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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE

I am finally out of the hay field, until fall harvest.

May 20th I missed a great Fun Day of cross country, obstacles and driving games, (hay field....not a fun day!)

June 17th was a great drive at Blowing Rock, temperature mid 70's with light breeze and sun. We drove to the Moses Cone house and carriage house and on to the observation tower at the top of Flattop mountain. A short rest then back down the mountain to blowing Rock Stables. Thanks to Linda Harbison for putting this drive together.

P.S. YOUR stories for the newsletter about your driving or your friends driving are requested. Your support to the newsletter is very important.

Tommy Cope, President

**WWDC T-SHIRTS
SHOULD BE HERE IN TIME
FOR ROSS'S RIDE!**

T-SHIRTS!

Faith has ordered our WWDC T-shirts and they should be here in time for Ross's ride. She has ordered 48 shirts: 12 Mediums, 18 Large and 18 X large. They are Royal Blue with our logo on the back. If you wish to preorder your shirts you can call Faith at work (704)-637-7255 or her Cell Phone (704)-637-7256. The Mediums will cost \$12.00 and the Large & X Large will be \$13.00 each.

BLOWING ROCK DRIVE 6/17/06

It was a lovely day for a carriage drive. Especially in Blowing Rock, NC. After everyone gathered at the stable area around 11:30am, we proceeded to the carriage trails and the beautiful scenery on the Moses Cone Property. There were four carriages and one rider to attend. There was Ken Williams

driving his Spotted Saddle Horse "Chief", Ken's son Doug, who rode his Spotted Saddle Horse "Sunshine", Tommy and Karen Cope drove their Haflinger "Andy", Mary and Harry Cody drove their Morgan "Shuggs" and me driving my Arabian "Chance". The carriage trails were very wide and the passers-by were very courteous. Maps were available and the trails were all marked very well. We mostly stayed together and drove past the beautiful Moses Cone home and proceeded to the look-out tower which at that point we turned around after a brief rest and proceeded back down the trail. Then after a brief stop at the Carriage Barn/ Restroom it was about another 30 minutes and we were back at the stable area. Total drive: 3 hours! And everyone had a great drive! The horses were in the shade mostly and stayed cool.

The Blowing Rock Stable staff was very nice and helpful. They have very nice wash areas and stalls if needed. I did stay overnight, as did the Cody's, and enjoyed another drive on Sunday. For those of you that missed it, you should definitely plan on it next year or sooner. (Remember: Blowing Rock Stable area is closed for the month of July and part of August due to a large show circuit that uses their facility)

On a final note, I would like to WELCOME Mary and Harry Cody as new members to our club. Mary comes to us with a lot of driving experience and we look forward to seeing them at our Fun Drives in the near future. Thanks to everyone who attended and I hope we will be able to drive together again soon.

Linda Harbison

NCHC WESTERN TRAILS MEETING:

On June 29th Jim Halsey & Beverly Duval hosted another Western Trails Meeting in Salisbury. There were 17 people in attendance from various groups in the area. We had W.H.O.A., The Blue Ridge Horseman's Association, Friends of Rendezvous Mountain, Sauratown Trails Association, Table Rock Horseman's Association, A therapeutic Riding program, people from a 4H Group a man from Boonville and WWDC. It was a very interesting meeting.

Barbara Long from W.H.O.A. and Friends of Rendezvous Mt. talked about what is going on in North Wilkesboro, the grants they have received what they still need. They have 3,000 acres of land and a \$55 thousand grant to develop multi use trails. Their CC Camp trail is 7-8 miles and butts up to Abbey Road and then the Blue Ridge. They are working on "connectivity" of trails and are trying to put in a park-

ing lot which is desperately needed. Their priority is developing trails in the Educational State Forest. They have 100% support from the forest manager in developing trails (which I was told are wide enough for carriages!) They have 12 active members and 30 on their membership list. *MEMBERSHIP, the more members they have the easier it is to acquire grant money.* Membership information for either organization can be found at www.friendsofrendezvous.org & www.whoanc.com for more information you can also contact Barbra Long at longridel@wilkes.net or Deep Ford Stables 667-7737. She also told me if you want to go to Rendezvous Mt to ride you should call first to see if it is dry enough since they are still trying to get the trails graveled, they are still only fill dirt.

The Table Rock Horseman's group talked about trails they think they are losing, not for lack of interest either! When they found out the Longarm Hunting Club was going to be used for recreation (a place they have been riding on for years) they got VERY involved with the planning. There were 3 proposals 2 included horse trails. They went to all the meetings they knew about but all of a sudden stopped getting information about the meetings, or were given the wrong meeting place of time to be there (do you think that might make you a bit paranoid?!) Jim Halsey has agreed to try to help them get back in the picture after they supply him with some of the contacts they had.

South Mountain State Park was discussed and their need for parking areas. Game lands were discussed and the fact that fees are paid for hunting & fishing licenses there fore the management is only interested in satisfying those individuals. It was asked if Riders paid for licenses to ride on these lands would it make a difference. A man from Boonville was concerned about Stone Mountain and what could be done to make the trail there longer without all the road riding. (there is only a 5.2 mile trail on 16 thousand acres that is one way, unless you want to ride on the side of the road to get back to the trailers). Before Jim retired he was involved with some of the changes made at Stone Mt and said he would inquire about the feasibility of new trails now that they have completed some of the things that needed to be done for safety reasons.

The Blue Ridge Horseman's association met with their new ranger and are trying for grants. You can ride for 8 hours at Wilson's Creek, but there is another area that is much smaller (I think they said they might get pushed into). They are trying to help the park get \$ for maintenance.

Basically every one of the groups who spoke realize we REALLY NEED the new Economic Impact Study being proposed to prove how much the horse industry has to offer in terms of Tourism (money to come into the areas where horses are used).

THE IMPORTANCE OF NUMBERS

By Mike Yoder
Extension Horse Specialist, N C State University

How many horses live within the great North State? Today, the answer is we don't really know. But not knowing how many horses live and work in North Carolina means we do not have an accurate understanding of the financial impact the horse industry has on our State's economy. We have often heard that "money talks." In this case, not knowing the number of horses we have and the economic impact of the North Carolina horse industry limits our ability to effectively market the industry to legislators, policy makers, and the horse industry itself. Thanks to the efforts of North Carolina Senator David Weinstein and Representative Nelson Coles, the horse industry may soon have the numbers needed to promote and grow the industry.

Senator Weinstein and Representative Coles co-chaired the Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Equine Industry, a committee that has recommended legislation, seeking funding for a thorough study of the economic impact of our state's horse industry. The North Carolina General Assembly is now considering House Bill 1826 and Senate Bill 1205, bills that seek funding to evaluate the current number of horses residing in the state, their uses, economic contributions to the state, and potential means of developing and growing the horse industry. Similar studies in Virginia and Maryland have demonstrated that the economic impact of the horse industries in those states is \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion respectively, numbers that prove the dynamic nature of the horse industries in those states.

If you need contact information for your Senator or Representative, the North Carolina Horse Council will be happy to provide that information. You may contact the North Carolina Horse Council at 919-854-1990 or go to www.nchorsecouncil.com. If you have questions regarding information in this article you may also contact Mike Yoder at 919-801-8243 or at Mike_Yoder@ncsu.edu.

The current Bills call for funds to be appropriated to the Rural Economic Development Center, which will then allocate the funds to the Agricultural Advance-ment Consortium, which will oversee the study. The

North Carolina Horse Council Executive Board has unanimously endorsed H-1826 and S-1205. Now it is important for you, the horse owner, to make your position known. Please contact your Senator and Representative in support of these Bills. Your opinion counts! Again, numbers are important. More phone calls and letters help lawmakers prioritize issues. And we believe it is time for the horse industry to be recognized as a high priority. Passage of these Bills will provide the funding needed to prove once and for all that the North Carolina Horse Industry is a dynamic industry that has a great deal to offer North Carolina.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 15th Drive in East Bend NC with Ross Chrissman as Trail Boss. Bring your own Lunch. Directions follow.

July 21-22 Rockbridge County Fair Horse Show offers a lot for the driving exhibitors. There will be private driving lessons offered on Thurs. July 20 (on a first come, first served basis). Arena Driving Trials will be held on Fri. July 21, and the Pleasure Driving Show will be on Sat. July 22.

We would love to have you come and bring as many others with you as possible!! The prize list is ready for mailing. For more information contact:

Alice Martens Alicemartens@rica.net

August 5-6, CCDC 5th Annual Carolina Fall Clas-sic J.B. Hunt complex Raleigh, NC Contact Linda Seawall 252-753-777 or Dede Bushneck 919-815-4723

August 19th American Why Not Equestrian Center Monroe, NC

October 28th or 29th? Halloween Drive @ Paradox Farm, info to come as we plan it!

DIRECTIONS to Ross Chrismann's Drive Saturday July 15th, 2006:

From **Mocksville/Advance** areas: Take 601 North to 67. Turn RIGHT on 67 east, go about 3 miles then turn LEFT on Pendry Road. At the end of Pendry Road go RIGHT on Richmond Hill Church Road, about .2 miles GO PAST the first Limerock Road (the road is a big U) take the second Limerock Road after the Church (a LEFT) and go about 1 mile. Ross's house will be on the right and the trailer parking will be just beyond his house. If you are coming from I-77 take the Jonesville exit to 67 east and follow the above directions to Pendry Road.

From Winston-Salem: Take 67 West to Wiesman Cross Roads. This is at least 4 miles after you go through EAST BEND. There will be a BLINKING light at the crossroads at the top of the hill. Make a RIGHT onto Smithtown Road and go 4/10ths of a mile. LEFT onto Richmond Hill Church Road and go 1.5 miles. Hard RIGHT on to Limerock Road and go about 1 mile. Ross's house will be on the right and the trailer parking will be just beyond his house.

We will try to put out arrows at the turns and for the parking areas. See you there. Remember the ride will start at 10:00 am. We will be on some back country roads so you should have a slow moving vehicle sign on your cart. There WILL be some steep hills and creek crossings AND some loose dogs. Bring your own Lunch. Fee \$15.00 which Ross is going to donate back to the Club.

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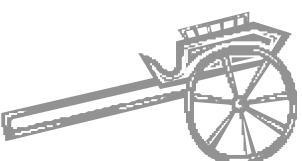
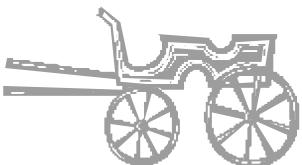
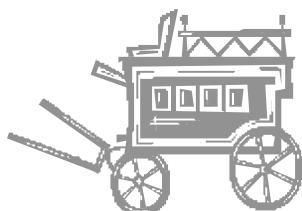
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DONATION for Group Insurance coverage: \$20.00 This year only

Total Enclosed \$_____

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

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Subject: Information on August 19th WWDC event at the Ark, Monroe, NC

The competitions will be conducted under the covered arena. The directions are as follows to the Ark. **I hope to see you on the 19th Ken Williams 704-624-3854**

From Charlotte,

[Map Quest View](#)

Take Highway 74 East. Follow Highway 74 through Monroe. Take Highway 601 South towards Pageland, South Carolina.

Highway 601 South will be four (4) lane and then change to two (2) lane after approximately two (2) miles. After the highway changes to two (2) lanes proceed to the first flashing yellow caution light.

Turn right on to Macedonia Church Road. Proceed to the first stop sign. Turn left on to Medlin Road.

Charlie Williams Road will be the second road to the right. The entrance to the facility is the next driveway past Charlie Williams Road.

Do not enter Charlie Williams Road. The Park cannot be accessed from this road ([download pdf version of map](#)).

