

Whips & Wheels Driving Club  
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**We have a name  
now & we're  
driving for fun!**

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## We're getting it together!

Our mailing list is up to 45 people! Just goes to show there is a need/desire for this kind of club.

## From the President's Carriage

I would like to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to be your President of the Whips & Wheels Driving Club for the upcoming year. I know we have a lot of work to do, but with your help and support we can do it. My telephone line is always open for suggestions.

I would like to thank you for attending the Winter Fun Day of Driving at T.L.C. Farm on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

I encourage you to attend the Driving event scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Paradox Farm, organized by Faith Bradshaw. Bring a friend or any one interested in driving.

Remember your support is needed for a strong and growing club.

Thanks,  
Tommy Cope, WWDC

## FIRST the Business!

We are off to a great start! The need a Name Driving Club will now be know as **Whips & Wheels Driving Club**. We haven't decided on a logo yet.... tooo many choices. We will narrow them down some now that we have a name and try to pick one next time.

We elected officers as follows:

Head Whip (President)  
Tommy Cope  
Head Navigator (Vice Pres)  
Amanda Cochran  
Score Keeper (Secretary)  
Tricia "Trixie" Hardy  
Treasure Keeper (Treasurer)  
Pat Granzky

It was decided the dues would be \$25.00 per year for Family Membership (up to 4 people). We should probably discuss an age limit for voting priviledges at our next meeting (which by the way will be Sunday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at Paradox Farms, flyer enclosed). If there are more than 4 people in the family the membership would be \$5.00 per person over the 4. Dues will run from January through December. If a new person wishes to join AFTER June 30<sup>th</sup> we will pro rate the dues (\$12.00) for the balance of

the year. All checks should go to:

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 Pat Granzky  
 565 Snead Road  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

There was some discussion as to the things we would like to have going on, like clinics on safety, teaching, carriage maintenance and what to look for when buying a carriage. Tommy introduced Butch Human who deals in Equine Insurance for Star H Equine Insurance. We talked a bit about Insurance coverage on our events. If you are interested in Equine Insurance for yourself Butch's # is 1-877-827-4480 or [www.starinsurance.com](http://www.starinsurance.com).

That was our business meeting!

**NOW FOR THE FUN STUFF...**

Tommy and Karen Cope worked their tails off making new trails, bridges and water crossings on their property for our "Winter Fun Day". I personally think they did a great job, Tommy was so worried about how "Primitive" the trails were, but that made it all the more challenging!

We were greeted with COLD weather, Coffee, Hot Chocolate Spiced Cider, Muffins, Cinnamon rolls and other goodies. As people arrived and got registered and hitched up Tommy sent us out on the marathon.



**Blind Marathon results:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Linda & Aiden Harbison
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Fowler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tricia Hardy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Linda Michales
- 5<sup>th</sup> Karen Saito
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gwen Powell
- 7<sup>th</sup> Cindy Dalton
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ken Williams
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pat Granzky
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dean Carter
- 11<sup>th</sup> Doug Prevette who led off with his pair of percherons and ended up with the "Trails End" award for taking the longest to do the course!

We gathered for lunch about 12:45 and had a wonderful meal of BBQ, Coleslaw, Chicken Stew and Cakes (somehow I missed the cake!) Between 15 Drivers, Vounteers and Spectators Karen said they fed about 55 people What a great turn out for our second event.

Their obstical course was a real test for the mud puddle challenged (not wild boar fearing) and Flag Fearing Mexican Poker Playing horses. I don't think to many of us did very well with the pole knock off thingy. But then this is what it's all about... learning and training! I guess maybe Tommy should have left

the Grizzly bear for us to conquer too, maybe next time.



**Obstical Course Results:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Cochran
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Saito
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Williams
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tricia Hardy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Linda Harbison
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nancy Fowler
- 7<sup>th</sup> Claudia Gallop
- 8<sup>th</sup> Richard Ridgell
- 9<sup>th</sup> Doug Prevette
- 10<sup>th</sup> Cindy Dalton
- 11<sup>th</sup> Gwen Powell
- 12<sup>th</sup> Linda Michales

I know of three incidents of malfunctioning equipment. Faith Bradshaw's new light weight pole, was just a little *toooo* light weight. I understand it broke about halfway through the marathon while she was navigating the Maze. Linda Harbison and Aiden tackled the creek with such gusto they broke their seat. And my navigtor Larry Worley who risked life and limb riding with a novice driver and horse gripped his armrest so tightly I now have to have it welded back in place! I wonder if I will be able to find a navigator next time. My husband won't ride with me again until I install a brake on his side of the cart!

We want to thank ALL of our Volunteers, you "People" did a great job. I would list all of your names but I don't want to leave anyone out. Thank you so much for being there for us. Thank you

Tommy & Karen, it was a great day....a "little bit" cool but great!

I have uploaded the digital pictures my better half (Jeff) took to: [www.kodakgallery.com](http://www.kodakgallery.com) If any one wants to view them just send me, [tjhardy2@juno.com](mailto:tjhardy2@juno.com) your E-mail address and I will send you the invitation from the gallery so you can view them or purchase any of them. If any one else has uploaded pictures you can do the same thing all you need to do is have a user name & password for the kodak gallery site, it's free to look at the pictures. I can post your E-mail in the next newsletter to let people know there are pictures to be viewed.



I don't want this newsletter to be just my point of view, PLEASE send your stories and pictures about any of the events we are putting on. Even if we end up with 3 or 4 stories about the same event it will be good to see everyone's point of view! We can also post requests for clinics, items for sale, ads for businesses (We need to discuss wether they should be free or if we should charge a fee to keep the treasury in good shape for mailings, insurance etc.).

Please forgive me if I don't take the best notes at our meetings, there was just so much discussion going on it was hard to keep track of everything. If I have forgotten something or misinterpreted anything, let me know and I'll try to correct it. NOTE: Since the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter should now be coming out of our treasury, we will continue to mail the newsletter to those on our list until the end of March. If you

haven't paid dues by then we will have to remove your names from the mailing list to save costs since we are a fledgling organization. The photos were printed in greyscale for the same reason, to save on costs.



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Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:  New  New after June 30<sup>th</sup>  Renewal  
Family Membership (up to 4 people) \$25.00 Extra people \$5.00 each

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Membership will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any one joining AFTER June 30<sup>th</sup> will be prorated at \$12.00 for the remainder of the year.

Make checks payable to:  
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