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From the Presidents Carriage

Hello everyone,

Well . . . Looks like summer is FINALLY winding down and hopefully we can look forward to a nice, cool fall for driving. We have a lot of activities planned for the rest of the year and I would encourage you to keep checking the WWDC website for the latest updates. Also, don't forget to follow WWDC on Facebook. We have information, events, directions, pictures, etc. posted on the page. There is also a section under Events that you can use to RSVP our events.

Susan McCrimmons conducted a very informative clinic on August 7th with 23 in attendance. Susan focused on the Safety aspects of driving and provided handouts for everyone. Lots of great information for everyone who attended.

Speaking of events . . . our next scheduled event is a De-Spooking clinic to be conducted by Barbie Black on September 18th at Paradox Farm. This is a great opportunity to expose your horse to a wide variety of obstacles. We do need to know how many are attending, so please call Barbie Black or RSVP on our Facebook page.

If you have ever wanted to participate in an HDT, then Thoroughbred Training Center in Mocksville is the place to be. TTC will be hosting their 1st HDT (and hopefully not their last) at their facility on October 18th. Information about the event has been posted on the WWDC website along with a question and answer section.

Hope to see everyone on September 18th.

PennyG

Susan McCrimmon Seminar

We had a fantastic turn out (24 people), for this seminar held at the Woodleaf community Center on August 7th. Susan covered quite a bit of material, starting with safety.

10 items to consider for safety:

1. Lack of driver ability
2. Carelessness or overconfidence
3. Lack of understanding of the horse's attitude
4. Improper training for the conditions
5. Failure of equipment
6. Poor fit of harness
7. Lack of skill of assistant (unfamiliar with horses)
8. Carry a cell phone (IN YOUR POCKET) & tell someone where you plan on going
9. Is your horse spooky (Training & Exposure to many things....talk to him to keep him calm)
10. Driver inattention to surroundings don't let your guard down when driving, PAY ATTENTION!

5 components of driving:

1. Horse, suitability, health mood
2. Carriage: fit, safe, suitability
3. Harness: fit, condition, cleanliness, are the buckles worn are there stress points.
4. Driver: experience, green horse & green drivers do not usually go well together
5. Surroundings: know what is going on around you and have a plan

When harnessing, do not do it in a stall. Start from the front and work towards the back with the bridle going on last. DO NOT back the horse into the carriage with the shafts on the ground. When putting to the order is shafts, tug, traces, then breeching. NEVER tie a horse when still hitched it's an accident waiting to happen. Unhitch and put a halter over the driving bridle and tie using the halter. Whips should be carried at all times; it is a tool for communication, NOT for punishment. Do not use your reins slapped on the horse's butt you are confusing him. When you lift the reins, you are telling him to stop then when you slap him with them to tell him to go. Always have one extra hole on all your straps, so that if it breaks you still have something you can buckle into even if it is a bit snugger than usual....at least that can get you home. Your frame of mind affects the horse so ALWAYS have patience and a sense of humor, NEVER anger. This is only a brief list of the things Susan talked about, she is an excellent speaker, we

enjoyed her when she came out to Tommy Cope's Farm about 3 years ago and were pleased she could come again today. I learn something new every time I go to a seminar like this even if I have attended it before. Penny Godbey supplied us with a wonderful lunch, Thank you Penny and Faith for getting Susan to come today.

Horse Days Ahead

August may be called the dog days of summer, but we certainly haven't had many good horse days lately. It's so hot by 8am that one breaks a sweat just coming in from the pasture. Ride any later in the day and you risk heat stroke, or being carried away by horseflies the size of songbirds. By evening when it should be getting cooler, the clouds burst open and drench man, beast and everything in between. Knowledgeable as we are, in both equestrian pursuits and the vagaries of North Carolina weather, the WWDC August Safety Clinic was scheduled indoors.

But I've noticed lately, coming back from the barn in what should have been the cool of the evening, the days are already getting shorter. Fall is creeping up on us, and soon we'll have a nice selection of outings and events from which to choose. For example:

[September 18—The WWDC de-spooking clinic](#) will be at Paradox Farm.

September 24-26—Carolina Carriage Club has a Pleasure Show

October 8-10—Carolina Classic Saddlebred, Morgan, Roadster, Hackney & Open Show

October 16—TTC Horse Driving Trial. Come to drive, volunteer, or just watch!

October 18 & 19 —NC State Fair Draft Horse Show

October 22—NC State Fair Carriage Driving Show

[October 30—WWDC Halloween](#) at Paradox

[November 20—WWDC Turkey Trot](#) at TLC

So clean your harness, polish up your cart, and wash the summer grime off those horses, "Horse Days" are almost here!

TTC HDT Update:

Barbie has found a Judge, Craig Kellogg (R) & TD Lyle Peterson for the Oct 16th HDT at TTC. Lyle is also a blacksmith and will be our cones course judge & designer.

Beth will be able to supply electric to maybe 4-5 trailers but NO WATER for \$25.00. If you are self contained the cost is \$20.00. She will check with other farms close by to see if they can accommodate more camping.

We are accepting entries until October 1st.

Heat & your Horse...

Pay attention to horse's physical state during hot summer temperatures.

Our temperatures are running wild at which is leading a number of equine owners to study their horse's heat tolerance with more than a little caution. Other than a general lack of enthusiasm and desire to move to shade, a normal well-acclimated horse should be able to handle this heat and humidity with little concern. However, the need for owner awareness increases when a horse begins to exercise and engage in more strenuous physical activity.

A horse's body temperature - if it is normally around 101 degrees Fahrenheit - will increase a few degrees with exercise in hot summertime environments. If not exercising, a horse's heart rate should be around 40 beats per minute; respiration rate 12-20 breaths per minute, though this is variable; and body temperature around 101-102 degrees Fahrenheit.

Maximum heart rates during heavy exercise may reach 200 beats per minute or more, and respiration rates can triple or race even higher. Intense levels of work can raise a horse's rectal temperatures to 104 degrees Fahrenheit, plus or minus, which for any substantial length of time will be harmful. This means that it is vital that the horse has the ability to decrease excessive body temperature quickly during recovery,

Otherwise, heat stress becomes a big concern.

Under most conditions, equine owners should expect a horse's major physiological measurements - heart rate, body temperature and respiration rate - to decrease dramatically within 5 minutes following heavy or prolonged exercise. A horse should reach characteristic 'resting values' within 10-15 minutes at the longest. If the horse is really 'hot' from exercising, recovery is best done by hand, walking the animal in an area with good air flow and away from direct sunlight.

Cooling the horse's body with water is recommended as long as the equine's heart and respiration rates have dropped to near resting value levels, and possibly even sooner under critical heat stress conditions. Humidity and air flow causes evaporation and as a result, your horse may sweat more than you think. That makes it especially important to pay attention to the animal's physical clues - its respiration rate, heart rate and body temperature - during times when your horse may be at risk from the heat.

If a horse does not appear to be producing sufficient sweat, contact your veterinarian, who can quantify the animal's sweat rate and take appropriate action. Your Vet has evaluation methods in which drugs are administered that cause a horse to sweat, and might even use absorbent pads to quantify losses. Anhydrosis, or the inability to sweat, is a problem with a small percentage of horses, but one that should be diagnosed accurately so that an equine owner is able to determine the extent of use to which the horse can be put during periods of excessive summertime temperatures.

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Just had to send this on....from the CD-L

Four girl friends spent weeks planning their Rodeo weekend. Two days before the group is supposed to leave, Betty's husband puts his foot down & tells her she isn't going - that he wants her to spend some "Quality Time" with him instead. Betty's friends are very upset that she can't go - but with camper spots and stalls reserved and entry fees paid for, there's nothing to do but push on without her.

Two days later, the three friends get to the rodeo - only to find Betty has already checked in, she's cruised around in the warm-up pen & has just hosed her horse off. "Wow," they exclaimed, "how long have you been here - and how did you talk your husband into letting you go?" "I drove all night and got in early this morning," Betty said. "Yesterday I was sitting in my chair when my husband came up behind me & put his hands over my eyes & said, "honey, tonight's your lucky night." I pulled his hands off & there he was wearing nothing but skin. He took my hand & took me to our bedroom. The room had two dozen candles and rose petals all over. On the bed, he had laid out handcuffs and ropes! He told me to tie & cuff him to the bed, and I did. And then he said, "do whatever you want." And here I am!!

~Never get between a woman and her horse~



PARADOX Farm
De-SPOOKING Clinic
Saturday, September 18th 2010
Reserve your spot, call Barbie Black 864-921-0131



All,

See entry info below for Sept 19th HDT. I did the Do Over HDT last Sunday and it was very beginner friendly and a short 4k marathon.

I did dressage twice, cones twice, and the short marathon once. Got great input from the judges on how to improve on dressage then drove the test again for a better score. You should encourage others to try this.

I went down on Sat., walked the courses, and stayed for the pizza dinner and hazards course walk clinic all included in the fee.

Reba Wagner

Ever had a competition where you wish you could do it all again?
Here's your chance!!

The "Do Over" HDT

At Claire Reid's Big Sky Farm

September 19, 2010

Beginner Competitors Clinic by Kelly Valdes on Saturday before the shows at 6pm for dinner discussion and then a course walk. All are welcome to attend. Dinner is included in the entry fee but you must sign up by the closing date on Friday.

Mornings only – Dressage starts early and will be immediately followed by cones and marathon. Assigned starting time is for Dressage with Cones and Marathon to immediately follow. Hazards will not be timed. The courses will be open to inspect on Saturday before the shows.

Entry Fee - \$50.00 payable to MCDC with entry, includes the "Do Over" entry. For a "do over" you must sign up before the closing date to re drive your dressage test before the cones and/or marathon courses.

Entries will be limited to avoid the afternoon heat.

Dressage Tests: Training Test #2, Preliminary Test # 2, Intermediate Test #2, Advanced FEI Tests or test of choice (must specify before)

September Dressage Judge, Sherri Dolan, ADS "L" Judge

Entries Closed: Friday 9pm before the show, entry fee must accompany the entry. Drive times will be emailed or posted at the show grounds by noon on Sat. Late entries accepted if time permits.

Organizer Kelly Valdes; H: 910-692-4164; C: 910-603-2449

E-mail: FKVALDES@aol.com

Stabling \$30.00 per night does not include shavings. Make check to Big Sky Farm.

Entries to: Marcie Quist 509 Deer Path Road, Vass, NC 28394

Home number (evenings) and Fax (910) 245-4428, cell (daytime) (910) 639-1699 E-mail:

quistlaw@gmail.com

Entry

Sept. 19 Entry_____

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Stabling (number) _____

Beginner's Clinic Dinner (number) _____

Division (Training, etc) _____

Class (Single Pony, etc) _____

DO Over entry? _____

Accommodations: Days Inn 910-692-8585, Microtel Inn 910-693-3737, Residence Inn by Marriott 910-693-3400, Best Western 910-944-2367, Motel 6 910-944-5633, Hampton Inn 910-692-9266. For camping, contact organizer.

Directions to Show: *from North:* Take Rt. 1 south. After you pass Vass exit you will enter Southern Pines, NC. Across from Hyland Hills Golf Club turn left on to N. May St. At the first stoplight, turn left onto Connecticut Ave. drive 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Tremont Place (dirt road). The show grounds are ½ mile on the right. *From the South:* Take Rt. 1 north. You will enter Aberdeen and then Southern Pines. Watch on your right. You will pass KFC, BK, Mac's Breakfast, RBC Bank, Microtel, and Kangaroo gas. After Kangaroo gas, Exit right toward Southern Pines Business District onto Broad St. At the stoplight turn right onto Morganton Rd. Stay left and the road becomes May St. At the second light turn right onto Connecticut Ave. drive 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Tremont Place (dirt road). The show grounds are ½ mile on the right.

SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

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

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Reserve your spot Call Barbie Black 864-921-0131
See our web site: event flier page for more info

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

October 16th HDT at Thoroughbred Training Center
Mocksville. For details and updates see
http://www.whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org/ttc_hdt.htm

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.

NONE @ THIS TIME

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Name: _____



Address: _____



City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (Home)

E-Mail: _____

If you want your business listed in our Directory

Business: _____

BRIEF description of Business/Web Address:

Discount to Members? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(____) _____ (Work Phone)

Office Use, Date Received: _____

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.

Make checks payable to: **Whips & Wheels Driving Club**

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