# Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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### July 24th, 2010

Informal Drive at Doug's 9:30-12:00

Then come back at 4:00 without horses for a Luau, General Meeting & Silent Auction



# From the Presidents Carriage

Hope everyone . . . (both 2 legged and 4 legged) . . . is coping with this hot weather !!! I Looks like there might be cooler weather coming in the next few weeks, at least I hope so.

A huge thanks to Paradox Farm for hosting the Continuous Drive on June 5<sup>th</sup>. It was well planned as usual and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make this drive a success. We even had time to sit under the shade trees and visit a while after the drive.

WWDC is very fortunate to have members who are willing to share their facilities with everyone . . . which leads me to remind everyone of the Luau at Doug's place on July 24<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great time to visit with each other and eat lots of good food.

The Board has been busy finalizing the plans for the rest of 2010. Please check the calendar regularly for all the details of upcoming events.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page. . . lots of photos have been posted.

PennyG

## View from #6

It's a hot day, but my chair is in the shade and there's just enough breeze to rustle the leaves in the trees overhead. Bees are buzzing nearby, and songbirds fill the air with chirps and whistles. Somewhere in the distance, the raucous cry of a peacock gives a taste of the exotic to an otherwise bucolic scene.

Through the trees I catch the sound of hoofbeats, followed by the jingle of harness and the rattle of carriage wheels. Have I been transported back in time? One would think so, except that the mare emerging from the wooded lane is pulling a shiny new Glinkowski marathon carriage. Her driver is Tricia Hardy, whose husband Jeff stands behind as navigator. They sport identical lime-green golf shirts, but Tricia has traded her matching green helmet for a red straw hat with big silk flowers.

I leave my shady seat and approach the entry to obstacle #6, stopwatch in one hand and camera in the other. Click and click they go as the horse enters the obstacle and veers around to head through the set of posts marked "A." A tight turn brings her back through gate "B" and a quick turn through "C." Head straight toward gate "D" — no, keep red on the right! Out and around and through "D" from the other side, out and around again and exit the obstacle. I mark her time: just over 40 seconds for 4 gates. The mare, Precious, picks up a canter down the home stretch to turn in an almost perfect time for the 7 km combined drive at Paradox Farm.



I replay this flurry of activity 8 more times before the morning is done:

- Faith Bradshaw and her Percheron mare,
   Crescent, turn in the best time for obstacle
   #6.
- Reba Wagner has Doug Prevette as navigator as she drives Lewis and Clark, her team of huge black Percherons.
- Our mini-members, Chris Peckham with Cheyenne and Penny Godbey driving

- Calvin, come around the course together and take turns through the obstacles—size, for them, is not an obstacle.
- Kai and Tiffany Ehnes pause for a photo shoot with their Haflinger, Frodo.
- Barb Grubb and her Gypsy pony are amazing competitors, a few quick turns with feathers flying.
- Nancy Faller navigates for Tommy Cope, driving Nancy's mare Hannah. It's good to see Nancy participating—she puts so much work into putting on these events.
- Jean Parker laughs all the way through with her Morgan mare Ruby. Having fun is what this club is all about!

Paradox is a favorite venue for the Whips and Wheels driving club, and we always get a good turn out. Today was no exception, other than being exceptionally successful. Thanks to everyone, and especially Nancy and the crew of volunteers who helped out. Even though I didn't take a horse of my own to participate, I will end the day knowing that I have a great collection of photographs, memories, and friends!

## **Paradox Continuous Drive**

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by Tricia Hardy

Paradox Farm held the first continuous drive today, I think a lot of us were not sure what this would entail, but it sure was fun. We had nine entries even in this horrible humidity, but we were all prepared to take it easy and not push our equine friends. We had a very exciting course walk, first one of the golf carts decided it didn't want to go so we parked it and piled the people into trailer with the hay bales, then about 10 feet down the road we had a flat tire on the trailer! The rescue team arrived with a truck and mounting block for us to pile into for the remainder of the course walk. We all hoped this was not an omen for the rest of the day....it wasn't. The drive was 7K with 6 obstacles. The first obstacle on the course was Gamblers Choice, # 2 was a CDE hazard, #3 was a set of 12 cones and numbers 4, 5 & 6 were more CDE hazards. Gift cards were given for the fastest time in each obstacle, the person closest to the optimum time and the best overall score. If you

had already won a prize, you could not win a second prize (the next best score would win. Tommy Cope driving Hannah won Best overall, he really cleaned up in all the hazards and won the top gift card. Barbra Grubb & her Gypsy Vanner were outstanding in Gamblers Choice with a score of 290! (I think the next closest score was 160!) She walked away with a Tractor Supply gift card. Faith Bradshaw and Crescent had the fastest score in Hazard # 2 and won a K&W gift card. Tommy Cope had the fastest score in cones but had already won best overall so the Olive Garden gift card went to Chris Peckham and Cheyenne. For hazard #4 Tommy had the fastest score with Faith next so Reba driving Lewis & Clark was next in line to win a Starbucks gift card. Penny Godbey and Calvin won obstacle # 5 and received a Golden Corral gift card and #6 in order of fastest time was Faith, Tommy, Barbra, Reba, Chris Penny then Jean Parker who won the Barns & Noble gift card. The person finishing closest to the optimum time was Tricia & Jeff with Precious winning the Red Lobster gift card. The optimum time was 52 minutes we came in at 52.52. As usual, Nancy put on a fun event. Thank you Nancy and all the volunteers who helped to make today so much fun, we all love coming to Paradox to drive.

#### Tricia:

Please include in the newsletter my thanks to everyone for the flowers, cards, and condolences on the death of my father-in-law. Penny Brandon

#### **BOD Meeting** June 11, 2010 by Tricia Hardy

The Board of Directors meeting conviened at MAD Ceramics and was called to order at 6:40 pm by Penny Godbey. Those attending were Penny Godbey, Penny Brandon, Faith Bradshaw, Doug Prevette, Tommy Cope, Barbie Black and Tricia Hardy. We did not have a treasurer's report available.

Old Business: Penny thanked Barbie for putting on the Morganton Drive and Nancy & her staff for the Continuous drive and all the volunteers who assisted in the events. Penny B reported we have 28 members on Facebook, and you should feel free to post comments on the site. Penny B has been keeping the site up to date with pictures and event listings, Thank you Penny.

New Business: Event Calander: July 24th Luau @ Doug's. Drive at 9:30-12:00 then come back for the Luau at 4:00pm. Hamburgers & Hot dogs will be supplied, we need to bring a dish. Faith would appreciate an RSVP so she knows what everyone is bringing and can coordinate. 704-213-7076 faith@salisburyblueprints.com. We will hold a General Meeting after dinner and will be inviting Beth McCashin of TTC since we should be discussing the event she will be putting on for ALL carriage drivers October 16<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about holding a Silent Auction at Doug's Luau to raise money for the club. So if you have anything you would like to donate bring it to the Luau and let Faith know what you are bringing so she can organize the auction. Faith: 704-213-7076 faith@salisburyblueprints.com. August 7th Seminar with Susan Mc Crimmon, location to be determined, Tommy will look into the VFW or Penny G will look into the community bldg in Woodleaf. We will have a harness so bring any and all questions, the only dumb question is the one you don't ask! The time will be 10-2 the cost will be \$10.00 and will include lunch. If we meet at the VFW we will order lunch before we start the seminar from Tuckers, if we meet in Woodleaf Lunch to be determined. PLEASE RSVP to Penny G odbey. 704-278-9112 pcgodbey@bellsouth.net NOTE (6/20/10) The VFW IS NOT available as per an e-mail from Karen Cope. September 18th Despooking/Safety Clinic at Paradox. The first 30 to RSVP with entry fee of \$15.00 members or \$20.00 non-Members will be accepted. We had a huge turnout at the last de-spooking clinic so RSVP to Barbie Black EARLY. 864-921-0131 or 107 Paradox Lane, Mocksville, NC 27028. October 16<sup>th</sup> HDT at TTC to be put on by Beth McCashin with the WWDC's assistance. Barbie updated us on her meetings with Beth, we need to form some committees to help BEFORE the event. Volunteers WILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE at the event Beth just needs our help before, setting up and planning. This will be an UN RECOGNIZED event therefore Beth wants to have an extra level \*\*Beginning Training\*\* with special tutor, for anyone or any horse that has NEVER done and ADT, HDT OR CDE. There will also be Training, and Preliminary. If there are enough Pre entries of minis, Beth will make a smaller dressage arena for them. NOW is

your chance if you ever wanted to try this out. We will do Dressage & Cones in the morning and Cross Country after lunch. Anyone wishing to walk the course will be able to do so on FRIDAY. We are also going to put together a Friday night supper for the competitors, cost \$10.00. Barbie is looking for volunteers to work on the event committee, the whole board attending this meeting volunteered anyone with a grasp of what needs to be done at an event like this wishing to volunteer please call Barbie Black 864-921-0131. I volunteered to make numbers for Nancy's cones like the ones I made for the WWDC cones. Barbie thinks she can arrange for a judge (free) she already has an EMT lined up willing to volunteer. Tommy is going to check on the cost of an ambulance to have on call. We discussed "Sponsorships" how much should we ask and what the sponsors get in return, but did not decide anything. We want Beth to at least break even on her expenses, since she is all "fired up" about putting this on for us and will probably continue to host an event every year for us if it works out. We will need to discuss with Beth publicity, cost, props, supplies, food, ambulance & the EMT. Like a recognized event, we WILL "dress" for Dressage & Cones, but casual for the Cross Country. We are working on stabling for competitors coming from outside our area and it will be first come first serve. It looks like the entry fee will be \$50.00 for the event (which is a LOT cheaper than going to a real event), so come on out and try it, TTC is a great place, lets support Beth in her efforts to put on a driving event for us that we don't have to work. October 30th is our annual Halloween event at Paradox, November 20<sup>th</sup> will be out Turkey Trot at TLC Farm and December 5<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas dinner (Tommy is checking on that with Tuckers).

Penny G is still working up a set of By-laws to present to the BOD. We established a policy for flowers/cards in the event of death & illness. If it is Immediate Family (ie: Spouse, Mother, Father or Children of a member) we will send flowers, but people have to let us know when something like this happens. Our President (Penny G) would be the contact person. There was much discussion about the amount since prices vary so much along with delivery fees and who knows what they might be next year. We settled on \$50.00 give or take. We did not set a date for the next BOD meeting, but will wait to hear when Barbie wants us to meet

with Beth as our next BOD meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

#### **CCC CDE at FENCE** May 29-30

Tricia Hardy

What a fantastic weekend, this was our first ADS recognized CDE! The mid day heat and humidity were bad but what a great place to go have fun on Memorial Day weekend, you almost forgot the humidity. We arrived early Friday, picked up our entry packet and got Precious settled in her stall then wandered around the premises. We walked the cones course and took Precious into the covered dressage arena. I picked up a few needed items at Claudette Robinsons' Country Carriages booth, (I can't seem to stay away from her booth) she was busy all weekend! We were vendors there last year and my husband was a volunteer on the cones course, but this year I was there to DRIVE! After the marathon course-walk, we had a baked potato supper supplied by the CCC, these people really put on a feast. Saturday morning after my husband helped me hitch up he went off to volunteer on the cones course, he really enjoyed doing it last year and was quick to volunteer again this year. My dressage test did not go anywhere near as well as we had practiced it the last two times before the competition, but at least we weren't eliminated. Most of the things written on the judges sheets were what I expected, Precious was not a pleasure to drive through this test as she was the previous weekend at practice! After Dressage we hit the cones course and felt like we blew it away with a double clear round, she was "smokin", I had all I could do to keep her from cantering (we were doing training level)! After Jeff completed his volunteer duties we went to supper then came back to walk the hazards before retiring for the night. Sunday we misread our time chart and thought we were way to fast when we got near the finish, but we were looking at the 7K time not the 5K time so we were OK by 30 seconds, I had her just about doing a trot in place before I found out I could walk. After what I thought was a clear run I found out we had gone through the very first letter "A" in obstacle #1 backwards and got the big E (It was the ONLY obstacle my husband had not walked with me!!!!) It didn't matter though we had fun and it was really worth hearing Jeff say to a bunch of people what a blast it was

doing the marathon. I think I now have a permanent navigator; we will be back next year and maybe we will be able to read our time chart properly. After the marathon, we had a complimentary competitor's lunch then the awards presentation. Someone entered me in the Team challenge with 2 other drivers and our combined scores put us in second place. We also received a second for Training level single horse. I really shouldn't have gotten that since we had been eliminated in the Marathon. There were 10 of us in single horse Training and they divided the class into 2 groups both with placings from 1-5. At least I didn't do someone else out of a ribbon (I would have felt bad about that) since there was only one person in our group (who won first) who hadn't been Eliminated, Retired or Withdrawn. It seems the backup sheet did not say I had been eliminated, but the original did. Reba Wagner another of our WWDC members was first in the Pair Horse division, well done Reba and also won the "Most Improved" since last year. The CCC puts on a great event, everything was on time no waiting (unless you hitch up to early like I did, but that was my fault), they are so friendly and helpful, the volunteers are great. If you ever get a chance to attend this CDE or their pleasure show in September it is well worth it, you will have fun. Thank you CCC and all the volunteers, we had a blast and will be back next year, that's a promise not a threat!

Interesting & relevant article, with out permission I won't reprint it.

# Horses heat up 10 times faster than people - study

June 29, 2010 by Teresa Pitman

http://www.horsetalk.co.nz/news/2010/06/159.shtml

#### Notes from the CCC Secretary

Be sure to check out their event calendar @ their website: http://www.carolinacarriage.org

OK -- folks, I think we've got a Super Summer Seminar lined up! The Fire Hall should be open by 11:30 a.m. for set up... The hall is large enough for four areas to have displays...

How does this sound? Initial presentation on each

topic of 30 - 45 Minutes, then people can ask more in-depth questions or have "hands on" in the display areas...

July 17 Super Summer Seminar - Green Creek Fire Hall -- 12 Noon to 4:30 PM (Bring light snacks to share CCC will have Water and some soft drinks) Hostess: Claudette Robinson 828/863-4373 info@countrycarriagesusa.com

Natasha Jaskiewicz D.C. Chiropractor People. Horses. Small Animals

http://www.theanimalchiro.com/Home.html Barbara Black - Rein boarding

Latina Raville Helmet Covers Can Look Good, and Safety ID Bands

Bonnie Hines Turnout 2<sup>nd</sup> Turnout Walnut Hill 2009

Best for Now, Barbara Madill

828-894-2437 (leave message) or 828-899-0707 (cell) madill@windstream.net

The CCC Pleasure Show prize list is on website -- <a href="http://www.carolinacarriage.org/pleasure.htm">http://www.carolinacarriage.org/pleasure.htm</a>

#### SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

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

July 24th, 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 Despooking/Safety clinic

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

October 16<sup>th</sup> HDT at Thoroughbred Training Center

October 30th Halloween at Paradox

November 20th 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 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

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 tihardy2@yadtel.net Pictures available.

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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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