



The Middle TN Carriage Club (MTCC) was founded in 1992, with the following mission:

*To promote the sport of driving of horses and ponies to carriages, both competitively and for pleasure and to educate current and prospective drivers in the techniques of safe and fun carriage driving. Also to organize driving events and to facilitate the organization of driving events by others and to be a medium through which carriage drivers may meet other drivers in this area to swap ideas and be supportive of each other.*

There are currently approximately 30 member families and individuals, with varied interests – some competing, some pleasure driving, and some just hoping to learn more about the activity. All sizes and varieties of equines are welcome.

MTCC is a regional chapter of the American Driving Society and the Carriage Association of America. These two parent organizations publish rules and guidelines for the sport, as well as support local organizations with funding educational programs and broader-base communications.

The club holds 4-5 events per year. Our calendar has included spring clinics for new drivers. In July a schooling Horse Driving Trial is hosted at the Percy Warner Horse Park in Nashville. In September we participate in a driving demonstration at the TN State Fair and hold a Driving Derby in Woodbury. The last weekend of October we'll host a 2-time world champion driver and instructor for group and private lessons. And to wrap up the season, in November we hope to meet up for a casual, pleasure drive.

The club president, Kate Bushman, lives in Franklin, TN. The club vice president, Claire Root lives in Fayetteville, raises and trains Morgan horses for riding and driving. The club officer list also includes Treasurer Ardeth Obenauf, of Shelbyville, and Secretary Tina Melton of Ardmore, AL.

