice competitor party on Saturday night open to all at no charge, with great judges, don't miss it!

September 18-19: The Piedmont Driving Clubs' 22nd Annual Show at the Foxcroft School, Middleburg, VA An American Driving Society Approved Competition. Contact the Show Secretary at mcoachorse@aol.com.

Oct 1-3: Driving Weekend at Nemaquin Resort in PA, contact Sheryl Jordan at 724-329-6961 x 3

October 7-10: The Oak Hill Combined Driving Event has changed from their June date to October 7-10. Hopefully this will bring better weather to this top level event. International level drivers, horses and ponies will be on hand, and this show needs lots of volunteers to make it happen. Contact the VA Horse Center to find out more, at www.horsecenter.org.

New Members

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Classified Ads *

Saddle – Used English made all purpose saddle. Some cosmetic signs of wear, but in great shape otherwise. 17 1/2" Bierley brand with plybond spring tree. \$400.00/OBO. Also Justin Equine 420D Deiner closed front winter blanket, 74 inches. Used twice only. \$50.00. Call Jane Mauk at 540-665-0009 or email at gamjam@crosslink.net

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Membership Renewal

**If you didn't get The Reinboard, it's because your membership has expired.
(Yes, I know...they wouldn't know they didn't get The Reinboard)**

A Recipe

As promised to the attendees of the Winmill Carriage Museum, here is the recipe for Cat Bercier's Oriental Chicken Salad (*Don't worry, this isn't turning into a recipe exchanging club*):

3 boneless chicken breasts, boiled and diced into bite sized pieces
1 small head of cabbage
3 green onions w/the tops, diced finely
3 Tbs. sesame seeds, browned in a little butter
1/2 c. sliced almonds, browned w/the sesame seeds
1 1/2 pkg. Chicken flavor Ramen noodles.

Slice up cabbage into cole slaw shreds and mix into a large bowl with diced chicken, add diced green onions

Crumble up the uncooked ramen noodles into the bowl w/above ingredients and then add the cooled sesame seeds and almonds to the mix.

Dressing:

1 C. vegetable oil
1/2 C. white vinegar
2 Tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 flavoring package from Chicken ramen noodles

Combine and stir well until sugar is completely dissolved Pour over salad mixture and toss well. Refrigerate for at least an hour or more before serving to allow dressing to be absorbed.

Don't forget the Martins Carriage Auction in Lebanon, PA April 30 through May 2