

WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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*If you haven't
been to our web
site lately, check
it out, it has been
redesigned.*

**DON'T FORGET OUR "STAY OUT OF THE HEAT
SEMINAR" AT ELLIS PARK IN SALISBURY AUGUST 11TH.**



Presidents Letter

Last month I editorialized about clinics--a great way to get concentrated training on a specific topic of equestrian interest. This month I have another equestrian experience to share--I recently went on vacation to Vermont for the Sugarbush Tolt Trek. I spent 5 days "tolting" across the Vermont countryside on Icelandic horses from the Vermont Icelandic Horse Farm. Each day started with a hearty breakfast at a delightful country inn.

We spent the next 3 to 5 hours following trails and country roads through the Sugarbush Mountains and the Mad River Valley, followed by an awesome 3-course dinner. The food was as amazing as the scenery!

Prior to this trip, the only experience I had on a gaited horse was the 5 minutes I spent on Marilyn Colvin's TWH last March. I was excited to try the 5 natural gaits of the Icelandic horse: walk, trot, and a really smooth canter, plus a racking gait known as the "tolt." The fifth gait is a side-to-side pace, which in a traditionally trained Icelandic can become the "flying pace." The name is accurate: those little horses can truly fly!

I had an absolute ball on this trip, spending my days with a nice herd of horses and six other people, randomly drawn together by a common interest in horseback riding. We enjoyed one another so much, as a matter of fact, that we're already planning another equine vacation next year. I would give the same advice for an equine vacation that I did for a clinic--ask questions and know what you're getting into.

The ride I was on was rated "novice," but I was a bit concerned for one of my fellow riders the first time we broke into a canter. Know your limits and know your tour. Five hours a day in the saddle is a lot!

In case you're wondering what on earth this trail-riding story is doing in the driving club news, I will now explain. Equitours, the group through which I booked my tolt trek, has recently introduced a Carriage Driving tour in Aiken, SC. Should you so desire, you can spend a week learning or perfecting the fine art of carriage driving. Instruction includes putting-to and driving a team, practice with cones, trails and obstacle skills, and dressage. According to the brochure, (I'll be happy to share mine), the program is flexible and can be adjusted to your needs. Lodging is at a historic hotel or B&B in Aiken.

There are lots of companies in addition to Equitours that offer equestrian vacations, and I've even seen one or two others that offer carriage driving. My advice would be to let your fingers do the walking, on the internet, to find an equestrian trip that suits your needs. I certainly plan to take another, after the great time I had "tolt trekking" in Vermont.

Thanks,

Penny Brandon

PICNIC AT PARADOX

Threats of thunderstorms did not deter us from our picnic at Paradox Saturday July 21st. Mocksville had two short thunderstorms just as we were getting ready to leave to bring tables over to the farm. We were lucky the next one held off until we were finished with our scavenger hunt, eating and socializing! By then, the rain was welcome; it did cool things off a bit since it was so humid out. The gazebo got very crowded for a bit! As usual, we had a wonderful assortment of VERY GOOD food, good company and our BBQ chefs had everything ready and waiting for us after the scavenger hunt. By the way, we had some very creative interpretations of the items listed on the hunt. Thank you Nancy for a great time.

Tricia

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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SCHEDULE FOR 2012:

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

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.

Directions to Ellis Park Recreation Center:

From Mocksville, the 801/601 crossroads at Greasy Corner, go south on 601 towards Salisbury 8.5 miles. Turn left on East Ridge Road, there will be a junk yard on one corner and the Village Grocery/Gas Station (*not the village Pantry*) on the other corner. Go 2 miles and turn left on Old Mocksville road. Go .1 mile and turn left into the parking lot at the building for Ellis Park.

From Salisbury, take 601 north; turn right on East Ridge road at the Village Grocery/Gas Station. Go 2 miles and turn left on Old Mocksville road. Go .1 mile and turn left into the parking lot at the building for Ellis Park.

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 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST.

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)

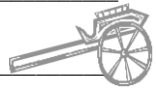
Please read and sign the WAIVER below & send with your application: *Print a copy to keep*



1st Adult/Parent/Guardian _____



2nd Adult/Parent/Guardian _____



1st minor (under 18 years) _____

2nd 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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