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FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 DRIVE/RIDE & MEETING

We got snowed & iced out in January, but faithful Faith hosted a short drive/ride at Paradox Farm today. We actually had a nice day for it even though most of our critters are out of shape. Nancy, Pat with Tommy, & Jeff & I drove while Kathy rode her mule. Melissa came with her new Dutch warmblood for Tommy & Pat to help make sure her harness was fit to her new guy but she didn't drive. Mellissa's friend Misty Lee showed up for our hotdog & beans lunch/meeting and is our newest member, Welcome Misty.

Pat called our meeting to order at 12:36 2/28/2026

We discussed officers and decided to keep the officers as is. See sidebar of this newsletter.

We discussed membership and insurance again.

As previously discussed over the last few years we decided to keep things as they are. **The Club will NOT carry insurance**, but you **MUST** be a member with a signed waiver on file to participate.

1. You **MUST** be a member to participate OR be a spectator. Applications/Waivers must be on file with the secretary and we decided they must be signed/dated annually.
2. WWDC Event Entry Forms must be filled out at EVERY event by those participating even as a member/volunteer/spectator. If the farm owner where the event is being held has a waiver they must be signed too.
3. Event fees will be \$5.00 When you join or renew the **FIRST** event is free.

We talked about Member sponsored events, this is a tentative calander for the year:

March 14th Tricia & Jeff to host St Patty's at Paradox farm

April ? a 2 day camp or come each day at Pat's Riverview farm

May ? The Dills will plan something

June ? Possible Blowing Rock camping trip & or Moss Preserve in southern Pines

July & August TOO HOT If anyone wants to plan something indoors let us know

September ? Nancy to host at Paradox Farm

October ? Pat's @ Riverview farm

November ? H Cooper Black

December ?

If anyone has any alternate ideas please talk to Pat or Faith.

Pat convinced Tommy he is going to hold a clinic. Cart maintenance, harness fitting, balancing your cart, how to handle women!!!! Possibly in April at Pat's 2-day camp out. Kathy suggested I add a swap area in the newsletter if you have Equine items you are looking to "swap".

For those of us who remember doing a Derby Day at Stamey Farm years ago, the son David has contacted Faith and would love for us to come do the same thing on May 2nd It was a lot of fun, we were their entertainment. There was a cones course set up for us and the spectators picked their favorites and placed bets on us. We filled out cards with our horse's info so they would know a bit about us before placing their bets. We DRESSED like we were going to a show and took turns driving the cones course, best time won. They gave out prize \$ for 1st 2nd & I think 3rd place. They had the whole thing catered, lots of Mint Julips and all the spectators were dressed for the derby too.

If you would like to reminisce or read/see what we did on May 4th 2013, (if you weren't there) check out the archived newsletter on our web site:

<http://www.whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org/PDF%20newsletters/13-05News.pdf>

We adjourned at 1:32pm, then went for a tour of Nancy's new wood shop and her gorgeous woodwork.

If the minutes of the meeting are wrong please let me know otherwise we will consider them approved.

Welcome new member:

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