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Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club

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Next Meeting
February 18
2:00 p.m.
Waffle Hut

2026 Officers

President	Gale Emmons
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Minutes of a meeting of the Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club

Meeting of January 21, 2026
Waffle Hut Klamath Falls, OR

Members Present:
Gale Emmons, Joe Emmons, Autumn Clark, Lenayah King, Jane Moody, Judi Dunn, and Sharon Quillen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm, by President Gale Emmons. Lenayah read the mission statemrnt

Judi made a motion to accept the November minutes as printed in the SOHACC January newsletter. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Lenayah made a motion to accept the November treasurers report as printed in the SOHACC January newsletter. Autumn seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

So far, 5 members have renewed their membership. Please remember to get your membership form returned to us as soon as possible.

We are no longer able to work the home show, they have changed and gone to digital tickets and do not need the extra help. They will give us a all, if something changes in their plans. We will need to work on finding a way to fundraise in the very near future. Gale discussed donating items to sell at auction, online by other means. She noted the Dupree Auction is now working equipment and vehicles only.

Start Small/Harness Up discussion was held to have an event possibly with DECO maybe near LaPine in order to have more access and enthusiasm by potential drivers. Gale to pursue this with DECO
Dates (tentative) available for our calendar:

March 28th	Knoll Rest Ranch
April 25th	Lenayah's playday
May 30th	Jacobus ride/drive
June 21st	Living History Days Collier Park
July 4th	Chiloquin parade

Events in Oregon 2026

depending on weather

Confirmed dates are in blue

March 28	Knoll Rest Ranch Bonanza Drive/Ride
April 18	Dupree Auction
April 19	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail Eagle Point
April 25th	Lenayah Playday
May 17	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail Eagle Point
May 23	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail
May 30	Jacobus Horse Par Drive/Ride Chiloquin
June 14th	Flag Day Sprague River
June 21st	Collier Park Living History
July 4th	Independence Day
July 5th	Welcome Ranch Cattle push
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July 11	Bonanza Parade
July 11	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail
August 1	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail
September	
October	
November	
December	

Klamath Falls parade August
Malin drive/ride

Sharon made a motion to close Wells Fargo account and open a new account at Sage Credit Union, seconded by Lenayah, motion voted on and passed.

Autumn will print more brochures to hand out and post at various feed stores.

Gale will update the SOHACC Facebook page.

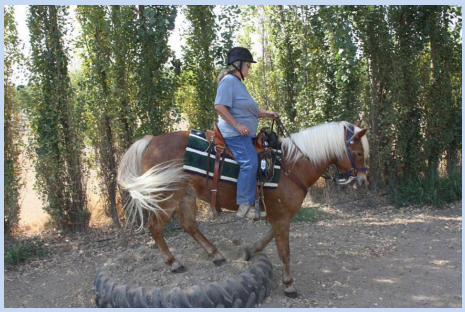
Crystal got prices from local vendors for t shirts and jackets, including embroidery.

With our membership being so low, Autumn made a motion to combine the office of secretary and treasurer into one position. Joe seconded the motion, voted on and passed.
The next meeting will be February 18.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m., motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Lenaya.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Dunn Acting Secretary

March 28th

Drivers and Riders join us at the beautiful Knoll Rest Ranch in Bonanza for a morning of lovely trails and fun obstacles.



There is a $20 charge for this event

Contact Gale: facebook message or message (541) 880-8028

(poor cell service, please be patient)

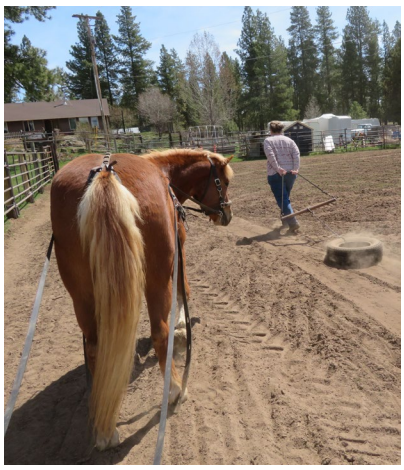
Driving Cross-Training in Parades

~ Gale Emmons

Who would disagree that thorough ground work, cross-training, consistency, socialization despooking, exposure, and on and on, makes a better driving horse? Ain't nothing you can't look up on the internet nowdays 'cept maybe common sense. Well, that and the cure for being overwhelmed. I love seeing those internet posts where the young fella hooks a couple of never-hooked horses to a big wagon and they go kicking and leaping off into the sunset and come back "broke" to drive two hours later. I've known a couple guys like that. I have. I have photos. I can tell you stories . . .

Then there's the rest of us. Over the last seven decades before I hooked a horse I'd sure go down the list and check off each possible effort to fill the holes in a horse's training. One of my favorite venues for all those criteria and exposures; a parade!

Safety first for public and private is absolutely mandatory! Mica Mist and Callie Jo undertake some self-training as youngsters. Mica did well his first at an being event ground driven. Prepare! Practice!



Excellent header and handler Autumn Clark & Magic Rose doing the hard stuff.
Knowing when to back off and when to push the horse a bit is part of being that comfort human.

Mini to draft, a header/groom/assistant or whatever you wish to call them should be mandatory. Good headers might be trained but many born with the right instincts. They are the diamonds of the driving and horse industry. I love a calm, cool, collected, comforting and competent hand that will be there for horse and human 100%. Oh, and be a photographer.

(Judy Dunn & Windy, Shire, pony 2 y.o. Shire colt off a 4 wheel vehicle. Two handlers rode on back just in case. He was startled but did great.

Two off the track Standardbreds and two Haflingers learn the refinements of being ponied of a cart for their parade deput.

Want a reasonably safe exposure in a parade, little or big? Pony from a cart or carriage! Keep the horse off the wheels, keep it back behind the vehicle (training in front is another subject). Handler should be agile enough to get out of the carriage if the ponied horse needs help or comfort (10 or 12 foot rope ½" cotton is my preference). Just having an experienced horse in front of him gives the green horse a little capsule of safety.

My Buddy, the experienced Standardbred driving horse, ponies Nighthawk Echo in her first parade. Shocking the dogs were brought right out to the horses! It caused Echo (Mustang x Haflinger range raised) to go on alert but Buddy set the example of calm. Echo went on to have a long career driving in parades.

You have no cart or carriage to pony from, then pony from another calm horse. Hang a decoration on the ponied horse, a saddle or pack saddle. Harness is best but be sure it's tied together so the breeching doesn't fall off! Ponying in at least two parades is useful—once from the left, the other from the right to accommodate the horse's bi-lateral vision.

Callie Jo, an anxious horse that wants to be on the move was much better behaved when she went in a couple of parades with her personal comfort horse, Violet and owner Joani Kelly. A few more parades and Callie will be looking at a career as a driving horse.

A reliable comfort horse is worth its weight in gold. The theory that horses are able to turn stress and fear into safer action by moving is the general practice by drivers. Keep him moving! But a driving horse that will stand still under stress is terrific too! So here comes the parade again. Arrive at 9:00, line up at 10:00 and the parade starts at 11:00. First few times there is squirming, walking up and down the side-street and more squirming, More parades and the horse is generally calming down—especially if they have a calm companion. Do enough and by the time they're broke to drive, they've likely become much safer in public.

The Tater Tots consisted of Lenayah King's mini Bama pulling a garden harrow with Carla. Amanda and mini Sissy packing potatoes and my Haflinger, Lila Jane, carrying gunny sacks of potatoes with Jaycee Cooper as header. Fun!

No back up on a particular day, no other comfort horse nor human? Leading or ground driving the horse in a parade works well. Our club has a decade's long history of parading and when things got tough with people not physically able to drive or ride, we gathered up our green and experienced horses and weary selves and did fun things to safely get our horses into parade exposure and to support the event. The best one was with us dressed as farmers (in raincoats) as we presented the "Tater Tots" during the Merrill Potato Festival Parade.

SOHACC TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

Beginning balance		3359.31	
Expenses	Website support		81.99
Receivables	Membership		135.00
Balance			
		3412.32	
Designated funds			
Jacobus corrals	00.00		
Education designated funds	2860.00		
Available funds		**552.32**	

Colonial Days

JUST FOR FUN

In the South, horses had jobs like pulling hogsheads of tobacco to the wharves for shipment abroad, but mostly they afforded fun for their owners. Family coaches were common, and "two on a horse"—a male rider with a female sitting behind him on a cushion called a pillion—was standard fare. Virginians, in particular, loved their horses. In 1724, one writer observed that it wasn't at all unusual for a Virginian to spend an entire morning, walking several miles through the woods, to round up a horse just to ride a mile or two into town.

"A race is a Virginian's pleasure,
For which they always can find leisure:
For that, they leave their farm and home,
From ev'ry quarter they can come:
With gentle, simple, rich and poor,
The race-ground soon is cover'd o'er."

—ANNE RISTON

An Introductory Course on Carriage Driving

Harness Up!

Have you ever been interested in carriage driving?
Do you have a horse-crazy child who would love to learn to drive?

The Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club is sponsoring an introduction into the art and science of driving equines. The morning courses may be with your horses or ours or both.

Only a $10 charge for paperwork and a 3 day limited membership with SOHaCC for the first session. .

Subjects include over several sesssions:

*What, why and how to start
*Picking the right horse to drive
*Choosing the right harness
*Getting the right bit and bridle for driving
*Selecting the cart or carriage
*Parts/accruements of harness and carts
*Harnessing the creature (horses, ponies, goats, sheep, etc. Sorry we do not do oxen)
*Ground training for driving
*More ground training for driving
*Additional ground training for driving
*Safety preparations for driving
*Human behavior around carriage horses
*Headers, helpers, trainers and resources
*Ready to hook?

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SOUTHERN OREGON HORSE AND CARRIAGE CLUB

Based on interest and how far we get through the subjects, we are open to scheduling adding additional dates both group and individual dates. Just ask! We have several places we may use for training.

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Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club

The southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club is a group of carriage driving enthusiasts. Members enjoy participating in a wide variety of year-round fun activities involving all equine types. Meetings and activities are scheduled monthly generally on site at a local eatery or at one of our driving venues.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR _____

Please fill out both sides of this form

Individual ($25) _____ Family ($35) _____ 3-Day ($ 5) _____

Names(s) _____

Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Phone, cell: _____

Phone, landline:_____

Please list any children and their ages in a Family Membership: _____

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Members Names and Birthday Months (optional) _____

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SOUTHERN OREGON HORSE and CARRIAGE CLUB

WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM IN CONFORMANCE TO REQUIREMENTS OF *OREGON HORSEMAN'S LIABILITY ACT O.R.S .# 30.687 – 697*

I THE UNDERSIGNED recognize that there is the inherent risk of injury or death in any equine activity including but not limited to riding, driving, as a passenger in any horse-drawn vehicle, as a competitor in any equine activity or event or as a helper, groom or any other assistant in any equine activity. THEREFORE: in accordance with the Oregon Horseman's Liability Act O. R. S. #30.687 – 697:

I/We, the undersigned by acknowledging the inherent risks involved in any equine activity agree to fully assume those risks for myself and/or my minor children. I release and hold harmless any and all equine facilities, horse owners and their agents and employees, equine clubs or organizations, corporations or sponsors of equine events who could be held liable to me or my heirs or assigns for damages. I/we agree to adhere to all the rules and procedures provided by the Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club by-laws and personnel. FURTHERMORE: Acknowledging risks inherent to equine activity I certify that I and my family, including any minor children, are physically capable and competent in participating in equine activities.

I/We fully understand that the provider of horses for equine activity, equine professionals, event sponsors and clubs, ranch or equine facility proprietors reserve the right at their sole discretion to refuse service or participation in equine activity to any person(s) who he/she judges to be incapable or incompetent to participate in equine activity..

I/We have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this Waiver of Liability Agreement becomes immediately effective and binding upon the signatory and any of the minor children listed in this Waiver of Liability Form.

List names and ages of minor children participating in equine activity:

_____ age _____

_____ age _____

_____ age _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Adult/parent or guardian

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