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Morganton Drive/Ride

May 15th

If you don't have a driving or riding horse you can still come and enjoy the scenery & lunch. Penny & Ron Stroupe will have their Belgian pair & LARGE (seats 15) wagon to give rides.

More info under Schedule of Events & on the web site Event flyer page



From the Presidents Carriage

Well, it looks like Spring has finally sprung and the weather is perfect for driving. We had a good turnout at the Easter Drive and it looked like everyone was having a great time. I know I had a great time as "Calvin" and I made our driving debut . . . even got a couple of 3rd place eggs! Thanks for all the encouragement.

Thanks to Tommy and Karen Cope for letting us use their facility, and to Tricia for the great job she did in planning the event. We are really lucky to have members who are willing to organize these events for us.

Our next event will be May 15th at Morganton so check the events calendar for directions. It sounds like it will be a great place for a drive with lots of trails and beautiful scenery.

Please check the calendar for the events that are scheduled for the rest of 2010. The Board of Directors have been busy planning several more events along with a De-Spooking clinic for later in the year.

Everyone stay safe and look forward to seeing you on May 15th.

PennyG

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EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

By Tricia Hardy 4/10/2010



What a beautiful day for an event, it was PERFECT! We had a great turn out, thank you all who came out today to drive, volunteer or to be spectators. Our Drivers were: Barbra Grubb with Tara, Faith Bradshaw & Crescent, Doug Prevette & Dick, Nancy Faller, Tonya Barga & Rootbeer, Chris Peckham & Cheyenne, Penny Godbey & Calvin, Penny & Ron Stroupe & Cleveland & Roosevelt, Kai & Tiffany Ehnes & Frodo, Shawn Painter & Player, Karen Saito & a friend and Claudia & Rose (welcome back Claudia). Volunteers; Pat Granzkyck, Penny Brandon, Polly Hixson, Tiffany Ehnes, Ron Stroupe for days of dragging the trails to make sure they were clear and of course my wonderful husband Jeff, I could not have done this without your help. Most of all I would like to thank Tommy & Karen Cope for welcoming us to their farm for today's event.

We started with coffee & donuts to take the slight chill off while everyone was hitching up, but shed our jackets by the time we were ready to attack the Jeopardy trail. We had a few drivers with no navigators so some did not do to well trying to pick up items at the three basket stops or be able to

come up with the questions to the answers supplied on their score sheets. Karen Cope and Penny Brandon our photographer were out on the trail waiting to capture pictures of everyone. I am sure they will be posted by tonight. We did have one minor incident when Jeff noticed two people walking back to the barn leading a pony with no carriage! Nancy Faller and Tonya Barga somehow managed to lose a wheel! It turned out there were NO nuts on ANY of the bolts on either wheel! Everything went well though, I had my carriage there to sell so they just hitched Rootbeer to it and off they went again. Meanwhile Tommy went out with the mule and dragged Nancy's carriage back to the barn to fix. While we were eating lunch a photographer from the Yadkin paper showed up so people started hitching back up to do the games. Some of our members whom I KNOW, know how to drive Reverse Psychology sure had fun going off course & running over cones, I won't mention any names, but she was last years WWDC President. She did do a "little" bit better with Eggzasperation, not much though! I think she was trying to take out every cone on the course, but at least she only went off course three times. On the other hand Barbra Grubb & Tara couldn't have asked for a better round in Eggzasperation, she had the best time and stopped DEAD ON the finish line. Here are the scores from today's games:

Kai Ehnes	1 st place Jeopardy	20 points
Nancy Faller	2 nd place	12 points
Shawn Painter	3 rd place	8 points

Nancy Faller	1 st place Reverse Psych	3:18 min
Barbra Grubb	2 nd place	3:29 min
Penny Godbey	3 rd place	3:39 min

Barbra Grubb	1 st place Eggzasperation	2.46 min
Nancy Faller	2 nd place	2:49min
Penny Godbey	3 rd place	3:31:19 min
Chris Peckham	3 rd place	3:31:40 min

Nancy Faller won the overall best

The Pictures Penny B & I took are up on facebook, check them out.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/photo.php?pid=266313&op=1&o=all&view=all&subj=173227531629&aid=-1&oid=173227531629&id=100000177480180>



excerpted and adapted portions of the ADS rulebook here, as a general guideline for club members and guests.

Care:

Cruelty to or the abuse of any animal by any person is forbidden. Examples of cruelty include but are not limited to excessive use of the whip on any horse at any time or place by any person. All horses must be serviceably sound and not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress or impairment of vision. Drivers are responsible to ensure that their horse(s) are physically fit and adequately trained to perform the tasks asked of them.

Safety:

Everyone involved in recreational or competitive carriage driving—drivers, passengers, grooms, officials, and spectators—should keep safety foremost in their minds. Having the horse under control at all times not only is a safeguard for the driver and passengers, but for everyone involved in the sport of driving.

Equipment:

- Drivers are responsible to ensure that harness and vehicle are in good repair and structurally sound.
- A horse must never be left unattended while put to a vehicle.
- The bridle must never be removed while the horse is attached to a vehicle.
- While being harnessed to a vehicle, a horse must wear a bridle with reins attached and passed through the saddle rings. Horses in multiple hitches must have at least one rein attached to the bridle while being harnessed to a vehicle.
- In the case of an accident, the Organizer or Safety Officer may require a safety inspection of the vehicle and/or harness involved before allowing further participation.
- The club encourages the use of protective headgear. Approved safety helmets are required for drivers or passengers under the age of 18.

Celebrate Equine Safety Month

(Twelve Times a Year)

This time of year equine enthusiasts become really active with their favorite sport. Let's take some time to review basic rules of safety, care and conduct to help insure a great event season. Although WWDC events are not officially recognized by the American Driving Society, I have

Conduct:

- The driver must always be the first person to enter the vehicle and the last to leave the vehicle. Passengers/grooms must never be left on the vehicle while the driver is dismounted unless the passenger/groom has taken control of the reins and is competent to do so.
- Drivers should maintain a safe distance from other vehicles at all times.
- Drivers should reduce speed when approaching other vehicles; always maintain a walk in congested areas.
- When driving on public streets, all rules of the road should be observed unless directed otherwise by a uniformed official (policeman, EMT or firefighter, etc).

Always put safety first for your horse, your passengers, your fellow event participants, and yourself. Be mindful of the rules, and have a safe and happy carriage driving experience.

By Penny Brandon.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 26, 2010 6:30pm @ Mad Ceramics

Penny Godbey called the meeting to order. Penny Brandon, Nancy Faller, Barbie Black, Tommy Cope & Tricia Hardy were in attendance. Minutes from the Dec 28th meeting were approved as printed in the Dec 2009 newsletter. Treasurers report was not available, we had a balance of \$1631.70 as of Dec 31, 2009. Pat Granzyc told me we cleared \$165.00 at the Eggstravaganza and had 3 renewing members for another \$45.00. Penny Godbey also said we had a refund of Insurance money (\$100.00 I think she said).

OLD BUSINESS: Thanks were given to Tommy & Karen Cope for the use of their farm for our Easter Event, to me for organizing it and to all the volunteers who helped make it a success. Penny Brandon has done a fantastic job with our Facebook presence and keeping it up to date, posting pictures etc. Please feel free to post on our facebook site.

NEW BUSINESS: We talked about establishing safety rules, which should be posted on our web site at events and given to all participants. We have

many new people who might not know some of these safety issues unless we tell them. (Penny Brandon has taken excerpts from the ADS Web site and they appear above in this newsletter.)

We talked about hosting another de-spooking and safety event and decided upon September 18th at Paradox Farm.

We discussed the current schedule and made additions and one change as follows.

May 15th is our outing to Morganton details in this newsletter & on-line.

We changed the date for the Paradox HDT/Continuous Drive, it was June 12th **now it is going to be June 5th**. Thank You Nancy

July 24th is still the Luau @ Doug's

For August we think we should have another dinner meeting with a speaker. We all agreed the speaker (Susan McCrimmon) Faith got back in January 2007 was excellent and I would talk to Faith to see if she could get her to come talk at the dinner meeting.

Sept 18th will be the Despooking clinic as mentioned before.

October 30 will be our annual Halloween event @ Paradox

November 20th will be the Turkey Trot at TLC Farm, Tommy & Karen Cope

December 5th is the date Tommy will try to reserve at Tuckers for our Christmas Dinner.

Beth McCashin has offered to hold an event for carriage drivers, if we help her set it up none of us will have to work so we can ALL come participate. Hopefully this will become a regular venue for us. Barbie Black is our contact with Beth to plan this and we were given 4 dates to pick from. We decided October 16th would be our best bet. It will be a non ADS recognized one day event; possibly a continuous drive or HDT. The Board would really like for this to be at least a break even event for Beth to make it worth doing again next year. We talked about the need for stalls for people who might come from the Tryon area, the need for pre entries/stall reservations (first come first serve) club members helping to get sponsors to keep this profitable for Beth and having Training & Preliminary levels. Barbie is going to be talking to

Beth and Sean this Thursday about the size for a dressage ring, stall availability etc. Barbie thinks she can get a judge to volunteer, which will help save money the first time around. We also discussed the amount the entry fee should be, this is not set in stone but felt \$80.00 was reasonable for an unrecognized show and to help Beth break even. (ADS Recognized shows cost a LOT more).

Penny would like to have a set of by-laws made up before the end of the year and will work on that.

We did not pick a date for the next board meeting and adjourned about 8:00pm.

Side Notes:

EXCERPTS FROM THE CD-L

Last year I became a believer of the Water Bag. It has nothing to do with what Kind of coin is in the bag. It is the reflection of the water with the coin in it that they flies do not want to fly under.. The best way to do this is to put the bags in your openings, where the sun comes in. I have a bag in front of every stall. Also in all the doorways. High enough that the horses cannot touch them. I have the water in freezer bags, they last the longest.

I have cut down my flies at least 50%. Using other products along with the bags, I have almost NO flies at all. I was surprised to hear, from my vet, that a lot of the big farms here in Florida uses them. And the price is right.

Connie Thoreson _____

A local restaurant here was using it on their open outside eating area. Not a fly in sight. I was floored! Made me a believer, I'm going to try it this year.

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."
The late Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931 - 2005

Trucker's Breakfast...

A trucker came into a truck stop cafe and placed his order. He said, 'I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards.'

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, 'This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards..... What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?'

'No,' the cook said. 'Three flat tires ... mean three pancakes; a pair of headlights... is two eggs sunny side up; and a pair of running boards... are 2 slices of crisp bacon !

'Oh,... OK!' said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, 'What are the beans for Blondie?'
I LOVE THIS ONE..... ..

'She replied, 'I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!

FOR ONCE THE BLONDE GETS EVEN!!!!

SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

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

May 15th, 2010 WWDC Morganton Drive

Drive info: Start times between 10 & 11 am. The trails are wide enough you don't have to worry about being able to pass another carriage. There will be a cones course set up in Kim's sand ring to practice (NO Timers). We will mark one section of the drive for one kilometer (6/10th's of a mile) so you can practice your walk or trot for future CDE's.

There will be a rest stop too with drinks provided, also there will be some trails marked for riders only because they are too steep or narrow for carriages. Great drive for mini's because it is so flat. Bring your picnic lunch & chairs to sit in the shade by the Cataba River with LIVE Music! There will be a brief safety check before the drive. There will be a horse drawn wagon ride available (will seat 15 people) for those who do not want to drive or cannot bring their horse.

Please RSVP to Barbie Black by May 12th so she knows how many drinks to have on hand and how

large a cake to get for dessert. For more information call **Barbie Black 864-921-0131**

DIRECTIONS to Dr Keith & Kim Smith's Echo Hill Farm

Kim Smith's cell phone if there are any problems 828-943-9410

Take I-40 west to exit #100 (Morganton & Jamestown Road) Go right towards Morganton on Jamestown Road for 2.6 miles. After you cross highway #70 (Taco Bell is at this intersection) start looking for the large Freedom High School on the right. When you see the school get over to the left and take the SECOND light to the left onto 126 west and Table Rock Middle School sign. Go on 126 west for 1.9 miles. When you will come to a flat valley and cross over a small cement bridge. Take an IMMEDIATE left after the bridge onto Docastee Road. This long winding gravel road will lead you to the farm because it is also their driveway. As you come down the last hill into the valley there will be a large green utility Building. We will be parking in this area. There are bathrooms and water available at this location. There will be balloons and WWDC signs at every turn you need to make to get to the farm.

May 29-30 CCC HDT @ FENCE

June 5th, 2010 Paradox Farm HDT or ADT? More info to come NOTE THE DATE CHANGED

July 24th, 2010 Informal Drive at Doug's 9:30-12:00 then come back at 4:00 without horses for a Luau

August Possible dinner meeting with a speaker.

September 18th Paradox Despooking/Safety clinic

Sept 24-26th CCC Pleasure/Dressage Show, Harmon field, Tryon

October 30th Halloween at Paradox

November 20th Turkey Trot at TLC

December 5th ?? Christmas Party @ Tuckers?

***BYOL= Bring Your Own Lunch!**

CLASSIFIEDS:

NOTE: Ads are FREE to PAID members and will run for 2 months then be deleted unless you request them to be run for another 2 months. Must be horse related, i.e. no washers dryers etc.

4/10 "Doc" is a one of a kind, registered spotted gelding who will amaze you with his talents! He is black and white spotted with the Tiger pattern which is not seen often, and he is 39 inches tall. He is very well broke to drive both on the road and in shows, obstacle courses, and cones. He has been shown successfully in color classes, conformation classes, and showmanship classes and has the ribbons to prove it! He has been hauled all over NC to various driving events where everyone who meets him falls in love with him. He has been driven in parades, and just for fun around the farm and pastures as well. Doc is always willing to please and patient while being harnessed and hooked. He ties, clips, bathes, shoes (yes, we drive him on the road so much our farrier made him custom shoes!), loads, and he does well in the pasture or in a stall, though he prefers to be able to see his friends. He is up to date on all vaccines including West Nile, current coggins, and new shoes. I can not say enough good things about Doc and the only reason I am selling him is because I am expecting another baby and will not have time to show and enjoy him like I want to. If you want to make this guy your best friend, please schedule a time to come meet him. He is priced to sell fast at \$1000 firm. E-mail sandycreekdachshunds@yahoo.com for more information or to schedule a time to see him. You will never meet another one as awesome as Doc, and you will NOT be disappointed!

4/10 Miniature Horse Cart for Sale. Amish made miniature CART. HAFTS ARE 52" WITH 26" WOODEN WHEELS. SEAT IS WICKER AND 20" WIDE. Has a box underneath the seat for your tool kit. This is a very unique cart can be used in the carriage turnout class, parades, breed shows. Was used on a 32" miniature and a 36.50" miniature. Has some paint chipped off on the underside of shafts. Very sturdy and has been used on cross country trails as well as on the flat. Has been covered and garage kept when not in use. Asking \$1150.00 Chris Peckham 704-876-4179 Statesville, NC

4/10 CART FOR SALE: Sierakowski & Son Seat replaced 1 year ago, brakes work, 36" wheels, comes with 2 sets of shafts, fits a 15'-16' hand horse \$2000 Contact: Carol Carter 336-364-4739 Or flatriverfarm@netzero.net

3/10 M1 Marathon Carriage for sale. Dark Green with silver pin striping. Pony/Cob size 1 ½ years old, It is too small for my 15-hand mare. Comes with pole for pairs. Asking \$4,000. Tricia Hardy 336-751-0768 336-751-7655 or tjhardy2@yadtel.net Pictures available.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____



Address: _____



City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

If you want your business listed in our Directory

Business: _____

BRIEF description of Business/Web Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (Home)

Discount to Members? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(____) _____ (Work Phone)

E-Mail: _____

Office Use: Date Recd: _____

Check all that apply: ☐ New Family ☐ New Single ☐ New after June 30th ☐ Renewal

NEW & Renewing current Memberships **AFTER November 1st** will run through the next year:

Family Membership (2 or more people) \$25.00 Single Membership (1 person) \$15.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: Membership will run from January 1st through December 31st. NEW Memberships joining **AFTER June 30th** will be prorated at \$12.00 (Family) & \$7.50 (Single) for the remainder of the year and any one joining or renewing a current membership after November 1st is good for the following year.

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