

# Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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## From the Presidents Carriage

Hope everyone is well and haven't washed away. I know we were getting a little dry and needed the rain, but I'm not sure we needed it all in one week!

If you didn't make it to the WWDC drive on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Morganton, you really missed a great time. Dr. Keith and Kim Smith's Echo Hill Farm was the perfect location for the drive. As you came up their drive and crested the last hill, the road opened into a lovely valley. We were welcomed by the Smith's and given a map of the property with the instructions to "drive anywhere we wanted to go on the property". The trails were clearly marked for riders and/or carriages. However, two of us (Chris and I) lost our map, misread the sign and ended up driving our minis up a long hill to the old cemetery. We found out later that the trail to the top was supposed to be for the riders. Oh well, Calvin and Cheyenne proved their strength and pulled us to the top!!

We had lunch on the banks of the Catawba River and were entertained by two violinists. Keith and Kim introduced us to their family and told us a little about the history of the farm. The sound of the river and the shade from the trees made it difficult to leave. I think everyone enjoyed the chance to relax and visit with each other.

Many... Many ... thanks to the Smith's for allowing us to visit Echo Hill Farm.

I hope everyone will try to attend our next event on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Paradox Farm. Keep checking the website for updates and information on all of our

## June 5th

### Continuous Drive at Paradox Farm

Details inside

events. Be sure and join our Facebook page and post your comments.

Don't forget May 31<sup>st</sup> is Memorial Day, the day we commemorate U.S. men and women who died while in the military service.

See ya soon,

PennyG

## Driven Dressage Basics with Shelley Temple

Last month I "attended" a webinar sponsored by the American Driving Society featuring Shelley Temple. Shelley has competed at the Advanced Level in CDEs since 1997, is an ADS and USEF 'R' Judge in Combined Driving, and is an active competitor, instructor, trainer and clinician. I usually don't care much for webinar as a presentation method, but it was free, so I signed up.

At the appointed time, I logged onto my computer and turned up the volume. After I clicked on the webinar link, the screen came up and I could hear the ADS narrator doing an introduction and getting everything ready. There were over 200 people logged in! The narrator explained that there was a small pane on the right side of the screen where we could type questions to be answered during the discussion. So far, so good.

Ms Temple had prepared a large number of slides to illustrate her presentation, which she controlled from her location in Florida. She pointed out different things on the slides and flipped forward and back as fitted the discussion. I am now a fan of the webinar format, and will probably attend any others that the ADS sends out free—I like free the best of anything.

The content of the webinar was Driven Dressage Basics. Ms Temple talked about the different levels of the dressage training scale and what judges look for in each level. Judges use the training scale to evaluate your horse's training and to score your test to the requirements of each level. The first level, for example, is rhythm and relaxation. This forms the foundation for future levels of dressage training. Relaxation allows the horse to step in the natural rhythm of each gate. A

relaxed horse will work easily with his back, display regularity of strides in all gaits, and "track up" with his hind feet falling in or in front of the hoof prints of his front feet. Tempo is a key part of this step. Tempo is the rate of repetition of footfalls in a gait, whether fast or slow. Each horse has a tempo in which it can relax, balance and swing; depending upon its confirmation, level of training and strength. Regularity of strides means that a horse keeps the same tempo in all gates and transitions.

Ms Temple covered the other levels of dressage training scale with equal thoroughness, as well as how to read a dressage test, and how to interpret judge's comments and scoring. I recommend that any ADS member who is interested in dressage or combined driving sign up for the free webinars on the ADS website.

By Penny Brandon

## Morganton Drive, May 15, 2010

By Tricia Hardy

Things were looking a bit gloomy Friday night with thunderstorms, Saturday morning rolled in with a lot of fog, but that did not deter us from heading up to Morganton for a wonderful day of driving at Echo Hills Tree Farm, owned by Kim & Keith Smith. Saturday started cloudy and was a bit hot and humid but what a beautiful place to go to drive. The trails are flat and wide open; carriages could pass each other with no problem. Riders had a few extra trails they could traverse since they were either too steep or too narrow for the carriages. We received a typed sheet with a brief history of the farm dating back to the 1700's and a rough map of the property and after a short safety check sent out to explore on our own. We had a great turn out, everything from Percherons to Minis and a mini Donkey, 12 carriages and 5 riders. Pair drivers: Faith Bradshaw & Doug Prevette, Tommy & Karen Cope and their "Country Koonly", Jeff & I driving single and our mini/pony drivers: Kim Smith, Nancy Faller, Claudia Gallup, Meghan Moore and a friend, Penny & Jim Godbey, Chris Peckham and the whole Litrell family. Our riders were Marilyn & Jay Colvin, Bev Duval, Martine Sherill and one of the Litrell's riding a 30-year-old horse. We also had quite a few spectators who got rides in Faith's carriage, since Ron & Penny couldn't come with the "Big Wagon". At 1:00 pm,

we put up the horses, were ferried out to the picnic area by the Catawba River, what a beautiful place to have lunch, and were serenaded by two violins, played by Nan Freeman and Lacey Thwing. Kim & Keith's oldest daughter Dorothy and their son Stephen joined us for lunch. Of course, some of us had to get our feet wet in the river. Barbie supplied two cakes from Ketchie Creek bakery (Kim's favorite stop when she comes to Mocksville to visit Barbie to check on her ponies in training) to thank her for allowing us to come drive on the farm. Thank you Kim & Keith from all of us who came, it was a wonderful day, and such a great place to drive. I know I am speaking for all of us who were there; we had a wonderful time, Thank you so much. Thank You Barbie for putting this drive/ride together for us to enjoy.

### CCC Pleasure Drive, May 1, 2010

By Tricia Hardy

This was a very relaxed do whatever you wanted to do type outing. If you ever get a chance to attend a pleasure drive at Foxbriar Farm in Laurens SC, you will really enjoy it. They have 1,000 acres with great carriage trails all over the property, a dressage area and a couple of hazards set up to practice. The blue trail was flat and easy about one mile long, the red trail was a bit more strenuous and I think about six miles long. The Burns' have recently added a white loop off the red trail. By the time Barbie Black gave me a dressage lesson and worked in the two hazards, we decided to do the blue loop since it was a bit humid and we didn't want to overdo getting Precious in shape for the CCC HDT at the end of this month. Thank you Judy, Russ and Carolann Burns for a wonderful weekend, we had a great time. Staying in your lake house was fantastic!

**Our Condolences** to Penny Brandon on the passing of her Father-in-Law Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are off to Tryon for our FIRST HDT, Memorial Day weekend. I see there are 10 entries in Single horse Training level! Wish us luck. Reba is entered in Pairs Training level Good Luck to you Reba.

### SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

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

May 29-30 CCC HDT @ FENCE

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010** Paradox Farm

This is a Continuous Drive Gates open 8:30. Course walk between 9AM and 10AM Drivers will start individually about every 5 minutes starting at 10:15 The course will consist of a 2-3K marked course. There will be an overall allowed time. Anything over that time counts as time faults. Along the way will be several obstacles that will be timed. The obstacles will consist of cones and hazards. You can go directly into the obstacles or you can take a short rest before entering. Those who choose can bypass the obstacles and just follow the course. BYOL

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

**August 7<sup>th</sup>** *place to be announced* dinner meeting with Susan McCrimmon (registered Pleasure Driving technical Delegate for the ADS) as our speaker.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** Paradox Despooping/Safety clinic

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

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** Halloween at Paradox

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** Turkey Trot at TLC

**December 5<sup>th</sup> ??** 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.*

4/10 "Doc" is a one of a kind, registered spotted gelding donkey, who will amaze you with his talents! He is black and white spotted with the Tiger pattern which is not seen often, and he is 39 inches tall. He is very well broke to drive both on the road and in shows, obstacle courses, and cones. He has been shown successfully in color classes, conformation classes, and showmanship

classes and has the ribbons to prove it! He has been hauled all over NC to various driving events where everyone who meets him falls in love with him. He has been driven in parades, and just for fun around the farm and pastures as well. Doc is always willing to please and patient while being harnessed and hooked. He ties, clips, bathes, shoes (yes, we drive him on the road so much our farrier made him custom shoes!), loads, and he does well in the pasture or in a stall, though he prefers to be able to see his friends. He is up to date on all vaccines including West Nile, current coggins, and new shoes. I can not say enough good things about Doc and the only reason I am selling him is because I am expecting another baby and will not have time to show and enjoy him like I want to. If you want to make this guy your best friend, please schedule a time to come meet him. He is priced to sell fast at \$1000 firm. E-mail [sandycreekdachshunds@yahoo.com](mailto:sandycreekdachshunds@yahoo.com) for more information or to schedule a time to see him. You will never meet another one as awesome as Doc, and you will NOT be disappointed!

4/10 Miniature Horse Cart for Sale. Amish made miniature CART. HAFTS ARE 52" WITH 26" WOODEN WHEELS. SEAT IS WICKER AND 20" WIDE. Has a box underneath the seat for your tool kit. This is a very unique cart can be used in the carriage turnout class, parades, breed shows. Was used on a 32" miniature and a 36.50" miniature. Has some paint chipped off on the underside of shafts. Very sturdy and has been used on cross country trails as well as on the flat. Has been covered and garage kept when not in use. Asking \$1150.00 Chris Peckham 704-876-4179 Statesville, NC

4/10 CART FOR SALE: Sierakowski & Son Seat replaced 1 year ago, brakes work, 36" wheels, comes with 2 sets of shafts, fits a 15'-16' hand horse \$2000 Contact: Carol Carter 336-364-4739 Or [flatriverfarm@netzero.net](mailto:flatriverfarm@netzero.net)

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. Asking \$4,000. Tricia Hardy 336-751-0768 336-751-7655 or [tjhardy2@yadtel.net](mailto:tjhardy2@yadtel.net) Pictures available.

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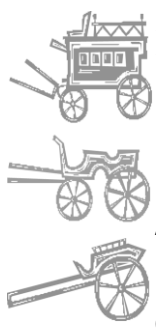
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Check all that apply:  New Family  New Single  New after June 30<sup>th</sup>  Renewal

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.

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