

# WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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**Updated directory will be published in April.**

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

There are a lot of horse people in this area. I know, because many of them were in line at the Equestrian Exchange tack sale on Friday. Lynn sure puts on a first-class event. There was lots of tack there, new and used, including at least three sets of harness. While buying at a consignment sale is a great way to find bargains, it is also buyer-beware. One set of harness I examined had mismatched leather parts, so I wasn't sure if the parts were all for the same size harness, or even all there. I decided to pass on that one. I did find lots of stable items: Hay racks, water buckets, horse blankets, brushes...a little bit of everything. I bought a nice new zebra-stripe bridle bag and paid \$2 for a pair of bright red leg wraps and \$5 for a matching tail bag. You name it, if they make it for a horse, there's at least one at that sale.

Today I went to Raleigh to a horse auction. Again, buyer beware. There were some very pretty horses, and definitely bargains to be had. There were also three or four that seemed like they were just a little bit off: short-striding or unbalanced. There was at least one driving horse there, too, but he went for a very pretty penny. The mini-donk was more affordable, but we couldn't figure out how to get him back in the car, so we let him go home with someone else.

I guess the moral of this story is, there are still a lot of people in North Carolina who love horses. There is a lot of opportunity to indulge in a variety of equine events, and it really helps to know who to trust and what to be looking for. That's one reason that Whips and Wheels puts on educational seminars as well as fun events. This spring we'll be

meeting at TLC Farm in Advance to talk about harness, accessories and carriage maintenance. Later in the fall, we'll talk about a variety of ways to take care of horses, including massage and chiropractic. In between, we'll be getting together to drive and have fun. I hope to see everyone on St. Patrick's Day at TLC. Gas prices are soaring and it's expensive to travel, but use some of those horse-trading and budgeting skills at the gas pump and come on out for some fun. Hope to see everyone there!

Thanks,  
Penny Brandon

### **BOD MEETING** at Hurley School Road 2/18/2012

The board met while having lunch at the Valentine event on Hurley School road. We discussed the how much it would cost to send reminder postcards to unpaid (more than a year) members as a gentle reminder to rejoin, but decided against it since they do know where to find information on our web site. We also decided to stop sending information these people for the same reason. Therefore, at the end of March these names will be removed from our e-mail list.

We discussed the Volunteer Bucks (an idea the CCC uses to reward volunteers) and decided our group is so small it would cut into any possible profits we might make at events. Penny G wondered if a new Pony Club at Full Circle Farm might be interested in volunteering (like at the Paradox HDT) if we were to donate a little something to their group. We also discussed having a Volunteer committee who would be in charge of getting volunteers to help at event. I suggested it be a part of our Vice Presidents job description and it was unanimously approved after Chris Peckham said she had no problem doing it. Our most volunteer intensive event is the HDT Nancy puts on at Paradox, which by the way we have to change the date to the following weekend **May 26<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting adjourned and we went back to our cones and "Mission Impossible."

## VALENTINE DRIVE

Hurley school Rd 2/18/2012

The weather decided to let us enjoy the day with no rain or even a hint of the rain we were supposed to get! The possibility of rain might have kept some people away, but those who did come were rewarded with a very fun day. We had four riders and four turnouts. Some of the riders had an exciting trip around the outside cones course with a 4 wheeler running around on a track just the other side of the woods, the Cross Country course did not include the BIG hill faith usually uses, but even so poor Rowdy was wore out by the time he and Tonya crossed the finish line. Faith had a slightly different take on the Bingo game we have played before, that turn into #1 was sure tight! Mission Impossible was just that out of 9 eggs laid out on the course, only three people managed to break one each. I guess Faith can still have breakfast tomorrow.

	<b>Outside Cones</b>	<b>X Country 9 items to find</b>	<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Mission Impossible</b>
<b>Rider 1st</b>	Valerie & Ruby	Sierra & Crescent	Stephanie & Brosco	Stephanie & Brosco
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sierra & Crescent	Stephanie & Brosco	Valerie & Ruby	
<b>3rd</b>	Stephanie & Brosco	Meghan & Stormy	Sierra & Crescent	
<b>Pony 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Tommy & Charm	Tommy & Charm	Tommy & Charm	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Nancy & Red	Nancy & Red	Nancy & Red	
<b>Mini 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Antonio & Jack	Antonio & Jack	Antonio & Jack	
<b>2nd</b>	Tonya & Rowdy	Tonya & Rowdy		

We had a tie for Overall Rider; Sierra & Crescent and Stephanie & Brosco. Overall Pony Winner was Tommy & Charm and Overall Mini winner was Antonio & Jack. Congratulations to all. Thank you faith for a fun day.

## “CALA-MINI-JANES”

Let me introduce you to the “Cala-mini-Janes” (not the official name but I think it fits). On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, we had our first practice of the mini drill team. We had 7 whips and horses. Nancy Faller and Peanut, Tonya Barga and Rowdy, Karen Apple and Victoria, Meghann Moore and Sierra, Penny Godbey and Calvin, Chris Peckham and Cheyenne, Tricia Hardy and Jack. Thank you to Penny Brandon for filling in as an alternate driver.

This was to be a meet and greet sort of thing. All the horses meet and we drive around the ring and have laughs and giggles. I for one was late (as usual) we had a 2:00 pm start time in the ring. Once Cheyenne was hitched, we hurried over to the big dressage ring. What a sight, all the minis there cool! This is going to be fun! After everyone warmed up for about 10 minutes, Nancy got on her mic and proceeded to ask what we would like to do. Ummm?! Let's see what these minis can do. We all formed a straight line and had to keep a minimum distance between each other and not run up on the other. First exercise was perfect. Next, we tried pairs up the middle and breaking off into singles down each side. WOW! We are talented! Let's try a little combination of the two Nancy said! We all cheer yes! We can do this and wow, we can all remember the pattern that Nancy gave us. Let's add in another movement down the center line. Single each driver breaks off to the left one to the right, stay even with your partner down the long side and cross the diagonal and then finish where we started. We did it!

We all were so excited as this was our first time together and we looked like we knew what we were doing. We need to find an agent I said! After about 45 minutes and tired horses, it was time to unhitch. With all our smiles and tired horses, it was a wonderful day. We haven't quite been able to have a second practice yet as the weather has prohibited us from getting together. We now have a great troop of drivers and minis that are ready to perform (with a little more practice) at a future event.

By Chris Peckham



## MORE MINI SHENANIGANS!

Welcome to the second chapter of the mini drill team. I don't think I should mention the calamity (mini) Janes as 2 gentlemen joined us. Nancy Faller as our Caller, Tricia Hardy took pictures, whips and horses: Tanya Barga/Rowdy, Polly Hixson/Peanut, Penny Godbey/Calvin, Meghann Moore/Sierra, Tommy Cope/Bouncer James, Chris Peckham/Cheyenne, Antonio & his son/Jack.

We all made our way to the dressage arena at Paradox. It was a beautiful day, Carolina blue skies, was a little breezy but perfect in my book. We were sent patterns from Nancy a few days before so we would at least have an idea of what to work on. Working in a single line, down the centerline and each break off into the opposite direction of the person in front of you. I went the wrong way a couple of times. We managed to pair up with Tommy and Bouncer a few times and in amazement, they almost have matching strides. (Team in the works?)

We then worked on a more challenging maneuvers, if I am correct it was half circles to pairs as was the sheet that Nancy had sent. Singles down the rail and every two pair were to ride a counterclockwise half circle to the centerline. Partners were to pair up from the opposite line and drive in pairs down the centerline. Confused (I was!) we all looked at yelled HUH! Nancy with her microphone said whoever understands, please demonstrate. Polly and Penny raised their voices and proceeded to give us a perfect example. OK, we are ready! So we follow and it was like a traffic jam. It reminded me of the old silent films that would show people driving horses and delivery carriages in NY, utter chaos! We managed after a couple tries and we did it. We are on a roll!

Nancy said let's put the movements together! So with the excellent caller we managed to complete all the movements with finesse, as we are professionals! I think we did pretty well for our second practice together. As the drivers and horses wound down, we planned another practice in a couple weeks. We all walked back to the trailers and barns with smiles on our faces ready to tackle the next drill team exercises that come our way.

By Chris Peckham

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## SCHEDULE FOR 2012:

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

**JANUARY 15, 2012** 2:00pm General meeting at the Sagebrush in Mocksville. The reservation for the room has been confirmed.

**FEBRUARY 18, 2012** 10:00am "Impossible Mission Drive" Salisbury, Hurley School Road Faith Bradshaw to host. Faith will need volunteers.

**MARCH 17, 2012** St Patty Day Drive TLC Farm Advance Gates open at 9:00 Tricia Hardy to host

**APRIL 21, 2012** "Driving Essential" TLC Farm. Maintenance, spares kits, lots of other info as planning takes place Tommy & Kai to host.

**MAY 26, 2012** **please note** the date has changed from the 19<sup>th</sup>. ADT at Paradox Tonya to host. Get a sampling of an ADT without the pressure of a real show! You will need to PRE Register since we will be scheduling Dressage tests. ADS Training level Test # 2 so start practicing! We are planning on the judge being able to talk to everyone immediately after their test, then you will go on to the cones course, then you are free to drive on the property. Tonya & I will be working on finding a judge.

**JUNE** is open for suggestions.

**JULY 21, 2012** Picnic (at Tanglewood?) Tommy will be looking into renting the shelter.

**AUGUST 11, 2012** Something INSIDE with air conditioning! I will check into renting the Ellis Park Rec Center in Salisbury. *Note 12/21/2011 the room is tentatively booked \$50.00 for ½ day 11:00am-3:00pm.*

**SEPTEMBER** is open for suggestions

**OCTOBER 27, 2012** Halloween at Paradox

**NOVEMBER 17, 2012** Thanksgiving Drive at TLC Farm. Tommy & Karen to host

**DECEMBER 2, 2012** Christmas Dinner at Tuckers. Tommy to make the reservations.

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

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## CLASSIFIEDS:

None at this time

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