

Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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Morganton Drive Postponed

We had to postpone our Morganton drive until Saturday **May 7th** due to rain and probable foggy conditions for driving. All other information remains the same. Hope to see you all there.



President's Letter

Hopefully everyone has survived this crazy weather we have been having the last few weeks. On a personal note, Jim and I had been planning to do some barn work this spring and replace some of our barn roof. Well thanks to the high winds that blew through a few weeks ago, we now have a brand new roof!! The wind picked up a 40' x 24' section of the barn roof, spun it around, flew it over the main barn and GENTLY deposited it in three pieces in the back yard. You can image my surprise when I looked out at 2:00 am and saw a roof in the yard. Fortunately no horses (or mini) were injured, however, I have noticed they are a bit skittish at the sound of flapping metal.

I hope everyone had a nice Easter weekend, but unfortunately the bad weather forced us to postpone the Morganton Drive. Please mark your calendar and join everyone on May 7th for a great drive. Echo Hill is a beautiful farm and we are thankful to the Smith's for allowing us to drive there.

Be sure to join us on May 21st for the Intro to Carriage Driving at TLC Farm. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends who might be interested in Driving, but don't know how to get started. We are fortunate to have a lot of years of experience in our club and this will be a good time to ask questions, share tips and get advice. I think it will also be a lot of fun to swap horses/ponies/minis and get a feel for something different.

Continue to check our schedule of events for updates and new activities.

PennyG

Wishes for a speedy recovery, for Nancy Faller's father Jimmy. He had a minor stroke earlier this week and will be undergoing surgery Monday 4/25.

Hamby Creek Trail option.....

I attended a trail ride with the Davidson County Horseman's Association (DCHA) at their Hamby Creek Trail in Lexington a few months ago. Some of the trails are carriage accessible. Marilyn Colvin a DCHA member & WWDC member spoke to those in authority and we are welcome to ride & drive on their trails. After riding the trails, I think we would need to mark the carriage accessible trails since there are a few areas, which even on horseback were tight or very sloped. If we could come up with some kind of sign that would keep us on the wider trails, we would have another good safe place to drive. Their parking lot is more than adequate to handle our larger rigs. They had over 30 people/trailers on the ride I attended. I would be happy to go mark carriage trails if the group thinks this is feasible and would supply the signs. Another group Marilyn & I belong to have a place where trail signs are made, I could look into having carriage signs made, something for the Board to consider? Tricia

Submitted by Carol Ann Burns

The Seven Stages of Aging on Horseback

Stage 1: Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

Stage 2: Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sundown.

Stage 3: Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to stanch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take two Advil and apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

State 4: Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to urgent care clinic. Entertain nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

Stage 5: Fall off horse. Temporarily forget name of horse and name of husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before doctor gives official okay.

Stage 6: Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says, "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical technology thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you'll give up riding. One week later, purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

Stage 7: Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints and implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes and bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes and mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse.

This is *SOOOO* bad!

LE PRICE OF LE GAS IN FRANCE

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre.

After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van.

However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, 'Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings.'

'I had no Monet

to buy Degas

to make the Van Gogh.'

See if you have De Gaulle to send this on to someone else.

I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.

Is this why we drive horse & carriages? Had to make it carriage related....

I HAD to pass it on, don't know the original author.

To: CarolinaHorses@yahoogroups.com
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 Subject: [CH] Pleasure drivers group

Many thank to all those that came out for our pleasure drive on Sunday at Three Runs. The weather could not have been better!
 Some asked for the link to our Facebook page, I will post it below or you can run a search for us on FB under South Carolina Pleasure Drivers & join the group that way.
 It was great to see everyone can't wait for our next drive! Robert
http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/home.php?sk=group_190155244336050

What an unexpected tragedy! Another good reason to ask smokers to keep their "butts" in their car!!

http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/9450904/

Rocky Mount, N.C. — A cigarette tossed by a passing driver likely sparked a fire in a horse trailer on Interstate 95 that killed six thoroughbreds Friday night, according to the Nash County Sheriff's Office. The truck was northbound on I-95 south of Rocky Mount, when a camera showed the driver that smoke was coming from the horses' stalls in the trailer, state troopers said.

The driver woke up a back-up driver in the cab, and they tried to put out the fire, but it quickly got out of control. One of the drivers suffered burns while trying to save the horses, but they all died.

Troopers said a discarded cigarette from a passing vehicle likely flew into one of the partially open stalls, setting fire to the hay, troopers said.

The vehicle was transporting the horses from Florida to New York. I-95 was closed after the fire, causing traffic to back up for miles.

Schedule for 2011:

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

April 23rd Rescheduled for **May 7th**.

Morganton Drive

Please RSVP to Barbie For more information call **Barbie Black 864-921-0131**

DIRECTIONS to Dr Keith & Kim Smith's Echo Hill Farm

Kim Smith's cell phone if there are any problems 828-443-9410

Take I-40 west to exit #100 (Morganton & Jamestown Road) Go right towards Morganton on Jamestown Road for 2.6 miles. After you cross highway #70 (Taco Bell is at this intersection) start looking for the large Freedom High School on the right. When you see, the school get over to the left and take the SECOND light to the left onto 126 west and Table Rock Middle School sign. Go on 126 west for 1.9 miles. When you will come to a flat valley and cross over a small cement bridge. Take an IMMEDIATE left after the bridge onto Docastee Road. This long winding gravel road will lead you to the farm because it is also their driveway. As you come down the last hill into the valley there will be a large green utility Building. We will be parking in this area. There are bathrooms and water available at this location. There will be balloons and WWDC signs at every turn you need to make to get to the farm.

May 21st Intro to Driving Clinic @ TLC Farm
 Advance see web site for more info & directions

June 12th Possible Continuous Drive @ Paradox (NOTE Date has been changed from the Sat 11th to Sunday the 12th)

July ??? Possible Picnic @ Tanglewood. Tommy will figure out details

August ??? Speakers using the Woodleaf Community center if it is still available,

September ??? The Arc in Monroe? Penny G to check into

October 22nd Halloween at Paradox

November 19th Turkey Trot at TLC Farm Advance

December 4th Christmas party @ Tuckers

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

Classifieds:

None at this time

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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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