

# Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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## From the Presidents Carriage

No, it's not an April Fool's joke, I really believe spring has FINALLY arrived (and not soon enough for me). Of course that also means lots of Flowers..... Pollen..... and Sneezing, but it is worth it to be able to enjoy the warm weather. The downside may be that now the horses are shedding so much that there is lots and lots of horse hair flying everywhere. I didn't know a horse could grow that much hair in one winter!!

I hope everyone is getting ready to go to Tommy's on April 10<sup>th</sup> for the Eggstravaganza. Tricia does a great job organizing this event and it will be a great time for us to all get together.

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to work at TTC on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a great group of people who showed up and Beth McCashin really appreciated the help. Beth is interested in possibly sponsoring a driving event at TTC in the Fall, so keep your fingers crossed that we can work out the details with her.

Happy Easter to everyone and look forward to seeing you on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

PennyG

## EggStravaganza!

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** rain date the 11th

At Tommy & Karen Copes Farm  
Jeopardy Trail & Games

## Welcome New Members:

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## Spring Training

by Penny Brandon

Daffodils are blooming, birds are singing—Spring is here! It's time to put the ponies into Spring Training. Whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned professional, every horse owner is a trainer to one degree or another. Here are a few tips for getting your equine athlete into shape.

Of course, you should always start with a healthy horse. Before starting any workout program, evaluate the animal's general health. Now is the time to make sure your horse is up-to-date on vaccinations, worming, dental exams, and shoeing or trimming.

Honestly evaluate your horse's current condition. Have they been getting regular exercise during the winter, standing in a stall, or functioning merely as a pasture ornament? Age is another factor to consider: very young horses and older horses will take longer to get into shape. Are there any existing injuries that the horse is coming back from, or has the horse been basically sound? Finally, how fit has the horse been, in general? Was the horse in very good shape last season or are you starting conditioning for the first time?

Next, consider your horsemanship goals—your horse needs to be fit for the level of work he will be doing. Will he be ambling down trails, or dashing through a cones course? Will he be expected to keep going through an entire day of

horse show events, or an easy jog through the country? Different expectations will require longer, more specialized training regimens. Fitness should be worked on gradually. Sudden increases in work level can result in sore muscles or injuries that could set your training schedule back many weeks.

In addition to planning your exercise program, attention should be given to tack and equipment. Is your harness, bridle or saddle well-fitting and in good repair? Leather needs a good spring cleaning, even if you put it away clean last fall. Now is the time to inspect for frayed stitching, broken buckles or worn leather. Is your carriage clean and in good repair?

Getting a good start on conditioning will have you and your horse ready to participate in club events this year. Even if you haven't reached peak performance, bring your horse whenever possible and participate up to your comfort level. Every outing is that much more experience for you and your horse, and even more preparation for the trails ahead.

## TTC Horse Trials

March 27th Tricia Hardy

On a very cold, clear day 12 WWDC Volunteers arrived BRIGHT & way toooooo EARLY for our duties as jump judges at the TTC horse Trials. While we were waiting for our instructions, the tack shop did a booming business selling jackets, gloves and really nice warm boots at 30% off. After the briefing on our duties we were sent off with our chairs and clipboards to find the jumps we would be responsible for. Our jump the "TABLE" was very laid back, only one horse refused the jump and ended up being eliminated at the following jump for 4 refusals, we heard a few other jumps did have more exciting goings on. The person who was doing the scoring was thrilled when she received our score sheets. She said WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE???? Get them back for our next event! She couldn't believe how legible and uncluttered our sheets were when they were turned in to her, so I guess we had better be prepared to be asked to volunteer again. Our treasurer Pat Granzky received a check to WWDC for \$150.00 since we had 12 volunteers.

Barbie Black will be consulting with Beth McCashin on Monday 3/29 about holding a driving event at TTC in the fall. Beth REALLY wants us there but has no idea how to put on a driving event, what is

required, rules or class lists. Barbie, Nancy & I ALL chimed in to tell her we would be GLAD to help her plan an event. This will be great, we will help plan it but won't have to work to put it on we can ALL be there to drive! TTC is a wonderful place to ride or drive, hope we will see a lot of people turn out when Beth puts something together for us. If this works out it could become a regular venue for us, please support Beth in this endeavour.

### Lessons *sent in by Jean Parker*

An old prospector shuffled into the town of El Indio, Texas leading an old tired mule. The old man headed straight for the only saloon in town, to clear his parched throat. He walked up to the saloon and tied his old mule to the hitch rail. As he stood there, brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, "Hey old man, have you ever danced?" The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No, I never did dance... never really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said, "Well, you old fool, you're gonna' dance now," and started shooting at the old man's feet. The old prospector, not wanting to get a toe blown off, started hopping around like a flea on a hot skillet. Everybody was laughing, fit to be tied.

When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon. The old man turned to his pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air.

The crowd stopped laughing immediately. The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old timer and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old man's hands, as he quietly said, "Son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No sir..... but... I've always wanted to."

There are a few lessons for us all here:

- Never be arrogant.
- Don't waste ammunition.

- Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- Always, always make sure you know who has the power.
- Don't mess with old men, they didn't get old by being stupid.

I just love a story with a happy ending, don't you?

### SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

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

**April 10th, 2010** (Rain date the 11<sup>th</sup>) Easter Drive at TLC Farm 10:00 See attached flier for more information

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

**May 29-30 CCC HDT @ FENCE**

**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

**Sept 24-26<sup>th</sup> CCC Pleasure/Dressage Show, Harmon field, Tryon**

**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.*

3/10 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 [tjhardy2@yadtel.net](mailto:tjhardy2@yadtel.net) Pictures available.

Tricia, please include this flyer in the next Whips and Wheels newsletter.

This is a wonderful event for anyone with the desire to drive multiple hitches. Last year there were seminars on Conformation, Nutrition, Dental Care, Shoeing and Showing, along with hours of driving, single, pairs, 4-up and 6-up hitches. This event is well worth the time and money. All the meals and lodging is provided in the cost. It is a wonderful 4 day vacation. This year the event is June 17 – June 20 at Morrisville College in Morrisville NY.

I will be glad to answer any questions. Thanks,  
David Moser

Exp 2/10



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Exp 3/10

**Driving Lessons**

**Training**



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Tommy & Karen Cope

**Boarding**

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*Plans are underway for the 2010...*

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*...to be held in June at*

## Morrisville College

Morrisville, New York

**Contact the Belgian office for further details and to reserve your spot.**





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# Easter Eggstravaganza

## Jeopardy Trail & Games

Saturday, April 10th, 2010 10:00 am

Rain Date April 11th.

Hosted by TLC Farm, Tommy & Karen Cope & Tricia Hardy

### 331 Feedmill Road Advance, NC

For More information or inclement weather call:

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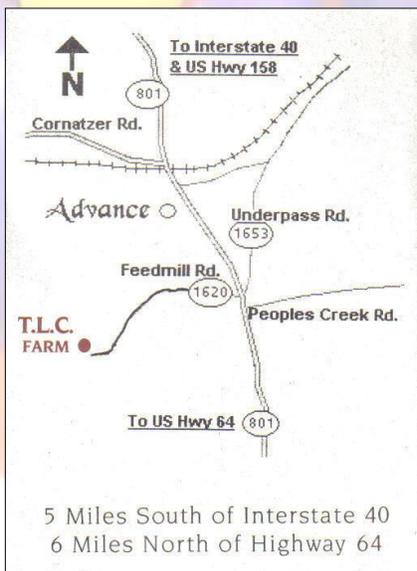
OR Tommy Cope 336-998-4915 [tlcfarm@yadtel.net](mailto:tlcfarm@yadtel.net)

**\$15.00 per Turnout OR Horse & Rider WWDC Members**

(\$20.00 non Members)

**\*\*Bring Your Own Lunch & Chairs\*\***

- ◆ Current Coggins
- ◆ Helmets STRONGLY suggested & required for minors under 18
- ◆ Dress is casual
- ◆ Don't Drive or Ride? Volunteer!



### DIRECTIONS:

#### T.L.C. Farm, Tommy & Karen Cope

331 Feedmill Road Advance, NC 27006 336-998-4915

**From I-40 & Hwy 158** take 801 south (approx 5 miles) to Advance, turn right on Feedmill Road. The farm is at the end of the road.

**From Hwy 64** take 801 north (approx 6 miles) to Advance turn left on to Feedmill Road. The farm is at the end of the road.

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Check all that apply: \_\_\_New Family \_\_\_New Single \_\_\_New after June 30<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_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 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.

Make checks payable to: **Whips & Wheels Driving Club**

Send Form & Check to: **Pat Granzky 6988 Lanvale Court Clemmons, NC 27012**