

ACC Pleasure Driving Club - March 2023 News

www.AccCarriageDrivingClub.com

Dear Fellow Carriage Drivers,

As the cold and stormy winter is winding down, the ACC Board is busy planning and scheduling six (6) fantastic drives and playdays for 2023, some of which are new to our members or have been reestablished. Besides the popular Point Pinole, Rush Ranch, and Clarksburg Winery drives, we also have the drive/playday at Sargent Equestrian Center. In addition there are two (2) new tours: Club members will explore the back roads of ranches in Stevenson and Wilton.

The new exciting event planned for the first time is a drive, tour, lunch and presentation by Tom Frazier at "The Double T" Ranch located in Stevinson, CA. A **virtual train dinner on an authentic 1887 train** is also being offered the night before the drive (see separate attachment). For those of you unfamiliar with The Double T Ranch, it is a scenic and spacious facility in the heart of San Joaquin Valley that depicts a charming Western town. The backdrop to this enchanting facility is The History Train. It is led by a vintage 1887 steam locomotive, the oldest Union Pacific steam locomotive in existence. The foreground to this venue is the turn of the century Victorian home together with the museum, gardens, dining area, wedding pavilion, and dance barn. The Double T was created as a way to preserve history and at the same time allow their guests to enjoy the heritage that has made our country great.

Below is the drive schedule that you can also find on ACC 's website at www.ACCCarriageDrivingClub.com. Additional details for each drive will be provided shortly.

2023 ACC Drive Schedule

April 8, 2023 **DRIVE RESCHEDULED DUE TO WET GROUND (Till September?)**

May 6, 2023 Saturday The Double T (Tony Azevedo 209-634-0187)
22368 W. 2nd Ave. Stevinson, Ca 95374

www.TheDoubleT.com Carriage Museum

\$10 per person for lunch **MUST BE RECEIVED** BY the ACC Treasurer Sharon Waite **by April 15**

Be ready to pull out by 10:00 AM to join group drive

Lunch Served Noon, Tom Frazier talk 1 PM,

Tour Double T museum 1:30, Drive cone course 2:00 PM

(Overnight camping with horses **Saturday AFTER THE DRIVE** is included with lunch,

but only if you contact Tony Azevedo by April 15 209-634-0187)

[As a separate event, see the attached flier for Dinner & Drinks Friday night, (day before the drive)]

June 3, 2023 Saturday Sargent E C (Theresa LaVoie 530-320-1096)
15757 E Sargent Rd. Lodi, Ca 95240

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| August 5, 2023 Saturday | Point Pinole 5551 Giant Hwy, Richmond, Ca 94806 | (Tom Hodgson 925-818-1533) |
| September 9? (to be confirmed) | Clarksburg Winery 52183 Clarksburg Rd. Clarksburg | (Sharon Waite 209-605-7125) |
| October 1, 2023 Sunday | Rush Ranch 3521 Grizzly Island Rd, Suisun City Ca, 94585 | (Randie Boardman 707-688-2864) |
| November 5, 2023 Saturday | Wilton back roads 9221 Voula Ln. Wilton, Ca. 95693 | (Theresa LaVoie 530-320-1096) |

All drives and outings are for members only (excluding passengers). Therefore, please join ACC for only \$25 annually. ACC is also offering for the first time, lifetime memberships for \$500 donation. See membership applications/releases attached. Also available on ACC's website.

Membership and participating is crucial to maintaining any club, including ACC. So if you enjoy the drives planned by the ACC Board and others, please support our club and join (Application attached).

ACC member is looking for a sound, safe and gentle horse that can carry up to 250 lbs. The therapy group Marilyn works with, "Rains In Motion", is in need of a large horse that would be safe for their special needs clients. Call Marilyn Cheney 925-462-2406, please leave a message if no answer.

Thank you, Tom & Theresa

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Att: ACC membership application
Dinner and Drinks on the Train Tour flier

Special additional event scheduled by owners and ACC members Tony & Carol Azevedo

Dinner & Drinks on the History Train Tour

Additional Opportunity for our club (**night before the ACC drive**): Friday, May 5th, 2023

22368 W. 2nd Ave. Stevinson, Ca 96103

Tony has camping for you & your horses just Reserve the Train Ride by April 15, 2023

Due to safety issues no one can be on the ranch during train dinner except those on train

The shortest railroad in the US, but we're just as wide as all the rest, Why a train? Well...Before trains, a farmer's customers were limited. They sold their crops within a five or ten-mile radius, or put them on a riverboat and prayed that they would make it to market safely. The train brought new life to small towns. The History Train at The Double T represents the new possibilities not only for farmers but small towns and immigrants alike. Join us on a virtual reality tour and explore what the railroad did for our small communities.

6:00 pm – Social Hour. Sip on wine and beer, stroll in the garden, tour the museum or just relax as you wait for The History Train to depart.

6:30 pm – Begin boarding the train.

7:00 pm Sharp! – The History Train departs the station.

All beverages are included: Beer, Wine, Coffee, Tea & Lemonade

Menu (Subject to change):

Garden Green Salad

Chicken breast stuffed with sun-dried tomatoes, feta, and spinach, Topped with creamy sauce.

Savory Rice Pilaf

Steamed fresh green beans with Linguica

Fresh Dinner Roll

Dessert

The History Train Reservations

Climb aboard our Historical Train for an evening of fun and a chance to see how the steam locomotive changed agricultural history in the San Joaquin Valley.

Your evening will begin with a cocktail hour and a tour of one of California's premier Agricultural Museums. At the sound of the train whistle, we'll begin boarding for the two-hour virtual reality experience that includes a twenty-minute documentary. The History Train will leave you with a deep appreciation of what travel was like 100 years ago.

Your evening will conclude with a walk through the "Baggage Car", filled with rail history memorabilia, antiques, and collectibles.

Prices are \$80.00 per person and include all beverages, dinner, and dessert. Two payment options available: Personal Check to Tony Azevedo or use Venmo, either way please see the web site: www.TheDoubleT.com then click on "The History Train Tour"

- Advanced reservations and payment are required.
- Space is limited so book early.
- Groups are welcome.
- The History Train is partially wheelchair accessible. Please let us know your needs when booking your reservations.