# Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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# Pot luck Lunch March 6th 11:00.....

Penny & Ron Stroupe's farm Advance NC, directions inside

Bring a dish/dessert and your own chairs. No Horses, Q & A social afterwards.



# Valentine Drive by Penny Brandon

In 2008, it was so cold. In 2009, it rained. This year, the weather was a perfect 10.

Saturday, 2/22 was the annual Valentine's Drive in Salisbury. We had a good turnout, with 4 horses under saddle and 7 carriages, including the debut of Tricia's shiny new Marathon. There is such a good variety within the club, from massive drafts to tiny minis, including Meghann Moore's miniature donkey. There were also two very well mannered carriage dogs in attendance.

I'd left my horse at home and only brought my camera, since I'd gotten great pictures at this event in previous years. Faith had brought Crescent along with her, though, even though she would be busy all day with her hostessing duties. She asked me if I'd like to drive Crescent. For future reference: I don't generally have to be asked twice to try somebody else's horse.

The event got under way with a cross-country road rally, combining pasture driving with a few back roads and a visit to Faith's house. The object, in addition to the obvious getting there and back in one piece, was to be observant. Participants were given a short test on what they'd seen along the way. I had a great time driving Crescent, with Faith's niece Kristen aboard as navigator. We ended up winning the event, although I had very little to do with it—Crescent was in her own back yard.

After a break for lunch, we reassembled for cones and BINGO. Competition was fierce, but as always

with WWDC, lots of fun. Several members got to experience their first chance to drive a cones course, and everyone did well.

BINGO was a lot of fun. Faith pulled numbers out of a bucket to determine the order of the cones. This game requires driving skill, reflexes, and a good memory, but it helps to also have luck in how the numbers come. Crescent and I went round and round in circles, but she's a pro at cones and taught me a lot. Both the regular cones and BINGO were won by Jay Moore.

It was a great day, a very successful driving event, and got the year off to a great start! Next month is a chicken stew and Q&A session at the Stroupe's, featuring some of our more experienced members. For future events, see the events section on the website, or check out the calendar—and pictures—on face book.

For our March outing, we're leaving the horses at home and meeting at Penny & Ron Stroupe's place in Advance for a Pot Luck lunch and educational Q&A. Some of our more experienced members include Barbie Black and Tommy Cope, both of whom have been driving and training horses for longer than either is likely to admit. Active in the American Driving Society, Barbie knows all the rules about turnout, tack and ADS sanctioned competition. Tommy can give advice about starting a young horse, training a team for cones, or breaking mules to harness. Doug, Reba and Faith have been driving teams of Percherons for many years. Polly just got back from a clinic where she drove a four-in-hand, of minis! Do you have any other questions? What kind of cart is best for dressage? What is the correct length for a driving whip? Why use brown lines, even on a black harness? What bit should I use? Bring your favorite dessert or dish, and chairs & join us at Penny & Ron's on March 6th to eat, socialize, and share notes.

DIRECTIONS to the Stroupe's (by the way ... ... they are only a couple of miles from Tommy and Karen Cope for those who have been there):

From I-40: Take exit 180, Hwy. 801 South to Advance, at the railroad tracks turn L. onto Firestation Road, then L. on Underpass Road, go

approx. 1 mile then L. on Jarvis Road (you'll cross the RR tracks again), go 1/4 mi. then R. on River Birch Lane. Our shop is the first building on the right - it's a metal building with a front porch the length of the building. You can't miss it. We'll have our meeting there. See you then!

Ron and Penny

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### UPDATE FROM THE CCC

Our facility, FENCE, changed our date for the CCC HDT in May. Something about the FEI calendar rotation, but at any rate, it was a surprise to us. Unfortunately, our President of the ground jury and TD had plans for the next weekend already. However, we have located and secured a new great team. Anne Council will be the President of the Ground Jury and Ellen Ettenger will be our TD.

We have added Intermediate this year and hope to see many new folks as well as our usual fantastic competitors from all over the Southeast. As far as I can tell, we are the longest continuously running combined driving show in the south.

Last year we had 17 VSE, which included two 4-inhands, one tandem and one pair. Pretty impressive display.

So change the date on your calendar from May 22-23 to May 29-30 and make plans to come play in the beautiful foothills of Western North Carolina.

Price, Chili and Poppins Keep the dirty side down

REMINDER: TTC horse Trials March 27th. The following people volunteered to work at the horse trials, we will receive a donation from TTC if 12 people work. Nancy Faller, Barbie Black, Polly Hixson, Penny & Ron Godbey, Jeff & I, Peggy Andrus, Pat Granzyck, Connie Morris and Kathy & Rebecca Littrel. I'm sure if more of you want to come help you would be more than welcome.

## **Dues are Due!**

If you wish to be listed in our directory and you have "09" after your name, you need to pay your dues by March 10th to be included in our directory and continue receiving the Newsletter. "10" after your name means you paid) If you do not see your name and you have paid PLEASE let Me (Tricia) or Pat know.

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Wall 09	Littrell	
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Barnette 10	Moore 10	
Bishop 10	Morris 10	
Bradshaw 10	Moser 09	
Brandon 10	Parker, PhD 10	
Branson 10	Patten 09	
Brennon-Wagner 10	Peckham 10	
Burns 09 Sharon	Prevette 10	
Carter 10	Rangel 09	
Colvin 09	Riggins 09	
Cope 09	Sherrill 10	
Duval 10	Smith 10 Johnny & Diane	
Ehnes 10	Snow 10	
Emmerson 09	Story 09	
Faller 10	Stroupe 10	
Finnochiaro 09	Tomasini 09	
Godbey 10	Vail 10	
Granzyk 10	White 10	
Grubb 10	Williams 10	
Harbison 10		
Hardy 10		

# SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

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

March 6th, 2010 Pot Luck lunch, Q & A Social at Penny & Ron Stroupe's Farm. 11:00 no horses. Bring a dish or dessert, chairs and all your questions.

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*April 10th, 2010* (Rain date the 11<sup>th</sup>) Easter Drive at TLC Farm 10:00

May 15th, 2010 (NOTE: Dated changed from the 8th) Morganton Pleasure drive on a 400-acre Tree Farm rain date the 9th. More info & directions to come.

*June* 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Paradox Farm HDT or ADT? More info to come

*July 24th, 2010* Informal Drive at Doug's 9:30-12:00 then come back at 4:00 without horses for a Luau

August & September are open for suggestions

October? Halloween at Paradox

**November?** Turkey Trot at TLC

**December?** Christmas Party @ Tuckers?

\*BYOL= Bring Your Own Lunch!

### **CLASSIFIEDS:**

NOTE: Ads are FREE to PAID members and will run for 2 months then be deleted unless you request them to be run for another 2 months. Must be horse related, i.e. no washers dryers etc.

1/10 M1 Marathon Carriage for sale. Dark Green with silver pin striping. Pony/Cob size 1 ½ years old, It is too small for my 15-hand mare. Comes with pole for pairs. \$4,000. Tricia Hardy 336-751-0768 336-751-7655 or <a href="mailto:tipardy2@yadtel.net">tipardy2@yadtel.net</a> Pictures available.

12/09 Beginner safe Haflinger gelding. Max is 11 y/o, 14.1h and has been there and done that...he'll teach you to drive! He's also been fox hunted two seasons and is a great trail horse. He's AHR registered and good conformation, perfect hard feet and the best personality. Max will drive single and double and is traffic safe. He is a perfect gentleman; leads, loads, full body clips, great for vet and farrier. He's an all around good guy! I like to clip his mane in the fjord style, but he grows a long luxurious blond mane and tail if you prefer that style. \$3500 His leather harness and several carts available. 919-604-1555

Matched pair of dapple grey mules, ChaCha and Judy, 14.1hh full sisters out of Missouri Fox Trotter mare. Have been on weeklong wagon train averaging 20 miles per day and been to Benson mule days and on night rides. They're 8 and 9 y/o, good for vet and farrier, great feet, load easily in trailer and will stand tied to trailer, tree or picket line for camping. Good movers and cover a lot of ground...not lazy. \$4500 for pair and harness included. Covered wagon that's set up for camping or can haul up to ten people also available. 919-604-1555 Tara and Jim Moseby

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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 (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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