

Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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Surprise Clinic!

On November 5th, we all gathered for an intermediate-advanced driving clinic with Audrey Hartnett an Advanced CDE Driver/Navigator and Instructor. The event was hosted by Nancy Faller of Paradox Farm. The day started off crisp and cold as we unloaded the horses and secured them in thickly bedded stalls filled with plenty of fresh hay. Then we human participants went to the “guest house” to warm ourselves up with hot chocolate, coffee, hot cider, and an array of breakfast Danish and fruit in front of the cozy fireplace.

Here we began the day with a round of questions and answers as Audrey shared her experience with the room full of participants. We discussed types of carts and carriages, types of harnesses for various competitions, and how to match your attire to your carriage. Audrey stressed the importance of a good working trot and how to achieve it. She also clarified the differences between various dressage terms, and the discrepancies between judging styles and preferences.

Once the day had warmed up outside, we brought the horses up to the dressage ring and split into two divisions—group one included the VSE and small-medium ponies, and group two consisted of the larger ponies and horses. Both groups practiced 20 and 40 meter circles, halting on the mark, backing correctly, the proper way to salute, and how to achieve a steady, working trot. Audrey also adjusted tack on several harnesses, fixed drivers’ hand positions, and gave assistance to stop counter bending.

December 4th Sunday

**WWDC Christmas party, 2:00pm @
Tuckers Restaurant Advance**

Don't forget, you can renew your dues early for next year anytime after Nov 1st!

Please send Membership info & dues to:

Tricia Hardy/Secretary
547 John Crofts Road
Mocksville, NC 27028

Horses and drivers in attendance were: Group 1: Chris Peckham with Cheyenne, Penny Godbey with Calvin, Nancy Faller with Charm, and Tommy Cope with Cobalt. Group 2 included Kai Ehnes with Frodo, Tricia Hardy with Precious, Tommy Cope with Hannah, Susan Emmert with Buddy, Claudia Galup with Rose, and Jean Parker with her large pony Ruby. There were many other spectators in attendance as well.

It was a wonderful day. I believe everyone left with some homework to practice and new lessons learned. Many thanks to Nancy for her hospitality in accommodating this clinic and to Audrey for her patience with all of our questions. We hope to have many more clinics like this one.

Tiffany Ehnes is an author, teacher, and member of Whips and Wheels.

Thanksgiving Drive

TLC Farm Nov 19, 2011

What a perfect ending to this year's schedule of driving events that included our equines!

We awoke to frost that looked more like snow, it was VERY COLD feeding this morning, but as it neared time to leave for TLC Farm, it was already warming up. Tommy and Karen had an unexpected breakfast waiting for us near the sign in table, a choice of hot chocolate, tea or coffee and Duncan Donuts! We had a fantastic turnout, 15 carriages, 2 riders a total of 30 people! I think this may have been the best turnout we have had all year at an event, but then it was so hot all this summer.

We started the morning with a 15 gate cones course Tommy called a "scurry". Tommy really likes to make us DRIVE our horses, there were lots of twists and turns and a tunnel to go through (twice). We had to drive through 1-15 go around a pole and then do the course backwards 15-1. After that we went over to his 3 acre field and did a regular cones course with 23 gates. You should have seen those minis go!!!! At lunch, which was another surprise, (Karen fixed a big pot of DELICIOUS Vegetable soup and brownies), Tommy handed out the awards for the 2 cones courses. After lunch, those of us remaining went out on a very well marked trail drive. Tommy has added some new paths for us to follow.

It was a great day, Thank you Tommy & Karen this was a great finish to our driving events this year.

Minis: Scurry

Megan Moore & ?	1st
Penny Godbey & Calvin	2nd
Chris Peckham & Cheyenne	3rd

Cones –

Chris Peckham & Cheyenne	1st
Penny Godbey & Calvin	2nd
Megan Moore & ?	3 rd

Grand & Reserve

Penny Godbey - Grand	
Megan Moore - Reserve	

Ponies: Scurry

Jean Parker & Ruby	1st
Polly Hixson & Charm	2nd
Nancy Faller & Cobalt	3rd
Claudia Galup & Rose	4th

Cones

Polly Hixson	1st
Nancy Faller	2nd
Claudia Galup	3rd
Jean Parker	4 th

Horses: Scurry

Susan Emmert & Buddy	1st
Tricia Hardy & Precious	2nd
Faith Bradshaw & Ellie	3rd

Cones

Kai Ehnes & Frodo	1st
Tricia Hardy & Precious	2nd
Faith Bradshaw &	3rd
Susan Emmert & Buddy	4th

Combined Pony & Horses for Grand & Reserve

Polly Hixson & Charm	Grand
Jean Parker & Rudy	Reserve

Rider:

Martine Sherrill & ?	1st
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Thanksgiving Drive at TLC Farm

Karen Cope

Want to give Thanks for all who came. The weather started out with a little nip in the air, but warmed up to a nice day. We had around 30 people to enjoy the day with us. There were 15 turnouts, from N.C. and 1 as far away as Va.

They all enjoyed the Thanksgiving Scurry and cones courses, Tommy set up. After the cones course, we all enjoyed lunch around the porch.

Then the awards were given out. After that the ones that could, went out on the trails, for a pleasure drive. Some went all the way, some returned early.

We want to thank everyone for coming out and making the event a big success. Without you, it would not have happened.
A big Thanks to all.

Happy Holidays
TLC Farm
Tommy & Karen Cope

Our Newest Club Member— Training to Drive

By: Penny Brandon

Someone asked me recently, “How long does it take to train a horse to drive?” The easy answer is, “It depends on the horse.” I suppose it also depends on the trainer, but that’s one of the purposes of Whips and Wheels—to help one another and give advice.

Last Saturday, I spent most of the day watching our club their horses at the Thanksgiving Drive at TLC farm (Great turnout!). On the way home, I stopped by Hollybrook Farm and had a chat with my new horse. I bought Lexington about a month ago. He has more champions in his pedigree than you can shake a stick at, but I didn’t buy him because I like shaking sticks. I bought him because his sire, dam, grand-dam, and a multitude of half-siblings, cousins and convoluted other relations live on the farm. For the most part, they’re very sane, calm-dispositioned horses. That’s my first requirement for a driving horse (or any horse, for that matter).

My conversation with Lexi went like this: “Look over there at Louie. What’s that following him around?” Lexi and I went for a walk toward where Louie was placidly pulling a sulky cart around the ring. We started far enough away that Lexi had a chance to look and be interested without feeling threatened. As we got closer, Lexi noticed how lush the grass was at the edge of the ring. Grass is such a good training tool!

After a few minutes of grazing and watching Louie work, I took Lexi into the ring. What IS that thing chasing Louie? Louie stopped and let Lexi approach. The cartwheels apparently weren’t as

tasty as they appeared. Lexi and I walked around behind the cart as Louie continued to walk. Lexi didn’t particularly want to walk beside Louie, but that may be because Louie is a stallion, and they haven’t spent a whole lot of time together.

Having very little excitement by that point, Ashley—my trainer and Louie’s owner—unhitched her horse and took him back to his stall. Lexi and I examined the abandoned cart at our leisure. He just couldn’t believe those tires weren’t good to eat! We—well, he—sniffed at the seat, at the wheels, at the shafts. The shafts weren’t good to eat either. Apparently, Lexi doesn’t rely only on looking and sniffing, he has to touch it and feel it, too, and for that, his lips and teeth are the best way. Ashley came back from the barn and began to pull the cart around by herself. Lexi walked behind her for a while, and then she walked behind him. He was a little nervous of that, and kept looking around. He didn’t seem to mind, though, until she came up beside, and again, it was the wheels that attracted his interest. He was brave enough to approach Ashley, still standing between the shafts, so she could give him a pat on the nose. We considered that enough progress for the first day (Ashley was tired of pulling the cart), so that’s where we ended our first driving lesson. Come back next month to see what further progress we’ve made!

Schedule for 2011:

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

December 4th Sunday WWDC Christmas party, 2:00pm @ Tuckers Restaurant Advance **\$11.00 per person** **Send \$ by November 25th**, to: Tricia Hardy 547 John Crofts Road Mocksville, NC 27028 so that Tucker can plan how much food he needs to have for us.

MENU: ham, turkey, wings, green bean & corn, seasoned potatoes, salad, bread, tea & coffee
We will have to pay for a minimum of 20 people
Dirty Santa \$15.00 limit. If you want to play, you need to bring a gift.

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.

February 11th (rain Date 18th) "Impossible Mission" Drive hosted by Faith Bradshaw. You will need a navigator/passenger, we will work something out for the minis. Faith will need volunteers. More info to come

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

Classifieds:

11/09 Team Harness for Miniature Horse or Donkey. Amish made Black Biothane with spots.

Also, team Wagon, Oak, two seater, stripes, and brake, also Amish made. E-mail me for Pictures and prices.

Barbara Cohen bcohen5@nc.rr.com or call 919-870-7707

11/09 Pair or 4 up Kuhnle marathon carriage for sale (older model but works great) \$2,000 Please call Faith 704 213 7076



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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.

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

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