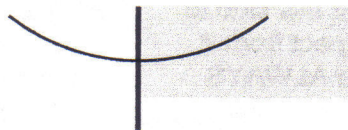


NEED a NAME Driving Club



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Our First Official Newsletter!

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After our Paradox Fun Day November 12th it really looks like there is enough interest to get a "Fun Club" started here in the Piedmont. We just need to get organized and figure out what we really want.

Nancy, Tonya and Faith, thank you so much for hosting our first event, I know I had a blast. My husband is still trying to recover from the marathon. He says he won't ride with me again until I install a brake on his side of the cart!

A few of us had an informal meeting (3 hours worth) trying to plan our next event at Tommy Cope's farm on January 7th 2006 and there was a lot of discussion as to what needed to be done for his event and to get this club "rolling".

We will hold our second meeting at Tommy's during our lunch break. Some of the things we will need to talk about are:

- A name for the club?
- How much should we charge for dues?
- Where will our dues be used? For example, we will need money for postage on newsletters, a fund to help defray the cost of putting on fun day drives and or

shows, awards, clinics, Christmas parties. (Are these things we want to do? Sponsorships could be, members donating paper, staples, envelopes etc for newsletters, flyers and operating expenses. Sponsorship of classes can help defray costs of putting on events. Volunteers need to be rewarded, they work hard to help put things together if it weren't for them we wouldn't have as much fun ourselves.

- We talked about having a Swap Meet Table for items you might want to sell at our events.
- Having a Classified ad section in the newsletter (free to members) maybe a paid advertising area to help raise funds for events.
- We should have something, going on at least once a month, in winter months it can be a social that does not involve the horses. Maybe a harness cleaning party as opposed to a quilting party! *I know at least 3 people who still haven't cleaned their harness after the Paradox event!* Shame on us! You don't have to have anything fancy to host a driving event or social, we just want to be around friends who have the same interests and have FUN.
- The general consensus seems to be we want a FUN club where you don't have to worry about

what kind of cart/carriage you are driving, weather or not your harness is leather, Bitothane or nylon webbing ONLY that it is SAFE.

- We need some basic guidelines about what we want this club to be and what we expect from it. We think we should ALWAYS remember we all had to start somewhere, and a lot of us had no idea what we needed or where to begin. Since getting started can be very expensive to novices, I know I was there a year ago and found out the cart I bought I could not show in, so I had to go out and buy another cart to my husbands chagrin! As a group we should to be there for the beginning drivers like me, who have tons of questions. (I know, I'm still a beginner, I didn't know what a "dead gate" was or that you couldn't go through a gate until it was done in proper order and considered "dead", (until last night!)
- We should try to get "riders" involved, I didn't realize how much fun driving could be until we sent our filly out to learn to drive and I started taking lessons.
- Maybe we should think about starting a library like the CCDC. I read everything they had in less than 6 months. They require a deposit to make sure you return the books/videos but return it after say 6 months.
- Awards have been designed and are being donated for the T.L.C. Farm event. We talked about them becoming "The Awards" for all our events at a reduced cost to any member putting on an event for this club. As the club grows we could add awards, it's really nice when everyone can go home with something! We could do a high point trophy at the end of the year, oldest/youngest

driver, who came the longest distance, most off course driver, etc.

- We'll need advisors to take charge and direct the club. Officers sound so formal if this is a fun club. We could have Head Whip as Pres, Head Navigator as VP, Score keeper for Secretary, Treasure Keeper for Treasurer & Gossip Monger for Newsletter editor or what ever else anyone can think of. We want to keep this FUN not formal!

Here are a few names we tossed about:

Piedmont Driving Club PDC

Yadkin Valley Driving Club YVDC

Yadkin Valley Drivers YVD

Wheels & Whips W&W

Fun Whips FW

Fun for Whips (*this could go a lot of places, maybe we don't want to go!*)

We need to think about a logo for the newsletter or anything else we might produce, flyers a website etc. Our nephew has offered to host a website (FREE) if we decide to do one. A logo should be simple and tie in with the name, meaning the art should be able to stand by itself with out words for example Wheels & Whips could be a wagon wheel with 2 whips crossed over it. If any of you are artists like me work on some ideas/designs before this meeting and bring them to show everyone.

People attending these events should write up their impressions of them for newsletters published after the event, send pictures too. It won't hurt to have 2 or 3 peoples versions of an event and it will help keep the newsletter fresh.

So PLEASE think about what you want this club to be and come prepared to discuss it.

See you at Tommy's

Your ?temporary? Newsletter Editor
Tricia Hardy

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***Have Friends that
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***Ask them to join us
at T.L.C. Farms
Winter Fun Day
January 7th, 2006***

***For more information
call Tommy Cope at:
336-998-4915***



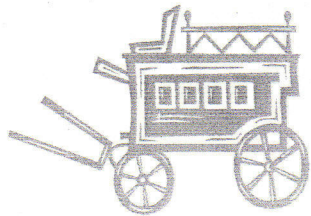
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Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: (____) _____ (Home) (____) _____ (Office)

E-Mail: _____ FAX: _____

Check all that apply: New Renewal

Individual \$ _____

Family \$ _____

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NOTE: Member ship will run form January 1st through December 31st. New memberships after October 1st run through the next year.

Make Checks payable to: _____
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