



Join us for the 2018

# CAA Driving Weekend

April 4-8, at Johns Island, South Carolina

## It's time for the 2018 CAA Driving Weekend!

We're returning to Mullet Hall Equestrian Center on Johns Island, S.C. so that members can take advantage of the twenty-plus miles of beautiful carriage trails. Mullet Hall's permanent stalls and bathrooms (with showers) offer the best of accommodations for horses and people. Stalls are available at a special rate of \$20 per stall per night.

This casual, fun weekend is open to anyone wanting to bring driving or riding horses. We will have a welcome gathering on Wednesday, April 4, and a casual lunch on Saturday, April 7th. Driving lessons with Bill Long will be offered. A non-judged "Gig Study" will happen on Friday, followed by the judged Carriage Showcase on Saturday. Otherwise, you are free to enjoy the facility as you wish.

## Mullet Hall Equestrian Center ([www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com))

Mullet Hall Equestrian Center at Johns Island County Park boasts 738 acres, with twenty miles of trails. The equestrian center features four sand rings; one grass ring; forty acres of grass fields; and two large open-air, covered barns. Johns Island, South Carolina's largest sea island, is only about fifteen minutes from downtown Charleston. Also nearby are James Island, Wadmalaw Island, Seabrook Island, and Kiawah Island. Johns Island is separated from the mainland by the tidal Stono River, which forms part of the Intracoastal Waterway. The island is home to the Angel Oak, a 1,400-year-old Southern live oak tree, and is renowned for its scenic natural beauty and wildlife.

## Getting There

Whether you're driving or flying, getting to the Charleston area is easy. I-26 terminates in Charleston and intersects with I-20, I-40, I-77, and I-95. U.S. Highway 17 (the coastal N / S route) runs through Charleston and connects with I-95 from the south.

Charles International Airport offers jet service from several carriers and is conveniently located in North Charleston. Nonstop air service is available from Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Nashville, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

## What Else To Do in the Area

While you're in the Charleston area, why not stay an extra day or two and try one or more of these activities:

- tour downtown Charleston by carriage, on foot, or by bus; visit the U.S. Custom House
- take a harbor tour or a fishing trip or visit the Morris Island Lighthouse on Folly Beach;
- walk on the beach, stroll through Charleston's Waterfront Park, or play golf;
- visit the area's plantations and gardens or the Charles Pickney National Historic Site in Mt. Pleasant;
- explore Charleston's shopping and antiquing options, including the Old City Market
- visit Charleston's Middleton Place and its gardens and carriage collection ([www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org));
- visit the Charleston Tea Plantation ([www.charlestonteaplantation.com](http://www.charlestonteaplantation.com)).

**Also worth noting:** the Seabrook Island Equestrian Center ([www.seabrookisland.com/equestrian-center](http://www.seabrookisland.com/equestrian-center)) offers short-term boarding and horseback rides on the beach, using their horses or yours if you are boarding there.

# SCHEDULE

## Wednesday April 4

Arrival day – stables open

5-6 pm 'Welcome Gathering' – stabling area

## Thursday April 5

8 am Morning Coffee & Donuts available (in the stable area)

10 am Silent Auction set up

Drive at will on marked Mullet Hall trails

Driving lessons with Bill Long (sign up)

2 pm "Carriage Maintenance Tips" - Jeff Day

3.30 pm "Stories from the Past" – Jill Ryder will tell "tales" of CAA trips, events & characters!

## Friday April 6

8 am Morning Coffee & Donuts available (in the stable area)

10:30 am Poker Run (sign up)

Drive at will on marked Mullet Hall trails

Driving lessons with Bill Long (sign up)

2 pm "A Gig Study" – Owners give details of their gigs

3 pm "A Gig Study" – Group discussion about gigs, harness, horses and variations of features

## Saturday April 7

8 am Morning Coffee & Donuts available (in the stable area)

Drive at will on marked Mullet Hall trails

Driving lessons with Bill Long (sign up)

9 am Carriage Showcase judging begins

11:00 am Jeff Day discusses "Fifty Years of Driving"

12:15 pm Silent Auction closes

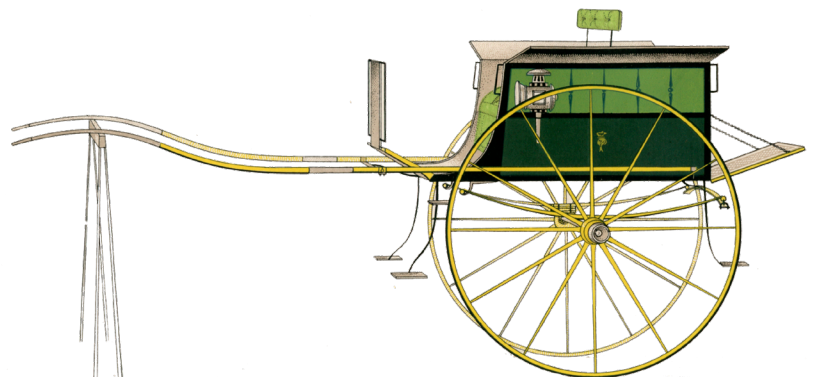
12:30 pm Fish Fry lunch

1:30 pm Barry Dickinson – 'Turnout a Gig'

2:30 pm Carriage Showcase Class awards & commentary plus the presenting the Carl Casper Trophy, the Sidney Lathem Memorial Trophy, and the Ken Sowles Memorial Trophy. The Davis Documentation Award will also be presented.

## Sunday, April 8

Drive at will on marked Mullet Hall trails



## Lodging Information

### Where To Stay

Kiawah and Seabrook Islands (on the Atlantic coast) are within five miles of Mullet Hall, and condos, cottages, and villas are available for rent on these two islands. To explore these options, your best bet is to look up vacation rentals online.

This hotel is only three miles from Mullet Hall, at Kiawah Island's Freshfields Village:

Residence Inn Marriott / Andell Inn • 843-793-6050

These other hotels and motels in the area are within an easy twelve-to-fifteen-mile drive of Mullet Hall:

Creekside Lands Inn • 843-763-8885

Hawthorn Suites • 843-225-4411

Intowne Suites • 843-763-8031

Econo Lodge • 843-571-1880

Hampton Inn & Suites • 843-573-1200

Comfort Suites West of the Ashley • 843-769-9850

Motel 6 • 843-556-5144

Holiday Inn Express • 843-402-8300

Best Western • 843-571-6100

Sleep Inn • 843-556-6959

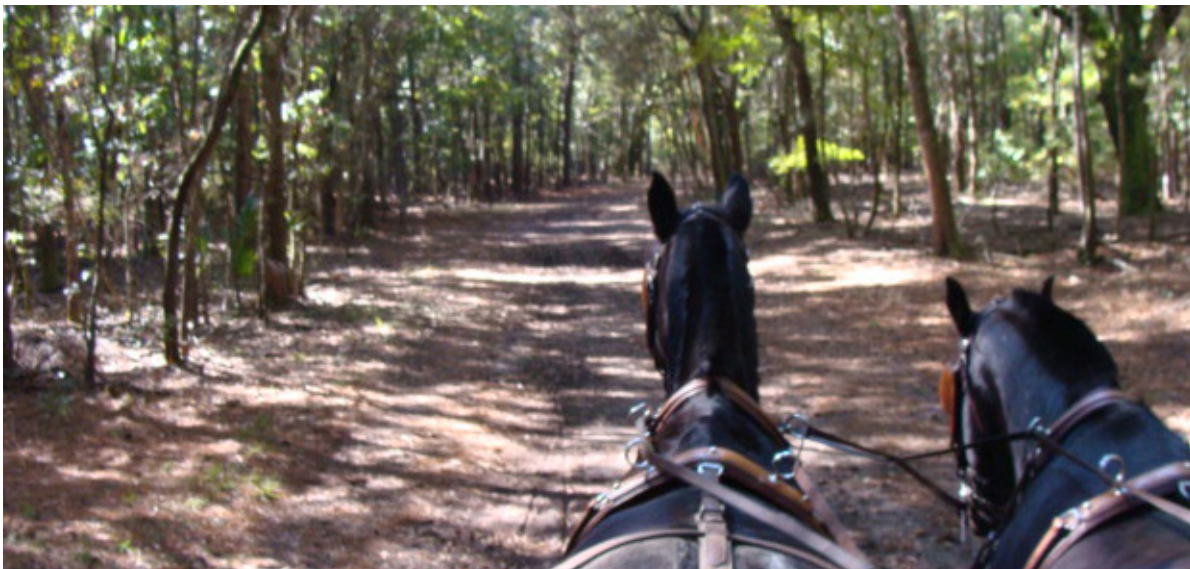
There are also RV spaces available at Mullet Hall. They include water and electric and cost \$30 per night.

To reserve an RV space, please contact Jill at the CAA office (859-231-0971 or [info@caaonline.com](mailto:info@caaonline.com)). Primitive camping is also available at \$10 per night.

The Equestrian Center has permanent bathrooms, with showers, on site.

### The Area's Weather

Average high temperatures in April are in the mid- to high-70s Fahrenheit, and average lows are in the mid- to high-60s.



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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ CAA Member(s)?  Yes  No\*

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number/E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for Badges: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we want to register for the CAA Driving Weekend @ \$85 per person (fee includes use of the Mullet Hall facilities, all Talks & Demos, Welcome Party on Wednesday, Lunch on Saturday, and Coffee & Donuts daily).

## Stabling Sign-up

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of stalls: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 per stall per night = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

Number of bags of shavings: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6 per bag = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total) **TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Request stabling near another participant (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests (stallion, mare, kicker, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby make this entry at my own risk and agree that the Carriage Association of America, Inc.; Mullet Hall Equestrian Center; and the organizers or volunteers will not be responsible for any injury to any persons, horse, or property incurred on the grounds.**

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to reserve the camping space I've checked below.

One RV space at \$30 per night x number of nights: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

One primitive camping space at \$10 per night x number of nights: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

### Won't you consider making an additional donation to help offset costs? (please check one)

\$1,000     \$800     \$400     \$250     \$100     \$50

**\* I am not currently a member, but I would like to join the CAA at \$65 (add \$20 for Canada / \$40 for overseas).**  
For insurance purposes, must be a current CAA member to bring horses.

I've enclosed a check (made payable to the CAA) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  Visa  Mastercard  American Express  Discover

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security code (3 extra digits on the back of most cards, or 4 extra on the front of AmEx cards): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form & payment to the Carriage Association of America, 4075 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington KY 40511.**

# The 2018 CAA Carriage Showcase . . .

an adjudicated evaluation of vehicles preserved, restored, or newly built, following traditional styles.

Judging will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

## Classes Offered in the Carriage Showcase:

1. Restored: Amateur
2. Restored: Professional
3. Original / Preserved
4. New Vehicles
5. Miniature Reproductions
- 6a. Vehicles in Use – Restored (30 years and older)
- 6b. Vehicles in Use – New (less than 30 years old)

## Carriage Showcase Awards:

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Certificates
- The Carl Casper Trophy  
(awarded to the highest-scoring restored vehicle)
- The Sidney Latham Memorial Trophy  
(awarded to the highest-scoring restored in-use vehicle)
- The Ken Sowles Memorial Trophy (People's Choice)
- The Davis Documentation Award (best-documented vehicle)

**Restored:** The object of the Showcase is to evaluate the quality and authenticity of the restoration done on the vehicles. The judges' decisions will take into account the paintwork, including the suitability of the color scheme; the trimming; and the quality of the work. The trim (cushions, squabs, carpet, top, and lining), as well as the accessories (dash, fenders, whip socket, lamps, stick basket, etc.) shall also be judged for quality and appropriateness.

**Amateur:** To qualify for the amateur class, all of the painting must be the work of an amateur. Professional striping and trimming work will be allowed.

**Miniature Reproductions:** Modeled reproductions of original vehicles that are functional but not large enough for animal use.

**Vehicles in Use:** Used (driven) since they were restored, conserved, or newly built. These vehicles give viewers an opportunity to see the effects of use on materials and finishes, the durability of repairs that may have been made, and might provide some guidance and feedback to restorers and owners considering restorations. Vehicles previously entered in the Restored class and driven since then are eligible for this class.

## Conditions and Rules:

1. All of the vehicles in the classes will be judged using a numbered scoring system. A determined point value will be used to award a certificate of quality for each vehicle in gold, silver, or bronze. Any vehicle falling below this point determination will receive a certificate of appreciation.
2. Vehicles that have been entered in previous CAA Carriage Showcase competitions may be entered to receive certification. These vehicles are not eligible for overall awards, unless at least 20% of the vehicle has been modified since its last competition. (*Exception: See "Vehicles in Use" above.*)
3. This is not an appointments class. Whips, aprons, umbrellas, etc. are not judged. The vehicle needs to be in a state to hitch and use. This would include the pole, shafts, neck yoke, lead bars, spare bars, etc. If the vehicle had lamps, umbrellas, parasols, basket, clock, food and beverage chests, etc., these should be included.
4. Any records or original photos of restored vehicles should be displayed to help the judges and for the interest of the public at large.
5. The Showcase will be held on the barn area, and past winners may be displayed there as well. Past winners will not be judged.
6. Awards and judges' commentary will be presented at 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 7, 2018.



Only one vehicle per entry form! If you are entering more than one vehicle, please submit a separate entry form for each one.

## Carriage Showcase Entry Form

All entries must have a tag with your name attached for identification and must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Class # \_\_\_\_\_ Was this vehicle previously entered in the Showcase? (*If yes, give year*) \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle description / details: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Restored by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Would you prefer to hear judges' comments in private?  Yes  No

Do you mind hearing judges' comments in public?  Yes  No

I understand and agree that neither the Carriage Association of America, Inc., Mullet Hall, the organizers; nor volunteers will accept any responsibility for damage or third-party liability in connection with this event.

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to the Carriage Association of America (4075 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington KY 40511), or fax: 859-231-0973.