

WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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General Meeting at the Sagebrush in Mocksville

1562 Yadkinville Road, Mocksville NC

Sunday, January 19th 2:00pm

Don't forget to renew your dues!

You can pay through PayPal, but you still need to print the online membership application or use the one in this newsletter and mail it to me. Tricia Hardy 547 John Crotts Road Mocksville, NC 27028

(If you have a 13 next to your e-mail or name you need to renew)



FROM THE PONY Paddock

The last letter of 2013!!!

This is the letter that historically contains the trite "thank you's" for the year. And I intend to keep up that tradition. From the club's perspective, I want everyone who hosted an event and every place where an event was hosted to know truly how much the club depends on and appreciates you. It goes without saying that this club could not function without the work and generosity of its members. This includes all the members who attended all the events and even those that "meant to" attend. Thank you all so much!!

From a personal perspective, I owe many thanks in addition. I could not have made it through the year without you. From Faith who stepped up to run meetings in my absences to Tonya kept the books to Tommy and Nancy who supported and redirected me and especially Trish who is absolutely irreplaceable, I appreciate everything that you do.

Please keep up the great work and keep the good ideas coming! I am looking forward to a great 2014.

Polly

PS: So sorry but now that the board has taken over in a bloodless coup and "seized power" for another year, you will all have to endure 2014's worth of Pony Paddock letters!!

WWDC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Paradox Farm Dec 8th

Houston we have a problem....or do we? We are a hardy bunch and didn't let the threat of an ice storm stop us from having a great time! Susan & JB Emmet came all the way from Virginia through snow & ice to join us for our party! We had a total of 21 people, some great food and wonderfully creative decorations.



Nancy went all out, like she does for Halloween. After dinner we held a brief meeting. Polly thanked Nancy for allowing us the use of her house for the party. Polly reminded everyone of our general meeting Jan 19th at the Sagebrush in Mocksville at 2:00pm. Susan & JB were presented with a door prize for traveling the furthest to get to our party, then we voted for Member of the Year which Faith will present to the winner at the January meeting. We wished Penny Godbey a happy birthday then proceeded to play dirty Santa. I threatened Penny after she stole my ornament for the final time, Two other gifts were retired early and quite a few more gifts were almost retired. We had a pretty feisty group today! Penny let me have the ornament back, she said she just wanted to see my face when she stole it for the 3rd time! Thank you Penny I really did want it!



Congratulations, Woody found a match for Sheba to make a pair! Meet Jadda, he's a 5 yr held. Dutch harness /Standerbred



End of Year Treasurer's Report: Tonya closed out the Wells Fargo account on Dec 6th, with a balance of \$2,367.98, which I opened a BB&T account with on Dec 9th.

The following article about our WWDC Vice President Faith Bradshaw, was published in the Salisbury Post. For more pictures here is the link to the story:

<http://www.salisburypost.com/article/20131126/SP01/131129749>

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Thank you for contacting the Post.

*Andy Morrissey
Website manager*

A BIG HORSE FOR A BIG DAY

- By Susan Shinn For the Salisbury Post
- Posted: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 11:54 p.m.
UPDATED: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 12:42 a.m.

At 5 feet 2 inches, Faith Bradshaw is dwarfed by Ellie, one of two Percherons she owns. Ellie goes with her mistress to about a dozen Indian weddings a year. In Indian culture, the groom rides a white horse to meet his bride.



SUSAN SHINN/FOR THE SALISBURY POST

In the midst of a cacophony of loud music and color and dancing, Ellie stands placidly, obediently doing her job for her mistress.

Ellie is a white Percheron, an enormous horse who dwarfs her owner, Faith Bradshaw. In Indian tradition, the groom rides in a procession on a white horse to meet his bride. Together, Ellie and Faith participate in some dozen or so Indian weddings every year, in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

"I've always loved big horses," Faith says. "They're called gentle giants for a reason."

Percherons are draft horses. Faith's two horses, a mother-and-daughter team of Ellie and Crescent, aren't quite as big as Clydesdales — but they're close. The horses weigh in at about 1,800 pounds apiece. Over the years, they've been shown extensively and been in plenty of crowds and parades.

"They're pretty good at what they do," Faith says.

Faith has owned the duo all their lives. Ellie is 27 and Crescent is 24. At one point, Faith used the horses for carriage competitions. Then they all grew too old to compete, she says.

About 10 years ago, a friend who owned a carriage business in Raleigh called her. He was getting calls all the time for white horses to be used in Indian weddings. The problem was, his Percherons were black. So Faith started taking Ellie to weddings.

It's quite a production.

Mary Jo Simpson has gone along with Faith a few times to help her friend with keeping revelers clear of "the business end" of the horse.

"It's so much fun!" Mary Jo says. "There's this cacophony of music. If the bridesmaids steal the groom's slippers, they ransom them to the groom's family. Fights have

broken out underneath the horse before, but she's never budged."

"We usually follow behind a van with a huge boom box," Faith says. "There are drums and noise everywhere. There's all this dancing and jumping and colorful costumes."

All the while, Ellie is walking slowly along, doing her job.

As you might imagine, there aren't too many folks who do what Faith does. She advertises in a magazine called Saathie, published for the South Asian community in the Carolinas. Through the magazine, she gets about 90 percent of her business, she says. The rest comes from word-of-mouth from bridal couples. Her business is called White Horse Weddings.

"These couples spend a fortune!" Faith notes. "We've done a wedding with 1,200 people for a sit-down dinner."

Both Faith and Ellie have elaborate costumes. Faith wears a silk outfit called a Punjabi suit, with loose-fitting pants topped by a long tunic. Ellie's costume comes from India. It consists of two elaborate covers for her sides, and a colorful woven neck cover and headdress.

When Faith's horses aren't working, they spend their days in the pasture, munching on hay and pellets, and the occasional treats of apples and carrots. For her three



horses — she also owns a white pony named Jubilee — Faith buys about a dozen 50-pound bags of feed a month.

Faith spends at least an hour washing Ellie before a wedding, but

the horses love rolling in the pasture, so they don't stay white for long. Most weddings take place in the mornings, so Faith and Ellie hit the road sometimes in the pre-dawn hours. Faith says she doesn't mind getting up early.

Originally from England, Faith moved to Rowan County to work for her brother, Kyle Davis, who owns KMD Construction. She works part-time as a phlebotomist and also cares for her parents.

"I do this as my extra spending money," Faith says of the weddings. "It pays for my horse food."

For more information about Faith and her horses, visit www.whitehorsetweddings.co.

Freelance writer Susan Shinn lives in Salisbury.

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.

JANUARY 19TH 2014 Sunday 2pm-? General Meeting at the Sagebrush Mocksville

FEBRUARY 15TH OR 22ND 2014 Faith to host

MARCH 15TH 2014 Tricia to host at TLC Farm

CLASSIFIEDS

12/13 For Sale: Stan Hope Buggy. My Father purchased this buggy over thirty years ago from a Lexington, NC mail carrier who originally used it on a rural postal route.

Wood is in solid original condition. Side springs. The headliner in the top will need replacing or repair. Restore or drivable in it's current original condition.

Shaves included.

Cell 336.575.3262 . Leave message if I don't pick up. The buggy is located in Catawba County, near Conover. Please call to arrange an appointment to visit.

\$2,300. Marcus Seitz



11/13 For sale: Natural finish show cart, to fit 14 h to 15..2. This is a front entry, essentially brand new cart. Beige upholstery. \$2500. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For sale: Miller type show harness, older model with some repair needed. Black with red trim. This is essentially a fine harness, not combined driving. \$50 or make offer. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For "sale" Small set of harness, for training. Not sure if this is complete. It was given to me, so I will give it to whomever can use it. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For sale Sierakowski marathon carriage. To fit 12.1 to 13.1 hands. Never wrecked but somewhat chipped up. Bright blue color. seats two. A little powder coating and it would be fine for lower level showing. \$2000 Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For sale: A selection of amazing equines. Three andalusians, several ponies in various stages of training. Prices range from \$100 to \$20,000. Email me for a sales list. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

Polly Hixson, MD
Pipe Dream Farms: New Forest and Sport Ponies

11/13 FOR SALE COB SIZE SYNTHETIC DRIVING HARNESS, \$225.00 OBO. PAT GRANZYK 336-765-6759.



9/13

Honda Sportrax 400EX \$2,000. 2005 New rear tires & battery, extra rear sprocket & chain, back rack & spark plug tool. Also has bracket to pull a manure spreader or small trailer. More pictures (front & rear) on WWDC web site 336-751-0786 Jeff or Tricia Hardy



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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