

# WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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NOTE: We cannot get the shelter for the Tanglewood picnic July 21<sup>st</sup>. Nancy Faller has offered her farm for the Picnic.

**CONDOLENCES TO PENNY & JIM GODBEY ON THE LOSS OF HER 33 YEAR "YOUNG" MARE, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>.**



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## Presidents Letter

WWDC June 2012

From what I've heard, everyone who attended the Audrey Hartnett clinic at Paradox really enjoyed having the opportunity for one-on-one instruction from such an awesome clinician. We were fortunate—we have prior experience with Audrey and were able to work out details of what the club was interested in learning and the kind of instruction that Audrey thought would work out best. Everyone who attended knew, or at least had the opportunity to know, what to expect.

There seem to be a lot of clinics available to horse enthusiasts, economic downturn notwithstanding. Fees can range from a small charge audit, or hundreds of dollars for multi-day events. It's important to do enough homework to choose a clinic that's right for you. It's good to have specific goals. How would a clinic further those goals? What about the clinician? Is it someone you know by reputation, or even personally? Do you have a reference from someone you respect? Are you willing to have an open mind to try something new? And finally, can you afford the cost, not just of the clinic but transportation of your horse?

I didn't go to the clinic at Paradox because Lexi has yet to be hitched. No matter how great a clinic, it wouldn't have been appropriate. Instead, I took him to a riding clinic, with the goal of getting him out among a limited number of other horses for his first time riding away from home. Aside from being attacked by a rabid, carnivorous gum wrapper, he did fine. I had met the clinician before, and had the recommendation of a friend whose horse

knowledge I respect. Still, the clinician's methods were very different from what I was used to from my own trainer, and I had to think about things differently. It being Lexi's first time out, I also had to be flexible enough to recognize it was time to stop before the end of the event. I had accomplished my goals—there was no use pushing for more.

Clinics can be a great way to polish your skills or learn new techniques from a reputable trainer. It's best, though, to choose wisely—know what to expect and what you want to accomplish. Attending any equestrian even should leave you with a refreshed enthusiasm for your sport. I'm excited to hear about what everyone learned from Audrey. Maybe Lexi and I will be there next time!

Thanks,

Penny Brandon

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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## AUDREY HARTNETT CLINIC

June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> by Tricia Hardy

What can I say it was HOT on Saturday and very humid on Sunday for the clinic. Audrey had a full day on Saturday and half a day on Sunday it's a good thing she had a supply of sun block! If you didn't attend, you missed some great sessions. Audrey is so easy to work with and understand. EVERYONE noticed a difference in everyone else's horse/pony after Audrey worked with each of them. What was really interesting was the cantering to get them warmed up, what a difference in every equine after they were cantered then started really working and learning. Audrey also had a neat way to make a driver understand the feel of the reins, she put a set of driving reins on some of us and she drove us from the back of the carriage while we were driving our equines!

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## BOD MEETING JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

The Board met at MAD Ceramics on June 18<sup>th</sup> with Penny B, Penny G, Chris Peckham, Nancy Faller, Tommy Cope, Polly Hixson and Tricia Hardy present.

The minutes from the Feb 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

The schedule for the June 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> clinic was passed out, there was no treasurer's report, and then we discussed upcoming events. Since we cannot get the shelter for our picnic next month, but Nancy volunteered her farm once again, Tommy moved we donate the money we would have spent on the shelter to the "Paradox Foundation" instead, and the board approved it. We need to check with Tonya to see what the amount was. Tommy called me the next day after checking his receipt and it was \$175.00. Chris Peckham will be in charge of organizing the food that we need to bring, so call her to RSVP & find out what is needed. 704-876-4179 [Mini75@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mini75@bellsouth.net) Tommy will acquire the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and chili & cole slaw (the club will pay for) Tommy & Jim Godbey will be our BBQ chefs. Nancy will be in charge of tents and tables; I will bring 3 from my shop and assist Nancy in setting up. Don't forget you chairs when you bring a covered dish! Penny is going to get sticky nametags since we have many new members. We decided if you have tack you want to sell we can do a tack swap at this picnic. We talked about door prizes and a possible gift certificate to an event. August 11<sup>th</sup> at Ellis Park Red Center 11-3pm Penny G will get subs drinks & desserts, cost to be determined. Penny B will confirm our speakers: Dr. Jay Moore a Vet, Tonya Barge Equine Massage, Dr Karla Christy Equine and people chiropractor and possible a barefoot trimmer. September 15<sup>th</sup> rain date the 16th, Chris Peckham & Penny Brandon will set up a Games Day at Paradox Farm, more info as we get it worked out. October will be our Halloween Bash at Paradox, but Nancy needs to check on dates. Dec Christmas party Tommy is checking into the Garden Gate Vineyard located behind Ingersol Rand in Mocksville.

### New Business:

The driving classes at the Carolina classic shows have been cancelled, but Penny G said Beth McCashin is willing to add driving classes to her open shows, but it won't be until next year. There

seems to be interest, so Penny is going to follow up on this with Beth.

I am redesigning our web site using a new program since Front Page is now obsolete. I would like to get the Membership page interactive so it can be e-mailed and possibly add a PayPal payment button. The board told me to look into it, cost etc. We also discussed simplifying the waiver to make it easier to keep track of them. I will be combining the Waiver with the membership application for members and we can make a Waiver Sign and one sheet for non-members to sign at events. This will help me keep track of the member's waivers and not worry about non-members after the events. (I have already uploaded a combined membership/waiver to our website, but it still needs some work to make it print on one page). The board also decided to remove any business ad sales. We have not had any for quite a few years and they are a bit of work to make fit in the newsletters, so I have removed that option from our web site too.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Audrey Hartnett clinic Pics



## SCHEDULE FOR 2012:

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

**JULY 21, 2012** Rain date the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Picnic at Paradox Farm 5:00-8:00pm at the gazebo by the pond under the cover of shade trees. Tommy & Jim will be our BBQ chefs and we are to bring covered dishes. Contact Chris Peckham to see what is needed. 704-876-4179 Mini75@bellsouth.net

**AUGUST 11, 2012** Ellis Park Rec Center in Salisbury. 11:00am-3:00pm. Penny Brandon is confirming our guest speakers. Penny Godbey will be getting the sandwiches but we have not determined the cost yet.

**SEPTEMBER 15TH** Chris Peckham & Penny Brandon are going to plan a "Games Day" at Paradox Farm

**OCTOBER 27???, 2012** Halloween at Paradox. Nancy needs to check show dates

**NOVEMBER 17, 2012** Thanksgiving, Drive at TLC Farm. Tommy & Karen to host

**DECEMBER 2, 2012** Christmas Dinner/Dirty Santa Tommy to make the reservations.

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



# WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/WAIVER

MEMBERSHIP WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

PLEASE PRINT OUT FORM BELOW & FILL OUT THEN:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB OR WWDC MAIL TO: TRICIA HARDY 547 JOHN CROTTS ROAD MOCKSVILLE, NC 27028

\_\_\_ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FULL YEAR \$25.00 (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 OR MORE PEOPLE UP TO 4. VOTING PRIVILEGES 18 YEARS OR OLDER)

\_\_\_ SINGLE MEMBERSHIP FULL YEAR \$15.00 (1 PERSON)

\_\_\_ NEW AFTER JUNE 30TH WILL BE PRORATED: 1/2 YEAR \$12.00 FAMILY \$7.50 SINGLE (REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.)

\_\_\_ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST RUN THROUGH THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

DUES ARE DUE THE FIRST OF JANUARY EACH YEAR.

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP/BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Work or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ (Office Use)

**Please read and sign the WAIVER below & send with your application: *Print a copy to keep***



1<sup>st</sup> Adult/Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_



2<sup>nd</sup> Adult/Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_



1<sup>st</sup> minor (under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> minor (under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Whips & Wheels Driving Club Equine Release, Waiver and Indemnification

The undersigned participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18 years, does/do hereby execute this release waiver, and indemnification for himself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives and assigns and, thereby agree(s) and represents as follows:

To release Whips and Wheels Driving Club, it's members, agents and representatives affiliated with this activity from any liability, loss, damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling of equine by the undersigned participant. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify Whips and Wheels Driving Club, it's members, agents and representatives affiliated with this project, and hold them harmless for any loss, damage, cost, claim judgment, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned person's participation in said activity.

If involved in equine activities pursuant to NC Chapter 99E of NC General Statutes, the undersigned(s) executes(s) this waiver of the undersigned(s) right to sue and agree(s) to assume all risks resulting from the "intrinsic dangers of equine activities". "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" is defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to: (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (vi) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or Parent or guardian of a minor. The revocation shall be in writing, which shall be addressed to the provider and shall become effective thirty (30) days after delivery to the provider.

The undersigned(s) should maintain all medical and health insurance to cover all risks of any kind in any place in livestock, equine, and/or other activities.

I the undersigned participant will ensure equipment is in good condition at all times, wear and use all safety equipment. Minors (under the age of 18) MUST wear helmets and be accompanied by an experienced driver when in the carts/carriages.

**WARNING:** Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina general statutes.

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