

Lynna Spence has put together activities for the IWWI June 21-22 clinic for our membership who would not be interested in participating in Driving Lessons.

Here is a description she has written about TREC Driving

The club has paid for the park so we want to get as many members to enjoy it as possible, while offering learning opportunities and fun. I attended 2 TREC for Driving Clinic's this winter in Southern Pines, NC. The sport was developed in France to improve riders, and their horses, skills needed when trail riding thus make it much safer for everyone. They are just recently adding driving.

Attached is a copy of the "obstacle how to" hand out of obstacles used at one of the TREC Clinic's. Some of them are NOT TREC Obstacles, but this is an example of what we might use at the IWWI TREC clinic. On Saturday we will walk and discuss the obstacles on foot before driving them. If your horse/pony has not seen Obstacles like these you can hand walk them over first to take a look. Then we will have 4-6 turnouts practicing the hazards in Group Lessons. The Obstacles are fun, but like anything else, they take practice to execute with precision and TREC has outlined how the Obstacles are to be driven and judged so this will be the goals of our practice. This is an "introductory clinic" to the new sport of TREC, not a formal introduction by professionals of the sport.

Whether you drive a single, a pair or a multiple turnout, there is one \$40 fee. If you wanted to drive more than one single or pair, that would be \$40 first entry, \$20 second entry. On Saturday, for Single turnouts only, we are not requiring you have a navigator - IF you are quite comfortable driving by yourself, but, at least one of the hazards requires a second person, "The Gate". In competitions though, navigators are required as you will be going out into the countryside where the obstacle will be placed. For the Saturday Clinic obstacles will all be in an open field.

On Sunday we will have 2 fun competitions; one using the Cones course, and one using the Obstacles set up for TREC (may be run as a Gamblers Choice per ADS pleasure rules).

If we are allowed on part of the cross country course, and if I have enough help, there may be a cross country course with some of the TREC Obstacles. This will not be a competition, just for practice and a navigator will be mandatory.

There also will be 1 or 2 Hazards marked for the Frank Luetz Clinic. These Hazards will be open for the TREC drivers to train in when not being used for a lesson; same for the Dressage Arena and a Cones Course.

Please send questions and entry form requests to
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We want this to be a great training, educational and fun weekend. Advice/ideas are welcomed as TREC for Driving is a new sport. If you think you might know someone that might be interested - forward on!!

Thanks for your interest!

For more information you can go to: <http://en.fite-net.org/Disciplines/TREC-en-Attelage/Le-TREC-en-attelage-en-compétition>



Photos of Deb Branson, NC, and her Pair of Welsh ponies.

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1. **CORRIDOR** – Move straight through obstacle at chosen speed, walk or trot.
Faults: break in forward motion, change of gait, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, hitting poles, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.
2. **BELL** – Driver to stop in line with bell, ring bell 3 times, move off at walk.
Faults: stopping before or after bell, running out, stepping back, not standing still, not completing obstacle. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.
3. **PINE FOREST** – Enter through gate at chosen speed, walk or trot. Begin serpentine on right side, without disturbing cones exit through end gate. *Faults:* break in forward motion, change of gait, going outside designated width of route, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, hitting cones, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.
4. **WATER** - Drive quietly over obstacle (tarp) at a walk. *Faults:* break in forward motion, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.
5. **IMMOBILITY** – Halt for 10 seconds inside the obstacle. *Technicals:* Team stops in the marked zone – rear axle inside lines. At the halt, driver takes foot off brake and relaxes reins, can use voice to steady. Judge counts to 10; driver then exits.
Faults: not halting for correct time, wheels coming out of designated area, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

6. **FLAG TRANSFER** – Drive to first cone - stop, take flag, walk on to second cone – stop, replace flag in second cone. *Faults:* break in forward motion from cone to cone, change of gait, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling, dropping flag. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, dropping flag, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

7. **BRIDGE** – Drive quietly straight across obstacle (plywood) at walk only. *Faults:* break in forward motion, change of gait, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

8. **MANEUVER (garage)** – Drive to obstacle either side stopping in front of opening. Pivot (sidepass) around to be in line with obstacle. Rein back straight towards bar, touch bar with back wheels so bar falls off pegs. *Faults:* break in backwards motion, change of gait, hitting side poles, running out, refusal, circling, not completing obstacle. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, hitting cones, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

9. **L-SHAPE** – Enter L at walk, travel through and exit without hitting poles. *Faults:* break in forward motion, change of gait, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, hitting cones, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

10. **U-TURN AROUND** – Enter either side at walk, pivot around cone right or left, exit. *Faults:* break in forward motion, change of gait, hitting the poles or cone, running out, refusal, circling. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

11. **STRAIGHT AND NARROW** – Drive to obstacle at a walk either side of poles, wheels to straddle in between poles entire distance. *Faults:* break in forward motion, change of gait, hitting the poles, running out, stepping back, refusal, circling. *Penalties:*

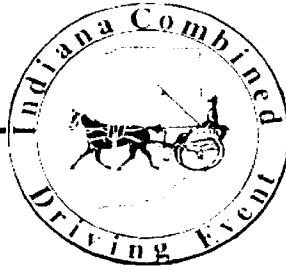
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12. **MAILBOX** – Checking the mail. *Technical:* Driver to stop directly next to mailbox, open box remove mail – show to judge, return mail, close box, put up flag. Move off at walk. *Faults:* stopping before or after mailbox, running out, stepping back, not standing still to complete obstacle, dropping the mail. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

13. **NOISE CONTROL** – Make some noise, equine stays calm. *Technical:* Driver to stop directly next to post, pick up container with rocks - shake, replace container, move off at walk. *Faults:* stopping before or after post, running out, stepping back, not standing still to complete obstacle, dropping container. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.

14. **GATE** – Open and close gate. *Technical:* Stop in front of gate equines head in line with flags, groom to dismount carriage, driver waits for groom to open gate. Driver walks through gate and stops - equines head in line with 2nd set of flags, and waits for groom to close gate and remount into carriage. Walk off. *Faults:* not stopping at designated spots, running out, stepping back, not standing still to complete obstacle. *Penalties:* no whip in hand, brutality, dangerous driving, groom leaving carriage, carriage tipping, incorrect course error.





Competitor's Release Form Indiana Whips & Wheels, Inc.

This agreement is made between Indiana Whips and Wheels, Inc., hereinafter the Organizers of this event, and the Competitors, Grooms, Assistants, Family and anyone who may have occasion to be on/about a carriage, hereinafter, The Participants.

1. The Hoosier Horse Park and the Johnson County Park (Landowner) has granted permission for the Organizers to hold a driving competition at the Hoosier Horse Park and the Johnson County Park property. This permission has been extended with the express understanding that the Organizers are to use the property and its facilities solely for the purpose of such driving event.
2. The Participants recognize that there may be risk of personal injury and property damage in connection with the holding of such driving event. By executing this agreement and entering the Hoosier Horse Park and Johnson County Park property, the Participants assume all risk in connection with such driving event. Accordingly, the Participants, their successors and assigns, hereby release the Organizers, the Event, the Hoosier Horse Park and Johnson County Park landowners and all landowners over whose land the event shall be run, from any and all claims which they may have on account of any injury or damage suffered in conjunction with entering on the property or participating in the aforementioned Driving Event.

Date: _____

Signature of Driver, Groom(s), Navigator, and anyone who may ride on the carriage during the event...

Driver: _____

Groom: _____

Groom: _____

Minor (parent must sign): _____

Other: _____

THIS RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE THE START OF THE COMPETITION