

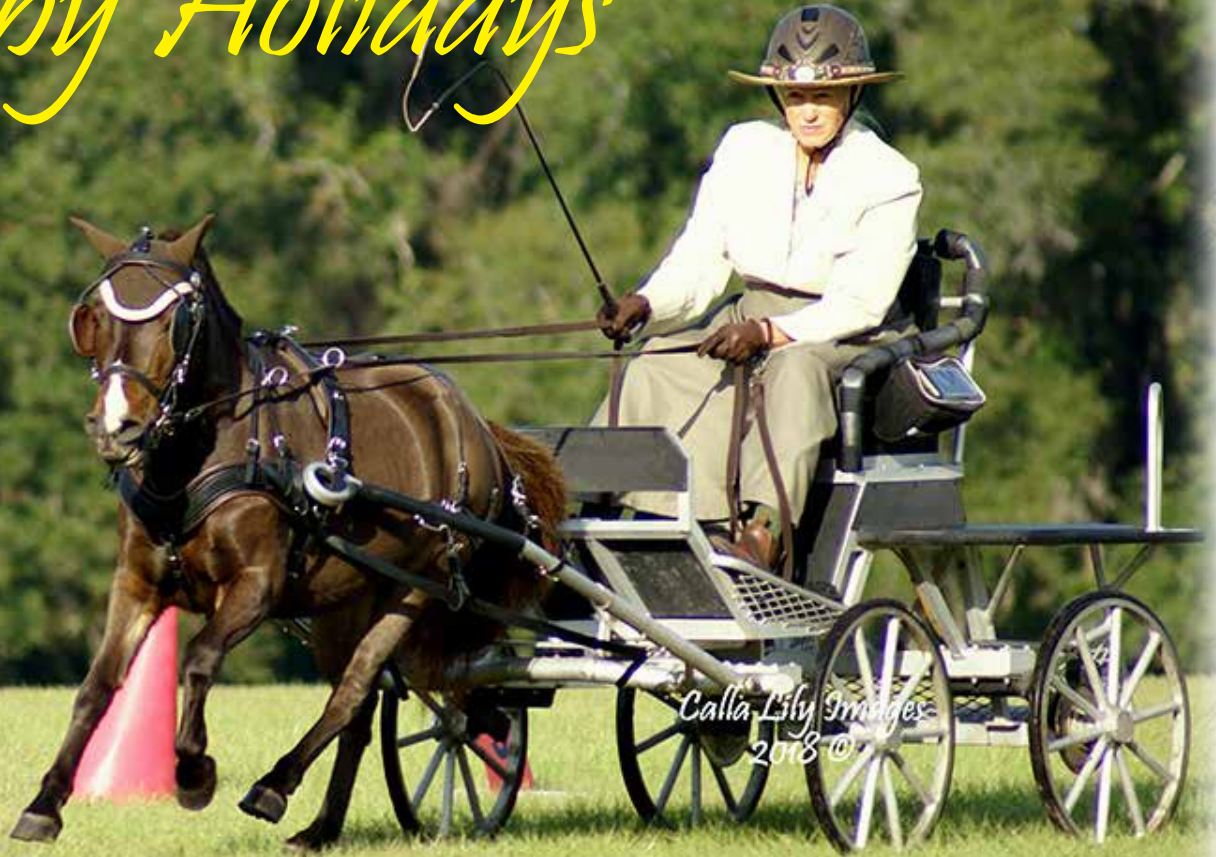


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***Connie Andrews driving Nick at Iron Horse HDT.
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What's on your "Driving Bucket List"?

Pleasure, cross country, parades, combined driving, trails, singles, pairs, tandem, random... four in hand or maybe the dream is to someday drive a sleigh through the forest on a beautiful snow covered trail (better head north), our sport has an endless variety of challenges and rewards. So what's on you bucket list?



Think of the first time you picked up a whip and stepped into the box. For many of us, it was an intimidating and thrilling feeling sitting in a carriage, behind a "flight" animal, taking the reins for the first time, muttering "Walk On". Now think of our four legged friends out front who we surround with harness, limit their vision, attach shafts and ask to push against a collar in-front of a squeaky vehicle only inches from their hind quarters. As you gain more experience, confidence and a sense of companionship your passion for driving will grow as will your driving bucket list.

Our 2018-2019 annual calendar of events was designed to challenge and reward each level of driver, build your skills and have fun in the process. So take advantage of the Florida Whips events, from the clinics to Southern Drive we have a schedule this year that will help you realize your dreams and aspirations. It will be frustrating at times but that means your making progress. Trust me, there is no better feeling than accomplishing your goal, hugging your equine(s) for a job well done and then taking aim at the next item on your "Driving Bucket List"!

Drive On!

Paul, Glenda, Sasha, Dolly, Rio & Panama



Balance Paagman driving her Friesians.

NORTHERN REGION REPORT

Our main claim to fame this past month was the Olof Larson clinic on Sat. the 10th and the Iron Horse HDT on the 11th. Lynda, Reuben and members of the North Florida Driving group had worked the previous Tuesday to get the farm looking even more fabulous than usual. The weekend had lovely weather and as far as I could see, things ran without a hitch. We had a good dressage judge (I did not get her name), more than enough volunteers, a great lunch, a very fast scorer, and an actual awards ceremony. Thanks to everyone competing and helping. A great time was had by all.

Dona Love

Northern Region Director

SOUTHEAST REGION REPORT

The holiday season is officially upon us, and I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The weather has been pretty decent, and it has finally cooled off. I have taken advantage of the change of the weather to enjoy my equine companion just a little bit more.



We do have have a "social" Drive-Thru The Christmas Lights event on December 16th being held at Wickham Park. It should be a beautiful drive at dusk highlighted by lots of Christmas decorations. Please email me at brookereese@gmail.com to let me know if you are going to attend or not so that I can get a head count.

Our next event, after the Christmas drive, is February 2, 2019. It is going to bring a dressage & cones day in Jupiter, FL. Details will be released soon. It will be a very low-key, fun event meant for anyone that is driving, even the very very new drivers, not just the ones that show all the time.

As for other driving-related activities, once January starts, there will be events almost every weekend somewhere in the state. Most events are free for spectators, and it is a wonderful way of supporting the sport and can be a very fun-filled day. More information regarding events can be found on the Florida whips website at flawhips.org/events-calendar/

Also, please take the time to let us know if you have any ideas for any clinics or lectures that we might be able to put together. Those ideas don't have to be driving related, just horse related. Any ideas can be emailed to me at sedir@flawhips.org or any other members of the board of directors.

Otherwise, have a beautiful December and enjoy the beautiful crisp weather.

Barbara Brooke-Reese

SE Region Director

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT
12/16/2018	Fla Whips N Reigon	Fun Day in Tallahassee	Zander Farm 8509 Little Scenic Lane Tallahassee FL 32309	Steve & Lauchlin Waldoch 850-385-1246 lauchlin@mclawgroup.com
12/16/2018	Fla Whips SE Reigon	Drive Through the Christmas Lights	Wickham Park 2500 Parkway Dr Melbourne FL 32935	Barbara Brooke-Reese 772-532-7086 brookereese@gmail.com
2/2/2019	Fla Whips SE Reigon	Fun Day in Jupiter	Jupiter Farms Park 16655 Jupiter Farms Rd Jupiter FL 33478	Eloise Nelson 772-321-9903 ern7073@gmail.com
2/2/2019	Fla Whips N Reigon	Tidewater Drive	Goethe Forest 9110 SE 337 Dunnellon FL 34431	Sharon Flack 352-796-7796
2/6/2018	Fla Whips N Reigon	Steeplechase Continuous Drive	Salty Dog Arena 1600 SE 120th Ave Morrison FL 32668	Dona Love/Wilson Groves 352-817-4700 love2083@bellsouth.net
3/2/2019 to 3/3/2019	Fla Whips N Reigon	Metta Baxter Driving Class	U of F Horse Teaching Unit 1934 SW 63rd Avenue Gainesville FL 32608	Karen Wolfsheimer 225-767-9615 wacahootakj@gmail.com
3/13/2019	Fla Whips N Reigon	Steeplechase Continuous Drive	Salty Dog Arena 1600 SE 120th Ave Morrison FL 32668	Dona Love/Wilson Groves 352-817-4700 love2083@bellsouth.net
3/17/2019	Fla Whips N Reigon	Land Bridge Trail Drive	Florida Greenway Land Bridge 11100 SW 16th Ave Ocala FL	Judith Martin 352-638-8398 judycde@yahoo.com
4/7/2019	Fla Whips N Reigon	Iron Horse HDT	Iron Horse HDT 308 SW Spirit Ave Fort White FL 32038	Lynda Jowers 386-454-3225 jowersl@aol.com
4/20/2018	Fla Whips SE Reigon	Despooking Clinic	TBA	Barbara Brooke-Reese 772-532-7086 brookereese@gmail.com
4/28/2018	Fla Whips N Reigon	Iron Horse Cones Day	Iron Horse 308 SW Spirit Ave Fort White FL 32038	Lynda Jowers 386-454-3225 jowersl@aol.com
5/9/2019 to 5/12/2019	Fla Whips State	The Southern Drive	The Grand Oaks Resort 3000 Marion County Road Weirsdale FL 32195	Judi Tintera 321-427-1760 jtintera@cfl.rr.com
6/11/2018	Fla Whips SE Reigon	Regional Meeting	TBA TBA	
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Horses will gather at the stable area at Wickham Park.
Horse trailers should arrive by 5:45pm

Please RSVP For The Event, so that we can have a count of all the carriages coming.
Entrance fee will be charged at the event (\$10.00 per horse)

There will be lots of riders at
this event as well as us!!!!

To RSVP or for more Information
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MAY 9-12, 2019

The Southern Drive: SE Regional Recreational Driving Weekend

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- *Top driving clinicians may be booked for private lessons at an additional cost.*

Entries open
Jan. 7, 2019

Entries close
April 26, 2019



Olof Larsson Clinic & the Iron Horse HDT

by Linda Evans

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Once again Lynda Jowers opened up her beautiful farm in Ft White November 10th and 11th for her annual clinic with Olof Larsson and the Iron Horse HDT. The Tuesday prior, our usual practice day, was turned into a volunteer work day. A large crowd arrived to help Lynda prepare for the upcoming events. We mowed, trimmed trees, set the cones course, gated hazards, painted turning flags and hazard gates, and filled competitors packets. Everyone worked hard to lighten the huge burden of work it takes to put on such an event.



Mary Phelps

We were blessed with beautiful weather both days. Saturday started off bright and early with the Olof Larsson clinic. Olof is a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is a great teacher for beginners to the more skilled drivers. He can bring out the best in drivers and equines instilling his wisdom and confidence. With his guidance, everyone's performance benefited for the HDT the following day.

The HDT featured training and preliminary divisions for horses and ponies, singles and multiples. Nineteen competitors competed for the top honors. Dressage took place in Lynda's well manicured, regulation dressage ring, followed by a very challenging cones course and a marathon with 4 hazards. Everyone was in good spirits and up for the challenge. One by one, competitors drove their dressage tests then went straight to cones. Only 4 of the 19 drivers drove a double clean cones course. Connie Andrews cantered the entire course with her dynamite pony, Nick to win the Preliminary cones.

After all the drivers had completed dressage and cones we broke for a delicious lunch provided by Lynda. Cindy Lawson



Patti Rozensky

took competitors on a wagon ride over the marathon course for those who wanted a last minute 2nd look at the course which wound through a beautiful trail in the woods and across green pastures.

The marathon started precisely at 2:00 with the 1st competitor starting on course. It was a 4 kilometer course with the hazards one kilometer apart. The first hazard was a natural hazard in the trees, the 2nd was railroad ties, the 3rd was the water hazard and the 4th was post & rails. Volunteers were ready and waiting, excited to observe and time the drivers in the hazards. The course drove very fast and it seemed like the marathon was over before we knew it. Lynda and a volunteer were busy tabulating scores so when the last driver finished, the results could be announced almost immediately.



Louise Blankenship

Here are the results:

Training Pony: 1st place Patti Rozensky, 2nd Lynn Parker, 3rd Morgan Pevonka, 4th Cathy Reynolds, 5th Kathryn Powell.

Training Small Pony/VSE: 1st place Dona Love, 2nd Julie Forsyth, 3rd Marna Egyed.

Preliminary Horse: 1st place Linda Evans, 2nd place Yvonne Harris, 3rd place Jamie Leier, 4th Kami Landy.

Preliminary Small Pony: 1st place Connie Andrews, 2nd Diane Adams-Simmons, 3rd Judy Martin.

Preliminary Pony Multiples: 1st Louise Blankinship, 2nd Mary Phelps.

Preliminary Champion: Connie Andrews

Reserve Champion: Linda Evans.

Training Champion: Patti Rozensky

Reserve Champion: Dona Love.

I'm sure my sentiments are shared by all when I say my heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to Lynda Jowers for opening her farm to let us play every Tuesday and for hosting the Iron Horse HDT every year for the last 15+ years. She is truly an advocate for the carriage driving and has brought many new drivers into the sport. The icing on the cake was my 1st win with my Dutch Harness Horse, Versace. Hopefully, it is the start of many more!



Linda Evans



Dona Love

Florida Whips member brings home North American Intermediate VSE Championship

Photo by Gary Yeager



Morgan and Stetson with ADS President Mike Arnold.

Morgan Pevonka and her VSE stallion, Stetson, earned the title of NA Intermediate VSE Champion at the 2018 Katydid CDE held Nov. 1-4 in Windsor, SC. The pair faced tough competition, including former champion Kim Allen and long-time competitor Peggy Keeler, both of Windsor. Morgan and Stetson took an early lead in dressage, but dropped behind after a fast and challenging marathon. With everything riding on cones, it was a nail-biting finish. But, in the end, Morgan and Stetson secured the win with one ball down and a small time penalty.

Katydid CDE 2018

by Chris Carswell

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2018 is quickly becoming a year of “firsts” for me!

- First time showing at Katydid.
- First time showing Kianti in preliminary level.
- First time driving dressage in the rain.
- First time scratching from the cones course due to illness.

Besides all of the “firsts” at Katydid CDE – the show itself, overall, was a great experience. There were two entrances – one entrance for attending the venue and a second entrance just down the road to take you to the stables. This was nice since I didn’t have to worry about the general public around my trailer or my horse (not as much of a risk as someone feeding her something she shouldn’t have). Another nice accommodation at the stables was parking for the para-drivers – we were all parked close to the barn which was a huge blessing!

I arrived on Tuesday and did not have my first class until Friday. I enjoyed watching the “jog” on Wednesday. I enjoyed watching the Championship dressage classes on Thursday. My dressage time was on Friday afternoon. Can you guess what was going to happen on Friday afternoon? RAIN! Lots and lots of rain! The show staff at Katydid tried their best to get everyone done before the rain – basically allowing anyone that was ready to go and do their test. It was a mad dash to get Kianti ready – trying to beat the storm! Thankfully, everyone helped me and Mr. Paul Maye hopped on step to help me get warmed up for my test. By the time I was prepared to go

in, well, so was the rain! It was a steady rain, not the worst of what was to come, but a steady rain none-the-less. Kianti spooked at a pile of shaving directly in front of the Judge at “C”. Thankfully that was the biggest “oops” of our test. We finished dressage in 6th place – so proud of my girl, Kianti!

My first preliminary marathon was interesting. I had a fun Navigator, in Cindy Lawson. Turns out that she had not done a marathon before, so I decided to take the conservative route and let Kianti learn in her first preliminary marathon PLUS make sure my Navigator and I stayed safe. Kianti did well minus her stopping to drink in the water hazard! We were the slowest in the marathon in our division, but we had FUN and learned a lot!

I had to scratch my cones course. There seemed to be a very mean stomach bug going around the show and I woke up Sunday morning with it. It was pretty awful! Thankfully, I was feeling better in 24 hours – others were sick for days. Rough ending to a great experience!



Fun things about Katydid:

- The grounds are beautiful to drive.
- Nation’s Night was really fun.
- The barbeque for the competitor’s party was good.
- Driving my 3-wheeled scooter around the grounds was really fun.
- Everyone was really nice.

I am truly thankful for all of the people that help me pursue para-driving – no way could I do it without all of you! Thank you to Karin Sclater of Carriage Imports for being my sponsor and friend. Thank You to Paul Maye for coaching me with Kianti. Thank you to Bob Giles for always being in my corner and a great friend. Thank you to Barbara Murphy for braiding. Thank you to “everyone” else that makes driving so much fun for me!

More photos from Iron Horse HDT

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Lynn Windsong Parker



Group Photo



Mary Phelps

An update from the education committee chair.

At the August general meeting, over 60 members filled out a survey indicating their interest in various educational topics. Each one of the completed surveys had at least 3 topics checked in the "Very Interested" or "Interested" columns. Many of the respondents had a keen interest in most of the topics listed.

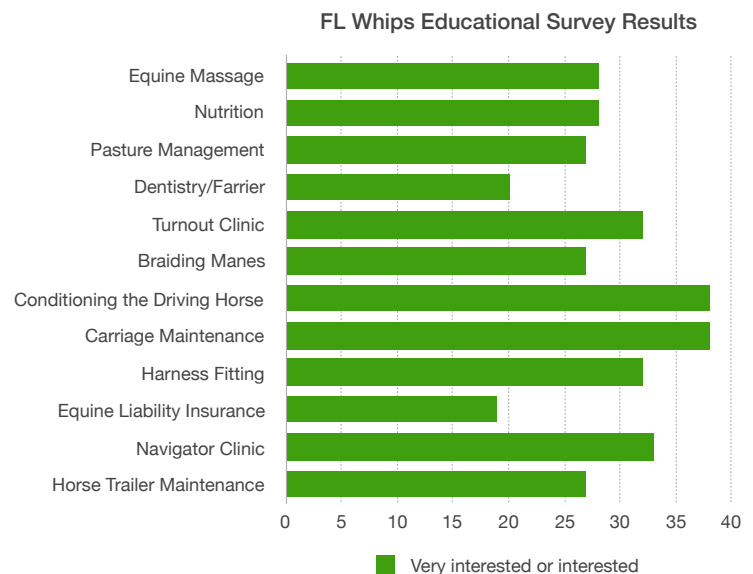
The take-away from these results is that there are a lot of Whips members interested in expanding their knowledge of driving and general horse subjects. The leadership of the Whips is excited about finding new ways to add value to your Whips membership and we are discussing options to make new things happen.

The recent Drive-A-Test clinics were a direct result of members asking for a clinic like this. Many had participated in similar events in the ridden dressage world. Both of those clinics filled quickly, and the feedback was fantastic.

The Southern Drive, a recreational driving weekend held at The Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, FL on May 9-12, 2019 is in the final planning stages. We are looking to implement some of these topics in expanded educational sessions at that event. And stay tuned for information on a Navigator Clinic in the early part of 2019, which is also being discussed.

Below is a graph of the results. There were also additional comments made for other topics, which will be reviewed. Thanks to all who participated. And please remember we always can use some extra hands to help with these events.

Judi Tintera
Educational Committee Chair





AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO COMPETITIVE DRIVERS



When you hear “Safe Sport” do you think of driving safety issues?

Like the new ADS rule requiring protective vests on marathon. (You do know about that one, right?)

The new American Driving Society (ADS) Safety Vest rule reads:

To require protective vests that meet applicable domestic or international standards for everyone participating on a carriage during a marathon or any competition that includes marathon-type obstacles starting January 1, 2019.

Junior requirements would be unchanged.

But, that’s not what “Safe Sport” is all about ...

If you are a USEF member and are planning on competing in the upcoming USEF-sanctioned shows, including the new Grand Oaks CDE, please pay attention to this message.

Even if you’re not a competitor, please keep reading ...

“Safe Sport” is an important new federal law.

What is the Safe Sport Authorization Act?

In Feb. 2018, President Trump signed the federal “**Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017**”, also known as the **Safe Sport Authorization Act**. This is an American law which establishes protection for young athletes. Among its provisions, it established the **United States Center for Safe Sport** as an independent entity to investigate reports of abuse and protect athletes from abuse in the United States Olympic movement.

So how does this affect you?

If you are USEF member, you must complete an online SafeSport Training Course in order to compete at a USEF show. Here is an excerpt from the formal announcement ...

US Equestrian Announces New SafeSport Training Requirements

by US Equestrian Communications Department

Nov 15, 2018

Lexington, KY – The US Equestrian Federation (USEF) announced a rule change on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 requiring that effective January 1, 2019 all USEF members 18-years-old and older, with a Competing Membership, must complete **SafeSport Training** in order to be eligible to participate in USEF activities, including competitions.

Please note: There are three modules to the training and all three must be completed in order to satisfy the requirement. The SafeSport Refresher course does not have to be completed until 1 year from the day you complete the three modules in the SafeSport Training.

To provide further guidance, (there is) a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the new rule change (on the USEF website www.usef.org).

The required SafeSport Training is on the U.S. Center for SafeSport website and is free for USEF members. Instructions on how to register for an account to access the training can be found (online). The training will take approximately 90 minutes to complete and consists of three modules: Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education, Mandatory Reporting, and Emotional and Physical Misconduct. **All three modules must be completed in order to satisfy the requirement.** The training does not have to be completed in one sitting; you can break it up to accommodate your schedule.

Final Note:

If you are not a USEF member, you do not have to complete the online training, but as a non-USEF member will be require to pay an additional \$45.00 “Show Pass” fee to compete at a USEF show.



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