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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE

June & July's Newsletters are being combined.

Summer time has arrived here at T.L.C. Farm, hot and very dry. Work still goes on driving horses early a.m. & late afternoon, sure does make for a very long day, but I still make time for some pleasure driving! June 2-3 at Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon NC and June 16th at Blowing Rock. A good drive on the Moses Cone estate trails.

Mark your calendar for July 21st @ 4 pm for a covered dish meal at Doug Prevette's Farm, directions in this newsletter. I hope you will make plans to attend, we will have a members meeting at that time.

Keep on Driving!

Tommy Cope
WWDC President

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**PICNIC AT DOUG PREVETT'S
SATURDAY, JULY 21ST
5:00PM
SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFO**

RAIN RAIN.....WHERE IS IT NOW?

We had to move our drive in East Bend with Ross Chrissman from the 5th to the following weekend due to rain, then we had to cancel the rain date due to more rain! We will try to reschedule with Ross in the fall when it is a little cooler.

I have talked to the people at Latta Plantation and will try to get there SOON to ride with one of the girls down there who knows all of the trails (even the trails that are not trails) to see what would make a suitable drive for our group.

I have also talked to Fork Stable but they have not gotten back to me. She did tell me the stable is not open for the public to come ride, but would check with her superior and get back to me, I'm still waiting.....!

Tommy & I will be going to Lincolnton July 1st to ride with Laurel Wyatt of the Lincolnton County Horseman's Association, to see what we can arrange there.

SOUTHERN PINES CDE APRIL 13 AND 14TH

TEAM Paradox – Nancy Faller, Root Beer, Tonya Barga (gator), trainer Emily Ureche, Claudia Galup and Rosan

Nancy Faller attended the Southern Pines CDE, in preliminary pony, their was a lot of tuff competition, Nancy came in 2nd Place which we were very proud of. The day of the marathon it started raining, and we completed the marathon in the rain, which was nice it kept Root Beer cool. Thanks to the club members that came all the way to Southern Pines to support us, we really enjoyed seeing your all there.

Carolina Carriage Club HDT Tryon, SC FENCE June 2nd and 3rd

This was a blast, we were happy to have TEAM TOMMY (Tommy Cope and Gypsy) join TEAM Paradox for the HDT. We traveled down on Friday after getting lost taking a new route, we finally made it. Saturday we did dressage and cones, and on Sunday we did the marathon. I navigated for Claudia and Nancy, and Emily was Tommy's navigator.

Tommy Cope won first place in Training Cones, winning a blue ribbon, 2 engraved glasses and a nut bowl.

Claudia was on a team challenge for Training and her team came in 2nd place.

Nancy, got some many 1st places, I can't name them all. Go ROOT BEER !

Looking forward to more club members joining us in future events !

Tonya

Sunday June 23rd CDE training session:

Thanks to everyone that came out to Paradox for the CDE training session. We had a marathon course with 5

hazards, and then everyone went into the dressage arena and did some practice. We are very excited about the new club members and the interest in the CDE's.

Thank you Nancy for once again going above and beyond the call of duty.

Tonya

THE CARRIAGE DOG BY BETSY SMITH FIRESMITH FARM

Carriage Driving is now a sport, rather than a necessity. Turnout considers the suitability of the equine for driving; the appropriateness of the vehicle for the type of driving being done (cross country vs. parks and lanes); the fit of the vehicle and harness to the equine between the shafts; and the appropriateness of the dress of the whip (driver) and passengers. I consider the Carriage Dog to be the icing on the cake, the canine "bling" that sets one's turnout above the rest.

The American Driving Society defines the Carriage Dog as a companion who may stand or sit in the carriage, or run behind, beside or at the axle of the carriage. The dog must be under control at all times and may not be restrained by being tied to the carriage or driver in any way. The driver may not hold the dog and the dog may not interfere with the driver in any way. Any breed of dog is allowed.

Safety should be the first priority of the Turnout and Carriage Dog. Some dogs, like Dalmatians, are bred with the stamina to run along with the vehicle. Today, however, with faster automobiles and drivers talking on cell phones, having a Carriage Dog who runs with the carriage isn't always wise or practical. This has prompted the Carriage Dog to reside in the carriage with the driver. I prefer this position so that I may keep an eye on my dog's safety while driving my carriages. It makes driving more pleasurable for me and my dogs.

The American Driving Society and the Carriage Association of America recommend that each vehicle be equipped with a Spares Kit. This kit includes (but isn't limited to) items that will help the driver handle the most common problems that can occur out on the road. Harness should be carefully inspected before each the drive. If a problem develops with the harness, repair straps or substitutes for a rein, a trace, a hold back strap, a hames strap, and a hole punch, as well as rawhide lacing are critical.

The vehicle should likewise be inspected regularly to prevent breakdowns on the road. Items such as a wheel wrench, spare bolts, pliers, and other parts specifically applicable to the vehicle, are a good way to effect quick repairs that will return you to the barn in good order.

For the equine, it is recommended to carry a halter and lead rope, a light weight day sheet, and a spare shoe, hammer and nails, or a replacement boot. I like to include some bandaging material that can be used on anyone, should there be some trauma.

When I have a Carriage Dog along, I include a portable water bowl and a pint of water, a 6' leash (not kept on the dog), and some treats. My Carriage Dog is outfitted in an adjustable body harness, with some form of identification (my name and phone number, my vet's phone number, rabies tag) attached. I hang a training tab, or 4" mini-leash from the harness while the dog is in the carriage. If the longer leash were attached, it could catch and foul in the axle of the carriage, causing fatal problems for the dog. It's very important that nothing be hanging from the seating area of the carriage at any time. If we are driving in an area where it is safe for my dog to run beside the carriage, I still like to have the harness on my dog, just to remind him or her that they are with me and my carriage. Should we become separated, the harness also makes it easier for someone to catch my dog. My particular choice of dog harness is the Premier Adjustable Dog Harness.

Lastly, I make sure to carry some water for myself and any passengers. My cell phone is carried on my person, in case I become separated from the carriage. I recommend that drivers carry a list of current medications and any health issues in their pocket. Carriage driving is a rigorous sport and accidents do happen to even the most experienced drivers. If the driver or passenger has any known medical conditions that might need intervention, like diabetes, or allergies to bees, it is prudent to carry whatever medications or supplements are recommended by their doctor.

This list sounds as if one might need a tractor trailer attached to the carriage to carry everything, but in reality, a neat sack can be put together easily and tucked into a compartment or strapped to the floor of the carriage for easy access. Having these items along can make a difference between a relaxing drive and a long walk back to the barn on foot.



Photo by Bruce H. Scarborough, BHS Photography

BLOWING ROCK, JUNE 16^{TRH}, 2007

You had to be really brave to come to Blowing Rock this weekend! Jeff, Precious, Fancy & I drove up Friday afternoon in fog so thick you couldn't see more than 4 feet in front of you if that far. Ricky & Lynn Naylor and their

Granddaughter Kathleen Walter and Jake arrived sometime around 10:00pm. Other friends of mine Marilyn & Jay Colvin with Hunter & Rollo had arrived earlier, about 10:30 am in the fog too!

Just before dinner time the fog seemed to lift so Marilyn, Jay, Jeff & I saddled up and rode down to Bass Lake. 3 gaited horses and me on a trotting horse, but I guess all the slow trots in the carriage are making her a good riding horse too, she & I found a good comfortable rhythm and had no trouble keeping up with the gaited horses. Jeff even enjoyed Fancy's gaits.

Saturday morning arriving in fog just as bad as the night before, were Brandi Dorton & Cisco, Sarah Wallace & Mister, Jesse & Velvet Shumaker with Miss Pretty & Wizard, Jerry and Pat Martin with Millie & Prince, then Linda Harbison and Cynthia ??? & Chance, then finally Tommy & Karen Cope with Gypsy.

All the weather reports said we were supposed to have a beautiful weekend, but it sure didn't start off beautiful! It rained on & off as we were hitching up and after we started, but finally did clear up and turn into a gorgeous day. We started off as a group and went up past the manor house then headed up to the cemetery. Jerry asked if he could take the lead since Prince wanted to move out. We continued on up to the Tower and had lunch and waited for Tommy, Karen, Linda & Cynthia to catch up. I finally called Tommy and found out their ponies ran out of "Horse Power" so they were back at the Manor. We came back and still didn't find them and we had no cell phone service again, so we headed on out to Bass Lake and the Maze. We finally met up with Tommy and Linda as we were approaching the lake, but they were ready to go back by then. Our group decided they wanted to do the Maze. Precious & I led the way at a slow trot through most of the Maze, then we headed back to camp and the trailers.

In spite of the weather at the beginning everyone had a good time.

Ricky I asked if anyone had turned in your whip at the office before we left Sunday morning but they said no.

Tricia Hardy

PARADOX MINI CDE'S

Nancy Faller held a series of 3 mini CDE's at Paradox Farm to introduce those of us who are interested in what happens at a CDE and to help those who planned on going to Tryon, prepare for that HDE.

The first was held May 19th with Tommy Cope, Linda Harbison and I attending. We were given paper work explaining what each phase of the CDE involves along with the training level Dressage test, rules, equipment requirements and a checklist. Nancy explained each of the phases then had us perform the dressage test with her, Emily, Claudia and Tonya acting as judges so they could critique us. Figuring out when your horses nose reaches

X is not the easiest thing in the world to do when you are sitting so far behind him! After the dressage we tried our hands at a 4 km marathon with obstacles.

I didn't make the 6/26 workout so I don't know who was there.

June 24th was the third mini CDE. Nancy was pleased with the attendance, I believe there were at least 5 turn-outs plus some guests. (We now have 3 new memberships!) After a short discussion of what happens (as at the first Mini CDE) we were loaded up in the golf carts and cars to go walk the hazards. We had lunch then drove the marathon course then went to the dressage arena to do the training level test. Thank you Nancy and all your helpers it was a great day, and always wonderful to be at your Farm.

THIS IN FROM AMANDA:

Hello there!

The Rockbridge Fair is July 19-21 in Lexington, VA. There are lots of driving events happening at this show, and Alice was kind enough to send me about 15 prize books. Put an announcement in for me that I have them, amanda_cochran27107@hotmail.com 336-986-0512 This is a very fun show, that we are definitely NOT missing this year!

In October, at the Kentucky Horse Park, there is a HUGE pleasure driving event. This is NOT a horse show, but a meeting of drivers from all over the country. For more information, please visit www.nationaldrive.net, or contact Amanda Cochran at 336-986-0512. This is going to be a wonderful, fun event, and I think it would be great for our club to 'represent'.

Thanks!
Amanda

ACTION ALERT

The following message covers an important issue that will affect all trails supporters. We have a chance to comment on accessible trail guidelines for federal lands. While this proposal does not include federally-funded projects or grants, a future version will ultimately affect all new trails, everywhere. We'll try to help you understand this process with all the details and commentary at www.AmericanTrails.org.

Trail Accessibility Guidelines Open to Public Comment

The Access Board, Washington, DC has just announced an important step in the process to establish rules for building accessible trails. A "Notice of Proposed Rule-making" (NPRM) has just been published in the Federal Register, which triggers a 90-day public comment period. **The deadline for comment is October 18, 2007.** The NPRM includes proposed rules for Federal agencies that are based on the guidelines developed by a regulatory

negotiation committee for the Access Board in 1999.

For more on this process, discussion, and the full text of the NPRM, visit the Accessible Trails section of the American Trails website at <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/index>.

What will happen during the 90-day comment period?

During the comment period, two public hearings are planned: July 24, 2007 in Denver, CO and on September 6, 2007 in Washington, DC. The hearings provide an opportunity for verbal comments. Electronic comments will also be accepted. All comments will also be available for public review.

What is the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Outdoor Developed Areas?

The NPRM is the next step for the Access Board in establishing minimum accessibility guidelines. It provides guidance on the design and construction of newly constructed and altered trails, outdoor recreation access routes, picnic and camping facilities, and beach access routes. The format of the proposed rule includes a preamble (background information about the committee and the various provisions), the text of the provisions, and the regulatory assessment report on the proposed rule.

The NPRM is based on a final report from the Regulatory Negotiation Committee on Outdoor Developed Areas, presented to the Board in September 1999. This 27 member Regulatory Negotiation Committee, including all the Federal land management agencies, represents a consensus approach to making outdoor developed areas accessible to persons with disabilities.

What does this mean for non-Federal trail projects?

The NPRM is directed to Federal agencies. However, State, local and private recreation providers can look to these guidelines as the most current available information for making outdoor facilities accessible.

The deadline for comment is October 18, 2007.

For more on this process, discussion, and the full text of the NPRM, visit the Accessible Trails section of the American Trails website at <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/index>.

Check the American Trails website at www.AmericanTrails.org for continuing updates.

SCHEDULE FOR 2007:

Regardless of the event being held, **visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come and check us out!**

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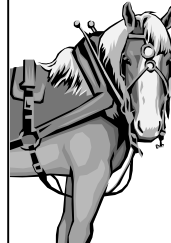
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