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Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club

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Next Meeting

August 19
2:00 p.m.
Waffle Hut

2026 Officers

President	Gale Emmons
Vice President	Autumn Clark
Sec//Treasurer	Judi Dunn
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Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club
Minutes of from the meeting of July 15, 2026
Waffle Hut, Klamath Falls, OR

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, by President Gale Emmons. Autumn read the SOHACC mission statement.

Minutes
No minutes as there was no June meeting.

Treasurer's Report
Autumn made a motion to accept the June/July treasurers report as read, Joe seconded motion.
Motion was voted on and passed.

Judi made a motion to have Autumn fill the position of Vice President, seconded by Joe,
Motion voted on and passed.

Membership
We have received one new membership. Please remember to get your membership form returned to us as soon as possible.

Old Business
We need to review our bylaws and make sure all is up to date.

Dates for Events

July 25th	Bonanza parade
July 30th-August 2nd	Klamath County Fair
August 8th	Dorris Start Small/Harness Up
August?	Malin drive/ride

New Business
Next meeting will be August 19th at 2:00 pm, at Waffle Hut in Klamath Falls. Come earlier to
eat, if you wish.

A lot of discussion about the Dorris event, planning, etc. Plan to rent a porta potty also.

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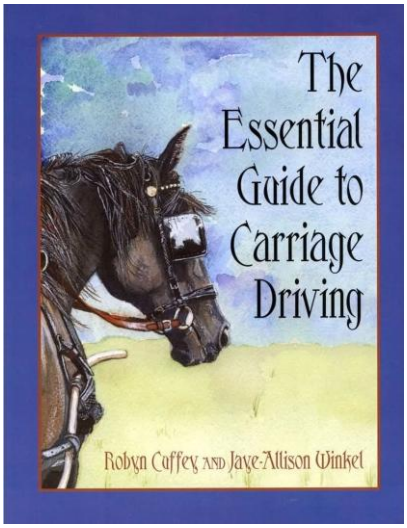
The Best Books!

The Essential Guide to Carriage Driving by Robyn Coffey (1954-2023) and Jave Allison Winkel really is essential (Maine, USA 2003). From the types of driving to selecting and caring for horse, harness and cart, they even cover sleighing. It has good photos (although black and white) and really nicely done illustrations.

Although she didn't get her first horse until she was 14, she made up for lost time by delivering newspapers on horseback and went from there catching up. As it's said, "An accidental encounter with a retired harness racehorse led her to pioneer the retraining of Standardbreds for riding and pleasure use, becoming a leading national expert in the field." She devoted much of her life to Standardbreds and animal welfare. Her understanding of driving was a performing artist! She was also a driver and Standardbred enthusiast serving as the agent for the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organizations. I learned of both gals as member of the SPHO in California, competing with my Standardbreds gathering notice and points in open state-wide competitions. Their book is available on line at Big Black at sale price of $20. It really is the best book!



We have six participants signed up already. It's going to be a lot of fun. We also discussed the Bonanza parade.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm, motion was made by Judi and seconded by Autumn.
Motion passed.

Respecfully submitted,

Judi Dunn
Acting secretary

Semi-desperadoes

SOHACC TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2026		
Beginning balance		$ 3552.32
Expenses	insurance	- $ 450.00
Receivables	Membership	$ 0.00
Balance		$ 3552.32
Designated funds		
Jacobus corrals	00.00	
Education designated funds		$ 2860.00
Available funds		$ 302.32

Hap and Lenayah King

Lenayah, (1955-2026) was there almost from the beginning of the Horse and Carriage Society. Her husband, Faris "Hap" (short for Happy) King (1952-2024) too. They joined the HACS around 1994 and were hardworking, caring, very involved members. Lenayah, who was never one to waste a minute was an avid gardener, quilter, piano player and other things, yet she put her horses first. She was always learning and improving her driving and riding skills. From wagon trains and reenactments, interspersed with a show or two, and the public training sessions for beginning drivers, Lenayah was on hand. She even ended up working endless hours over several years to provide a horse park area with hillside obstacles and a large outdoor arena for Horse and Carriage club members. Hap always supported her efforts and when he came to events he always had a big grin whether riding or in the carriage. The Horse and Carriage Society would become the Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club yet the nature of the club continued from pleasure drives to introductory driving clinics. Lenayah also volunteered at the Inavale Combined Driving Event and ending up competing there. Hap passed away in 2024 after a short illness, still Lenayah kept up the efforts to stay involved until a tragic auto accident cut her own days short. We will always be grateful for the King's friendship and involvement in the HACS/SOHaCC.
Ride high and well.

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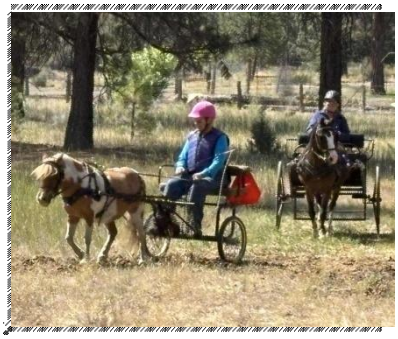
Have you ever pondered driving a 20 mule team?



Dreamt of a stage coach at a dead run across the desert?

Well, we don't do that . . .

We do groundwork and train horses and humans for pleasure, trail driving and other uses. We are having a Carriage & Cart Driving Get-together!!

Come join the members of the Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club will be doing training at the:

Butte Valley Community Park Arena
52900 Hwy 97, Dorris, California

Saturday August 8th, 2026

We will begin in arena at 9:00 a.m. to cover harnessing and then ground driving, then to hitch the experienced horses and do some driving in the arena. Bring your horse for ground training or drive your experienced horse with us. People interested may watch from outside the arena, no charge.

Folks wanting hands-on experience may sign up for a short-term $10 membership and get some close-up time with members and the equines on this day. Anyone wishing to continue the process with their own horses or ours, are welcome to work with us to learn about safety, handling, cues, about harnesses, carts and carriages and all things related, and may make arrangements with the club officers for future sessions. **Thank you Dorris Lions Club!**

PLEASE contact us before you make the trip! We are subject to cancellations due to weather, Sheriff's Posse obligations and other factors.

Gale Emmons
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Judi Dunn
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*Ask to be put on our Facebook Chat page.

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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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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