

**MDC Interactive Clinic**  
**Conditioning the Driving Horse & Establishing Rein Contact**  
**5/17/25**

**Open Date:** Now

**Close Date:** 5/10/25

**Location:** Skyline Farm 95 The Lane North Yarmouth Me.04097

**Time:** 10:00A

**Organizer:** Paula Leavitt

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**Turnout:** Singles and pairs. VSEs welcome.

**Health Requirements:** Negative Coggins, proof of current rabies, influenza vaccinations.

**Fees:** Free to MDC members. \$30 Non members

**Checks Payable to:** Maine Driving Club or pay via pay pal  
www.mainedrivingclub.org select 'Donation'

**Food:** Brown Bag

We strongly suggest that you bring your own horse. We will be giving instruction on taking pulse and respiration on your horse. If you cannot bring your horse there will be a pony available to practice with.

Some of the stations do not require a horse but you will get the most out of this clinic if you can at least ground drive your own horse to apply what you have learned.

Louise Lester and Sondra Day will begin the day inside, with a lecture on conditioning.

There will be a raffle of a P & R kit.

Station 1: Performing pulse & respiration on your horse. If there is a wait time at this station you may proceed to station 2 and then return to station 1.

Station 2: Reinboard. Here you will practice which muscles to engage in order to create contact, effective rein position, and rein management while using the whip.

Station 3: The following hand. Practice session.

Station 4: In the carriage or on long lines applying what you have learned with coaching from Patsy O'Brien.

*MDC events are intended to be fun and a learning experience for everyone, participants, spectators and equines. Ask questions and have fun.*