

Whips & Wheels Driving Club

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President's Letter

Hopefully Spring has sprung and we can look forward to some great weather for our future drives. A big thanks to Tommy and Karen Cope for allowing us to use their facility for the St. Patty's Day drive. Thanks to Trish for doing such a great job planning the events for everyone.

If you are looking for a beautiful driving location, join us on April 23rd in Morganton. The Smith's farm is a great place to drive and everyone had a great time last year. Be sure and check the Event Flyers for additional information.

Happy Easter!!

PennyG

Welcome New Members

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Big Fun with Miniature Horses

I had never before heard that St. Patrick was the patron saint of miniature horses, but surely, that seemed to be the case last weekend at the WWDC St. Paddy's Day drive. Of six turnouts in attendance, four were minis. WWDC is a pretty eclectic club, with membership including haflingers, percherons, thoroughbreds, lots of other breeds and, yes, even minis. Some days bring out more of one than the other does, and I've seen as many as seven percherons at one event. Last Saturday, though, was mini day.

I'm always looking out for something new and different, and since I have most of my

driving experience behind a heavy draft, I jumped at the chance to drive Chris Peckham's mini, Cheyenne. First, let me say that Cheyenne does not realize he is not as big as any of the other equines, and when Chris wants him to really put on steam, she shouts at him, "Big! Big!"

I'd actually driven Cheyenne once before at Paradox, but that was just around on the grass for a minute or two. The lure of the cones course that Tricia has set up in Tommy Cope's paddock was too much to resist, though. At Chris' first offer, I hopped into the cart, coaxed Cheyenne into a canter, and we were off!

Driving a big horse is all about power, and making those tight turns has to be planned well in advance. As the proud owner of the widest rig in the club, I was never what one would call "competitive." Driving Cheyenne, though, reminded me of the Fiat Spider I had back in the '70's. We were zipping through those cones at a dead run, turning on a dime and fishtailing dirt far and wide.

So, my new driving experience was immensely fun. I'd recommend it to anybody. I didn't get a chance to talk with Meghann Moore after her drive, but she looked to be having a great time, as well. She had not her usual one, but two miniature donkeys. Not only had they never before been hitched together, but she confessed to not ever having driven a team. By the end of the trail, however, everyone seemed to be getting along just fine.

Driving is different from riding, and driving a mini is definitely different from driving a draft. I can't wait for my next new experience. I'm signing up for the clinic in April to see if I, too, can drive a team. I can see myself with a four-in-hand of galloping minis... but I imagine I'd be better off starting out with something a little more conservative. Perhaps Faith or Doug will let me drive one of their beautiful teams of percherons.

If you're also looking for something new, join us on May 21st at Tommy Cope's TLC

Farm in Advance for the Beginning Driving Clinic and "Try Something New."

Penny Brandon

St Patty's Play Day

March 19, Tricia Hardy

What a gorgeous day for an event at TLC Farm in Advance today! We had six turnouts and MANY spectators to cheer us on during the games. The Trivia Trail was about 2 miles with 14 St Patty trivia questions. I did goof and post the wrong picture for one of the answers, but, since it was posted as an answer, we used it for scoring purposes. Just for the record, a leprechaun is a fairy not an imp! The shamrock cones course was a hit, as long as you do not listen to the gators that had to push the jolly ball through the whole course of eight cones with a broom. The fishing pond was a LOT HARDER than it looked, so there were LOTS of CHEERS when someone did catch a fish or shamrock. Chris Peckham was back and in fine fiddle after her back surgery, she and Cheyenne won the cones course. Polly Hixson won the 50/50 (\$27.00) she kept \$12.00 and the club got \$15.00, thank you Polly. Thank you Tommy and Karen Cope for allowing us to use your farm today and thank you to all my volunteers who helped on the cones course and to Jeff, who tolerated my indecision, marking the trail, then cleaned up all the trail markers and arrows afterwards. Game results are below:

Trivia Trail

- 1st John & Liz Leap & Sadie
- 2nd Tommy Cope & Alestina & Hannah
- 2nd Kai & Tiffany Ehnes & Frodo
- 3rd Chris Peckham & Cheyenne

Shamrock Cones

- 1st Chris Peckham & Cheyenne
- 2nd Kai Ehnes & Frodo
- 3rd Tommy Cope & Hannah

Fishing for Luck Cones

- 1st Tommy & Karen Cope & Hannah
- 2nd Kai & Tiffany Ehnes & Frodo
- 3rd John & Liz Leap & Sadie

Shamrock Broom Push

- 1st Kai & Tiffany Ehnes & Frodo
 - 2nd John & Liz Leap & Sadie
 - 3rd Tommy & Karen Cope & Hannah
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What a terrific group I've joined! Little Brandy and I benefitted SO much from our short time [we were on info overload]!!! Thank you all! Lucy Spencer [new member]

CCC Amy Neary Clinic Feb 25 & 26th

I spent a very instructive weekend down in Tryon at the Amy Neary clinic. The weather was really "iffy" when I left Mocksville Friday morning but improved the further west I went. By the time I got to Allen Bridges farm the sun was out, but so was the wind.

Classes were set up by levels. I was in the training level with 3 others. First, we warmed up in the arena. Amy did a safety check and demonstrated a new safety idea for your quick releases. We then went down to the obstacle to work. She helped me to get Precious working off her hind end and start collecting, now if I can only continue to make her do this! Saturday we went over to F.E.N.C.E. and worked at two of the permanent obstacles that are set up over there. All the other participants I talked to were very happy and could definitely see a difference in the way our Equines were performing for us. Spectators also told us how much improvement they saw after each of us worked with Amy. If you are the least bit interested in driving obstacles, she is a wonderful instructor. If there is enough interest in our club, I bet we could get her to come here and do a clinic. This is the second time I have attended one of her 2-day clinics and it will not be the last. Thank you CCC, for hosting this clinic. Tricia Hardy

Schedule for 2010:

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

April 23rd Morganton Drive

Please RSVP to Barbie 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 828-443-9410

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 21st Intro to Driving Clinic @ TLC Farm Advance see web site for more info & directions

June 12th Possible Continuous Drive @ Paradox (NOTE Date has been changed from the Sat 11th to Sunday the 12th)

July ??? Possible Picnic @ Tanglewood. Tommy will figure out details

August ??? Speakers using the Woodleaf Community center if it is still available,

September ??? The Arc in Monroe? Penny G to check into

October 22nd Halloween at Paradox

November 19th Turkey Trot at TLC Farm Advance

December 4th Christmas party @ Tuckers

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

The following is a list of people to contact if you are interested in just riding on days the club has no scheduled activities.

We are starting a list of people to call. So far we have:

- Barbie Black 864-921-0131
- Faith Bradshaw 704-213-7076
faith@salisburyblueprints.com
- Tricia Hardy 336-751-0786 tjhardy2@yadtel.net
- Nancy Faller 336-284-6581
paradoxfarm@yadtel.net

If you would like to be added to this list, E-mail or call Tricia: tjhardy2@yadtel.net or 336-751-0786

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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**

Send Form & Check to: **Pat Granzyk 6988 Lanvale Court Clemmons, NC 27012**