Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club

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Minutes of Meeting held March 18, 2026

Waffle Hut Klamath Falls, OR

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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm, by President Gale Emmons. Autumn read the SOHACC mission statement.

Minutes

Judi made a motion to accept the January minutes as printed in theSOHACC February newsletter. Autumn seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Lenayah made a motion to accept the March treasurers report as printed in the SOHACC

February newsletter. Autumn seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Membership

Eight members have renewed their membership. Please remember to get your membership form returned to us as soon as possible.

New Business

The Northern California Dalmatian Club in Weed as contacted us about helping with getting their dogs ready for a Road Trial in Mount Shasta. We will check our insurance to see if we can help as a club.

Dates for Events

Start Small/Harness Up – discussion,Gale is checking on holding an event in Dorris, California, at our fairgrounds in the Stillwell indoor arena, and/or Jacobus Horse Park.

We would also like to have an event with DECO possibly near LaPine/Crescent to have more attendees.

Autumn made a motion to charge a $5.00 fee for these events in addition to our $5.00 3-day membership fee for these events. Seconded by Judi, motion was voted on and passed.

Next Meeting

March 18
2:00 p.m.
Waffle Hut

2026 Officers

President	Gale Emmons
Vice President	Vacant
Sec//Treasurer	Judi Dunn
Education	GaleEmmons
Newsletter	Gale Emmons
Historian	Lenayah King

How to contact us:

Gale Emmons
Facebook Message
Message (541) 880-8028
Judi Dunn
Facebook message

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 Eagle Point
May 30	Jacobus Horse Par Drive/Ride Chiloquin
June 21st	Collier Park Living History
July 4th	Independence Day
July 5th	Welcome Ranch Cattle push
July 11	Bonanza Parade
July 11	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail
August 1	Welcome Ranch Triple Trail
August 28 – 30	Klamath Basin Horse Assc. show
September	
October	
November	
December	

Dates for Events

Start Small/Harness Up –August 8 or 22, will need to coordinate availability.

Would like to plan a trip to Medford to help out with ground driving.

We decided on turquoise and light green for shirts.
Dates (tentative) available for our calendar:

March 28	Knoll Rest Ranch
April 25th	Lenayah's playday
May 30th	Jacobus ride/drive
June 13th	Sprague River parade
June 21st	Living History Days Collier Park
July 4th	Chiloquin parade
July 4th	Klamath Falls parade
July 25th	Bonanza parade
August?	Malin drive/ride

Next meeting will be April 15th at 2:00 pm, at Waffle Hut in Klamath Falls. Come earlier to eat, if you wish.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm, motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Lenayah. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

Judi Dunn
Acting secretary

Note: After further checking on obtaining the 501c3 account, there is a $275 charge. An email was sent to all paid sohacc members asking for a vote to continue with the process. We received 9 yes votes and 1 no vote. Therefore the process will continue.

Judi Dunn Acting Secretary

March 28th

Drivers and Riders join us in Bonanza at Lenayah King's outdoor arena and driving and riding trails with fun obstacles.

There is a $10 charge for this event

Contact Gale: facebook message or message (541) 880-8028
(poor cell service, please be patient)

SOHACC TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

Waiting to open new bank account

Beginning balance			$3547.32
Expenses	OR Secretary of State		$ 50.00 not deducted yet
Receivables	Membership		$ 60.00 not added yet
Balance			$3547.32
Designated funds			
	Jacobus corrals	00.00	
	Education designated funds	2860.00	
Available funds			**$ 747.32**

A horse sits down in a movie theater and the woman next to him asks,

"**Excuse me… are you a horse**?"

"Why yes, I am," replies the horse.

"What are you doing at this movie?"

The horse says, "I really liked the book.

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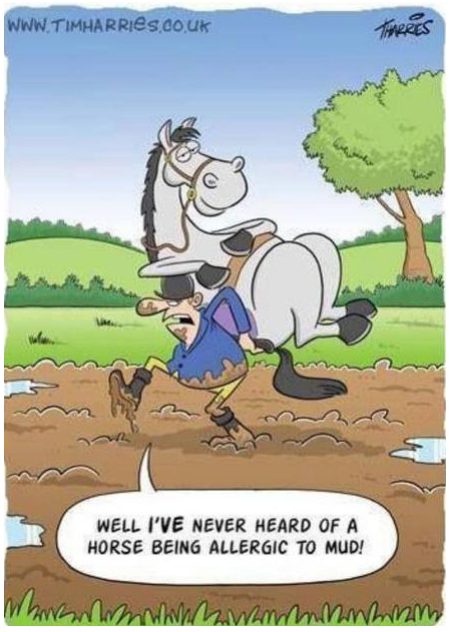
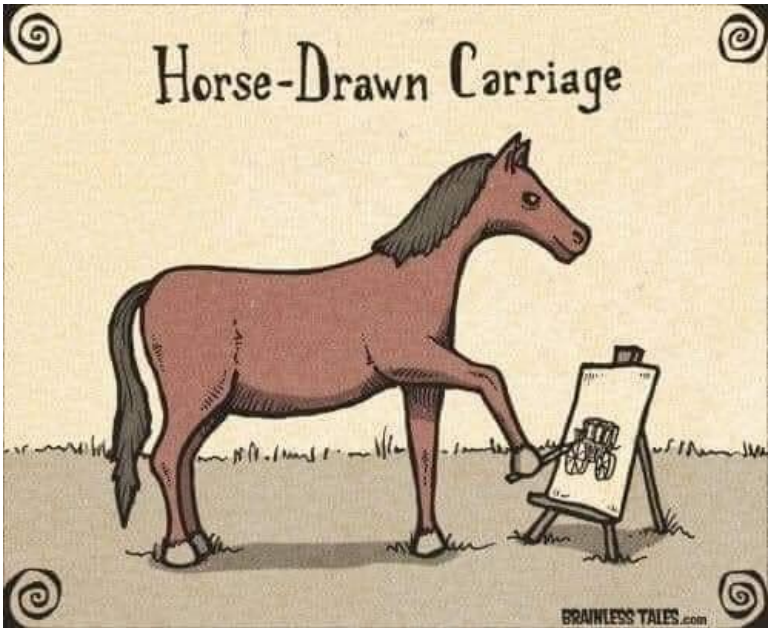


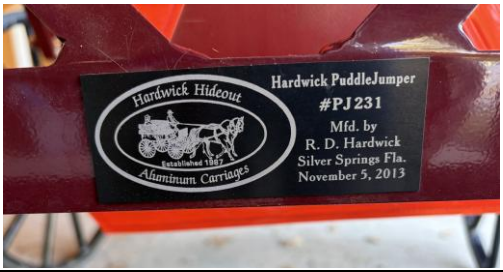


Did you hear about the horse that has made a dozen films?

He is not a star though, he just does bit parts!

FOR SALE

Great Carriage for Sale; I am offering my Hardwick Puddlejumper for sale - it is one of the very last ones Mr. Hardwick built. It is horse sized (used with my Haflinger, 13.3 hands), weighs in at about 280 - 300 pounds. Lightly used, stored under cover in my garage and with a custom cover on it. Burgandy in color. Never flipped or in any kind of accident. Why am I selling this great carriage? Well, after having to put my driving horse down last summer I kind of decided now that I am in my 80s I just don't want to become incapacitated or die and either not be able to take care of any remaining animals, or leave them behind, even though they were provided for in my will and trust. Price: $4500. I am OK with this decision, so this carriage is now available for the next person to enjoy. Located in northern California about 20 miles south of the CA-Oregon border along Interstate 5. I can provide more photos if requested. Contact Kathy Graves at: 530-598-4643 or via email at: kgraves@4fast.net



Common Sense

~Gale Emmons

We are perhaps an unusual carriage group welcoming riders to come along with the drivers. The goal, in part, is to encourage horse riders to familiarize themselves with the fun and refinements of carriage driving and to familarize riding horses with horses and carriages—with the hope more carriage drivers will be created. Conversly it also helps carriage horses to accept the activity of riding horses around them and people towering above them. And it's just fun.

Common sense tells us not to throw our jacket in the air, not to wave the whip, reins or arms, scream or display other unruly behaviors. Most folks know not to approach driving horse or saddle horse, walking or any other gait, unannounced and not to crowd any animal or human. For the carriage world there are also some rules beyond that.

Most wagon trains have strict rules: all riding horses must follow behind the last wagon unless they are assigned as an outrider to a specific wagon. The outriders stay in front or behind their assigned wagon unless there is plenty of room to go alongside. If a rider (or a wagon) has to move out of the line of wagons he alerts one of the trail bosses and the wagons behind and in front of him and asks permission. The outriders purpose is to help the driver and team he's with.

As for SOHaCC, we similarly request ridden horses generally be behind the driven horses. With carriage horses moseying along at a walk or slow trot this is fine. If the pace steps up to a long trot the ridden horses may fall behind. We, as carriage drivers, will normally stop and let folks catch up. Ridden horses may not go ahead unless the lead wagon and general group agrees which is often the case. Ridden horses are not loped or galloped without approval—neither are driven horses! In a point-to-point situation driven or ridden horses may chose their own pace and trail but with general agreement before the event starts. If a driver is having a problem, riders are asked to stop, be respectful and help if possible. Think ahead.
Let the fun begin!

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.

Contact: Gale Emmons
Facebook Message or
(541) 850-3287 (landline)
(541) 880-8028 (cell)
(Please leave a message) Klamath Falls, Oregon

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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: _____

_____

Members Names and Birthday Months (optional) _____

Please deliver the club newsletter by: _____**Email** _____ **Mail**

Make checks out to: SOHACC
Mail forms and payment to:
Judi Dunn P.O. Box 276
Sprague River, OR 97639

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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