

2017 Prize List



September 8, 9, & 10, 2017

on the lawn of the

**Villa Louis Historic Site
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin**

Organized by: Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc.

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VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC 2017 OFFICIALS

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CHANGES IN BRIEF

1. All classes listed in the schedule as “Cones” – will be Timed Obstacles. Clearance will be set at 30 centimeters for this class. Please include track width measurement on your entry to expedite scheduling for these classes.
2. To offset fuel expenses associated with participation, the Villa Louis Carriage Classic will reimburse one competitor’s fuel expenses associated with competing. Each completed entry postmarked on or before August 11, 2017, will be entered into a drawing. The drawing will take place at the Awards Party.
3. To protect the integrity of the historic site, the staff of Villa Louis requests that golf carts not be driven upon the knoll which the mansion complex is constructed. Golf cart parking will be adjacent the show office during the show hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Persons displaying handicapped driving permits may utilize carts in designated areas only during show hours.
4. The Saturday evening meal will now have an options for a grilled salmon entrée for those interested. Please reserve your grilled salmon or vegetable lasagna in advance. Also, reserved tables will be offered for parties of 8. Reserve a table for your party on the entry form.
5. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic Foundation, Inc. is now a charitable organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) – donations to the Patron’s Club and raffle may be tax-deductible.
6. On Friday, September 8, 2017, the morning session will include non-divisional Scurry Obstacle competition in the main arena, and, divisional Timed Obstacles in the obstacle area; the afternoon session will include non-divisional Your Route/My Route Obstacles in the main arena, and divisional Gambler’s Choice Obstacles in the obstacle area. **Competitors will need to utilize the sign-up sheets at the show office for time slots for the Timed Obstacles and Gambler’s Choice sessions – first come, first served.**
7. The Sporting Day of Traditional Driving will be offered again on Friday between the obstacle class schedule.
8. Immunization records will be required for all equine – please submit with your registration. See General Rule #9 for more details.
9. As part of our educational mission, Gloria Austin will once again be attending the show and giving lectures to competitors and the general public throughout the event.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is approved by the American Driving Society and every class offered herein which is covered by the current rules and specifications of the Society will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.
2. The American Driving Society, Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc., Villa Louis Carriage Classic Foundation, Inc., their committees, directors, officers, officials and staff, the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the City of Prairie du Chien, and any property owners of any such land which may be used for any aspect of the competition will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person, horse/pony, or loss or damage to property incurred on the show grounds, staging/stabling area, or on any course. Furthermore, in all situations the driver assumes the responsibility and the liability for any injury or damage to himself/herself, to groom or grooms, and/or passenger/passengers riding with them in the vehicle. All persons riding on any vehicle must sign a waiver which must be on file with the show secretary. Competitors in violation are subject to disqualification from the show.
3. The entry fee for all classes is \$12. The entry deadline is August 11, 2017. Class entries may be accepted up to the closing of the office the day before the class provided the class has not been closed, for a fee of \$25 per class. All entries must be paid before entering the class. No complete entries will be accepted at the show office.
4. The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry and/or return any entry fee before or during the competition without being liable for any compensation. In case of horses/ponies being entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited, unless a veterinarian certificate attests to the inability of the animal to participate due to injury or illness. The certificate must be received before the beginning of the show, September 8, 2017. A \$25.00 administrative fee will be assessed to refunded entries. Stall fees are not refundable.
5. The Committee reserves the right to combine or divide or cancel classes or divisions if the number of entries warrants such a change. If classes are cancelled by the Organizing Committee, entry fees will be refunded by mail by October 1, 2017.
6. Ribbons will be awarded to five competitors in each class. Points will be awarded towards Division Championships in this manner:
 - 6 points to 1st Place
 - 4 points to 2nd Place
 - 3 points to 3rd Place
 - 2 points to 4th Place
 - 1 point to 5th Place

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS and their respective classes are listed elsewhere in this prize list. In all divisions only the two highest placings in the obstacle classes (cones, cross country-pace, gambler's choice) will be used for scoring championship totals. In the event of a tie for divisional points, placing in the reinsmanship class shall be used to break the tie. If a tie remains, placing in the working class will be used to break the tie. In the event that two individuals remain tied at that point, a drive-off may be utilized to break the tie. Appropriate awards and recognition will be given.

7. Juniors are those individuals that will not be 19 years of age on or before December 31, 2017. All junior drivers and/or passengers in all competitions must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)/Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured. Failure to comply will result in elimination.
8. Drivers are required to wear a hat or protective headgear, gloves and an apron or knee rug (except Country Vehicle division). An appropriate driving whip should be carried at all times while driving. The whip thong should be able to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse/pony. A driver not in compliance with the above should be severely penalized. Failure to carry a whip in an obstacle class incurs elimination. A person who is unable to carry a whip may obtain special permission from the Technical Delegate to drive without one. In all classes drivers and their passengers should be dressed conservatively according to the style of the present day. Any attempt to introduce period costumes or gaudy trappings is discouraged except in the Picnic Class. Dress for driver, passengers, and attendants should conform to the type of turnout, i.e. Formal, Park, Sporting, or Country. In all classes, gentlemen must wear coat or jacket unless excused from doing so by the chairperson, manager, or judge and are requested to remove their hats when accepting awards. Ladies must wear a conservative dress, tailored suit, or slacks. Floppy hats are inappropriate for driving and are discouraged. Grooms of either sex may wear stable livery in any but the most formal vehicles where formal livery would be appropriate.
9. All horses must be serviceably sound, specifically, must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress or impairment of vision in both eyes. In the case of any appeal on this ground, the Judge will have the animal examined by the official show veterinarian or his designee, and his/her decision will be final. Wisconsin Regulations provide that all animals must have proof of negative Equine Infectious Anemia test taken during the previous year. Please submit with registration. Certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) are required for horses from states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota. CVI papers may be presented at the show office upon arrival. At American Driving Society recognized events, all equines entering the event location must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations

within the six months prior to entering the competition venue. Equines not in compliance with this rule are required to leave the driving event location upon request by competition management. The frequency of vaccine administration should be as recommended by the vaccine manufacturer or veterinarian. It is recommended that vaccines be administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. Documentation should consist of one of the following:

- a. In the case of vaccines given by a veterinarian, the person responsible, upon request by competition management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian, documenting that the equine in question received the vaccinations on the date administered and the name of the vaccine.
 - b. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the person responsible, upon request by competition management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the person responsible, the equine's name, the serial number and expiration date of the vaccine and the date of administration.
 - c. In the case of an equine that is unable to receive either of the vaccines due to a history of adverse reactions, the person responsible, upon request by competition management, must provide a letter from a veterinarian on official letterhead stating the equine cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of the equine's temperature taken at least twice daily for the seven days prior to arrival at the competition grounds. These equines must also have their temperatures taken and recorded twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures taken must be provided to the competition management, steward or technical delegate when requested.
10. No dogs will be allowed on the show grounds unless under control or restrained by a leash. Any dog not so restrained will be detained and turned over to the local animal control officer and the City of Prairie du Chien will assess any regular penalty fees.
 11. The "water obstacle" may consist of six to eight inches of water. Animals may be schooled only in the water obstacle area in halter only. No schooling will be allowed on any other part of any obstacle class. No schooling is allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on either Saturday, September 9, 2017, or Sunday, September 10, 2017. Schooling may be allowed in the main arena when not in use for scheduled competitions.
 12. All competitors are required to deposit \$10.00 for the reusable number. The deposit will be returned upon receipt of the number before 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2017. A turnout without a number or displaying an incorrect number for that turnout shall not be awarded a placing.

13. For division championships, an entry is defined as the driver, the equine(s), and the vehicle; any change in the above within a division requires the turnout to carry a different number.
14. There will be posted "order of go" for all obstacle classes. If a competitor is not present when it is his turn to run the course, he may be asked to drive the course after the other drivers in his respective division. Friendly consideration is appreciated and will be afforded to those turnouts with schedule conflicts involving arena competition.
15. Our host, the Wisconsin Historical Society – Villa Louis, has requested that drivers and their passengers be allowed to introduce period costumes that are appropriate to their turnout in the Picnic class only. Neither the use of wire wheels nor pneumatic-tired vehicles are permitted, except in Utility Vehicle division. Permission may be granted from the show committee for antique vehicles with wire wheels.
16. In the event of a breakdown in the obstacle classes, either to harness or vehicle, which necessitates a halt for repair, the competitor is to make only those adjustments/repairs necessary for the safe removal of their turnout from the obstacle course.
17. The pleasure-driving horse may be of any breed, color or size. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic defines very small equines as those less than 39 inches (9.3 hands high). The Small Pony Open division is intended for single pony of height 9.3 hands high but not taller than 13.2 hands high. Large ponies are those taller than 13.2 hands high but not taller than 14.2 hands high. All animals taller than 14.2 hands high are horses.
18. A pair or tandem of horses/ponies or VSE/Miniature Horse Multiples (four-in-hand, unicorn or tandem turnouts) must carry a groom or passenger capable of lending assistance in case of difficulty; a unicorn/four-in-hand of horses/ponies must carry two grooms or passengers capable of lending assistance in case of difficulty. Failure to comply entails elimination.
19. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other pieces of harness and **under no circumstance or condition should a bridle ever be removed from a horse or pony while it is still put to a vehicle.**
20. Cross country obstacle course maps will be available Friday, September 8, 2017, upon approval of the courses by our officials. Timed Obstacles and Gambler's Choice Obstacles will have a map posted at both the course and the official scoreboard. There will be NO OFFICIAL COURSE WALKS. A question and answer session will be held at 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2017, in the Club Tent with the judges and technical delegate present – all are encouraged to attend. Escorted course inspections for the cross country obstacle courses will occur at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017, and Sunday, September 11, 2017. Those wishing to partake in the inspection should meet at the Show Office.
21. The Country Vehicle division shall include those that would have been used in an everyday rural setting. This division is open only to

four-wheel vehicles that are not cut-under (runabouts, democrat wagons, doctor's buggies, surreys, etc.) that are put to a single horse or pony. Lap robes are optional.

22. The Utility Vehicle division is a single horse/pony division with equines that are driven to two-wheeled or four-wheeled training, marathon or contemporary vehicles. Conservative attire is considered appropriate.
23. The Antique Vehicle division is open to entries of single and pairs shown to vehicles built before 1940. Vehicles can be in original, conserved or restored condition. This division does not offer any obstacle classes.
24. All of the classes listed as "cones" shall be "Timed Obstacles". Clearance for all divisions will be 30 centimeters.
25. **No motorized vehicles are allowed on the lawn of the Villa Louis** without special permission of the show management or host. Permission will be granted to those individuals with physical disabilities. All operators of motorized vehicles assume liability for their actions and must be insured and licensed accordingly. Motorized vehicles are allowed on course for inspection of the course and terrain only; motorized vehicle operators are expected to negotiate around course markers when possible. Only show official vehicles will be allowed on any obstacle course between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **Motorized Vehicle Notice:** At any ADS-recognized event, minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the jurisdiction in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind (including, but not limited to: golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles) at the event location. Minors who have a valid temporary license or learner permit may operate motorized vehicles only when accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), or legal guardian(s) of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties and/or sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) from the event location for the remainder of the event. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt.
26. In the combination class (Drive & Ride), the same person need not complete both the driving and riding sections. Please indicate on the entry form the name of the person riding if different from the driver.
27. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is an American Driving Society (ADS) recognized show; therefore, all drivers must be either ADS members or pay a \$30.00 ADS non-member fee. ADS insurance coverage is extended only to ADS members.

28. The multiples division is open to horses and ponies shown in a multiple hitch, including, but not limited to, tandem (park, road, or sporting), randem, trandem, unicorn, and four-in-hand.
29. Competitors are allowed to utilize bicycles to walk the cross country obstacles. Bicycles will not be permitted on the gambler's choice or cones courses.
30. All exhibitors are automatically entered into the Concours d'Elegance class. Competitors will be selected based upon the overall turnout as presented throughout the show. The class winner will be selected from these individuals in the final class of the show.
31. Competitors and equines may enter more than one division, with permission of show management, provided their schedule allows timely participation in events.
32. Any turnout of single horse or pony may compete in the Novice Driver or Novice Horse/Pony division provided said driver or equine has not won at least one first placings in each of three ADS-recognized and/or USEF-licensed Carriage Pleasure driving competitions. Events with less than 3 entries do not count toward advancement from the novice division (ADS Article 214). For a visual flowchart of this, see the last page of this booklet, in the Frequently Asked Questions.
33. Any turnout of single horse or pony may compete in the Limit Driver division provided said driver has not won at least six first-placings in each of three ADS-recognized and/or USEF-licensed Carriage Pleasure driving competitions. Events with less than 3 entries do not count toward advancement from the limit division (ADS Article 214). For a visual flowchart of this, see the last page of this booklet, in the Frequently Asked Questions.
34. The status of Novice and Limit entries is as of August 11, 2017.
35. Canter is prohibited in all classes. Breaks to canter are defined as four or more full strides (ADS Article 211). Prolonged cantering (more than six full strides) will be penalized according to class specifications. In the case of multiples, all horses in a turnout must break to incur penalties.



NOVICE DRIVER

Arrya Gaspar, Champion
Linda Faivre, Reserve



NOVICE HORSE/PONY

Michelle Blackler, Champion
Megan Denny, Reserve



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

ANTIQUE VEHICLE

Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

COUNTRY VEHICLE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

JUNIORS

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Working

LARGE PONY OPEN

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

LIMIT DRIVER

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

MULTIPLES

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

NOVICE DRIVER

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

NOVICE HORSE/PONY

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

PAIR HORSE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

PAIR PONY

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

SINGLE HORSE OPEN

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

SMALL PONY OPEN

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

UTILITY VEHICLE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Working

VERY SMALL EQUINE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

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Every person who participates in the show is responsible for knowledge of, and is subject to, the ADS Rules and Regulations. Spectators will better enjoy the show by knowing them.

The ADS Rulebook includes rules for pleasure driving, and combined and dressage standards for competition. Go to www.americandrivingsociety.org for a free download of the Rulebook.

I would like to become a member of the American Driving Society:

• Life-\$1,000 (two payments of \$500) • Family-\$95 • Individual-\$75 • Junior (under 18) -\$40 • Club-\$60 • Commercial-\$100

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PAIR HORSE
Joni Kuhn, Champion
Aaron Achenbach, Reserve



PAIR PONY
Katie Whaley, Champion
Phillip Odden, Reserve



LIMIT DRIVER
Kirby Metoxen, Champion
Sheri Haviza, Reserve



MULTIPLES
Jeremiah Markham, Champion
Mark Dahlberg, Reserve



Patron's Club Membership

Please consider joining our Patron's Club, members will enjoy the following amenities

Gold (\$500)

Obstacle Sponsorship
Four 2017 VLCC Lapel Pins
Four tickets to:
Friday Fish Fry
Saturday Night Dinner
Exhibitor Reception & Dessert
Use of Patron's Pavilion for four
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2017 Limited Edition VLCC Artwork

Silver (\$250)

Two 2017 VLCC Lapel Pins
Two tickets to:
Friday Fish Fry
Saturday Night Dinner
Exhibitor Reception & Dinner
Use of Patron's Pavilion for two
Listing in Program
2017 Limited Edition VLCC Artwork

Bronze (\$100)

One 2017 VLCC Lapel Pin
Two tickets to:
Saturday Night Dinner
Exhibitor Reception & Dessert
Use of Patron's Pavilion for two
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Associate (\$50)

Two tickets to:
Friday Fish Fry
Use of Patron's Pavilion for two
Listing in Program

Class Sponsor (\$30)

Listing in Program

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ANTIQUE TURNOUT

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be eligible for this class, vehicles must have been built before 1940. All appointments of the turnout will be considered in judging. Turnouts are to be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot, to stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, spares and appointments, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going. This class is intended for those not entering the Antique Vehicle division.

ATTENDANT'S CLASS

This class is open to grooms, trainers or volunteers that are only entering this class during the competition. The attendant/driver shall be dressed as a driver for this class. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" with the horse's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

CARRIAGE DOG (HOUSE RULES)

A pleasure driving class judged primarily on the suitability of the dog to serve as a companion. To be judged both ways in the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. The dog should be standing, lying down or seated on the vehicle or should run behind, beside or at the axle of the vehicle. The dog must be under control at all times. The dog must not be led on the ground from the vehicle or be restrained by being tied to the vehicle, driver or passenger. The driver should not hold the dog, and the dog should not interfere with the driver in any way. The dog may be of any breed. To be judged 60% on the suitability of the dog to serve as a companion; 30% on the performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 10% on the overall impression of the turnout, including the dog. Entries with a dog clearly not under control may be eliminated. The judge may elicit input from the spectators, in the form of applause to aid in making his decision. As a "house rule", the Villa Louis Carriage Classic allows more than one dog to accompany a turnout. An honorary judge may assist with the judging of this class.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

A pleasure driving class in which the essence of the competition is the word "Elegance." The winner will be the turnout which, in the opinion of the judge, presents the most elegant effect. This will include vehicle, harness, appointments, horse(s), driver, passengers, grooms, etc., but above all, general impression is most important. Vehicle and harness may be inspected to ensure thoughtful restoration and careful maintenance. Attention will be paid to the personal appearance of the driver, grooms, and passengers as it contributes to the overall picture. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout. An honorary judge may assist with the judging of this class.

CROSS COUNTRY OBSTACLES – PACE (HOUSE RULES)

To be driven, at the prescribed pace (trot), over a prescribed course of natural and artificial obstacles designed to simulate those that might be encountered on a country drive (e.g. bridges, water crossing, gardens, etc.)

After passing through the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, keeping within the limits of the designated course markers and passing through the designated finish markers. Walking, stopping, circling, or driving serpentines between the last set of course markers and the finish line are not permitted under penalty of elimination. Mandatory stops may be required when crossing a city street. The entire turnout must stop before the stop sign or penalties will be incurred. After the road has been deemed clear of traffic, a road guard will permit the turnout to proceed. If a turnout is held at the road crossing, the held time will be deducted from the overall time on course.

Placings will be determined on a low course fault basis. An “ideal time” will be established for each class based on the pace and distance of the course. The speeds will not exceed 15 kilometers per hour for horses, 14 kilometers per hour for large ponies, 12.5 kilometers per hour for small ponies, 11.5 kilometers per hour for very small equines. In the event that there is a tie in course faults, the winner will be the entry that finishes closest to the “ideal time.” A passenger/groom may offer directional assistance to the driver in a discreet verbal manner. A passenger/groom may only serve once per course in that role. If a tie occurs in both course faults and time faults, the winner will be determined by a drive-off.

COURSE PENALTIES:

a.	Knocking down or dislodging an obstacle or course marker	5 faults
b.	Break in gait	
	1 st break	5 faults
	2 nd break	5 faults
	3 rd break	5 faults
	4 th break	Elimination
	Prolonged break	Elimination
c.	Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting anywhere on course (cumulative over course)	
	1 st incidence	3 faults
	2 nd incidence	6 faults
	3 rd incidence	Elimination
d.	Failure to stop before the stop sign	6 faults
e.	Failure to wait at the stop sign until directed by the road guard	6 faults
f.	Starting before the signal	Elimination
g.	Failure to cross starting line within one minute	Elimination
h.	Off-course	Elimination
i.	Exceeding time limit (2X ideal time)	Elimination
j.	Outside assistance	Elimination
k.	Failure to carry a whip	Elimination
l.	Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
m.	Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
n.	Deviation from the trot, circling, driving serpentines, and walking or stopping from the last set of course markers to the finish line	Elimination

DRIVE AND RIDE

A pleasure driving class for single horses and ponies to be shown in two concurrent sections:

1. In Harness: To be shown to a suitable pleasure driving vehicle, both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back.
2. Under Saddle: To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, trot, and canter. To stand quietly and to rein back.
3. To be judged:
50% on performance, manners, way of going and suitability in harness.
50% on performance, manners, and way of going under saddle.

GAMBLER'S CHOICE OBSTACLES (HOUSE RULES)

To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles each carrying a specific point value. Each driver has the same allowed time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty and each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed. After passing through the Start markers, the driver may drive through the obstacles, in any order, from any direction. Each obstacle may be successfully driven twice, but not in succession. If driven a third time, no points will be awarded. No obstacle may be re-driven once it has been disturbed. (Exception: obstacles which are designed to be knocked down.) No points will be awarded for an incorrectly completed obstacle. If the obstacle is incorrectly driven, but not disturbed, it may be attempted again. If a horse should refuse or run out at an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to another obstacle without penalty. The obstacle may be attempted later. If it is correctly driven the appropriate points will be recorded. The driver shall pass through the Finish markers after completing the course elements he/she wishes to perform or after the a signal is given which indicates the allowed time has elapsed. Passing through the Finish markers is where the total time on the course will be recorded. If the driver fails to cross the Finish line before leaving the arena, a score will be recorded and "no time" will be assigned - in the event of a tie, the competitor with "no time" shall be awarded the lower placing than those with recorded times. If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor was committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge. Dislodging a start or finish marker will incur a penalty of 20% of the value of the highest obstacle point value. Break to canter will be penalized as follows (incident penalties are cumulative): 1st incident = 20% value of highest obstacle point value, 2nd incident = 50% value of highest obstacle point value, 3rd incident = 100% value of highest obstacle point value, 4th incident or prolonged cantering = elimination. (Note this is a modification of American Driving Society Class "Gambler's Choice Obstacles [ADS 249.3]" – with modifications indicated above – this will be a high-point class and will follow the rules of Article 249(c) for other penalties.)

GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING CLASS

Entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a gentleman with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. May show a degree of boldness but not excessive speed. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance and suitability of the turnout for a gentleman, 25% on skill of the driver, 25% on overall impression.

LADIES' DRIVING CLASS

Entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a lady with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance, elegance and suitability of the turnout for a lady, 25% on skill of the driver, 25% on overall impression.



ANTIQUE VEHICLE
Vicki Nelson Bodoh, Champion
Kate Whaley, Reserve



COUNTRY VEHICLE
Patrick Riley, Champion
Karen Arkebauer, Reserve



SINGLE HORSE OPEN
Dr. Jerry Rozeboom, Champion
Jennifer Harber, Reserve



SMALL PONY OPEN
Kate Whaley, Champion
Stacey Giere, Reserve



PICNIC (HOUSE RULES)

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on performance and quality of turnout, dress of passengers and presentation of the picnic itself. Competitors will be asked to briefly work their turnouts in the arena. The horses will be expected to stand quietly during the picnic and must be removed from the vehicle. Safety is of utmost importance.

Participants may set up their picnic areas before the arena judging portion or may choose to carry their amenities during the arena portion. Only participants that are part of the turnout during the arena portion of the class will be judged in the picnic portion. After working in the arena, the turnouts will be dismissed to travel on the Villa Louis' lawn to the assigned picnic locations.

After an appropriate period of time has elapsed, the judge(s) will visit the picnic areas (honorary judges may be used for this class).

Placings will be based on the following: 20% on performance, manner and way of going; 20% on condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 60% on overall impression including presentation of the picnic. The picnic class awards will be presented during the awards party. Assistance is available via local contacts to help competitors with planning, preparing and storage of picnic necessities.

Cash prizes will be awarded for this class; 1st place - \$150.00; 2nd place - \$75.00; 3rd place - \$25.00.

REINSMANSHIP

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" with the horse's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

SCURRY

To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles consisting of cones and balls, not to exceed 10 obstacles. After passing through the Start markers from any direction, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle from any direction, in any order. Each obstacle must be driven once. Upon completion of the course, the driver must pass through the Finish markers from any direction, where time will be taken. Refusals and run-outs will not be penalized. Course faults will be scored as penalty seconds and added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings will be determined on a low total time basis. Ties for first place will be broken by a drive-off.

PENALTIES

a) Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds
b) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds
c) Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds
2nd break to canter	5 seconds
3rd break to canter	5 seconds
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination

d) Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative overcourse)	
1st incident	5 seconds
2nd incident	10 seconds
3rd incident	Elimination
e) Starting before signal	Elimination
f) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
g) Off-course	Elimination
h) Outside assistance	Elimination
i) Failure to carry whip	Elimination
j) Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
k) Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
l) Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
m) Entries that overturn	Elimination
n) Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination

SPORTING DAY OF TRADITIONAL DRIVING

The Sporting Day of Traditional Driving was developed by the Carriage Association of America. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic will utilize a format which includes a turnout inspection, a country drive, and a cones course. Turnouts compete against an optimum score of 100 points (50 points for the turnout inspection, 25 points each for the country drive and the cones course). Turnouts participating should carry an appropriate slow-moving vehicle sign as the country drive section will be approximately 3-4 miles on hard-surfaced roads with required "Drivers' Test" locations along the route. The cones course will use a traditional start/finish line with no more than 10 numbered pairs of driving cones. Cones will be set at 2 meters for all turnouts. Please refer to the Carriage Association of America (www.caaonline.com), for additional scoring information and turnout recommendations. The country drive section of the competition will not be timed.

TIMED OBSTACLES – "CONES"

To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles, not to exceed 20 obstacles. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis.

PENALTIES

a) Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds
b) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds
c) Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds
2nd break to canter	5 seconds
3rd break to canter	5 seconds
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
d) Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative overcourse)	
1st incident	5 seconds
2nd incident	10 seconds
3rd incident	Elimination
e) Starting before signal	Elimination
f) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
g) Off-course	Elimination
h) Outside assistance	Elimination
i) Failure to carry whip	Elimination
j) Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
k) Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
l) Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
m) Entries that overturn	Elimination
n) Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination



JUNIOR
Luke Dahlberg, Champion
Beth Dahlberg, Reserve



LARGE PONY OPEN
Katie Whaley, Champion
Dr. Joan Kepros, Reserve

TURNOUT

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged: 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, spares and appointments, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

WORKING

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

YOUR ROUTE/MY ROUTE OBSTACLES

To be driven over a course of 10 numbered obstacles. Paired markers will be set at 200 cm (2 meters) for all turnouts. **Your Route:** After passing through the start markers, the driver shall drive through all 10 obstacles in the correct sequence and direction. **My Route:** After completing the #10 obstacle, the competitor will continue, without passing through the Start/Finish markers by driving all obstacles a second time in any sequence and in either direction. Time will be taken when passing through the Finish markers in either direction. Entries may be stopped by a signal from the judge after completing the #10 obstacle to allow dislodged/disturbed obstacles to be rebuilt. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. In the event of a tie, the competitor with the lowest course fault total will be placed ahead of competitor with higher course fault totals.

PENALTIES

a) Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds
b) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds
c) Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds
2nd break to canter	5 seconds
3rd break to canter	5 seconds
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
d) Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1st incident	5 seconds
2nd incident	10 seconds
3rd incident	Elimination
e) Starting before signal	Elimination
f) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
g) Off-course	Elimination
h) Outside assistance	Elimination
i) Failure to carry whip	Elimination
j) Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
k) Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
l) Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
m) Entries that overturn	Elimination
n) Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination

GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSION FEES

Weekend admission to the Villa Louis Historic Site is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 5-17. The admission fee allows visitors to tour the Villa Louis mansion complex and to participate as spectators at the weekend Carriage Classic. Daily rates are also available. Exhibitors will receive three weekend “show only” passes. Additional weekend “show only” passes are available in advance at a cost of \$5.00 each. Please order the needed passes on your registration form.

LODGING & CAMPING

A complete listing of area lodging is available via the Prairie du Chien Chamber of Commerce (800-732-1673 or www.prairieduchien.org). When booking your lodging, please speak to the manager and encourage him or her to support your sport and this event by donating to the show. Primitive camping on the grounds is available to competitors only; please register with the show office and submit your \$30.00 fee with your show registration. Fire pits are allowed but must be replaced upon departure.

STABLING & STORAGE

We have made arrangements for on-site covered box stalls. The cost of \$110 per stall includes Wednesday through Sunday evenings. For those wishing to work from trailers and not reserve a stall, a grounds fee of \$20 per competitor is applicable. Limited storage space may be available for carriages offered on a first come-first served basis. The organizers cannot accept responsibility for stored items or stabled horses. Please note that the water system has high pressure at times. If you bring a hose to attach, you must turn it off at the base so as to not destroy your hose. Emergency contact information must be posted on each stall door as well as trailers.

FARRIER SERVICES

Dan Tesar of Wauzeka, Wisconsin, will be on call for emergency shoe repair only. You may contact him at (608) 874-4428 or (608) 412-1501.

VETERINARIAN

Southwest Veterinarian Services, SC., shall serve as official veterinarian. They may be called at (608) 326-6464.

PARTY PAGE

PARTY PASS

We offer a party pass, including admission to each of the parties listed below and lunch for Saturday and Sunday. The cost of the pass is \$60 for adults and \$45 for children 12 years of age and younger. September 1, 2017, prices will be \$64 for adults and \$49 for children 12 and younger.

FOOD STAND

Lunch will be provided on the grounds Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Breakfast will also be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Your party pass will include a box lunch and drink for Saturday and Sunday.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Competitors are welcome to relax and enjoy the majestic Mississippi River at Lawler Park - South. The park is adjacent to the show grounds and hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available Friday, September 8, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY \$18.00 ADULTS \$14.00 CHILDREN

Please join us for our “Fish Fry” served from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. under the Club Tent. The menu will include freshly fried Mississippi catfish, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, roll and butter and choice of beverage, and dessert. September 1, 2017, prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$16.00 for children 12 and younger.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLA LOUIS RECEPTION

The Friends of the Villa Louis will host a reception and open house in the Villa Louis Mansion complex on Saturday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. An adult must accompany children under 18 years of age. **Business attire is expected.**

SATURDAY DINNER \$28.00 ADULTS \$17.00 CHILDREN

Saturday night dinner will feature a 10-ounce prime rib, baked potato, salad bar, roll and butter, choice of beverage, and dessert. Vegetarian lasagna and grilled salmon are also available to those who request either of these entrees in advance. Serving will begin at 7:00 p.m. September 1, 2017, prices will be \$30.00 for adults, and \$19.00 for children 12 and younger.

AWARDS PARTY

Following the competition on Sunday, there will be an Awards Party under the Club Tent for competitors and their guests.

OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHIES

DEDE BUSHNECK (Registered "R" Pleasure Driving Judge)

Dede grew up in the upstate New York town of Cazenovia. Cazenovia is the home of the Lorenzo State Historic Site - host of the long-running Lorenzo Driving Competition. Dede got her start in carriage driving there. She went on to work with Dr. Leslie Kozsely at the American Four-in-Hand Training Center in Auburn, New York. Dr. Kozsely was a wonderful mentor to Dede and inspired her to begin her own training center - DSB Training Center in Holly Springs, North Carolina. At the DSB Training Center, Dede trains and competes Welsh ponies and Morgans. Dede currently holds licenses with the American Driving Society and the United States Equestrian Federation as a pleasure-driving, carriage pleasure, Welsh, and open judge.

WILLIAM VENDITTA (Registered "R" Pleasure Driving Judge)

Born in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, Bill grew up on his grandfather's dairy farm where he developed a great fondness for all animals, especially horses. Bill is a 1971 graduate of St. Bernard College, Cullman, Alabama, and in 1978 received his Masters of Arts Degree in Religious Studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also attended West Chester University School of Music where he studied trombone performance.

In the past, Bill has officiated as Ringmaster at many of the premier horse shows in the world. The list of these shows includes the Washington International Horse Show, the Devon Horse Show, the World Championship Show in Louisville, Kentucky, the Pavarotti International Horse Show in Moderna, Italy, and the Royal Windsor Horse Show in Windsor, England. In 1996, Bill was the Official Ringmaster of the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia; he can also be seen as the ringmaster in the Warner Brothers motion picture "Something To Talk About", starring Julia Roberts.

Bill and his wife, Liz, live on their Coach Horn Farm in Cochranville, Pennsylvania, where they care for their seven imported Dutch Gelderlanders. Over the years, they have shown their horses in singles, pairs, unicorns and fours, and they have successfully shown their horses in the Coaching Divisions at the Devon Horse Show as well as the invitational Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada.

The Venditta's carriage collection includes a Brewster Stanhope Phaeton, a Roof Seat Break from the Coson Carriage Collection and a restored Brewster and Company coach from 1881.

Bill is a member of the Carriage Association of America; as such, he has attained his Level III (Master Driver) in the Driver Proficiency Program, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the CAA. A member of the American Driving Society since 1987, he is a Registered Judge in Pleasure Driving and a Recorded Judge in Coaching.

Bill serves on the pleasure driving committee of US Equestrian, and is past chairman of the Professional Horseman's Association, past president of the Cochran Hunt Club, and a member of the Four-in-Hand Club of Philadelphia.

JANE ANNE MERRITT (Recorded “r” Pleasure Driving Judge)

Jane Anne lives in the beautiful Trinity Mountains of northern California along with her husband Terry, three Chihuahuas, three ponies, five chickens, a cat and a pond full of fish. Being officially retired, she now finds she has very little “free time” as she is busy gardening, traveling and enjoying her ponies. Jane Anne worked in the animal health industry for over 20 years, working with both large and small animals.

Jane Anne began her lifelong love of equestrian hobbies as a young girl. She worked on local ranches during the summer months breaking and readying rough stock to become ranch horses. In the late 1960's, she began to show horses for herself and also began training horses for other individuals.

In the 1990's, she discovered the art and sport of driving - she became hooked on driving and has developed a passion for the sport. She started competing in pleasure driving classes and then moved into combined driving events. She has competed in training levels through FEI Advanced level combined driving. She enjoys the fun and sheer excitement of combined driving and the beauty and traditions of pleasure driving and recreational driving. Jane Anne has a pair of small ponies at home now that she is driving that she plans to show in both pleasure driving and combined driving events as well as recreational driving on the magnificent trails around her California home. As her driving knowledge grew, becoming an official seemed like a natural progression. She began judging in 2004 and currently holds licenses with the American Driving Society in both combined and pleasure driving.

Jane Anne has been privileged to travel throughout the United States and Canada judging many shows, we are fortunate to welcome her to Wisconsin to judge the 2017 Villa Louis Carriage Classic.

EDWARD YOUNG (Registered “R” Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate)

From Geneseo, New York, Edward Young is serving as the Technical Delegate for the 2017 Villa Louis Carriage Classic. Whilst retired from teaching mathematics to “at risk” students, he spends most of his time involved in various aspects of equestrian sports, namely driving. He holds licenses with the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), and the American Driving Society (ADS), as both a technical delegate and a course designer. He has served as a member of the USEF driving committee for many years. His experiences including officiating as technical delegate, scoring, organizing, competing and volunteering at driving events throughout North America and Europe. He has been the course designer for the Kentucky Gayla Pleasure Show, the Canadian Classic, and the Driving Derby at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Besides his commitment to the aforementioned organizations, he is instrumental in organizing and executing many of the functions associated with the Carriage Association of America (CAA). Mr. Young has served as an organizer of many prestigious events including the CAA Carriage Festival, the Orleton Farm Pleasure Driving Show, the Florida Carriage & Horse Festival and the Walnut Hill Farm Driving Competition. Ed has also been the chef d'equipe (*French translated as 'foreman/overseer'*) for the United States Equestrian Team Four-in-Hand driving program for many years; he is often called upon to represent the interests of the United States in international driving meetings. The technical delegate ensures that all competitors enjoy a safe and fair competition. He is available for consultation throughout the show and is always very diplomatic. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is fortunate to have a world-renowned driving expert as the 2017 technical delegate!



UTILITY VEHICLE

Rachel Coxe Shoemaker, Champion
Raymond Helmuth, Reserve



VERY SMALL EQUINE

Eva Penz, Champion
Linda Schutte, Reserve



The Villa Louis Carriage Classic Foundation, Inc., and the Equine Heritage Institute, Inc., both charitable organizations have coordinated to present educational lectures by renowned carriage-driving expert, Gloria Austin, at the 2017 Villa Louis Carriage Classic.

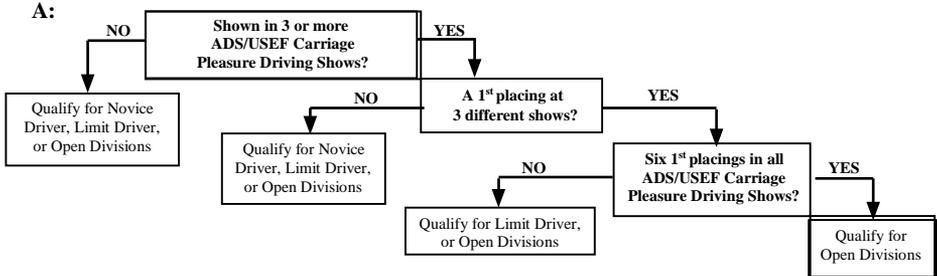
Gloria Austin has competed in driving events throughout the United States and around the world. Her passion for driving and the traditions of pleasure-driving have led her to author multiple books and to travel the United States giving lectures on equestrian topics. Austin resides in Weirsdale, Florida, where she has an impressive collection of antique carriages and coaches at the Grand Oaks Resort. Her enthusiasm for sharing her passion is eclipsed only by her knowledge of the horse, carriage and their relationships throughout history.

Gloria will be presenting various topics related to horse and carriage driving throughout the weekend at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic. Be sure to meet this “Grande Dame” of driving and learn from her vast insight.



Villa Louis Carriage Classic Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I know if I qualify for the novice driver or limit driver divisions?



Q: In cross country obstacles, which gates are on my course?

A: The cross country obstacles will be “color coded”. Only those markers that have the color of your division will be considered on your course. All other markers do not exist in terms of your course. Any knockdowns, however, will remain knockdowns. Also, unlike combined driving, you may never negotiate a course marker more than once in pleasure driving.

Q: Can my groom help me on the courses?

A: In any class besides the Cross Country - Pace, the groom may not “help” in any manner under penalty of elimination for outside assistance. However, at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic, the passenger/groom is allowed to give discreet verbal directional assistance on the cross country obstacle course without penalty. Please note that this is a “house rule” and may not apply at other American Driving Society events.

Q: Where do I obtain a copy of the American Driving Society rules?

A: The American Driving Society website (www.americandrivingsociety.org) contains a current copy of the rulebook; a copy of the same can be obtained via the Villa Louis Carriage Classic website (www.carriageclassic.com) via the “Competitors” page.

Q: At what age do junior drivers need to have a knowledgeable adult horseman riding in the vehicle during competition?

A: Junior drivers that are or will be 10 years old or younger in 2017 are required to carry a knowledgeable adult horseman in all competition. Junior drivers that are or will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age in 2017 are required to carry a knowledgeable adult horseman provided the junior is not showing a very small equine (see General Rule #17). Junior drivers who are or will be 14-18 years of age in 2017 are not required to carry a knowledgeable adult horseman for single turnouts. (ADS Article 2.7).

Q: Can you please explain the optional obstacle classes on Friday?

A: The non-division obstacle classes on the Friday schedule include the Scurry Obstacles and the Your Route/My Route Obstacles. Both of these courses will be set and driven in the main arena. Competitors have the option of driving their divisional Timed Obstacles on the North Lawn on Friday morning or they may elect to drive them when they are scheduled for their division on either Saturday or Sunday morning. The same is true for Gambler’s Choice Obstacles except they are open for driving Friday afternoon. The option to do these classes early is intended to allow for cross-entry and alleviate schedule conflicts with the main arena during the Saturday and Sunday show.