



The American Driving Society, Inc.

ADS Regional Drive Omnibus Form

Name of Event: _____ ADS Region: _____

Name of Location: _____

Location Address: _____

Link to Entry Form: _____

Event Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Entries Open Date: _____ Close Date: _____

Mail Entries To: _____

Event Website: _____

Organizer Name & Contact: _____

Secretary Name & Contact: _____

Safety Officer & Contact: _____

Vet Info: _____ EMT Info: _____

Fees: Registration Fees: _____

Stall Deposit: _____ Bedding Cost: _____

Other Fees: _____

Stall Refund Policy: _____

Event Refund Policy: _____

Make Checks Payable To: _____

Stable Opens: _____ Stable Closes: _____

Activities & Schedule: _____



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Schedule of Briefing and Safety Check Details: _____

Trails: Length, footing, hours available: _____

Vet/Health Requirements: _____

Food Available on the Grounds: _____

Accommodations & Camping: _____

Additional Info: _____

List other events held in conjunction with event: _____

(NO ADS Liability Coverage on additional events/activities)

All ADS Recognized Events will be run according to the current ADS Rulebook.



MARD 2024

September 26-29, 2024

Opening date August 12th --- Closing date September 9th

****ENTRIES POSTMARKED AFTER CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

MARD PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 56 Kennel Road Elkton MD 21921

Mail all registrations (payable to “MARD”) to:

**Heidi Ferguson
MARD Organizer & ADS Recreational Chair
2686 Canterbury Road
Milford, DE 19963**

The Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive invites you to the 2024 MARD at Fair Hill, MD, one of the mid-Atlantic's premier driving venues. Fair Hill is a 5,000+ acre multi-purpose Natural Resource Management Area located in the northeast corner of Maryland. MARD has three goals for the weekend: good driving, good friends and good fun with a little education thrown in for good measure! The stables will open at 3:00 pm on Thursday, Sept.26 and close at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Sept. 29. We have 50 stalls reserved. Fair Hill has 30-40 miles of carriage-accessible trails, mostly dirt and gravel roads and open meadows. A limited amount of weatherproof trail maps may be available on-site. Please wear your name-tag throughout the event. Expiring FLU/RHINO documentation may be sent with registration as long as updated/current documentation is received *prior* to your arrival at MARD.

COMMAND CENTRAL TENT is where food, fun and friends meet throughout the event. Silent Auction takes place here as well as any scheduled speakers.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL! for registration confirmation & **Welcome Aboard** information (which will be sent after organizer receives completed registration).

SCHEDULED* SAFETY CHECK All turnouts **MUST** fill out and provide the safety questionnaire contained in emailed **Welcome Aboard** Packet (and at the bottom of this registration). Complete and present to Safety Officer prior to first drive. No exceptions! You will be given a visible tag when you successfully pass the safety check. This tag is to be clearly displayed on your turnout throughout the weekend. Horses should be fit and well schooled for driving in open fields and along dirt roads, where you might encounter deer, riders, hikers, bikers, and possibly some automobiles and other carriages. (You do not need to go on public roads with automobile traffic in order to enjoy the grounds, but may have to cross them via tunnel or bridge.)

General Information: PLEASE READ!

(revised 2024)

THIS IS A PAID PARTICIPATION EVENT! THERE IS NO-ONE PERMITTED IN STABLING AREA OR TENT WHO HAS NOT PAID A REGISTRATION FEE ! ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

Anyone not bringing a horse but desiring to be a part of the weekend activities must pay a Guest Fee and sign a Release Form immediately upon arrival in the MARD Weekend Event area (stabling, RV pads, Command Central Activity Tent).

Visit MARD's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/midatlanticrecreationaldrive>

This event is run on a not-for-profit basis. Fees for food, stabling, and camping on the grounds are the fees the Organizing Committee will pay to the caterers (food) or the Fair Hill NRMA (stabling and camping). The registration fee covers the grounds rental, rental of the tent, tables, chairs, trash removal, other amenities, and organizational costs.

If you live close to Fair Hill, you are welcome to pay the weekend or day registration fee and trailer in. However, all equines (minis included) staying on the grounds overnight must be in an individual stall.

Fair Hill is a multi-use, public land facility. Therefore, we will not have exclusive use of the entire facility for the weekend. Although horses have right-of-way, other people including hikers, bikers, and riders are likely to be on the property, especially if the weather is nice.

Anyone attending MARD under 18 years of age requires the signature of a parent or guardian. Junior drivers (who have not reached their 18th birthday) must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman at all times. Juniors may not drive stallions.

Grooms /assistants must turn 14 years of age by December 31, 2023 and be skilled enough in horsemanship and driving to render assistance.

STALLS in the race barns are box stalls with rubber matted floors. Doors are sturdy, high, open mesh metal. **THE ONLY BEDDING PERMITTED IS STRAW**, which will be provided (one bale per horse). Sunday stall cleaning service will be provided on a paid basis; details on registration form. Other types of bedding are not allowed and can not be placed in manure pile. If this presents a veterinary problem for your animal(s), contact Organizer *prior to arrival* so a special permit can be authorized; **you MUST empty your stall of all vet-approved bedding before departure!** Short of a major rain/wind storm, the barn roof overhang will provide reasonable protection for a tack box and some other equipment. There is no covered storage for carriages. The roof overhang on the barns offers only limited cover. Bring a tarp to cover your vehicle overnight (also good for stall clean-out) or store in your trailer to protect it from the weather.

FAIR HILL GROUND RULES: **nothing is to be nailed, screwed or otherwise attached to the outer walls of the barn *or to the stall walls*.** **PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**

NOVICES are welcome and encouraged to attend this event but you and your horse(s) should be sufficiently schooled to handle open spaces and you and your horse(s) should be traffic-safe. When you are not driving, there will be ample opportunity for you to learn more about your horse, your harness, your carriage, etc.

ATTENTION COACH DOGS: Fair Hill has very strict rules for dogs. Dogs must be leashed at all times on the grounds unless they are in/on a vehicle. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS EVEN FOR THE BEST BEHAVED DOG IN THE WORLD.** Park Rangers are authorized to issue tickets to owners who allow their dogs to run/walk off leash. **Nuisance barkers may be asked to leave.**

ALCOHOL: Fair Hill does not allow alcohol on the grounds without a county permit. The organizing committee has secured permits for the tent on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night for those participants who would like to BYO beer or wine. Please do not consume or possess alcoholic beverages at any other times or places (including the barns and the camp sites) on the Fair Hill grounds during the weekend.

ORGANIZER places a premium on safety. Your vehicle and harness must be in safe condition. As the terrain at Fair Hill can be quite rugged, we **do not** recommend light-duty pneumatic or wire-spoke wheel vehicles.

ALL DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: all junior drivers **MUST** wear protective headgear meeting United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) recommendations. We also strongly recommend each person on your carriage wear an **ADS medical armband** that provides specifics on an individual's medical situation in case of an emergency. ADS armbands can be ordered on the Registration Form or purchased at the Registration Desk throughout the weekend while supply lasts. We strongly suggest you carry a cell phone with you at all times, as well as the Fair Hill Emergency # provided with this registration information and available on a handout slip at Command Central. All attempts will be made to have a vet and farrier on-call for the unexpected; no guarantee on availability.

CARRIAGES: All carriages must carry a **spares kit**, which will be checked during the Safety Check. Slow vehicle signs should be on all carriages; bicycle flag may also be added.

SILENT AUCTION to benefit Fair Hill Trail Fund and ADS. This event has traditionally raised respectable amounts for Fair Hill Trails maintenance, and ADS Annual Giving Fund.

Please bring an item for this auction.

REMINDER: Leaving horses unattended while put to a vehicle or removing the bridle or detaching the reins from the bridle **BEFORE UNHITCHING ANYWHERE** on Fair Hill grounds is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in revocation of driving privileges for the remainder of the weekend with no reimbursement of fees.

2024 REFUND POLICY: Full refund of all fees, minus \$10 handling fee, is available if entry is cancelled prior to the registration deadline of Sept. 9. After Sept 9 and until Sept 16, under equine emergency circumstances accompanied by a veterinary note, a full refund may also be obtained. After Sept 16, all vendor and facility fees will have been paid or committed, therefore a refund of the MARD registration fee only may be obtained with a valid veterinary note.

MID-ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL DRIVE 2024

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Between Wednesday, September 25, 2024 and Sunday, September 29, 2024

Heidi Ferguson 302 632 8024

PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES DURING THE WEEKEND.

FAIR HILL RANGER/TRAIL EMERGENCY 410-260-8888

TYPE OF CARRIAGE(s): (must carry spares kit) _____

BREED OF EQUINE/COLOR: _____

NAME OF EQUINE(S): _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

HORSE STALLS: # of stalls _____ X # of nights _____ X 15.00 (PLEASE INDICATE Thursday/Friday/Saturday)..... \$ _____

TACK STALLS: # of stalls _____ X # of nights _____ X 15.00.....\$ _____

PLEASE!: SHARED TACK STALLS NEED TO BE PAID-IN-FULL BY ONE INDIVIDUAL

Sharing with: _____

STABLE ME (if possible) WITH: Name of Individual: _____

**REMEMBER: MARD provides ONE bale of straw per equine FOR FREE.
If you need more than one bale you must provide it yourself.**

THOSE COMING BEFORE THURSDAY AND/OR STAYING AFTER SUNDAY MUST MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE DAYS WITH FHNRM. ORGANIZER WILL NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDING THOSE DAYS.

CAMPING: (RV) ELECTRIC & WATER HOOKUP (T,F,S) # of nights _____ X \$35.00.....\$ _____

NOTE: RV sites are extremely limited; volunteers take precedence. Get your registration in immediately if you hope to reserve one!

CAMPING: (Field) NO ELECTRIC OR WATER HOOKUP (T,F,S) # of nights _____ X \$20.00.....\$ _____

MEDICAL ARMBANDS: # of armbands ___ X \$10.00 \$ _____

SUNDAY 4H STALL CLEAN OUT FEE.....# stalls _____ X \$20.00.....\$ _____

FRIDAY NIGHT PANERA BREAD (self pay) Details to follow below

SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ @ \$20/person..... \$ _____

REMEMBER: "DO IT YOURSELF" STALL CLEAN (including tack stalls) #stalls ___ X \$25 *refunded upon inspection*\$ _____

MARD TEE SHIRT: Size _____ Color _____ \$ _____

MARD MUG: \$ _____

*****SEPARATE CHECK FOR "SELF CLEAN" STALL PLEASE*****

STALL MUST BE CHECKED BY MARD PERSONNEL & INITIALED BY PARTICIPANT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE "SELF CLEAN" REFUND CHECK BACK. UNCOLLECTED CHECKS WILL BE CONSIDERED TRAIL DONATIONS AND WILL BE CASHED. THANK YOU!

VENDOR FEE: \$50 for anyone setting up or displaying items for sale during MARD.....\$ _____

SUB-TOTAL (previous page only).....\$ _____

SUB-TOTAL (this page only).....\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ALL PAGES (except "do it yourself " stall deposit).....\$ _____

Please check that you have enclosed ALL of the following:

*****PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS TO FORMS!*****

- ___ Completed registration form (*ONE PER WHIP*)
- ___ Signed HOLD HARMLESS for **each* participant/groom/guest*
- ___ Copy of **current** negative Coggins test & Flu/Rhino for each equine
- ___ Check to MARD for GRAND TOTAL (at bottom of registration form)
- ___ **Separate* check for REFUNDABLE \$25 per stall "Self Clean" stall deposit (refundable only if MARD personnel inspection occurs with YOUR initials)*
- Be sure your stall is emptied AND broom swept clean
- OR
- ___ Pre-paid \$20 per stall 4H cleaning fee listed on registration form

MAIL TO:
 Heidi Ferguson
 2686 Canterbury Road
 Milford, DE 19963
 MARD ORGANIZER
 ADS Recreational Driving Chair

**Motorized golf carts, allowed with Special Permit only
 Call FHNORMA office if you need more details!**



The AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.

DISCLAIMER and HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This form must be signed by every competition participant or if a minor, their consenting parent, including each person who rides with a driver on a carriage not only during the actual competition but including any time from arrival at the competition to departure. I understand and agree that neither The American Driving Society, Inc. ("ADS") and its officers, directors, the driving event competition ("Competition"), Competition judges, officials, workers, volunteers or organizing committee nor the property owners accept or shall have any responsibility of any nature whatsoever for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horses, owners, riders, drivers, grooms, passengers, attendants, spectators or any other person or property in connection with this competition.

I hereby expressly agree without any limitation or condition for myself and my principals, representatives, employees, agents and assigns: (1) to be bound by the rules and bylaws of the ADS and any local rules of this Competition; (2) that every horse, driver, attendant, groom and/or passenger is eligible as entered; and (3) to accept as final any decision of the Competition officials on any question arising under the ADS rules and bylaws or any local rules of this Competition. I also agree, without any limitation or condition, to hold the ADS, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and Competition judges, officials and organizing committee, harmless from any and all liability, loss, claims or actions, causes of action, judgments or demands of any nature whatsoever. I am fully aware and appreciate that equine sports, including driving in this particular Competition involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death. By participating I do so voluntarily and expressly assume any and all risks of injury to me or loss of my horse(s) or equipment. I agree to release and voluntarily waive the right to sue the ADS, its officers, directors, employees, and agents, stewards, Competition judges, personnel, volunteers, officials, and organizing committee, including their agents and employees from and against all claims for damages, including money damages, for any action taken or otherwise any harm caused by me or my horse to others, including whether arising from directly or indirectly from the negligence of the ADS or the Competition.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the ADS its officers, directors, employees, clinicians, members, volunteers, coaches, representatives, assigns, Competition judges, officials and organizing committee, their agents and employees from any and all claims for loss or injury caused by me or my horse that occur during or in conjunction with this Competition.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the ADS and/or this Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of this Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition, sport, or the ADS. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable ADS rules and all the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT.

Name and Date of Competition: _____

DRIVER Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian must sign if under 18)

Print name above: _____

**Groom/Navigator
 Passenger/Attendant Signature:** _____

Print name above: _____

**Groom/Navigator
 Passenger/Attendant Signature:** _____

Print name above: _____

**Groom/Navigator
 Passenger/Attendant Signature:** _____

Print name above: _____

I have an ADS, FEI, or USEF Dispensation Certificate. (Attach a copy.)

Where to Stay

Fair Hill:

We have limited camping pads at the Fair Hill grounds;

Camping (RV site) with electric and water hook-ups- \$35 per night. Extremely limited availability

Camping (field) with NO electric or water hook-up - \$20 per night. UNLIMITED

Clean bathrooms & showers with hot and cold water are available at the stables.

Nearby:

Listed below are several Motels, Hotels, & Inns in the local area:

La Quinta Inn & Suites Elkton

304 Belle Hill Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 620-9494 lq.com

Knights Inn Elkton

262 Belle Hill Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 392- 6680 knightsinn.com

Hampton Inn Elkton

2 Warner Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 398-7777 hamptoninn3.hilton.com

Motel 6 - Elkton

223 Belle Hill Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 392-5020 motel6.com

Holiday Inn Express

1570 Elkton Road, Elkton, MD

(443) 350-9154 <http://www.hiexpress.com/>

Available @ MARD, various sizes/colors \$15



Available @ MARD, \$15



If you have contacted me via the MARD Facebook Group wanting a mug or giving me your tee shirt size and color you may opt to pay for it with your registration. Please make note of color, size and number of tees on your check. Or you can choose, pay and pick up upon arrival at MARD. The tees are first come/first served.

Mug is as shown/limited quantities. First come first served.

Tees colors this year are:

Maroon & Navy

Safety Checklist

ADS Rulebook Appendix CD-D

Competitor number

Participants must complete this checklist and hand it to the Safety Inspector at the time of the in-harness Safety Inspection, at least fifteen minutes prior to the start of their drives. Failure to surrender the completed form, having unsafe harness, carriage or hitching may disqualify the entry (Article 5.2).

It is the driver's responsibility to continually evaluate the safety of his/her turnout. This self-evaluation questionnaire forms the basis of the inspection, and should be referred to periodically and whenever preparing for driving. The Safety Inspector acknowledges date and time received and may not agree with the answers contained herein.

INSPECTION		YES	NO	N/A
VEHICLE	Wheels – checked to be in good condition			
	Axles and 5th wheel – inspected and properly lubricated			
	King bolts and Singletree bolts – checked to be in good condition			
	Shafts / pole / singletrees – checked for soundness			
	Shaft couples / pole housings – checked to be secure			
HORSE	Has your equine received regular training in driving			
	Does your entry stand quietly until directed to move off			
	Have teeth been checked for comfortable acceptance of the bit			
	Are shoes secure and suitable for the anticipated footing conditions			
	Will your entry be content to remain at a safe distance from others			
	Is your entry controllable in traffic and around other horses			
HARNESS & BITTING	Checked for excessive wear			
	Checked for correct fit			
	Does your harness comply with Article 940			
DRIVER	Size/weight of vehicle and load appropriate for conditions			
	Can you manage your turnout in the presence of unfamiliar horses			
	Have you inspected your turnout/ equipment thoroughly			
	Are you confident in your driving skills to participate in this event			
	Protective headgear – approved, properly fitted and fastened			
	Protective vest – properly fitted and fastened. Required for juniors			
	Medical armband - properly completed and displayed			
SPARES KIT Please identify items you have on board Competitors may carry whatever items they deem necessary.	Halter and lead shank for each horse			
	Spare rein and trace or rein/trace splices and leather punch			
	Hame strap (if using collars)			
	Pairs: spare Whipple tree (if used)			
	Teams: spare Lead bar or Main bar			
	Wheel wrench to fit axle nuts			
	Knife suitable to cut harness			
	Length of rawhide, string or wire or duct tape			
	Pliers - screwdrivers - small hammer			
	Hoof pick			
	First aid kit			
	Means of calling or signaling for help			
	Other:			

Responsibility accepted and completed by:

Driver: _____

Signature of Groom(s): _____

Signature of Navigator: _____

Safety Inspector Name: _____ Received: Date/time: _____

2024 MARD

Tentative Schedule of Events (subject to change)

THURSDAY September 26th

3 p.m. **MARD begins**

3-dark: **Fair Hill drive-at-will after mandatory Safety Check**

Hit or Miss: lessons with Anne Council Call to schedule: 717 880-3840

6:00 p.m. **Silent Auction starts** at Command Central Tent

6:00 p.m. **Hors d'oeuvres Social.** Soft drinks available. BYO wine or beer

FRIDAY September 27th

8:30 a.m. Command Central Tent: **Coffee & specialty donuts**

Fair Hill Drive-at-Will

9 a.m. - noon & 4-5 p.m. **Safety Checks**

9 a.m. – **cones course open**

Hit or Miss: lessons with Anne Council Call to schedule: 717 880-3840

10 a.m. **TBD: Line Drives ?** depart (volunteer dependent) Sign-up in Command Central Tent

Noon - 3 p.m. **Carriage Machine Shop maintenance**, contact Janice Martin to schedule @
MartinJ4Hhorses@gmail.com

4 pm -6 p.m. **Progressive Cones ?** (lower field)

6 p.m. **Hors d'oeuvres Social & Dinner TBD** Soft drinks available. BYO wine or beer.

6 p.m. **ADS Regional Meeting?**

SATURDAY September 28th

8:30 a.m. Command Central Tent: **Coffee & specialty donuts**

Fair Hill Drive-at-Will

9 a.m. - noon & 4-5 p.m. **Safety Checks**

Hit or Miss: lessons with Anne Council Call to schedule: 717 880-3840

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **Carriage Activity?**

1p.m. - 3 p.m. **Safari Drive?**

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. **TBD**

4 p.m. **Silent Auction Ends** (have your bids completed by 4)

6 p.m. **TBD BBQ dinner** (paid/noted on name tag) Soft drinks available. BYO wine or beer

Band The Old Crispy Minstrels during dinner

SUNDAY September 29th

8:30 a.m. Command Central Tent: **Coffee & specialty donuts**

Fair Hill Drive-at-Will

3 p.m. **MARD ends**

SAFE TRAVELS! Please contact Organizer for stall check before leaving, if you wish to have your stall check refunded. Otherwise it will be considered a donation. Thank you!

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEAD A DRIVE PLEASE SEE ORGANIZER

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Grammie Run Trail is closed to carriages/horses. Don't go there!