## WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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## AUGUST 2013

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# FROM THE PONY PADDOCK



# VIDEO MARATHON AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> AT POLLY'S HOUSE.

Tommy & Karen, Pat, Bev, Marilyn & I all attended Polly's Get out of the Heat Video Marathon. We watched 2 training videos and a somewhat hokey cute, predictable movie about "Granddaughter" saving the farm by winning a driving race. Of course Mobon, the Stallion was gorgeous!

Prior to the movie marathon, Marilyn another friend Jackie, Jeff & I rode & drove the trails at Hamby Creek to test out my planned poker route for Sept 7th. I was driving Precious (15 hand horse) to my 2 wheel cart, 54" wide and all the mapped trails will work. I wouldn't bring a show carriage/cart since there is overgrowth, but all the trails are passable though very soggy at this time. Jeff did cut down 2 trees on the Loopty Loo trail and there is one area I will mark on this trail for carriages to avoid a very tight turn. The Loopty Loo is an optional tail to add length to the drive, and is very twisty and goes up & down and around & around as the name implies! For those who want to know, we went at a slow pace and it took about an hour, but there is no reason you can't go out and do the trail a second or third time, just so long as uyou are back in time for the prizes, 50/50 and door prizes. We did have one problem though. When we got to the entrance gate only half of it was open and it took some maneuvering to get our big rig through the gate to get up to the parking lot. Marilyn has notified DCHA about the problem since the gate code she was given did not open the other half of the gate. Gail Fritz has informed me someone will be out to fix the gate on Monday. PS: I am still looking for 2 volunteers to be relief for a poker stop on the trail.

# BOD MEETING AUGUST 9, 2013

### At MAD Ceramics

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm, with Faith, Nancy, Tommy, Pat, Bev and Tricia in attendance. OOOPS Polly forgot!

We firmed up the details for the September 7<sup>th</sup> Poker Drive/Ride at Hamby Creek in Lexington. We will offer a \$100. Grand Prize for the best hand, Judges decision is final. Bev is going to secure our Poker Judge. (It will be Lynn Olsen), Tommy will handle the 50/50, Pat volunteered to help at the sign in desk with me. Faith is going to talk to Polly about insurance, we feel even though DCHA says we don't need it we should have it. She will also talk to Polly about BOD insurance and or incorporating. I will get the flier out ASAP now that we have the details worked out. Nancy is going to make up some **NO carriage** signs to mark the trails that are too narrow for carriages and 2 more event signs with arrows for out on the road.

Nancy had to change the Halloween Event date to October 26<sup>th</sup> not the 19<sup>th</sup>. I will make 3 trophies Carriage, Rider and Spectator. Nancy is holding a Dog Walk Poker Run at the farm on the 19<sup>th</sup> and could use volunteers.

Tommy is going to check about a winery for our Christmas Party he doesn't think we can get the Garden Gate this year.

We have a board member who would like to resign. Is there anyone in the club who would like to be on the board for the remainder of the year? If so, please contact Polly, Faith or Me.

### The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Jeff has volunteered to replace the resigning BOD member, his only thought is does the membership have any objections to 2 members of the same family being on the board? If anyone has a problem with this please let Polly know. If there is anyone else who does to volunteer the membership would vote on it.

### Ogburn Stables/HERO show Sept 14th

I am attaching the prize list for The HERO Show at Ogburn Stables Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Since the driving classes (all games) WWDC was sponsoring were cancelled at the last show, they are included in this show.

### Did you Know? - Interesting study

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A bird pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car. MTA then hired an ornithological behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

The ornithological behaviorist very quickly concluded the cause:

When crows eat road kill, they always have a lookout crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Truck."

Absolutely amazing!

Passing this news along:

After months of holding our breaths and crossing our fingers, August 1st saw Senate Bill 638 became law. What? You've never heard Senate Bill 638?

In short, the bill closed a loophole in the Recreational Use liability statute and gives landowners who allow people to ride horses across their land a new measure of liability protection. The legislation was written by local horsewoman and attorney Dot Moyer. Dot has long been instrumental in encouraging sound policy for our trail systems that kept riders and landowners out of legal mud. The legislation was sponsored by our area legislators (McGady, Whitmire and Hise) and was eventually rolled into the Farm Bill. It passed scruting by the Senate Judiciary committee, the Senate and finally signed by the governor in mid-July. Why does all this matter? It matters because we have one of the best trail systems in the country that is (mostly) on private land. Private trails involve a lot of moving parts (maintenance, rules, member accountability, changing routes, and, not the least being liability). Liability has always been the great bugaboo in enticing land owners to share their property. Now, with the new law, landowners should feel (a lot) more comfortable. Which, is a good thing. Thanks Dot.

Libbie Johnson

# 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, Nonmembers \$20.00 per Turnout or Rider, Spectators & Visitors are Free.

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

SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 Poker Drive/Ride at Hamby Creek Lexington, NC see flier for details. http://www.whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org/event%2 Oflyers.html If you can volunteer or if attending, please contact & RSVP to Tricia at tihardy2@yadtel.net 336-751-0786

SEPT 14TH OGBURN STABLES SHOW NOT A WWDC EVENT WWDC is sponsoring all of the Driving classes (all games)

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> NOT A WWDC EVENT Nancy could use some volunteers for a Dog Walk Poker run at her farm on October 19th. RSVP to: Nancy Faller 336-284-6581 paradoxfarm@yadtel.net

OCTOBER 26TH, 2013 Saturday. Nancy to host at Paradox. This date has changed from the 19th. RSVP to: Nancy Faller 336-284-6581 paradoxfarm@yadtel.net

November 16TH 2013 Saturday TLC Farm. RSVP to: Tommy Cope 336-998-4915 <a href="mailto:tlcfarm@yadtel.net">tlcfarm@yadtel.net</a>

<u>DECEMBER 8тн, 2013</u> Sunday Christmas Party. RSVP to Tricia@whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org 336-751-0786



Whips of Wheels Driving Club

MEMBERSHIP WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

PLEASE PRINT OUT FORM BELOW & FILL OUT THEN:

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FULL YEA	S & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB OR WWDC MAIL TO: TRICIA AR \$25.00 (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 OR MORE PEOPLE UP		
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP FULL YE NEW AFTER JUNE 30TH WILL NEW & RENEWING MEMBERSH	AR \$15.00 (1 PERSON) BE PRORATED: 1/2 YEAR \$12.00 FAMILY \$7.50 SINGLE HIPS AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST RUN THROUGH THE FOLLOV	(REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.) VING YEAR.	
DUES ARE DUE THE FIRST OF JANU			
TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED \$	PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFO	RMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS	HIP/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 t	the WAIVER below & send with you	r application: Print a	copy to keep
1 <sup>st</sup> Adult/Parent/Guardian			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult/Parent/Guardian			
1 <sup>st</sup> minor (under 18 years			
2 <sup>nd</sup> minor (under 18 years)		D	Pate:

### 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.

<u>WARNING:</u> 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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