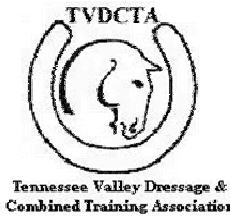


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Next Meeting. Tuesday July 19 6:15 PM. An Update on the TVDCTA Library by Cynthia Moore. See Page 1.



Do you have a horse keeping, fitness, training, or time saving tip you would like to share? How about a question or a neat photo? Contributions for the newsletter are encouraged!! Please have submissions in by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the issue. Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion. Contributions may be mailed or submitted via email to [meris@mcn.net](mailto:meris@mcn.net). If you would like your mailed material returned, please include a SASE.

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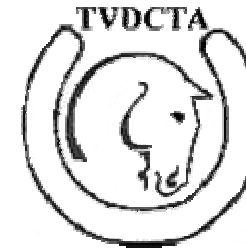
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Newsletter of the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association

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## Important Dates

- July 19, 2011 Meeting. An update on the library by Cynthia Moore. See Meeting Schedule to Right.
- Aug 16, 2011 Meeting. Discussion Topic still TBD. See Meeting Schedule to Right.
- Aug 27, 2011 Closing Date for Sept 10 Schooling Show. See [tvdcta.org](http://tvdcta.org)
- Sept 10, 2011 TVDCTA Schooling Show at Red Horse Ridge. See [tvdcta.org](http://tvdcta.org)

## Trailer Safety by Bill Fiorentino

Review by Judith Fiorentino

For starters, let me say that the tailgating food offerings were wonderful - we had great ginger chicken salad, shrimp orzo salad, lovely tomatoes sliced with mozzarella cheese and drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, deviled eggs of two varieties, chicken salad rolls and DESSERTS - oh my, the desserts were out of this world. On top of that we got to listen to a very informative program on trailer safety - purchase and towing. Thanks to dbResearch's visual aids we were given a power point presentation so we could follow.

In the introduction we were educated about ball hitches, ball sizes, and tow vehicles. We were told about towing information brochures that we should read before purchasing a tow vehicle and what equalizer bars and sway bars do for the tow vehicle and trailer. Bill said that today's trailers are constructed better than ever before and that there are inspections done for trailers and living quarters to make sure they meet the industry standards. After the purchase of your hauling package we were informed about tires and wheels and that there are trailer tires that have a more robust sidewall than a car tire. The trailer tire will be marked with a "T" on the sidewall and can handle the scrubbing that trailer tires are subjected to when the driver backs and turns trailer. We learned that age is the enemy of trailer tires and we should locate the date code on the sidewall of the tire since in 4 or 5 years the trailer tires will age out. Wheel bearings and lubrication were discussed and having the proper lug wrench and jack if you should need to change a tire on the road - this also brought up the discussion of U.S. Rider Insurance. Bill said that U.S Rider had a very good reputation in the industry, expensive but when you have a tire to be changed, perhaps good to have since most road service insurance companies for vehicles don't cover trailer tire changing any more.

From the ground we met the floors of trailers: wood, aluminum, Rumber and WERM. Bill talked about the advantages of each and we learned that WERM means "We Eliminate Rubber Mats". He showed us how to check wood floors for rot and what is the downside of aluminum if you do

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## TVDCTA Member Meeting Schedule

- July 19 — A Review of what is in the TVDCTA library from our Librarian Cynthia Moore.
- Aug 16 — Meeting. This meeting will be a local restaurant. Discussion topics still to be determined. Please watch your email for details.
- Sept 20—Meeting at deciBel Research.

All meetings (except Aug) will be held at deciBel Research (325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville) unless otherwise noted. Notifications will be sent via e-mail prior to the meetings. Dinner will start at 6:15 with the speaker beginning at 6:30 and the Business Meeting at 7:15. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Please contact Meetings and Programs committee members if you would like more information or have ideas for topics.

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No CT competitions planned for 2011

## Mission Statement

TVDCTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging a high standard of horsemanship through the use of classical dressage techniques. The TVDCTA will disseminate educational material, sponsor and promote activities (such as clinics, seminars and competitions), and cooperate with other local and national organizations in developing and promoting better horsemanship.

### Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association Member's Meeting 17 May 2011

The business meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Fourteen people attended the presentation and the meeting. Thank you to Debi Gilbert who gave a great presentation on preparing to move up to recognized showing.

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Report (Paulette Harrell):

Beginning Balance	3,713.32
April Meeting	(51.70)
April Newsletter	(117.29)
May Newsletter	(167.01)
May Meeting	(34.55)
Clinic Audit Deposit	180.00
Membership	40.00
Ending Balance	3,562.77

Membership (Paulette Harrell): We have one new member this month for a total of 73 members.

Finance: The budget was based on a goal of 75 memberships and 10 family memberships. The library fund this year is a one-time budget item. The budget committee will review the library usage to determine the budget for 2012. The meeting budget is \$450.

Shows and Clinics (Judith Fiorentino): The shows and clinics committee will meet for a hotwash on the show. If someone cannot attend, they may forward comments on the last show to Judith for discussion.

Meetings and Programs: The next scheduled meetings are  
21 June 2011: Trailer Safety, Bill Fiorentino (dBResearch)  
19 July 2011: Library Preview, Cynthia Moore (dBResearch)  
16 August 2011: Dinner Out with topic discussion (Restaurant TBD)  
20 September 2011: Biomechanics, Meris Greges (dBResearch)

## Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

Primary Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Please select either Individual Adult, Individual Junior, or Family Membership and enter appropriate fee.

\_\_\_\_ Individual Adult Membership (\$40) (USDF Dues \$20, Club Dues \$20)

\_\_\_\_ Individual Junior (under 21) Membership (\$30) (USDF Dues \$20, Club Dues \$10)

\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (\$50; covers two riders) (USDF Dues \$30, Club Dues \$20)

Secondary Family Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Membership Riders (\$12 each) (USDF Dues \$10, Club Dues \$2)

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Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Total Membership Fee** - A portion of your dues will be sent to USDF

If a new member, how did you find out about TVDCTA? (Which TVDCTA member should get the credit?)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in helping out with:

Awards - Budgets - Clinics - Shows - Combined Training - Librarian

Meetings/Programs - Membership - Newsletter - Nominating - Publicity - Volunteers ?

Please make checks payable to TVDCTA. - Please submit renewals prior to **November 30th**.

Mail to: **Paulette Harrell**, 3113 Hale Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

For more information, contact Paulette at (256) 652-4007

*This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization and members are automatically USDF Group Members and are eligible for all USDF rider awards.*

## Classified Ads

Member's (free) classified ads will also appear on the TVDCTA web site, [www.tvdcta.org](http://www.tvdcta.org). Note that the pictures will be **in color** and **larger** if you look on the web! You may also submit pictures for inclusion in your ad. Please contact the editors to renew after three months.

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## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 16-17	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com</a>
Aug 20-21	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com</a>
Aug 26-28	Ole South Prelude and Breed Show and Dressage Classic. Murfreesboro, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.tndressage.com">www.tndressage.com</a>
<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show at Red Horse Ridge. Gurley, AL. Judge: Mary Fowler (R). See <a href="http://www.tvdcta.org">www.tvdcta.org</a></b>
Sept 10-11	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com</a>
Sept 10-11	Poplar Place Farm September Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.poplarplacefarm.com">www.poplarplacefarm.com</a>
Sept 10-11	Southern Hospitality Dressage Breeders Classic 1 and 2. Conyers, GA. See <a href="http://www.gdcta.org">www.gdcta.org</a>
Sept 17-18	The Good Horseman/Collecting Gaits Farm Fall Dressage Show. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.goodhorseman.org">www.goodhorseman.org</a>
Sept 18	GHF Fall Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show #2. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.goodhorseman.org">www.goodhorseman.org</a>
Oct 1-2	Blues City Dressage. Germantown, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.deltadressage.com">www.deltadressage.com</a>
<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show at Flint Ridge Farm. Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon (S). See <a href="http://www.tvdcta.org">www.tvdcta.org</a></b>
Oct 29-30	TN State Championships and Harvest Classic Dressage. Shelbyville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.tndressage.com">www.tndressage.com</a>

**Did we miss something? Please email [meris@mcn.net](mailto:meris@mcn.net) or [bduncan@hiway.net](mailto:bduncan@hiway.net) to add things to the calendar. A complete year's listing can be found at [tvdcta.org](http://tvdcta.org)**

*(Trailer Safety Continued from page 1)*

not get the urine off after transporting horses - aluminum is subject to acid corrosion. Brakes were our next adventure: how to test and about the brake away battery on your trailer. Fishtailing came up and we learned how to use the brake box in our tow vehicle (and we were asked if we had one right?) to ease out of this situation. Under miscellaneous we discussed wasp nests and checking for them before you move and load your trailer and what medical supplies you might want to have on hand before you hit the road.

We all failed to ask during the discussion phase about the "secret trailer safety device" that Bill mentioned in the last issue of the TVDCTA Newsletter. It turns out that secret is your eyes. Before you go anywhere you should walk around the tow vehicle and trailer paying attention to truck and trailer - concentrate yourself and don't be chatting with your friend while you are hooking up and checking out your towing package. Check every detail: are the tires inflated or is one tire low, running lights working, brake lights and turn signals, is your tow package level, are your brakes working? Thank you Bill for a very informative program.

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### TVDCCTA Dressage Schooling Show Results

June 11, 2011 at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL

Judge: Nina Warren, "L"

#### High Point Award Winners

	Junior	Adult Amatuer	Open
<b>Intro</b>	Chey Slayton/Barney Rubble	Tammy Bush/Phoebe	--
<b>Training</b>	Megan Zappe/Roodesandt	Biel Trudell/Oscar	Debi Crowley/Actor
<b>First</b>	Shauna Rust/Dash	Ann Chatterton/Kryptonite	Andrea Pappano/Call to Order
<b>2-4</b>	Megan Zappe/Tjester	Marie Lyons/Forrest Gump	Andrea Pappano/Tahoe

Class	Div	Rider	Horse	Score	Place
Intro A	JR	Chey Slayton	Barney Rubble	65.000	1
Intro A	O	Katie Stoy	Rainier	73.750	1
Intro B	AA	Tammy Bush	Phoebe	59.375	1
		Kelley Rust	Joseph	56.250	2
Intro B	JR	Morgan Bailey Horan	Two Impress An Watch (Bruce)	61.250	1
		Kelly Arnold	KJ	60.625	2
		Chey Slayton	Barney Rubble	58.125	3
		Kendall Smith	Invest N Time (Scotty)	57.500	4
		Elena Galbraith	Smokey	51.875	5
Intro B	O	Clare Pinney	S.O. Kennedy	65.000	2
		Katie Stoy	Rainier	69.355	1
Intro C	AA	Tammy Bush	Phoebe	48.000	1
		Kelley Rust	Joseph	E	
Intro C	JR	Hannah Haynes	Miss America	63.000	1
		Kelly Arnold	KJ	62.000	2
		Kaley Bush	Randolph	62.000	3
		Kendall Smith	Invest N Time (Scotty)	57.500	4
		Morgan Bailey Horan	Two Impress An Watch (Bruce)	56.500	5
		Emma Bush	Skittles	54.000	6
		Mary Beth Knapp	Smokey	51.500	
Intro C	O	Clare Pinney	S.O. Kennedy	69.000	1
		Clare Pinney	Barney Rubble	58.500	2
Training 1	AA	Jean Coshow	Silverstone Mt. Ash	59.166	1
		Karen Wesley	Remington	56.666	2
		Penelope Lee	Hawkeye	49.166	3
Training 1	JR	Kaitlyn Stapleton	M D Wilfrid Jupiter	62.916	1
		Madison Martin	Opie	56.667	2
Training 1	O	Debi Crowley	Actor	67.916	1
		Andrea Pappano	Titan	60.000	2
		Meredith Michelfelder	Benjamin	Scratch	
Training 2	AA	Biel Trudell	Oscar	61.071	1
		Jean Coshow	Silverstone Mt. Ash	55.714	2
		Jean Stuart	Glory	50.714	3
		Karen Wesley	Remington	49.285	4



### TVDCCTA Dressage Schooling Show Results

June 11, 2011 at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL

Judge: Nina Warren, "L"

Class	Div	Rider	Horse	Score	Place
Training 2	JR	Megan Zappe	Roodesandt	72.500	1
		Kaitlyn Stapleton	M D Wilfrid Jupiter	62.857	2
		Rose Chilton	General Beauregard	60.357	3
		Madison Martin	Opie	55.714	4
Training 2	O	Meredith Michelfelder	Benjamin	Scratch	
		Andrea Pappano	Titan	63.571	1
Training 3	AA	Biel Trudell	Oscar	58.400	1
		Penelope Lee	Hawkeye	47.600	2
Training 3	JR	Megan Zappe	Roodesandt	85.200	1
		Kelly Sisemore	Bingo	61.600	2
		Kaitlyn Stapleton	M D Wilfrid Jupiter	59.600	3
		Rose Chilton	General Beauregard	59.600	4
		Nellie Stallsmith	Zeke's Last Chance (Raisin)	45.600	5
Training 3	O	Debi Crowley	Actor	Scratch	
First 1	AA	Anne Chatterton	Kryptonite	60.000	1
		Patricia Demos	Henry	53.103	2
First 1	JR	Kelly Sisemore	Bingo	62.069	1
		Brittany Gambee	Glory	42.060	2
		Nellie Stallsmith	Zeke's Last Chance (Raisin)	Scratch	
First 1	O	Andrea Pappano	Call to Order	73.793	1
First 2	AA	Patricia Demos	Henry	54.050	1
First 2	JR	Shauna Rust	Dash of Courage	63.513	1
First 2	O	Andrea Pappano	Call to Order	70.000	1
First 3	JR	Shauna Rust	Dash of Courage	61.935	1
		Sarah Williams	Lady Plum of LCF (Freedra)	57.096	2
Second 1	AA	Marie Lyons	Forrest Gump	62.570	1
		Sally Colocho	Pacino	54.000	2
Second 2	AA	Marie Lyons	Forrest Gump	56.842	1
		Sally Colocho	Pacino	56.579	2
Second 2	JR	Megan Zappe	Tjester	61.842	1
Second 2	O	Andrea Pappano	Tahoe	59.473	1
Second 3	JR	Megan Zappe	Tjester	63.334	1
Second 3	O	Andrea Pappano	Tahoe	60.952	1
PSG	O	Andrea Pappano	Serenada	64.731	1



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