

Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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Our Tack Cleaning Clinic with speakers scheduled for 8/27/2011 had to be cancelled.

Don't forget our Trail Drive

September 25th Sunday

Small Town Stable
645 Whites Farm Road
Statesville, NC 28625



Our condolences go out to Tonya Barga on the loss of Cookie, and to Claudia Galup for the quick recovery of Rose, (the same accident). A speeding Drunk Driver plowed through a small tree, then the fence at Paradox Farm and struck & killed Cookie. Flying debris cause Rose to receive stitches on her face. Rose seems to be recovering nicely.

I know I am late with this, but our condolences to Ross Chrissman (honorary member) on the loss of his Morgan driving horse Buddy (Jumpin Jack Flash) who was also killed in a car accident after escaping from his pasture. Buddy was trained by Ross, and they spent MANY hours traveling all over Boonville in Ross's wheelchair equipped wagon.

In addition, Jean Parker has just completed a series of Rabies shots after a fox attacked her dog on the farm. The shots were precautionary since she handled the dog after it tangled with the fox. All her horses and dog had to have rabies booster shots.

Rumor has it.....

Last week I received quite a few calls about something posted on Face book. (I no longer have a Face book account or a CD-L account, *I am tired of having my address book hijacked*), so I had no idea what everyone was talking about! I e-mailed the person the post was about, and spoke to him face to face today.

Neither Tommy nor Karen Cope is sick, they are SLOWING DOWN! Tommy wants to retire and be able to join us in our WWDC activities, as he did when we started this club. He is grateful for all the

business this club has brought him, but he has his own horses, that should have been started 2 years ago and have just been standing around with no jobs. Tommy says there will ALWAYS be horses on his farm. Tommy wanted to let all his clients know before telling the rest of us, that, at the end of September he is retiring. His farm is still open to all of us and is still there for WWDC Events, but now he will be able to participate too. Tommy was instrumental in getting this club off to a good start. He was our first President and helped to set a solid foundation for this driving club. His goal was to make this club a fun, safe, learning place for new and old drivers and to promote good sportsmanship and camaraderie. I think he has done an excellent job and will be so happy to see him actually "playing" with us again. Best of Luck on your retirement Tommy, looking forward to you making Precious work harder at our events!

Tricia

Driving Abbey by Penny Brandon

Appalachian Angel (we call her Abbey) is a bright chestnut Arabian mare that I've been riding for a little over a year. My trainer, Ashley Lewis, acquired Abbey as a rescue horse when she (Ashley) was 11 years old. They've been fast friends every since.

Abbey is a great horse. She has "been there, done that" for whatever Ashley has asked of her. They have shown saddleseat, hunter/jumper, and roadster under saddle. They've also been up to 3rd Level Dressage. When I invited Ashley to join Whips and Wheels Driving Club, she told me that Abbey was also trained to drive, although it has been 5 or 6 years since she had. "We should hitch her up and try her out," we agreed.

Still, even the best horse is a horse. We didn't expect to pull out the cart and drive off into the sunset. Instead, we elicited the assistance of a couple of nimble friends. We harnessed the mare and donned our safety helmets. Ashley did some ground driving while we rolled out the sulky cart where Abbey could see and hear it. We let her have a close look and a good sniff, but she didn't show a whole lot of interest.

Then Ashley lead the horse around while we followed behind, just out of kicking range, pulling the cart and generally rattling, clanking, and

making noise. I handled the lines from behind, and eventually Ashley let go of the bridle. Abbey walked placidly. Finally we ran the shafts through the tugs and let her feel the weight of the cart, thought we were still poised to grab the shafts if she started to bolt. Bolt? Abbey? She didn't even have grumpy ears!

We tightened the tug straps and put more and more weight on the shafts. I was beginning to feel silly. I shifted my weight onto the cart seat, waived my helpers away, and drove off like we'd done it all our lives. If I had a cones course handy, we could have had some real fun!

This story has two morals. First, Abbey is an awesome horse. Second, even with an awesome horse, you can never be too careful. When you take safety first, fun will surely follow.

The Arrogance of Authority

A DEA officer stopped at a ranch in Texas, and talked with an old rancher. He told the rancher, *"I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs."*

The rancher said, *"Okay, but don't go in that field over there....."*, as he pointed out the location.

The DEA officer verbally exploded saying, *"Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me!"*

Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the rancher.

"See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish.... On any land !! No questions asked or answers given!! Have I made myself clear.....do you understand ?!!"

The rancher nodded politely, apologized, and went about his chores.

A short time later, the old rancher heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the DEA officer running for his life, being chased by the rancher's big Santa Gertrudis bull.....

With every step, the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety. The officer was clearly terrified.

The rancher threw down his tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of his lungs.....

"Your badge, show him your BADGE..... ! !"

Sent Via E-mail by Carol Ann Burns

Schedule for 2011:

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

September 25th Sunday Small Town Stable drive
645 Whites Farm Road Statesville, NC 28625

For more information, contact Faith Bradshaw 704-213-7076

Directions: From I-40, take 77 north. Take exit **54** for **US-21**. Slight right onto **US-21 N/Turnersburg Hwy** 433 ft. Turn left onto **Jennings Rd** 1.8 mi. Turn left onto **Whites Farm Rd**

October 22nd Halloween at Paradox **Paradox Farm, Nancy Faller** Mocksville NC 27028 336-284-6581

From I-85 take Jake Alexander Blvd exit, go left stay on Jake Alexander Blvd until it T's with Hwy 601, go left stay on 601. About 12 miles you will see signs to Paradox Farm. The farm is on the left, trailer entry will be at the bottom of the hill.

From I-40 take the Farmington Road exit, left over ramp to end, go right on Hwy 158, through Mocksville about 4 miles south you will come to the intersection of 801 & 601. Go straight about 2 miles. The farm will be on your right, go past the farm to the bottom of the hill. Signs will be there for the trailer entrance on the right.

November 19th Turkey Trot at **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.

December 4th Christmas party @ Tuckers

From I-40 & Hwy 158 take 801 south (approx 5 miles) to Advance. Tucker's is on the left

From Hwy 64 take 801 north (approx 6 miles) to Advance. Tucker's is on the right.

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

Classifieds:

11/06 Sierakowski & Son 2 wheel cart, newly replaced seat, brakes, 36" wheels, 2 sets of shafts, fits a 15'-16' horse, good little cart just doesn't fit my horse properly, \$2000 OBO, pictures available, contact Carol Carter @ flatriverfarm@netzero.net

Carol Carter
Flat River Farm
Hurdle Mills, NC

11/06 I'm offering my mini Amish : cart[easy entry, new in 2003-4, lightly used and well kept] and harness[black leather, new, ec] for 500.00. Lucy Spencer, 768-6480 spencer555@live.com

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BRIEF description of Business/Web Address:

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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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