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Arnold (Rif) Riffle received CAA Silver Award

TD Ted getting a closer look

"That weekend sure was a learning experience."



Jaimie Gassert holds CAA Silver award in front of her Lavender carriage that she drives in parades and hopes to drive it in the 2022 Rose Parade.



Below a couple of beautiful sleighs.



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*Articles/photos wanted –
please have to me by the
10th of the month.*

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hello all,

It is hard to believe that it is the middle of July already. Time sure is passing by quickly. After so long with not many horse activities it feels like we are getting back into the groove. September

17-19 Pam is putting together a Recreational Driving Weekend and October 23 there will be an ADT at Jody Cutler's. Nice to have a few things on the calendar. We have many members who do a lot for our club and I want to work acknowledging as many as possible. Melanie Brooker moved out of California a few years ago and we miss seeing and spending time with her. She has done so much for our club from organizing shows, gathering awards, getting sponsorships, being a board member for many years in several positions, helping where needed and when not doing all of the above she would participate. Melanie's hard work and dedication has been such an asset to our club and a Thank you does not seem enough but it is the best we have. Melanie **THANK YOU** for all you have done for Whip'r Snapper we love you and miss you.

Drive Safely,
Jennifer

FROM YOUR EDITOR – Veronica Campbell



Be sure and look at the calendar to see the upcoming events and make plans to participate. The ADS weekend of driving in Sept., the ADT and Fun day at Cutler's in Oct. and the Pleasure show in Nov. in Arizona are all good driving events and a chance to see driving friends and enjoy your

equines.

It's past time for us to be living our lives. Take advantage of the opportunity.

2021

July 31 & Aug 1	Sargent Equestrian HDT; Driving Trial	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	www.sargentequest.com
Aug. 7	Plumas-Sierra County Fair Driving Show	Quincy, CA	Dorothy Edwards 530-616-0858 bazukemom@aol.com
Aug 21-22	Double Driver HDT	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
Sept 10-11	Sargent Equestrian Fall Festival	Sargent Eq. Wilton, CA	www.sargentequest.com
Sept 17,18,19	ADS Pacific Region Recreational Weekend	BSV Carriage Club Tehachapi, CA	Pam Miller Email: pam.hei@verizon.net
Oct 23-24	Fall Festival CDE	Clay Station Wilton	claystationhorsepark@frontier.net
Oct 23-24	Autumn ADT & Free Drive on Sunday	Oak Run Farm Moorpark, CA	m.jody.cutler@gmail.com
Nov 6-7	ADCS Festival of Driving Pleasure Show an ADS show	Scottsdale Westworld, AZ	Marcia Fetherston marciafetherston@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MARION & DAN FRANCIS

DOROTHY K. TWIDWELL

CAROLYN BURRY

We look forward to seeing you participate at upcoming events. If you have any questions please feel free to contact a board member, listed in the newsletter. They will be glad to help you.

Carriage and Harness

Offered For Sale

Lovely, antique two-wheel Road Cart used with 14.2 h pony and 15.1 h horse
Painted black with oak accents, leather-covered curved shafts.



Curved shafts are 78 inches in length, but 60 inches from the curve at the saddle to the singletree. The space between shafts is 39 inches at the singletree and 26 inches at the shoulder. 41 inch dished wheels that are 59 inches apart. Original, black bedford cord 23x14 seat as well as additional custom wedge 30x17 inches. The step is 20 inches from the ground. Also available and shown with this turnout is imported English leather harness with brass on blinkers, brow band and drops.



Carriage: \$ 900

Harness: \$ 400

For more information or more photos, please contact Mary Wiltse at:

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or call (831) 915-2116

Located: Central Coast California

Whip'r Snapper Board Meeting

July 8, 2021 via conference call.

Online were Jennifer Russell; President, Elaine Boydston; Vice President, Diane Kern; Secretary, Jody Cutler, Katie Twohy, Marianne Bordier, Lori Weiss.

The April minutes were approved as published.

No treasurer's report at this time.

Membership Report:

Current membership number is 66, we have lost 22 members in the last year. Total income from membership is \$1,900. A discussion was held about the feasibility of raising the membership price to \$40 or even \$50. Some felt that covering the cost of our \$2,100 insurance by membership dues would be reasonable. Others felt that events (which usually make a profit) with the addition of sponsorship money would be enough income. It was decided to table the decision until the annual meeting or before the dues are payable in March.

New & Old Business:

Diane Kern suggested our club join the CAA (Carriage Association of America) as a chapter. No information was found on their website for the cost. We will try to find out how much it would be and discuss it at a future board meeting. An advantage to joining would be access to their video library. Some videos are free but others are free to members only. A movie night once a month was proposed if we could figure out how to get everybody on Zoom who was interested in watching at one time. If you have those skills call Diane Kern and we can discuss how it might work.

Katie Twohy will continue to send brochures to our new members. Additional brochures are in the show trailer. We will review the information they contain prior to a reprinting.

Marc DiLeo has suggested using the Apple Valley Horsemen's Center for an ADT or a pleasure show. Veronica Campbell and Marc are still trying to get together and go out to the location to review it's potential.

Lori Weiss reported that ETI Corral 101 has done a show or two at Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara and they were well attended. First year fees to rent the facility are low and expected to increase next year.

The ETI (Equestrian Trails International) convention show this summer has been cancelled but is planned for July 2022.

Diane Kern will send out an email to the Whip'r Snapper group about Melanie Brooker's cancer prognosis. Her husband, Lee Worsham has posted on Facebook that her cancer has advanced and she is on home hospice. Melanie's friends are encouraged to drop her a line. The board agreed to send her flowers to her at home.

2021 Events:

September 17th-19th - There will be a Recreational Drive organized by our ADS regional representative Pam Miller in Tehachapi at the Bear Valley Springs facility. There are driving trails available and there will be games and a derby.

October 16th - Jody Cutler agreed to host a fall ADT at Oak Run Farm, Moorpark with assistance from the board to organize the event. The Oak Run facility is already set up for dressage and hazards, it just needs club support for the event. The tracks can be driven between hazards similar to the Sweetheart arrangement. That way the extra volunteers needed to staff horse trials would not be needed to hand out green cards and section timers.

The date proposed is October 16th, which is halfway between the two Clay Station events in October and a month after Sargent's CDE in September. We hope that will give everyone a rest between events. Jody Cutler will see if Hardy Zanke, from Rolling Hills Estates, CA can judge and do Sunday clinics. Our next option would be Jane Merritt from northern California. If there are fewer than 25 participants no technical delegate is required. It will be an ADS event.

We will offer training, preliminary, and intermediate divisions. Extra dressage tests or cones goes at a different level will be offered for an extra cost. We will do individual lunches, probably from Subway.

Diane Kern; Secretary

FOR SALE: CART AND HARNESS

Will fit medium to large mini. Excellent condition – harness is top quality leather.

Asking: \$2000

email: cuet@sbcglobal



SAVE THE DATE!

ADS Pacific Region Recreational Weekend
September 17-19 2021
Bear Valley Springs Equestrian Center

Hosted by the Bear Valley Springs Driving Society & the American Driving Society

Come enjoy the cool Tehachapi mountains!



Lots of fun and games and friendly competitions over the 3 days,
including but not limited to:

Playday, Safari Drive, Obstacle Course, Picnic Spread, Driving Derby



Plus you will have time to relax, enjoy visiting with new and old friends, and you can also have fun driving at will in this beautiful area.

More information (a complete flyer & entry blank) will be available by July 1, 2021.

Contact Pamela Miller (ADS Pacific Regio) at PamelaMillerMitchell@gmail.com
or Melissa Auman (Bear Valley Springs Driving Society) info@freedomfeeders.com for updated information.

We have received word of the passing of Arthur Perry in May 2021

Arthur L. Perry, Jr.

It is with sadness that we announce that longtime member, Arthur L. Perry, Jr. passed away in May of this year. Art enjoyed driving his horses and was very active in the Morgan Horse Association. Club members enjoyed a day of driving at his ranch in Santa Ynez where he graciously shared his extensive carriage collection. He was always generous in his financial assistance of club activities and attended clinics until a few years ago.

Continuing the words of Brass Oaks, Whip'r Snappers chime in. Below is a photo of Art winning at Pleasure Days at Pierce College. Art helped with sponsorships. He was also generous in allowing visitors to visit his home and carriage collection which included many other collections ranging from Elvis to Dale and Roy Rogers; old books and anything pertaining to the equine world.



On June 12, E.T.I., Corral 10 held a driving derby at the Mitchell Ranch in lake View Terrace. Thank you to the Whip'r SnapperMembers, Katie Twohy, Natalie Woolridge, Vicky Norwood, Marianne Bordier, Doug Russell and Jennifer Russell whose participation made this a bigger, merrier event. Most everyone improved their time and reduced their time penalties on their second run, Doug, Jennifer, and Marianne took 1st, 3rd ribbons respectively in their division while Katie and Vicky took a 2nd and 3rd ribbon respectively in the horse division.

Another blue for Doug Russell Michael Snook (lg. pony div.), Sarah Aparicio (horse div.) Natalie Wooldridge and Cynthia K.



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