

WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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Presidents Letter

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of summer! Kids have gone back to school, days are getting shorter, and—hopefully—hurricane season is almost over. This year, the club has hosted eight very successful events, with more to come. We had an impressive turnout in June at the Paradox HDT, and have added lots of new members.

One of the goals of our club is to grow. To do that, we all need to be enthusiastic ambassadors for our sport. We need to seek out opportunities to promote carriage driving, and offer encouragement both to current drivers and others who may become interested. In addition, we need to welcome guests and new members who are attracted to club events. Make sure to introduce yourself and your equine to anyone you don't recognize.

Finally, we need to stick to the original goal—to have fun!

Happy Horse care Event:

GET OUT OF THE HEAT SEMINAR

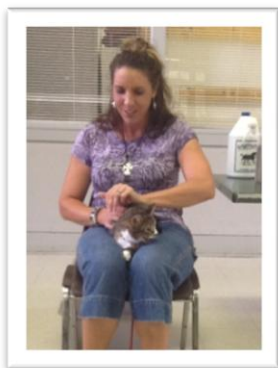
Saturday August 11th
It's too hot in August to spend much time outdoors with the horses, so the Whips and Wheels event for this month was scheduled inside, in a nice air-conditioned meeting room at the Ellis Community Center in Salisbury. Our speakers were Drs. Karla Christie and Jay Moore.

Dr. Karla is a chiropractic doctor with a practice in Salisbury. Her office at Health Source Chiropractic offers chiropractic spinal adjustments and various

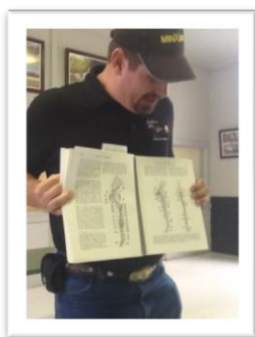
wellness plans for the entire family. And she is serious when she says, "entire family!" Dr. Karla also specializes in equine chiropractic through Peak Performance Chiropractic. During our clinic, she discussed the importance of observing one's animals and being familiar with their regular way of moving, in order to quickly recognize when they need medical or chiropractic attention. In addition to horses, Dr. Karla has adjusted rodeo bucking bulls, dogs, cats, and even chickens! While we watched, she performed an adjustment on Tricia's cat, which the cat seemed to appreciate.

DR. KARLA'S PHRASE FOR THE DAY:

**"IGNORANCE CAN BE EDUCATED
CRAZY CAN BE MEDICATED
THERE IS NO FIX FOR STUPIDITY!"**



**DR JAY'S WORDS OF WISDOM.....
MANURE! CHECK IT, YOU'LL LEARN ALL KINDS OF THINGS**



Dr. Jay Moore is a graduate of the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine, and specializes in Bovine Reproduction. His advice to our group: "You can learn a lot from manure." He agreed with Dr. Karla that offering good nutrition is one of the best things you can do for your horse, and also confirmed that it's important to know your animal and do what works in your particular circumstance. Dr. Moore was very helpful in helping us to understand various structures of the equine foot, and how to treat or reduce hoof disease and lameness.

Both speakers were very informative, and the club participants learned a lot. The atmosphere was relaxed and comfortable, encouraging members to ask questions about their various interests and concerns. The facility, a new venue for us, was very nice. This is the kind of educational event that the club will probably do more of in the future, especially in the dog days of summer. By Penny B

BOD meeting 8/11/2012: After the seminar the board held a very short meeting, we had to table the item till we had more information. Penny B, Penny G, Nancy Faller, Tommy Cope, Polly Hixson and I were present at Ellis Park rec Center.

Penny B called the meeting to order at 2:30.

The subject was the upcoming Moonlit ride at Paradox. Was it a WWDC event or not, if it was we needed insurance for the overnight event. I mistakenly added it to our website on our events page. The flyer says member price and it was not approved by the board. Insurance for the ride was the issue of this meeting. Everything was tabled until we find out if it is a WWDC event or not.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Marilyn Colvin on the recovery of her horse Palomino TWH Jasmine. Jasmine got loose while Marilyn was helping another rider who was caught underneath her horse that was cast, up on Sauratown Mountain, Saturday 8/18. As of 8/30/2012 Jasmine is still missing.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Help-find-Jasmine/318517961577246>

BOD Meeting 8/21/2012:

Penny Brandon, Chris Peckham, Tonya Barga, Tricia Hardy, Tommy Cope, Nancy Faller, Kai Ehnes, Polly Hixson and Penny Godbey were present for the meeting held at Paradox Farm beginning at 6:30pm

Penny B assigned a time keeper for the meeting. We talked about events, how many should be scheduled for the year and how do we add or delete events and make sure there is insurance on the events. Penny Godbey told us we pay \$800.00 to have 7 events on the schedule and if we add events after we send the schedule to the insurance, it costs us between \$60-70.00. (It was going to be \$127.00 for an overnight 2-day event). Penny G made up a tentative Guideline for how any member can approach the board if they would like to host an event. I moved we accept the guidelines and Tonya seconded, and was unanimously accepted. The guidelines are printed below and on the web site. I made a motion: "At the beginning of the calendar year, we add 3 more "Horse" events to our calendar (10 total February through November), tentatively schedule them for the middle Saturday of the month so that we don't have to worry about adding an event after we have submitted our calendar to the

insurance company. "EXCLUDING January & December when we do dinner meetings." This motion was seconded by Nancy/Tommy then unanimously accepted. I suggested we send a letter of apology to Faith for the misunderstandings about the event she wanted to put on for the club. The board agreed. I will write the letter.

We talked about membership do we want to actively recruit more members? We will try to come up with ideas for the next board meeting to increase membership. Chris talked about how we have more members on Facebook than we actually do as paid members in the club. It was suggested we set up a table at shows with information about our club, or to use the mini Quadrille team we were playing around with to demonstrate how much fun driving can be at intermission at shows.

At a previous Board meeting Penny Godbey told us Beth McCashin was thinking about adding driving classes to her shows at TTC. Penny Godbey wanted to know how many people were actually interested in showing at TTC if Beth added driving classes to her shows. The majority of us said if it was just ring classes and no cones or cross country we were not interested. She will let Beth know.

Penny B brought up elections, Annual or Biennial? When we created this club, at a BOD meeting held 1/15/2012 at TLC Farm we decided: "Officer's term of office will run for one year, with no limit on the number of times they can be reelected to office (if they are willing to remain in office). If the members don't like an officer they can vote them out!"

8/10/2006 BOD meeting @Jimmy's fish Restaurant: "We talked about a nominations for officers, we should do that in November and have Elections in December. We also talked about the possibility of extending the term of office to 2 years instead of one, since the officers are just learning what they need to, to function well!" Then at the 10/29/2006 meeting at Paradox Farm: "Tommy would like to see a new President every year so that our club stays "Fresh", but I think the concensus of opinion says we are toooo new a club and Tommy is doing a fantastic job, so we should keep the officers as is for at least one more year while we are still organizing our foundations! Think about it and we can have a quick meeting at our Christmas party when we hope to have the most members present to discuss it." The 2 year term became custom but not the "Rule". Nancy made the motion that "the term of office starting with elections in 2013 go back to one year and that the "Past President" will stay on the board as a director" Chris seconded and was passed unanimously." At this point Chris said due to her health she was going to resign as Vice President at the end of this year.

We discussed newsletters and we would like the membership to make contributions. Send me stories either about our events or other horsey stuff.

The newsletter is published the last day of the month, so the deadline is the 25th of each month to send me any stories. Submission info appears on the last page of each newsletter.

We talked about creating guidelines on how to cancel or reschedule events if for some reason the "host" cannot do it. Penny G will work up some guidelines to present to the board at the next meeting. Since there confusion about the Sept events on Facebook we need to stress the Web Site is the place to look for information, not Facebook. Nancy moved the "RSVP's should go to the host of the event" and Tonya seconded and passed by the Board. I will set up hyperlinks on the flyers on our events page and calendar so that you can RSVP via e-mail and phone numbers to call the person holding the event instead of Facebook.

Tonya reported that somehow she is not on the account with Wells Fargo nor receiving the bank statements, even though she has been signing checks all along. She has the paperwork taking Pat off as treasurer and putting her (Tonya) on, she will get that straightened out on Tuesday. Tonya reported we have \$1933.26 in the treasurer as of 7/1/2012. Since then, there was a deposit of \$110.00 and a check for \$72.45.

We will hold our next board meeting on Thursday Oct 18th at Paradox Farm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING WHIPS AND WHEELS EVENTS

The Whips and Wheels Driving Club encourages anyone to volunteer to host a club sponsored event.

The following guidelines will be used to assist you in planning your event.

- Host selects a scheduled date from the WWDC calendar.
 - *If the selected date is not on the current WWDC calendar, the host will contact the WWDC President to discuss the details of the planned event, date availability and insurance coverage.*
- Host will notify WWDC President of their desire to serve as an event Host along with details of the event (location, start/ending time, type of event, etc.).
 - WWDC President will be responsible for notifying Officers/BOD of event details and Host. The Officers/BOD will have final authority to approve/disapprove an event.

- WWDC President will verify that insurance requirements are met.
- Host will provide event details/flyer to WWDC Secretary. Event details will be published on WWDC Web Site, newsletter and on FB page.
- Host will be responsible for planning activities, soliciting volunteers, securing awards, etc.
 - *WWDC Officers and Board of Directors are available to assist Host with planning the details of their event.*
- At the completion of the event, the Host will submit their receipts to the WWDC Treasurer for reimbursement of their expenses. Any profit from the event will be deposited in WWDC account.

Please feel free to contact any of the WWDC Officers or Board of Directors to assist you with planning your activity, answering your questions or offering suggestions. Our goal is to make each WWDC event a success.

AN "EAT YOUR EGO" TALE

Many of you know Charm the wonder pony. For those of you who don't, she is a 12 year old New Forest Pony who is the best driving pony I have ever met. Although not possessed of huge warmblood movement, she has done well at clinics and shows. She does absolutely everything I ask in harness, from saving my carcass in three point turns on the trail to starting to learn flying changes. I consider myself a decent horsewoman, although I admit Charm has spoiled me.

So, on a bright Wednesday afternoon, I harnessed her to an older carriage that I have not used in a while. It has a bench seat up front and I was taking a 6 year old friend, Elizabeth, for her first carriage ride. We both clambered on board and went down the (unpaved) drive toward the back pastures to check on the sheep. Having viewed the sheep, I decided to go down Feed Mill Road and once there, asked Charm for a trot. She literally could not do it! She tried but I have never seen such a gait: it looked like her whole body was seized up! Asked again, same thing: she wasn't lame, no stones in her feet, did not look to be in pain, just could not go! I was baffled, thinking vet visits and all kinds of awful diagnoses.

At this point, my Elizabeth calmly looked around and said "The wheels are not turning!" Then it took me a few minutes to discover the little yellow handle under the carriage seat was turned 90 degrees..... I had driven for 10 minutes with the PARKING BRAKE ON!!!! Charm is such a trooper that she had literally dragged us around the farm with the back wheels locked. It wasn't until she

got to the paved road that she did not have the strength to trot! Mind you, she walked, though.

Looking back, our tracks were visible on the road, our path up the driveway was visible as skid marks in the dirt, and my face is still red!

Polly Hixson

CLASSIFIEDS:

It is with great sadness I have decided to list my donkeys for sale. I love them both so much, but I just do not have the time to enjoy them like they deserve. "Doc" and "Chip" are both spotted, registered geldings who are up to date on all vaccines, farrier work, and dewormings. They are the same driving today whether you drove them yesterday or six months ago. They both drive single and double as a team. I am selling them as a team, with their harness and wagon, all for one money. They are easy to catch in the pasture, and have been with goats, mini horses, and standard horses. They have been hauled all over North Carolina and driven many miles both on the road, in parades, and in competition. Everyone who meets them falls in love. We drove them in a parade this past weekend, and they did great as usual. The picture was taken on Saturday, and both donkeys are pulling the wagon, they are just perfectly in step, so you cannot see Chip. Doc is the donkey you can see. Chip is grey and white spotted gelding. I have driven these boys past road crews paving and they just walked right past. Not much bothers these guys. They bathe, clip, stand for vet and farrier, load on the trailer, unload, and stand to be harnessed. They love to be groomed and will stand all day for attention. They are very easy keepers, no grain needed. They have great feet and will pick them up to have them picked out. They are 39 inches tall, so not technically miniatures. They are registered as small standards. Doc and Chip have current negative Coggins papers, as they are taken out often. Their harness is biothane, so it cleans up easily, and their work collars were custom made. The wagon seats can be adjusted, and taken out if you prefer. Great little wagon! Thank you for your interest! I can send more pictures if you are serious about them. \$2800 for both Registered donkeys, their harness, and their team wagon.



Meghann Moore Cool Springs Farms
(704)267-1002

SCHEDULE FOR 2012:

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

SEPTEMBER 15TH Tricia Hardy to host a "Games Day" at Paradox Farm RVP to Tricia 336-751-0786
Tricia@whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org

Members \$15.00 Non members \$20.00.

Weaver Course, Cone Bending, Six Shooters, Reverse Psychology and Bingo. Gates open at 9:00 games start at 10:00 with the smaller carriages going first so that we don't have to keep changing the Weaver course. One prize for each game. Free to drive the property after the games. Bring your own Lunch & chairs

OCTOBER 27 2012 Halloween at Paradox.

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!**

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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)

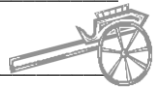
Please read and sign the WAIVER below & send with your application: *Print a copy to keep*



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.