



Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive



MARD 2021

Sept. 9 - Sept. 12,

2021

Opening date Thursday July 15 --- Closing date Tuesday August 31

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

MARD 2021 IS SUBJECT TO ADS COVID 19 RULES & LOCAL JURISDICTION

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

**Heidi Ferguson
MARD Organizer & ADS Regional Director
2686 Canterbury Road
Milford, DE 19963**

The Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive invites you to the 2021 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. 9 and close at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Sept. 12. We have 2 barns 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.

All carriages must carry a spares kit, which will be checked during the Safety Check.

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 will be present but with no chairs (only tables for Silent Auction and carry out meals). Plan accordingly.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL! for registration confirmation & Welcome Aboard information (which will be sent after organizer receives completed registration). All turnouts **MUST** fill out and provide the safety questionnaire contained in packet. Present completed questionnaire at the ***SCHEDULED* SAFETY CHECK** 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 2021)**

**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, Activity Tent).

Visit MARD's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MidAtlanticRecreationalDrive/>

All whips must be current members of ADS or be assessed the \$15 non-member fee (this fee is included in the non-member costs indicated on registration form) .

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, 2020 and be skilled enough in horsemanship and driving to render assistance.

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.

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. 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.

If you live close to Fair Hill, you are welcome to pay the weekend or day registration fee and trailer in. However, all horses 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.

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 LEASH 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.

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.

The organizers place 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. 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. 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.

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.

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.

MID-ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL DRIVE COMMITTEE 2021

EMERGENCY CONTACT with the ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Between Wednesday afternoon, September 8, 2021 and Sunday morning, September 12, 2021

Heidi Ferguson 302 632 8024

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

FAIR HILL RANGER/TRAIL EMERGENCY 410-260-8888



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

Hampton Inn Elkton

2 Warner Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 398-7777 hamptoninn3.hilton.com

Holiday Inn Express

1570 Elkton Road, Elkton, MD

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

Knights Inn Elkton

262 Belle Hill Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 392- 6680 knightsinn.com

Motel 6 - Elkton

223 Belle Hill Road, Elkton, MD

(410) 392-5020 motel6.com

2021 REGISTRATION FORM (3 pages)

(printing in color advised)

NAME _____ ADS MEMBER # _____ (verified through ADS office)
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ E-MAIL _____

ADS Member WHIP - WILL BE COMING FOR (check one):

___ Weekend, \$60 ___ One day, \$45 (**Circle day**) Thurs Fri Sat Sun \$ _____

NON-ADS Member WHIP - WILL BE COMING FOR (check one):

___ Weekend, \$75 ___ One day, \$60 (**Circle day**) Thurs Fri Sat Sun \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: NON ADS MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A \$15 CREDIT VOUCHER TOWARDS A FIRST TIME ADS MEMBERSHIP (TO BE INCLUDED IN THEIR CONFIRMATION EMAIL). COMPLETE VOUCHER & SEND WITH MEMBERSHIP FORM TO ADS.

GROOMS/ASSISTANTS/CHILDREN/GUESTS

One groom/assistant **SUGGESTED** for Single. One groom/assistant **REQUIRED** for pair/tandem.
 Two grooms/assistants **REQUIRED** for unicorn and four-in-hand.

THE USE OF SAFETY HELMETS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR ALL & IS *REQUIRED* FOR JUNIORS

NOTE: All other passengers, except those registered as children, will be considered as **GUESTS** and will require a weekend or one day registration fee, whichever is applicable.

WHIP- WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY (check all that apply)

One Groom ___ Weekend, \$25 \$ _____
 ___ Single day, \$15 (**Circle day**) Thurs Fri Sat Sun \$ _____

Two Grooms ___ Weekend, \$50 \$ _____
 ___ Single day, \$30 (**Circle day**) Thurs Fri Sat Sun \$ _____

Children (under 14) ___ Weekend, (\$20 per child) No. _____ \$ _____
 ___ Single day, \$10 (**Circle day**) Thurs Fri Sat Sun (ie: Number children X fee = amount) \$ _____

Guest(s) ___ Weekend, (\$25 per guest) No. _____ \$ _____
 ___ Single day, \$15 (**circle day**) Thurs Fri Sat Sun (ie: Number guests X fee = amount) \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE VOLUNTEERS MUST BE REGISTERED MARD PARTICIPANTS UNLESS GIVEN SPECIAL PERMISSION BY ORGANIZER

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

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| HORSE'S NAME | BREED | HEIGHT | SEX | COLOR | SPECIAL NEED |
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CARRIAGE(s): (must carry spares kit) _____

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 FHNMA. ORGANIZER WILL NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDING THOSE DAYS.

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

NOTE: 2021 RV sites are extremely limited and first come/first served. 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 \$15.00\$ _____

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

FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA (free)....PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE (individual finger food type)

SATURDAY NIGHT KFC Party @ \$10/person (COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE)..... \$ _____

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

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

*** NEW POLICY NOTE: STALL MUST BE CHECKED BY MARD PERSONNEL & INITIALED BY PARTICIPANT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE "SELF CLEAN" REFUND CHECK BACK. UNCOLLECTED CHECKS WILL BE CASHED!**

VENDOR FEE: \$50 waived by Organizer thru vendor providing comparable door prize or sponsorship \$ _____

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

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

NEW! ADS Disclaimer and Hold Harmless Agreement 6.4.20

Please provide one form for each person attending MARD

Name and Date of Competition: _____ hereinafter : Event

This form must be signed by every person seeking access to the Event venue and every Event participant or if a minor, their consenting parent, including each person who rides with a driver on a carriage not only during the actual Event but including any time from arrival at the Event venue to departure. I understand and agree that neither The American Driving Society, Inc. ("ADS") and its officers, directors, Event 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 (including communicable diseases) to the horses, owners, riders, drivers, grooms, passengers, attendants, spectators, volunteers, officials, or any other person or property in connection with the Event.

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 by any directives, executive orders and regulations of federal and state and local governance in effect at the location of the Event;
- 2) That every horse, driver, attendant, groom and/or passenger is eligible as entered;
- 3) To accept as final any decision of the Event officials on any question arising under the ADS rules and bylaws or any local rules of the Event; and
- 4) I also agree, without any limitation or condition, to hold the ADS, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and Competition judges, officials, volunteers and organizing committee, harmless from any and all liability, loss, claims or actions, causes of action, judgments or demands of any nature whatsoever, and specifically as they may be the result of communicable diseases.

I am fully aware and appreciate that equine sports, including driving in this Event, 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, Event 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 Event or the Event organizer.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the ADS, its officers, directors, employees, clinicians, members, volunteers, coaches, representatives, assigns, Event 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 Event. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the ADS and/or this Event 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 Event for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Event, sport, or the ADS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any ADS Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, Event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying

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skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the ADS Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

I have read and understood the state's Equine Liability Act for the Event location.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Event, or the negligent acts or omissions of the ADS, the Organizers and other released parties identified herein, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in the Event. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at this Event.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable ADS rules and all the terms and conditions of this DISCLAIMER and HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT.

Participant/Attendee Name: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Participant/Attendee Signature (Parent's name and signature if participant/attendee is a minor: _____

Date: _____

Please check that you have enclosed ALL of the following:

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



- ___ Completed registration form (*ONE PER WHIP*)
- ___ Signed RELEASE FORM for all participants/grooms/guests
- ___ 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)
OR
- ___ Pre-paid \$20 per stall 4H cleaning fee listed on registration form

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR MASKS!

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

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