

WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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FROM THE PONY Paddock,

The newsletter doth call, though we have not much to report except two exceptionally soggy Saturdays that cancelled our Valentine's Drive. I don't know about you all, but I have been bitten by spring fever! Now what one is supposed to do is clean up all the harness, do maintenance and safety checks on the carriages, polish the bits, clean out the tack trunk. I am SURE I am the only one who has not done one lick of this work.....but I am thinking about it!

Speaking of safety, which I wasn't, note please that as of Jan 1, protective headgear is now required in FEI recognized shows anytime the rider is mounted on the showgrounds! (The only exception is that an adult may wear a bowler or top hat in the show ring if required in her class) As I am a severe offender (for not wearing safety helmet, that is!) I have adopted a resolution to wear my helmet any time I am in the carriage. If you catch me without it, please remind me! I hope that all members will consider doing the same!

I am attaching a picture from the mini quadrille that was started at Nancy's last year. Anybody interested in trying again? I think I could find a sponsor for some (matching) polo shirts. There is also a news release concerning the Driving Digest.

Hopefully we will get to have our event next month. Maybe Trish will do the ANTI rain dance.....

Polly Hixson



Craig Kellogg Clinic at Paradox Farms March 30th, 2013

Schedule:

8:00 - 8:50 - Nancy and Antonio

9:00 - 9:50 - Tricia

10:00 - 10:50 - Kai

11:00 - 11:50 - Brock

Lunch

12:30 - 1:20 - Chris P.

1:30 - 2:20 - Polly

2:30 - 3:20 - Susan E.

3:30 - 4:20 - Penny G.

The 10 minute breaks are for Craig and participants. Auditors are welcome.

If anyone has specific topics they would like addressed please let me know so that I can forward them to Craig.

Thank you to Nancy for allowing us to use her facility.

DCHA WORKDAY

There was confusion over this workday since it had been cancelled twice due to the weather. Finally, on Sat Feb 2, three people braved the COLD to work on the Loopty Loop Trail at Hamby Creek. This trail is a blast to ride and the minis would love it, NOW the bigger carriages can enjoy it too. We spent from 10:00 until 2:30 trimming back branches and removing a few small trees to make the hairpin turns not quite so hair pinish. The next time their (DCHA) person mows, he will mow a double row, although it is accessible now for the carriages.

When they remove a couple of trees from the Thunderbolt Loop trail it will be also be carriage assessable.

There is a trail map available at:

<http://www.dchaweb.com/HambyCreekMap.pdf>

In a carriage, **I would NOT use** Pine Needle, Turkey Trot, Cowboy Pass or Thunderbolt (until it is widened) or Hawk's nest, When Ramlin T's at Rawhide I would go right not left unless you want to turn your carriage around at the end, it is blocked, but it is pretty and should be wide enough to turn around in. Sundance has a rut in the middle of it that could tip a carriage or trip a horse pulling a carriage, it's near the top close to the parking lot. I think I have mentioned all of the inaccessible trails, but if you go out there just be careful, I might have missed telling you about a too narrow trail. DCHA is really looking forward to us holding a drive out there. You can go out and enjoy the trails any time, they are open to the public. You can ride or drive.

Press Release

February 10, 2013

For Immediate Release

New Owner Takes the Reins of Driving Digest Magazine

The *Driving Digest Magazine*, the only independent magazine in North America devoted to carriage driving, has changed ownership. Ann Pringle, of Pringle Publications LLC, has purchased the magazine from previous owner Thom Mezick.

Pringle, who has been the magazine's editor for the past five years, has been involved with carriage driving since the late 1970s. She served as executive director of the American Driving Society for 20 years and also served as the editor of the ADS publication *The Whip*.

Although Pringle's role has been mainly in an editorial capacity, her experience with the ADS will serve her in good stead as she takes on the other aspects of magazine publication. She's looking forward to working with advertisers and helping them achieve their goals through increased exposure in the magazine as well as online. The main headquarters for *Driving Digest* will be in Southern Pines, N.C.

"I truly believe that a magazine like *Driving Digest* has a strong future," says Pringle. "Carriage driving is a relatively small sport, but it's very diverse. Equines of all shapes and sizes, from miniature donkeys to drafts, ponies to European warmbloods,

all have their places in the carriage driving world. That's what makes it so interesting."

The magazine's content includes articles on training, show reporting, places to drive, personality profiles, news and opinions. Pringle plans to expand the content to provide something for every carriage driving enthusiast.

"Not all carriage drivers choose to compete," says Pringle. "Carriage driving is very social, and many drivers find that getting together with other drivers for a drive followed by some refreshment is the perfect way to enjoy an afternoon. Others like to collect and restore carriages."

A new website is currently under construction, so return often to check the progress. Input is always welcomed!

To subscribe or renew, contact Ann at Driving Digest at 910.691.7735; by mail at P O Box 120, Southern Pines, NC, 28388; by email at ann@drivingdigest.com or on the web: www.drivingdigest.com A one-year (6 issues) subscription is \$28 for US residents, \$48 for two years.

March Madness

Flyer attached and on web site.

SCHEDULE FOR 2012/2013:

Regardless of the event riders, visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come check us out. **Event Fees:** Members \$15.00 per Turnout or Rider, Non-members \$20.00 per Turnout or Rider, Spectators & Visitors are Free.

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

MARCH 16, 2013 at TLC Farm. RSVP to Tricia@whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org 336-751-0786

MARCH 30TH, 2013 Saturday @ Paradox RSVP to Kai Ehness germanplowboy@yahoo.com 336-940-3360 This will be a Members only clinic \$50.00 for an hour session.

APRIL 27-28TH 2013 Saturday/Sunday Moonlight Drive @ Paradox Nancy RSVP to: Nancy Faller 336-284-6581 paradoxfarm@yadtel.net

MAY 25TH, 2013 Saturday Polly Hixson to host @ Paradox. RSVP to Polly Hixson prixson@gmail.com 336-978-9785

JUNE 15TH 2013 Saturday Picnic at Ellis Park. RSVP to Chris Peckham 704-876-4179 Mini75@bellsouth.net

JULY & AUGUST are open, indoor event, pot luck supper, something out of the heat?????

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2013 Saturday. Would you like to host an event?

OCTOBER 19TH, 2013 Saturday. Nancy to host at Paradox. Tentative date, need to check upcoming shows. RSVP to: Nancy Faller 336-284-6581 paradoxfarm@yadtel.net

NOVEMBER 16TH 2013 Saturday TLC Farm. RSVP to: Tommy Cope 336-998-4915 tlcfarm@yadtel.net

DECEMBER 8TH, 2013 Sunday Christmas Party. RSVP to Tricia@whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org 336-751-0786

CLASSIFIEDS

13/1 Sunbeam heavy duty clippers. Older model, works well. \$100.00. Pipe Dream Farms. Phixson@gmail.com 336-978-9785
Selection of sport ponies, New Forest and New Forest crosses, British riding pony gelding 18 months scored an amazing 9.4 for movement at his NASPR inspection! Young stock and under saddle available. Polly Hixson

13/1 Easy entry metal cart...with 35" **wooden** wheels shaft length ...68" Excellent condition. For a medium to large pony OR small horse. Price \$550. Linda Ward 336-993-4643 Oak Ridge NC Pictures available upon request.





WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/WAIVER

MEMBERSHIP WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST.

PLEASE PRINT OUT FORM BELOW & FILL OUT THEN:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB OR WWDC MAIL TO: TRICIA HARDY 547 JOHN CROTTS ROAD MOCKSVILLE, NC 27028

___ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FULL YEAR \$25.00 (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 OR MORE PEOPLE UP TO 4. VOTING PRIVILEGES 18 YEARS OR OLDER)

___ SINGLE MEMBERSHIP FULL YEAR \$15.00 (1 PERSON)

___ NEW AFTER JUNE 30TH WILL BE PRORATED: 1/2 YEAR \$12.00 FAMILY \$7.50 SINGLE (REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.)

___ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST RUN THROUGH THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

DUES ARE DUE THE FIRST OF JANUARY EACH YEAR.

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED \$ _____ PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP/BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Business: _____ Web Site: _____

SHORT Description: _____

Work or Cell Phone: _____

Date Received: _____ (Office Use)

Please read and sign the **WAIVER** below & send with your application: *Print a copy to keep*

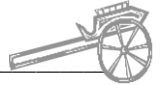


1st Adult/Parent/Guardian _____



2nd Adult/Parent/Guardian _____

1st minor (under 18 years) _____



2nd minor (under 18 years) _____ Date: _____

Whips & Wheels Driving Club Equine Release, Waiver and Indemnification

The undersigned participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18 years, does/do hereby execute this release waiver, and indemnification for himself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives and assigns and, thereby agree(s) and represents as follows:

To release Whips and Wheels Driving Club, it's members, agents and representatives affiliated with this activity from any liability, loss, damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling of equine by the undersigned participant. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify Whips and Wheels Driving Club, it's members, agents and representatives affiliated with this project, and hold them harmless for any loss, damage, cost, claim judgment, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned person's participation in said activity.

If involved in equine activities pursuant to NC Chapter 99E of NC General Statutes, the undersigned(s) executes(s) this waiver of the undersigned(s) right to sue and agree(s) to assume all risks resulting from the "intrinsic dangers of equine activities". "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" is defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to: (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (vi) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or Parent or guardian of a minor. The revocation shall be in writing, which shall be addressed to the provider and shall become effective thirty (30) days after delivery to the provider.

The undersigned(s) should maintain all medical and health insurance to cover all risks of any kind in any place in livestock, equine, and/or other activities.

I the undersigned participant will ensure equipment is in good condition at all times, wear and use all safety equipment. Minors (under the age of 18) MUST wear helmets and be accompanied by an experienced driver when in the carts/carriages.

WARNING: Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina general statutes.

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