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# CONGRATULATIONS! WWDC Members do well at 2 different shows

Remember
Latta Plantation Drive
Oct 6<sup>th,</sup>
Rain Date Oct 7th.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE

Here at T.L.C. Farm a shortage of hay, water and green grass, first cutting of hay about one half normal, fall cutting will be about 99% short of normal, two of our spring fed streams stopped flowing. I'm sure most of you have experienced the same. Early morning and late afternoon driving and riding have helped to beat some of the (heat). Fall and winter are just around the corner, time to beat the heat and DRIVE!

Keep on Driving!

Tommy Cope
WWDC President

#### CONGRATULATIONS.....

A rumor has it that three of our members went to a Draft Horse Show in Roxboro September 8th and did very well for themselves. I don't have an official story but it sounds like Reba Brennon-Wagner and Cleveland & Roosevelt, Faith Bradshaw with Crescent & Ellie and Doug Prevette with Frank & Joe stole the show!

Faith: "ALL I REMEMBER IS THAT IS WAS SO SO HOT. But it was a very nice small show and they made us feel very welcome. I wish they had more."

September 22-23 WWDC Members attended the CCC 11th annual Pleasure Driving & Dressage Show at Harmon Field in Tryon and we all did our club proud! Again I do not have the list of all the ribbons that were won or by whom but suffice it to say that three of us walked away with the three Champion Ribbons and I'm not sure how many of the reserve Champion ribbons too! Nancy Faller & Alfalfa won Champion VSE, Emily Ureche & Rootbeer won Champion Pony and (I'm still not believing this) Precious & I won Champion Horse! Tonya Barga, Claudia Gallup with Rose and Adam Ureche were also there from the Paradox crew.

It was a fantastic weekend if you could get over the heat and dust (the arenas could not be watered down due to Page 2 Whips And Wheels Driving Club

the drought). It was really neat watching the "rooster tails" of rock dust spinning off of the wheels in all of the cones classes, it looked like the carriages were really flying through the obstacles! The cones classes were a blast to drive, they had some unique obstacles for us to drive through.

A few people didn't know how to find the Competitor's party Saturday night and crashed a Church party! I asked 3 or 4 people where I was supposed to turn our tickets in and never got an answer so Jeff, his Mother, Sister & I just started filling our plates. Just as we were about to start eating This man comes up to Jeff and introduced himself as Pastor? And asked Jeff (very nicely) who he was.....that was when we realized we didn't belong there! We were 4 VERY EMBARRASED people. We apologized profusely but they would not let us leave, and wanted us to eat more and stay for desserts too. "You know how Church Ladies like to cook desserts!" When we finally made it over to the CCC BBQ there were quite a few chuckles over our blunder. I'm not sure we will live this down!

Tricia

## EAST BEND DRIVE SEPT 22, 2007

Ross had only 1 member of WWDC show up for his drive, plus his daughter and a few friends, but Jackie (Finocchiaro) said it was a good Ride (Ross was the only one Driving).

## LATTA PLANTATION DRIVE OCT 6TH

#### **Location and Directions:**

Latta Plantation Nature Center and Nature Preserve is located at:

6211 Sample Road in northwestern Mecklenburg County.

704-992-1550. I have been talking to Valerie or Ann.

Meet there at 10:30am BYOL

For anyone wishing to camp, they have a camping area for \$15.00 per night, stalls can be rented for \$15.00 per night too, shavings are \$6.50. It's a good idea to call and let them know you are going to camp since they have limited space. Jeff & I decided we would camp so I could put out parking signs for Sat morning. Sauratown Trail Association (a trail riding group I also belong to) have been invited to join us on this drive or to just come and do their own thing, (they like to camp). There is a lake you can take the horses into, but I Think the carriages might try to avoid doing that!

#### Traveling North on I-77 from Charlotte

Exit 16B, Sunset Road West, to Beatties Ford Road. Turn right and proceed north for 4.8 miles until you reach Sample Road. Turn left onto Sample Road and continue 1 mile to the preserve entrance.

#### Traveling South on I-77 from Davidson

Exit 23, Huntersville. Turn right off of the exit onto Gilead

Road. Take the third left, McCoy Road. At the stop sign, turn right on Beatties Ford Road. Turn left onto Sample Road and continue 1 mile to the preserve entrance.

Extra info for Latta Plantation (Landmarks for those who need them!). When you turn on McCoy road there will be a lot of white fencing on the opposite left corner and it will say Melbourne. Mc Coy road is 3.9 miles long to the stop sign at Beatties Ford Road. From the stop sign it is about 1 1/2 miles to Sample road and there will be rock walls on either side of the road. When you go through the Iron gates go past the Nature Center (if you want maps this is where to get them) go past the 1st gravel road and make a right on the second road (it will be paved) Go to the second drive on the right and the arena we should park in is right there. If anyone is going to camp they need to be there BEFORE DARK or make sure they get the code for the iron gate because it will be closed. My cell phone # is 336-306-4498 and Jeff's is 336-473-3161 we will try to remember to turn them on!

## WALNUT HILL, CLAUDETTE & AWESOME



Smokey (registered Morgan name "Awesome") lived up to his name & Claudette Robinson at Walnut Hill Farm.

We got four nice placings at Walnut Hill:

3rd in Road Cart Reinsmanship (22 entries)

3rd in Road Cart Progressive Obstacle (19 entries)

4th in Runabout Reinsmanship

6th in Road Cart Cross Country

We had a wonderful time! Weather was cool and this is the greatest show on earth, they are so well organized, it was a privilege to be back again. Claudette

## SCHEDULE FOR 2007:

\*Regardless of the event being held, visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come and check us out!\*

October 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday Drive at Latta Plantation. Meet there at 10:30am. Directions below. BYOL Rain date Oct 7th

October 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Halloween/Poker Ride at Paradox Farm. Rain date will be Sunday, November 4th

November 17th, Saturday Turkey Trot at T.L.C. Farm

December 15, Saturday Christmas Party VFW Advance start @ 2:00 Dirty Santa first then dinner afterwards.

\*BYOL= Bring Your Own Lunch!

Remember to send me your nominations for Officers & Board of Directors, so we can post them next month to vote on.

## HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE/DRIVE!

If you can help PLEASE do, we will need a bunch of Volunteers. Call or e-mail Bev Duval 336-983-4757 or bevduval@hotmail.com

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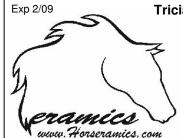
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**NOTE:** Membership will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. NEW Memberships joining AFTER June 30<sup>th</sup> will be prorated at \$12.00 for the remainder of the year and any one joining or renewing a current membership after November 1st is good for the following year.

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