

WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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FROM THE PONY Paddock

So I attempted to have a small ego boost by pursuing a "premium". Since my goal is to breed sport ponies, and being very proud of Charm's baby, Rhiannon, I decided to take her to a warmblood inspection. I thought she had a good chance to make premium. There are several choices for sport pony registries. There is NASPR (North American Sport Pony Registry), ISR Oldenburg (Oldenburg Registry North America and International Sporthorse Registry), and GOV/ Weser-Ems (The Oldenburg Horse Breeder's Society and Weser-Ems Ponies--the true daughter organization of the German Oldenburg Verband). Weser and Ems are geographic areas of Germany.

I set about researching which registry would suit better. I called friends, read web sites, checked advertising sites for prices. The best reputation may be the Weser-Ems, however my final scientific decision was based on the following sound principal: GOV inspection was the closest! There are three levels: "regular" foal registration, premium foal, and foal of distinction.

So off we went to Hillsborough. Debbie Malinowski of Wellsmont Farm hosted the inspection and put on a very nice event. There were only 9 horses/babies there to be inspected. We were last and were done by 1030 in the morning. If you want to see some gorgeous warmbloods, attend one of these inspections! The inspectors were very nice, tactful, and informative, Rhiannon was literally in the face of one of them. Rhiannon "almost" made premium!

I learned the following:

1. Expect to spend some money. One must be a member of the society and get the mare inspected in addition to inspecting the baby. Then of course you have a stall fee, a handling fee (Polly does not run) and a braiding fee. Keep in mind one is doing this for bragging rights.
2. Babies tire easily and do not show their best gaits when tired :-)
3. Read the fine points of the rulebook. In GOV if the mare does not make the main mare book, her babies can never go premium. Charm has some known conformation faults so is the "mare book", not the "main mare book". Hence none of her foals would ever go premium.
4. Expect the unexpected. I know Charm is alpha and hates other horses, especially when she has a baby. However, although I did expect her to rush at the mare next door with her ears pinned, I did NOT expect her to kick the concrete wall, thus making her lame for her inspection!

Did Charm "clean up well" and look gorgeous? Yes! Did I have a great morning? Yes! Did I get my "premium"? No. Do I still think Charm is the best pony ever and her foal is lovely? Yes! Would I do it again? Wait and see.....

BEAT THE HEAT BREAKFAST DRIVE/ RIDE

July 20, Paradox Farm.

Gates opened at 6:00am to an already muggy morning. Breakfast items and cooks were off loaded at our normal staging area for our famous chefs to work their magic while the rest of us went out on the trails, either driving or riding. I didn't get a head count, but I think we had 4 carriages and 3 riders. We also had a visitor from Raleigh come to check out our club.

Nancy did not set up a formal trail, we could go pretty much where ever we pleased, but she did tell us she had 10 buckets scattered out on the trails with little do dads for us to find. Antonio and his son

found all 10 items, but there was a 3-way tie for second place with Faith, Marilyn and Jeff & I finding 8 items each. The tie was broken by Marilyn who had the little purple frog.

Tommy and Jim did a wonderful job with breakfast. We had plenty of good food to go around, if you left hungry it was not the cooks fault!

Thank you Nancy, Tommy, Jim and everyone who brought food for the breakfast. This breakfast drive was a first for us, I wouldn't be surprised if we do it again! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Of course we always have a good turnout when food is involved!

Polly announced she will host a movie marathon Saturday August 24th starting at 2:00pm until???? Bring snacks and drinks and we will watch equine movies and or training tapes. Please RSVP to Polly Hixson 336-978-9785 phixson@gmail.com 132 Woodburn Place, Advance NC 27006-9457

Directions to Polly's house:

From I 40 take Exit 180 onto 801 North. Go approx 1 mile turn left onto Woodburn (across from the Quarter horse farm--road is hard to see as it only goes to the left and the sign is inconspicuous) 132 is the fourth house on the right--a white brick ranch.

POLLY'S REFLECTIONS

Let me see, for drivers we had Precious, Cobalt, Star (mine) Calvin, and Fred, who else? Riders I think you are right. And then a trillion turned up for breakfast!

Here are some random thoughts about the event if you want to add any more to your piece, I won't go on and on about the delicious breakfast as I suspect you have it covered....don't forget thanks for all the cooks and food bringers! :-)

The best part for me was driving alone on the trail after starting out around the other horses. I gained confidence in myself and my pony. We had to overcome the obstacle of mud (!!?) as though we have not been slogging through the same for the last month. Also had to watch/listen for other rigs so as not to encounter another horse on a narrow section of the trail. Having buckets of treasures to pick up was surprisingly helpful as it kept me looking up and around as opposed to watching my pony's butt, which causes rather marked over-

driving! It also enabled me to enjoy the scenery, woods, ferns, pastures and critters of Nancy's gorgeous farm!

Polly Hixson, MD

FW: MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES – EEE FIRST CONFIRMED CASE OF 2013

In a previous Pile that was sent out was about the rains increasing some pest problems. Some problems are nuisance pests (such as millipedes) but others such as mosquitoes pose a greater problem particularly with the possibility of diseases such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), LaCrosse Encephalitis, and West Nile Virus. As I suggested in that email, it would be prudent for horse owners to get their animals vaccinated.

Some of you may have already seen yesterday's reports that **Brunswick County had its first confirmed equine fatality from EEE.**

<http://www.wect.com/story/22877714/states-first-case-of-eee-this-year-confirmed-in-brunswick-county>

Despite the name, the disease affects not just horses but people as well. Unlike some other disease-causing viruses of medical importance, you can't get EEE from contact with an infected person or horse. Mosquitoes become infected when they bite an infected bird and those mosquito species then feed on other birds thus increasing the reservoir of virus in the bird population during the course of the summer. Other mosquito species that bite these same birds act as "bridges" by dining again on horses or people who now become infected.

Children and the elderly are the biggest concern and so we need to urge our clients to take appropriate protective measures and use insect repellents (see <http://insects.ncsu.edu/Urban/repellents.htm>). We still recommend the usual measures of emptying rain-filled containers and other objects as well as unclogging gutters, drainage ditches, etc. However, mosquitoes that can transmit EEE will also breed in floodwaters and salt marshes and for that reason personal protection is critical. Many of these mosquitoes are active at dawn and dusk and so altering are activity times can help (but are not a guarantee

against mosquito bites). Horse owners should consult with their veterinarian about vaccinating their animals against these mosquito-borne diseases.

People with dogs that spend a great deal of time outdoors need to make sure they are keeping up their pet's monthly heartworm medications since some of the same mosquito species that are increasing in numbers can also transmit dog heartworm.

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!**

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SEPTEMBER 7TH OR 21ST, 2013 Working with DCHA to set up a ride at Hamby Creek but it would have to be on the 7th.

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



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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