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Morganton Drive 5/7/2011

We had to postpone this drive, but so glad we did. The weather was beautiful and the lunch area at the river was not boggy like it would have been if we came on the 23rd as originally scheduled. Our drivers were Penny Godbey, (Jim was moral support), Chris Peckham, the Littrell family with 2 carts), Meghan Moore and her sister also with 2 carts, Jean Parker, Jeff & I. Barbie Black and Kim Smith's daughter Jenifer rode. Kim and her husband Keith joined us driving the trails. I don't remember everyone who was there at the river for lunch but there were quite a few of us. It seems some people thought Jeff & I were lost, but we were at the river waiting for everyone else to show up! Check out the pictures of Cheyenne trying to mooch some lunch on our website:

http://www.whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org/photo_gallery.htm

Our Thanks to Barbie for arranging this drive and to Kim & Keith, Thank You for allowing us to come out to drive on your tree farm, I know we ALL had a great time. Thank you from all of us at Whips and Wheels.

Intro to Driving Clinic 5/21/2011

Our intro to driving clinic was very well received. I did not get a head count, but we did have many new faces I did not recognize. Penny Godbey did the introduction, Barbie Black talked on safety, Faith Bradshaw talked about getting started and how to do things on a shoestring budget, Tommy

Cope talked about the various kinds of equipment and Nancy Faller showed us how to “put to” a cart and a marathon vehicle. After lunch, people had a chance to drive pairs, (percherons or mini donkeys) a mini, a single horse and single pony. We had great weather and a great crowd. Thank you Tommy & Karen for the use of your farm and to all our speakers, who did a great job.

Oh, What Fun!

I don't know when I've had more fun! I hate it for you, but if you didn't come last weekend down to Tommy Cope's place, you missed a big time. We had a pretty good turnout, but I'm afraid some of you might have stayed away because we called it a “Beginners' Clinic.” What it turned out to be was a morning with a whole lot of good information, and an afternoon pony swap.

We started a little late because Barbie Black was slated for the opening part: a few pointers on safety. It turns out one of her students had been involved in an accident. We shouldn't require a serious event to keep our minds on safety around horses, and Barbie had a lot of common sense things to share. As a club, we're going to put more emphasis on safety in the future, because it's so much easier to avoid an accident than it is to recover from one.

Faith Bradshaw then gave us some interesting ideas about carriage driving on a budget. One of the biggest mistakes to be made is buying equipment before knowing what you want to do with it. It's important to have the right kind of equipment for what you want to do, have it fit your horse, and have a horse to fit you: As the saying goes, “Green and Green make Black and Blue.”

Next in the order of events was Tommy Cope talking about harness. First, he put a neck collar harness on a nice little grey pony. Many of us only drive with a breast collar, so it was interesting to see how to fit a different kind. Then he let Polly's pony, Charm, model her marathon harness, with quick release tugs and various adapters for the traces. Having Charm already dressed for success, Nancy Faller demonstrated putting-to with both a marathon carriage and a Meadowbrook cart. There was quite a bit of discussion about various kinds of

carts, and the importance of fitting the cart to the horse.

After the break for lunch, the fun really began. A group of us went with Faith to help her harness her team of Percheron draft mares. Ellie and Crescent are very well trained and know their job. Also being harnessed were Penny Godbey's mini, Calvin, Meghann Moore's team of miniature donkeys, Trisha Hardy's Friesian sport horse, Precious, and Polly's Charm. Tommy also hitched up Hannah, Nancy Faller's welch pony cross that he's been training. Then all of the drivers assembled in Tommy's paddock, safety helmets were conscientiously donned, and the swapping began! Faith, having driven Ellie and Crescent for years, got her first experience driving Calvin. Many of us had never driven a team, and that team of miniature donkeys was as cute as anything I've ever seen. Precious floats along with a lovely Friesian trot, Calvin is hot as a pistol, and Charm bends like, well, a charm! It was so much fun driving everyone else's horses and ponies.

Even though it was officially called a beginners' clinic, many of the experienced drivers got to try something new, refresh on some safety rules that everyone should know, and enjoy a beautiful day driving a Tommy's. I can't wait for the June event, when we meet again at Paradox. I know I'll have a better appreciation for everyone else's horses, harness, and carriages. And remember: safety first, last and always.

Get Well Wishes go out to Carol Ann Burns in Laurens SC. For those of us who know her: Friday afternoon May 20th, Jasper (a large paint draft who does not ever do more than he has to, without being “pushed”) ran away with her after another horse spooked and took off. Her carriage overturned and she was thrown out breaking her already bad hip and wrist. She is will undergo surgery at Greenville memorial for specialized bone care, Sunday morning May 22. We hope you have a quick recovery Carol Ann. Jasper is sore but ok but I understand the carriage had some damage; the other pony & driver are OK.

BOD Meeting May 9, 2011

Penny G called the meeting to order 6:30pm with Barbie black, Pat Granzky, Nancy Faller, Penny Godbey, Penny Brandon, Tommy Cope, Faith Bradshaw and Tricia Hardy in attendance.

As of 5/1/2011, the treasury had a balance of \$1795.97. Pat received a membership and paid out for our Web hosting, BOD snacks and the fee for the Tanglewood shelter. Pat also handed out her most recent membership list.

Pictures from the Morganton drive are up on Face Book.

New Business: We discussed who would be handling what at our upcoming "Intro to Driving Clinic" May 21st. Tommy has handouts we talked about who was going to bring horses. Pat Granzky and Penny B will handle sign in; Penny G will handle the intro. Barbie is going to handle SAFETY, Faith will talk about the financial aspects of driving and the things you can do, i.e. pleasure, CDE, showing etc. Tommy will talk about equipment and Nancy will show how to "Put to". We will break for lunch, and then have horses available for people to try driving WITH an experienced driver.

Nancy needs volunteers for the continuous Drive June 12th, I need to post the request.

June 9th Tommy reserved the #2 shelter at Tanglewood from 4:30-11:00pm for our Club picnic in lieu of the Luau we have been doing. The shelter is before you get to the barn on the left. It will cost \$2.00 to enter Tanglewood. The club will supply Charcoal for the BBQ and the hamburgers. (Tommy, Penny B and Jim Godbey will cook. Everyone else needs to bring a dish). We would like to hold a silent auction, so please bring an item to be donated for the auction. We will hold a 50/50

August, Penny is still waiting to hear if the Woodleaf community center is still available. Faith suggested we use the room at Salisbury Blueprints where she works and Nancy will check into the Jerusalem fire Department which has a room and a kitchen. Penny has talked to a few people to be our speakers. We will start at 10:00, more info when we have a place to hold this event.

We discussed the Arc for our Sept event and how far away it is and the price of fuel I will try to talk to Valerie at Latta Plantation again and get with

Marilyn & Barbie to try to map out a trail at Hamby Creek. Pat suggested Leyland Farm.

Off topic Faith talked about the upcoming Balloon Rally they hold in Statesville in Oct, and how much fun she had last year. She will keep us informed.

Penny G wants to stress SAFETY and we talked about making up a sheet with the most important safety issues as a handout to all members so that we would have something in writing that we can use to back up any conversations we might need to have when we see something we think is unsafe at an event.

Faith also asked me to post she needs help with her Indian weddings and will send me a list of dates to request volunteers. She supplies the transportation and lunch.

The meeting adjourned 7:56pm

From the CD-L

Thanks to many who "vetted" the beta versions, we are ready to distribute these short introductory guides to combined Driving Marathons, and to Pleasure shows.

These are written to help new drivers, club members, volunteers, and horse owners participate happily in competitions. Our goal is to have more people compete successfully, which will encourage organizers to organize more activities, and that in turn will provide more places for us all to have fun driving and will help the ADS grow.

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June 12th Possible Continuous Drive @ Paradox **Paradox Farm, Nancy Faller** Mocksville NC 27028 336-284-6581

From I-85 take Jake Alexander Blvd exit, go left stay on Jake Alexander Blvd until it T's with Hwy 601, go left stay on 601. About 12 miles you will see signs to Paradox Farm. The farm is on the left, trailer entry will be at the bottom of the hill.

From I-40 take the Farmington Road exit, left over ramp to end, go right on Hwy 158, through Mocksville about 4 miles south you will come to the intersection of 801 & 601. Go straight about 2 miles. The farm will be on your right, go past the farm to the bottom of the hill. Signs will be there for the trailer entrance on the right.

July 9th Picnic @ Tanglewood.

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

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

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November 19th Turkey Trot at **T.L.C. Farm, Tommy & Karen Cope** 331 Feedmill Road Advance, NC 27006 336-998-4915

From I-40 & Hwy 158 take 801 south (approx 5 miles) to Advance, turn right on Feedmill Road. The farm is at the end of the road.

From Hwy 64 take 801 north (approx 6 miles) to Advance turn left on to Feedmill Road. The farm is at the end of the road.

December 4th Christmas party @ Tuckers

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Earth Child

11/05 Hello Whips and Wheels fellow members, I have decided to see if there is any interest in the following pony carriages since we only have 15+hand horses. Some of these are not everyday drivers, but I don't know what members in the club may be looking for so I figured I would pass these on.

E-mail Larry for pics he included way to many for me to include. Larry DuPont ldup1@yadtel.net. I know the carriages are DUSTY, but they do clean up to a brilliant shine. I tried to buff a little area on each pic to show the finish under neath.

Luckily the interiors and upholstery is not dusty since its been covered in plastic for years.

The king george pony phaeton has the original seat, I just had a green one made up for display.

The French and Co Tp seat break has three or four cross bars or trees on a stand as well as the center pole.

Im thinking based on some numbers Bob Cook gave me last year that the Green Top Break wagon would fetch about \$19000 in todays market.

The King George is a rare piece I am told in pony size so in current condition about \$15000 ?

There is a little red and black surry for ponies in good shape----\$2000?

Also I have a little Jerred sulky runabout that I had a local shop powder coat the wheels yellow and a place in OH installed hard rubber. I never got further in the restoration.

Let me know if any of this makes sense. I have a box full of lanterns too and no reasonable offers will be refused. All items can be seen near I-40 and Route 801 Advance, NC.

Thanks, Larry

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