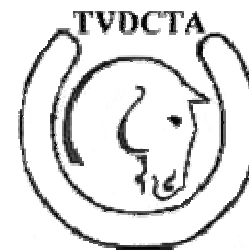
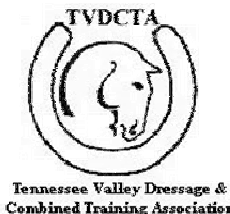


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Next Meeting. Tuesday June 21 6:15 PM. deciBel Research;  
325 Bob Heath Drive in Huntsville in Research Park.  
Trailer Safety. See Page 1.



# TVDCTA Bits

Newsletter of the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association

June 2011

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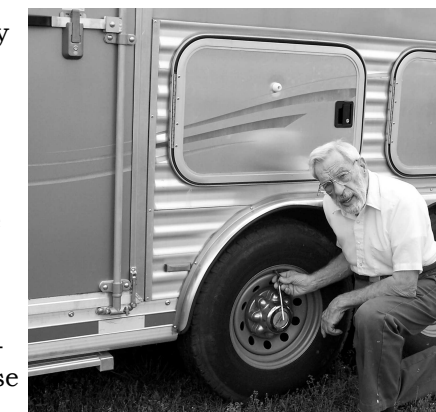
## Important Dates

- June 11, 2011  
TVDCTA Show at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL
- June 21, 2011  
Meeting. Presentation by Bill Fiorentino about Trailer Safety. See article to right.
- 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.
- Sept 10, 2011  
TVDCTA Schooling Show at Red Horse Ridge.

## Trailer Safety presentation at June Meeting by Bill Fiorentino

Bill Fiorentino will be discussing trailer safety at the June meeting. Bill has been a horse trailer dealer for about 30 years and is now affiliated with Mid-South Trailers.

He will cover a range of topics from buying a used trailer, tow vehicles, tires, anything else the about which the audience has questions, and "the secret trailer safety device."



Many years ago there was a debate in the on-line trailer groups about whether a large horse (17+ hands) could fit in a slant load trailer. Since his wife, Judith, had been hauling large horses in slant loads for many years, Bill wrote "The Great Slant Load Debate". That seemed to settle the question. You can find a copy of this article at: [http://merhowtrailers.com/Slant\\_Load.html](http://merhowtrailers.com/Slant_Load.html)

Please join us to explore this topic and have your trailer safety questions answered. The meeting will be held on June 21, 2011, at deciBel Research. 325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville. 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.

## TVDCTA Member Meeting Schedule

- June 21 —Presentation by Bill Fiorentino about Trailer Safety (See above). This will be a "Tailgating" Pot Luck. Please bring a dish to share and email Sally at [sally@dbresearch.net](mailto:sally@dbresearch.net) to let her know what you are bringing or if you need ideas.
- 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.

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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Our neighboring GMO, the Birmingham Dressage and Combined Training Association, is looking for donations to help fellow equestrians who were hit with the April 27 tornados. Please see <http://bdcta.com/> for information on how to help.

**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. Mail contributions to Meris Greges; 29938 Thach Rd; Athens, AL 35613**

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\*Members may place one free classified ad (up to 3 full width lines) per newsletter.

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### CT Volunteer Coordinator

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 26 April 2011

The business meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

Eleven people attended the presentation and the meeting. Thank you to Elaine McCutcheon for providing us with information on products for cleaning and waterproofing.

Minutes of the March Meeting were approved.

Our Vice President announced that she had received a phone call from our President explaining that due to time and commitment considerations, she would be resigning her position as President effective this meeting.

### Treasurer Report (Paulette Harrell):

<b>Show Deposit</b>	<b>4,228.33</b>
Show Expenses	(261.01)
Judge Fee, air, expenses	(1458.80)
Venue, stalls, meals	(992.09)
Portalet	(75.00)
<b>Show Profit</b>	<b>243.10</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>4,015.22</b>
Library Startup	(500.00)
Liability Insurance	(425.00)
Show Profit	243.10
Advertising	50.00
Membership	330.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>3,713.32</b>

**Membership** (Paulette Harrell): We now have over 70 members, receiving 3 renewals and 7 new memberships this month.

**Shows and Clinics** (Judith Fiorentino): A Schooling Show Guide is now available within the Shows and Clinics committee to help with planning and running a TVDCTA Schooling Show.

Arrangements have been confirmed with the judge for the June Show.

**Meetings and Programs:** The next scheduled meetings are:

17 May 2011: From Schooling Show to Recognized Show

21 June 2011: Trailer Safety,

19 July 2011

## Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**Portraits in pastel by Virginia Moon.** Starting at \$250.00 depending on travel. I will take photos of your horse. Call 859-0659 or email [ginny-moon@aol.com](mailto:ginny-moon@aol.com).



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This great educational resource is included with any current USDF membership, including Group Membership!

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First, if you have not already done so, you will need to establish a login on the USDF Web site. If you have already established a login, click the login button in the upper right corner. Enter your login and password information. Once you are logged in, click the e-TRAK banner on the home page "Welcome to e-TRAK!" To start learning, type a word or phrase in the search box for your topic. For example, you might type "training pyramid" or "lateral work". Items related to your topic will appear in a list on the bottom of the page, or as a series of video clips on the right hand side.

If you aren't comfortable with searching, or are unclear what you might be looking for, use the convenient menu in green at the top of the page.


### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

For more information about e-TRAK, or see samples of what you can access, visit the USDF Web site, [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), or contact the USDF office at [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org).



### Group Member Benefits:

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- Eligibility to compete for Adequan/USDF Pas de Deux year-end awards
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- Eligibility for the "L" Education Program
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**Enjoy the Show!**

**Date**

June 11

**Start Time**

8:00AM

**Location**

Steel Prize Stables  
125 Christopher Dr  
Madison, AL

**Join Us!**

Join us for this event sponsored by Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association (TV DCTA). A schooling show is a great opportunity for riders and horses to gain experience, practice test riding and get the feel of competition.

**Come and watch**

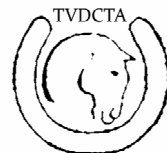
Spectators are welcome to watch the Saturday show free of charge.

**Contact**

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Become a member of TV DCTA and ride at reduced fees! Show entry and membership forms are available at [www.tvdcta.org](http://www.tvdcta.org)



**2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 11	<b>TV DCTA Schooling Show at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL. Judge: Leslie O'Neal-Olsen ( R ). See <a href="http://www.tvdcta.org">www.tvdcta.org</a>. Closing Date May 28.</b>
June 11-12	Dressage by the River. New Market, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.-river-glen.com">www.-river-glen.com</a>
June 11-12	The Good Horseman/Collecting Gaits Farm Annual Dressage Show 1st and 2nd Edition. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.goodhorseman.org">www.goodhorseman.org</a>
June 18-19	Poplar Place Farm June Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.poplarplacefarm.com">www.poplarplacefarm.com</a>
July 16-17	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershows.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershows.com</a>
Aug 20-21	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershows.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershows.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>
Sept 10	<b>TV DCTA 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.greystoneequestriancentershows.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershows.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>
Oct 22	<b>TV DCTA 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? Are you hosting an event you would like to list? 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). Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion.

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