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LEYLAND DRESSAGE CLINIC

by Tricia Hardy

Saturday September 9th Amanda Cochran arranged for Jim Burnette of Leyland Farm to put on a Dressage Clinic. I think we had 6 turnouts: Pat Granzky & Nina, Amanda Cochran & Blaze, Tommy & Karen Cope & Gypsy, Linda Harbison & Kismet, Melanie Deatherage & (?) and Me & Precious. We also had one of Amanda's riding students, Haley (?) and quite a few spectators, one of whom has joined us as a new member. I don't have all of their names so I won't list any of them so that they won't feel left out. You know who you are and we really appreciate the support you showed us by being there to watch.

I have never had any kind of Dressage lessons before so I found this very interesting. Jim discussed Tempo and Rhythm, extension vs. lengthening, how to help your horse relax and work with you instead of against you. After about 15 minutes of Jim working with Blaze we could ALL (even me!) see the difference in the way Blaze was moving! I learned how to make Precious stop SQUARE in three steps!

After the clinic we went back to the trailers and had lunch then most of us hit the trails with passengers. Precious, Marilyn Colvin & I went out first then came upon the rest of the group, so we joined up with them only to be left behind when Precious had to answer the call of nature. Linda and her new Halflinger disappeared and my "paper bag syndrome" kicked in! (Jackie says I can get lost in a paper bag!) We ended up doing the same trail 3 times before we found our way out! Precious worked her little butt off going up that hill by the power line 3 different times! My other friend Jackie Finocchairo never did get a ride out on the trail since Precious was so tired, at least Jackie got to ride with me out to the field where the clinic was held and our newest member,

***DON'T FORGET YOUR COSTUMES FOR
THE SPOOKTACULAR AT
PARADOX FARM OCT 28TH***

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE

Hope everyone is enjoying the cool fall weather, good weather to get the horses harnessed and put to cart or wagon for a great afternoon drive.

I know some of you are getting horses and ponies ready for the NC State Fair, good luck!

Remember our October Halloween Drive!

The September drive was a lot of fun as well as being educational with a dressage clinic.

Tommy Cope
WWDC President

Chris got to ride with me around the field before heading back for lunch. We had a beautiful day for the clinic and everyone was able to get their trailers out since we all managed to park facing out, although Marilyn did do some tree trimming so we could open the door to the trailer to get Precious & the cart out.

Thank you Amanda for arranging a very instructive day, and to Jim Burnette for the actual instruction. And thank you Marilyn for the video you took, I learned even more watching it since I missed some stuff Jim was saying (to me!)

LEYLAND FARM- BEGINNERS!!

by Amanda Cochran

What a beautiful day! We all picked up great pointers during the dressage clinic, had a nice, relaxing lunch, and a relaxingly eventful trail drive. Haley, my RIDING student rode with Pat and Nina, and my son Hunter strapped on for a drive with me and Blaze. Once we got on the trails, "Mr. Jiggy" came out. (Blaze) Pat let us in front and all relaxed once more. We came out of the trails and decided to follow the track around the pastures. Definitely the more scenic route, if you were us. I called back to Pat to let Haley drive a little. Nina, after all, is 27 years old, a seasoned driving horse (used to be in a pair), and a fabulous lesson horse. Haley would be okay, I thought. She rides her at home, Pat is with her, and I am in front so she literally can't go anywhere. Keep in mind that it was Haley's first time EVER driving. She was doing fine until the first turn to the left, in which if anyone noticed, banked up a touch to the fence. Needless to say, Haley didn't swing wide enough and all I remember hearing was some hollerin'. I looked back, and in what seemed like slo-mo, the cart and horse were tipping, and Pat was coming out. Somehow, on the way out, she managed to grab the reins. (Haley had jumped out at this time and was literally frozen.) Good old Nina. She was almost on the ground herself, heading straight for Pat. This little lady managed to upright herself, and the cart, and stuck her nose in a tree. Literally. She still had sap on her face 2 weeks later! This enabled Pat time to get back in the cart and get situated. Haley had gotten in my cart, and once all was settled, we headed off again. We made it back to the trailer safe and sound, and YES I made Haley drive it. (Fall off, get back on theory) I didn't want her scared of driving. Nina had some scrapes and some sap, but was okay, and is giving kids a run for their money once more. Pat is fine, and once my nerves and worries ceased, I was fine

too. All's well that ends well. Oh, and Haley is now learning the ropes at home!

Tip for Beginners Whether driving obstacles or making turns around curbing, trees, or whatever, always swing wide. Allow at least 5-7 inches of clearance from the edges of your seats, to the obstacle you are trying to clear. (this doesn't include one seaters/jog carts) It is an illusion sort of thing depending on which side you sit on. Left, right, or middle, allow that space and you will clear your obstacle. Remember that your wheels stick out the furthest! Trust me, this works!

A Note from Amanda- A BIG thank you to those who helped me with my son Hunter during the morning session. I love having him with me, and sometimes it can get hard. Thank you all for understanding and for pitching in. It is HIGHLY appreciated! :-)

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR! OCTOBER 28TH 10:00AM

Paradox Farm, Mocksville NC

\$15.00 per Turnout

Drivers meeting at 9:30 Scavenger hunt and games in the morning. Costume Parade starting at the barn after lunch (bring your own) with spectator viewing & voting at the water crossing. Lots of Prizes for COSTUMES. That means a REAL costume not just a funny hat & mask!

TURKEY TROT @ TLC FARM, ADVANCE, NC NOVEMBER 19TH

Drivers Meeting @ 10:00am, FUN begins @ 10:30am

\$15.00 per Turnout

Dessert and drinks will be provided, bring your own lunch.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle

Phase I : Cross Country Scavenger Hunt

Phase II : Gamblers Choice (in ring)

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW, PLAN TO COME!

For more info or if you are available to volunteer

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LIFE ON THE FARM....

by Tommy Cope

I had the opportunity to take my team of Percheron draft horses Smokey & Bandit 18.2 hands tall 12years old 2,000 lbs to Warren Wilson College (Sept 16th) for the 8th annual fall plow day, (these boys DO get to do something besides teach 2 & 3 year old horses how to drive!) I use them to start unbroken colts so they appreciate a day off the farm even if it is a 2 1/2 hours ride to the event. Rest day on Sunday then on Monday morning Bandit was back to the routine with a 58" Halflinger by his side hooked to my training wagon, looked kinda like "Mutt & Jeff", you would be amazed how much an older horse can teach a young horse, if he does not want to turn, he gets pushed left or right, if he jumps around there's a good chance he will get a nip on the jaw or nose. Smokey's turn with a Friesian mare (6 years old) hooked to the same wagon.

This is just part of a couple of days here at TLC Farm with Smokey & Bandit.



I am attaching something I thought you might want to save to put in a newsletter when you need material. I found it on the Chronicle of the horse driving forum. The fellow who wrote it "Thomas" is from Scotland I believe. Submitted by Reba Wagner

BUCK UP!

You will have come to appreciate that I've a great interest in all things related to carriage driving and in particular retaining the origins and traditions.

There are dozens of expressions which have their origins in horse drawn days, so many in fact that its difficult to know where to start. Here's a load though still in everyday use in the UK. I hope you will enjoy this and perhaps add more you might know. I'd also be interested in knowing if any of these are in everyday use in the USA

Suppose you are working in an office and are in charge of an important project – you are its **king pin**. (the king pin is the centre of the fore carriage on a 4 wheeled vehicle – the bit that holds front and back together).

In order to get the work done **post haste** (mail traveling on horseback before the introduction of mail coaches, and recognized as the fastest form of transport available – also the origins of the post rising trot or posting).

You have to **whip up some enthusiasm** in your team who are all rather **slow coaches**. **Set the pace** and encourage them to **put their shoulders to the wheel** (as passengers might have had to do if their coach got stuck in the ruts on a muddy road)

You yourself may be **full of beans** and **raring to go** (like a cab horse too well fed and liable to stand on end). However its no use getting **hot under the collar** because others are **slacking** (an impatient horse sweats where the harness touches especially under the collar, and a lazy one in a pair lets his mate do the work so his traces hang slack).

You must tell them to **buck up** their ideas: you might **ginger them up** (dealers with a horse to show off to customers might encourage him to prance and step out by putting a lump of ginger in his rectum or sheath!!) Of course if they are real **old stagers** or **old sweats** (horses who were used in public coach work did one stage out and another back, sometimes both in one day, known as **working 2 sweats**) they will know their work inside out and have it **well in hand** (like the driver of a team). Though a handful can get **out of hand very quickly**.

You must be careful they don't **drop off to sleep** (like the passengers sitting on the top of a coach, to whom sleep was a danger!)

You might need to **curb** your enthusiasm, now matter how **headstrong** you might be. Once the job is over you can **hand over the reins** to the next person to **take it on to the next stage**.

NARCOLEPSY, DOES ANYONE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

We think Belle has Narcolepsy! We had been out working on Jackie's trail with the horses tied to the trees and Jeff hollered at me that Belle had just buckled her knees and went down then got right back up! When Jackie & I stood there watching her she was absolutely fine, then very slowly started dropping her head until her nose touched the ground then buckled her front legs. When her knees hit she stood right back up! She did it twice while all 3 of us stood there! According to our vet she agrees with me it's Narcolepsy and there is no treatment for it, all we can do is if it looks like she is falling asleep to jiggle the reins to wake her up so she doesn't fall down. An article I read said work at the trot seems to help instead of slow work. The vet said there was another possibility, since Belle is one of "the BIG girls" (Belgian) and had been used as a driving horse at one time, her Trachea could have been damaged and when her head is in a certain position it cuts off her air and she basically faints! I'm supposed to try to see what position her head is in when this happens, but of course she hasn't done it again that I have seen! I remember the last time my farrier was out Belle almost fell down while he was trimming her feet. That is the first time I remember her doing any thing like that. If it were damage from previous driving work I would have thought it would have shown up before now. If anyone has any ideas let me know.

Tricia

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November 19th WWDC Turkey Trot at TLC Farm

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**Xmas Drive through Historic Mocksville has
been confirmed!**

Sunday, December 17th

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