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Paumanok Driving Club Newsletter



2026 Calendar

Sept 10-13 MARD @ Fair Hill, MD (*additional information sent via e-mail*)

Sunday, September 27 at Muttontown Equestrian Preserve

October 9-12 ADS Northeast Recreational Drive, Cape Elizabeth, Maine
(*additional information sent via e-mail*)

Sunday, October 18 at Brookhaven State Park

Sunday, November 1 at Heckscher State Park

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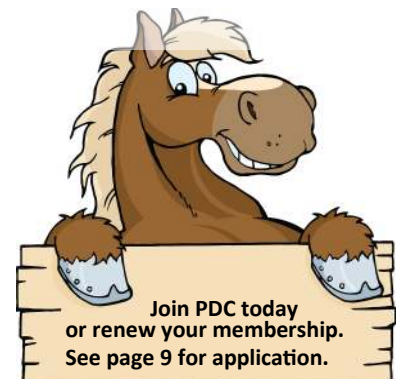
The following State Parks are now charging fees for equestrian use **in addition** to the regular \$8.00 parking fee or use of NYS Empire Pass:

Hallockville State Park: Annual Bridle Path Permit: \$60 or \$15/Day Riding Permit

Connetquot State Park: Annual Bridle Path Permit: \$60 or \$15/Day Riding Permit

Rockefeller State Park Preserve: Contact Park Office at: (914) 631-1470 or visit:

<https://parks.ny.gov/visit/state-parks/rockefeller-state-park-preserve>





President's Letter

Hello All,

Hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the summer. The hot and humid weather is a dreaded combo for our horses. The sweat which normally cools horses doesn't help as much in the hot weather, so keep an eye open for possible heat exhaustion. Shade and free access to clean water in hot weather is always a must. If you suspect heat exhaustion which can lead to heat stroke be prepared to sponge your horse with cool water, provide electrolytes formulated for horses and, if close to a water hose, you can spray the horse continuously with the cool water.

You should call your veterinarian and cool down your horse if you see any of these signs of heat stress in your horse:

- Profuse sweating - no sweating. Do to hormonal imbalances making temperature regulation difficult leading to increased temperature.
- High body temperature past 105° Fahrenheit
- Dehydration
- Poor capillary refill time. Lift the upper lip and press your thumb against the gum above the two front teeth for 1-2 seconds until it turns white. Then release and normal pink color should return in 1-2 seconds.
- Rapid respiratory rate (anything consistently above 16-20) and heart rate (typically exceeding 50-100+ at rest).
- Decreased gut sounds
- Stumbling or depression

I would like to thank the Long Island Horseman's Association for inviting PDC to participate in their Annual Horse Festival in Muttontown. The weather wasn't very accommodating, which kept attendance down, but the show went on with the many different equine disciplines strutting their stuff. LIHA President Joanna Sasso said PDC Members are welcome to drive there and encouraged us to use the Preserve.

Special thanks go out to our PDC members who were able to participate in the festival. PDC got some good exposure. The turn-outs looked great and our speaker, Bob Weissman, did a great job in organizing a demonstration as well as educating the public on carriage driving and the different turnouts. Our members also explored the driving trails and expressed interest in coming back. PDC is planning to have a drive there on September 27.

I recently spoke with Bob Weismann and he shared the good news that he recently became new grandfather. Congrats Bob!! Also, congratulations go out to Jerry Trappani for receiving the Centennial Drive Award. Gail has more details on this in the newsletter. Additionally, I would like to wish Kay Intemann good luck on her move to Pennsylvania. Kay has not been a member for that long, but has been very supportive in attending many meetings and drives, riding horseback with her horse, "Forest". Thank you Kay!

The ADS had planned some very exciting carriage driving educational events this year. NERD (Northeast Regional Drive) in Maine on October 9th-12th, 2026 and the ADS University at MARD 2026 on September 10th-13th. Gail and I are planning to attend the ADS University and are also looking into possibly attending NERD. Gail has forwarded the details of these events, (the date and times) to club members. You can also go to the ADS website for additional details and changes. (ADS can be accessed from our PDC website). The information will help club members check the schedules, if planning to attend.

The board voted to to give a donation of \$200 to CAA for their every other year educational event to be held in 2027. This is an event at which carriage enthusiasts from across the country gather to share their knowledge. PDC's donation will help to support carriage driving education and the CAA efforts to preserve the future of carriage driving.

I look forward to seeing you at our next drive.

Thank you,
Gene

Secretary's Report

Centennial Drive

What is a Centennial Drive? It is when the age of the driver plus the age of one equine totals 100 or more years. This past week one of PDC's founding members achieved this milestone drive. On Thursday August 6, 2026 Jerry Trapani accomplished this milestone at the Orleton Farm Carriage Show, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts hosted by, Harvey and Mary Waller. Jerry drove a pair of Morgan horses, owned by Tracy Crosby, in a dressage class. Tracy's Morgan Mare, "Hidden Y's Libby" is 22 yrs. old and Jerry is 78 years young adding up to 100 years. The other horse in the pair was "I Bet Ya Take A Chance". He is a 17 yr. old Morgan Gelding. Jerry stated, "that despite not driving since 2018, I received a very respectful dressage score with many 7's and 8's including a 10. If I had been competing in the class I would have placed 2nd. This was something I've been looking forward to for years. I want to thank Tracy Crosby for trusting me with her horses and Jeff Morse for introducing me to her." Photos by Cawiley Photography. In the photos, Jerry is being presented with the ADS Centennial Club ribbon and Orelton Farms Championship platter by the Show Judge, Francois Berrgeron and the Show Secretary.

Congratulations, Jerry!

Gail Butta,
PDC Secretary



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Connetquot Drive - Sunday, May 17, 2026



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Paumanok Driving Club Membership Application



New _____
Renewal _____
Chg address _____

Name _____

Date: _____

*Mailing Address _____

*City, State, Zip _____

Phone # Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail address _____

horses _____ Breed(s) _____

Level of driving experience: _____

Please check one: I learned about PDC from:

Personal referral _____ Name (optional) _____

Website _____

Another equine club _____

Other _____

Interested in serving on any committees? Y N

Can you assist with events? Y N

Are you currently a member of the American Driving Society (ADS)? Y N

or Carriage Association of America (CAA)? Y N

Membership Levels

Pricing as of March 1, 2024

Individual \$25

Named member at least 18 yrs. old

Family \$40

Named members of household, including children under 18 yrs. old

Sustaining \$55

Named members of household, including children under 18 yrs old

Membership questions? Contact: pdridingclub@yahoo.com

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Check Number _____

Member Type _____

Date Received _____

Amount _____

Membership Cards sent on _____

Please fill out this form and send it along with your membership fee to:

PDC Membership

c/o Valerie Frederick

22 Heather Drive, Center Moriches, NY 11934

THANK YOU for your support and WELCOME to PDC!