

WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE

Well another month has gone by, where does the time go? The Luau at Doug's is coming up August 23 so please try and come. We need you to RSVP so we will have enough meat to go around and to let me know what goodies you will be bringing.

"Keep your hooves on the ground."
Faith Bradshaw



The mare and baby is my New Forest Pony mare, Charm, with her baby Cobalt, who was born unexpectedly at Tommy Cope's farm, two weeks early! The plan was to get Charm to the vet's to foal, but he surprised everybody, arriving at about 5 am on June 11th (due June 23rd). Unfortunately, Charm did not have milk, so the pair got to go spend a few days at Greystone anyway. That problem was resolved with Vicki Newell's expert care. Cobalt is friendly almost to a fault, so much that I have to learn how to re-direct him so he does not think I am his playmate!

WELCOME POLLY HIXSON'S NEW MEMBERS!

The single baby is Eragon, a purebred andalusian colt, who was born only a week early! He fortunately held off till he was at the vets, and my daughter got to deliver him! He has very long legs and looks like a baby giraffe when he runs! Both he and his mom are for sale so I can concentrate on my driving ponies.



Many many thanks to Tommy Cope for putting up with not one but two babies horses at his farm!

NEWS FROM THE VICE.....

As you know the Leyland drive was on July 12th. For a July date the heat index was very comfortable! The trails were great and Jim had all of the pastures open except for his hay field at the back of the property. Very nice farm!! Thank-You to Sam and Jim for opening your farm to the club. Hope everyone is doing well. I am getting in some riding as well as some driving too. We are having a time with Yellow-Jackets on our farm. Not sure if it has anything to do with it being sooooooo dry, but a word of caution.. be very careful and beware of untraveled ground. Hope to see a lot of you at Doug's farm next month. I hear it was a blast last year!! Drive safely...Linda

BENEFIT DRIVE/RIDE, SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND

Ross Chrissman our honorary member is going to host a benefit drive/ride for a friend in East Bend/Boonville who has Breast Cancer and cannot work so has no money to pay bills. The cost will be \$10.00 minimum donation all money will go to this friend to help pay her bills. Ross will lead the drive and is planning on 4-5 hours but there will be a turn back point half way through for those whose horses are not in condition. The ride will be Saturday August 2nd. For more information call Ross at **336-699-3213**

For those who asked about making a donation instead of coming to the ride/drive Sat Aug 2 at Ross Chrissman's: You can go into ANY Wahcovia to make the donation. The mother who has Breast Cancer is Loretta McGee and her daughter who lost a leg in the bush hog accident is Tessie Keaton. If you need more information Loretta's sister Brenda Jester is the one who arranged this benefit drive and her # is 336-961-3505

EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA, MUFFY SEATON CLINIC

July 12 Tricia Hardy

I missed the Leyland Farm Drive since I had signed up to take the Muffy Seaton Clinic at the Equine Extravaganza. I almost had to cancel that, since Precious had her feet trimmed on Monday then on Thursday we went to Latta Plantation to ride and she got sore feet from having her soles trimmed to much. After a day of rest on pasture and a dose of bute she was fine so we headed for Raleigh at 8:00 am for a clinic at 1:15pm.

I had the very exciting feat of backing the rig up along a fence so I could keep it near the porta pen she was going to be in all day! After what seemed like an hour of backing and a ton of sweat we were parked. Marilyn Colvin helped me get Precious settled and we went in to watch a very interesting Lynn Plam Clinic. We meandered through the vendors and I found a Carriage Vendor...it was Muffy Seaton's booth. I was introduced to her and we talked a bit

about what was going to happen in the clinic. At 12:45 we went back to get Precious ready and I found I had to pull the trailer forward since some kind soul parked RIGHT BEHIND the trailer, I could get the door open but couldn't get the carriage off!

Precious was absolutely wonderful driving up the side road with all the vehicles and pedestrians she had to pass. She got a little nervous when they had to move a chain link gate to let us through to go into the Dorton arena, but did herself proud and didn't spook. I do believe I was more nervous than she was until we got in the arena, then she got stiff as a board and wouldn't travel in a straight line, she was constantly looking to the outside of the circles we were making and didn't want to slow down. I guess Muffy was really able to tell how much Precious needed to learn how to bend! While Muffy was giving her opening talk we just kept driving around, Precious really didn't like the fans at one end of the arena, but I sure appreciated them! When Muffy was ready I had to unhitch, but leave the saddle & breeching on and put an open bridle on her with the driving reins through the tugs. Of course after I thought we were ready Muffy wanted the driving bit on that bridle. By the time we were ready the sweat was running off of me and my glasses kept fogging up, my hair (after removing my helmet) looked like I must have just washed it, it was so wet!

Muffy then took over and (TRIED) to long line Precious, she was all over the place trying to back up not going in a straight line, not necessarily resisting, but not knowing what was expected of her. Muffy wanted her to balance herself in the turns, Precious "falls in" on turns (putting all her weight on the inside). It didn't take long though and Muffy had her walking around the arena where she was being directed by Muffy, with her weight on the outside. Then Muffy added a side pass (bending to the right). You could really see the difference in the way Precious was moving now.

Muffy explained where the withers go the carriage will go, if you control the withers you control the carriage. If the horses head is facing left the withers are automatically going to go right and that is where the carriage will go too. In order to get Precious to bend, I was supposed to use half halts with my outside (right) rein when the left leg was in the air and my left rein was "Closing the Door" to make her shoulder go to the right. Precious was "Falling in" because she was putting all her weight to the inside when it needed to be on the outside so that she could "free up the inside leg to move it up under her body to support her weight" Of course I was trying so hard to concentrate on my hands I would forget to watch the hind legs and would get myself mixed up or vice versa. Muffy then had me doing short stretches (maybe four or five steps) going sideways while bent. We accomplished this by my moving to the right from behind her and using the same half halts on the outside rein while the inside leg was in the air. I think Precious learned much more than

I did, I need to work on following her rhythm and my coordination!

We had no time to hitch her back up to leave the arena, so Marilyn lead Precious out as they were bringing in the drag harrow (so considerate of the driver)! I hauled the carriage and loose pieces of tack back to the trailer...at least it was down hill! Precious looked like I felt, she was sopping wet. After hosing her down I ran the hose over my head to cool down too, we settled Precious back in the porta stall with fresh water then went in and had lunch and did our shopping. I would like to thank Marilyn and Gail Carter who assisted me in the arena with unhitching Precious and to Marilyn for bringing that extra water for me to drink!

CORRECTIONS NEEDED!

PLEASE check the e-mail addresses below, if one of them is or was yours and you want to remain on my e-mail list please send me (tjhardy2@juno.com) your correct E-mail since these are coming back to me as undeliverable. If you wish to be removed from the list also let me know at: tjhardy2@juno.com

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SCHEDULE FOR 2008:

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

August 2, Saturday Benefit Drive at Ross Chrissman's starting time 8:00am (Not a WWDC event)

August 23rd, Saturday Luau & General Meeting @ Doug's 4:00pm.

September 13th, Driving Clinic. E-mail Faith faith@salisburyblueprints.com to let us know what you want to concentrate on and we will try to have a member proficient in that area to help you, but we need to know ahead of time to plan. Place to be announced.

October 18th (tentative, Nancy has to check her show schedule) Annual Halloween Drive @ Paradox.

November 22nd Annual Turkey Trot @ TLC Farm.

December 7th (tentative) Christmas Party, Tommy is still working out the details.

***BYOL= Bring Your Own Lunch!**

CLASSIFIEDS:

NOTE: Ads will run for 2 months then be deleted unless you request them to be run for another 2 months.

08/09 Harness for sale, offers considered:

Small pony harness will fit approx 10-11 hand pony. Will measure or you can try it on your pony. \$100.00
Show harness similar to Hunt's. To fit 15.2 horse. Red accents. \$550.00

Training harness horse size. \$150.00

Horse for sale: 5 year old black Andalusian mare, 15.3.

Green broke. Lovely temperament. May be purchased with or without her black colt by Amistad, born 6/17/08.

6 year old New Forest pony mare, 13.3. Well started driving by Tommy Cope. \$5000.00

Polly Hixson 978-9785 or better yet e-mail hix@triad.rr.com

08/08 I have a new pony size or small horse bio-plastic harness, a new horse size breast collar, (both Amish made) and a new step-in carriage for a pony or small horse which I would like to sell. I have a Mustang pony which Tommy Cope and I tried to train for driving but he, unfortunately, flunked the course. Being a novice I bought everything assuming he would be safe to drive. So everything is brand new. I am asking \$250 for the harness and \$100 for the breast collar (I paid \$475 for both). I am asking \$400 for the new carriage (also Amish made) which I paid \$450. I would appreciate any help in getting this passed around within your driving club. I live in Winston-Salem. Thanks so much Polly McClendon pollymf@aol.com 336-924-1570

08/07 Whether you want to learn to show or just drive for fun, now offering Carriage Driving lessons for you, your horse, or the combination. Call or email for more information or pricing, and available time slots. 336-429-9867 cell, 336-703-2850 office, cowgirl27107@gmail.com - Amanda Cochran

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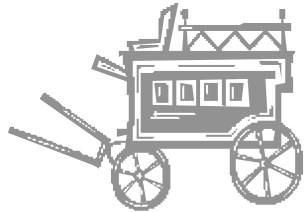
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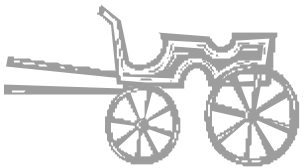


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Check all that apply: New Family New Single New after June 30th Renewal



NEW & Renewing current Memberships **AFTER November 1st** will run through the next year:

Family Membership (2 or more people) \$25.00 Single Membership (1 person) \$15.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: Membership will run from January 1st through December 31st. NEW Memberships joining **AFTER June 30th** will be prorated at \$12.00 (Family) \$7.50 (Single) 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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