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Next Event
WWDC Christmas
Party at PARADOX
Sunday December 8th

Details on page 2-3

Don't forget you can renew your
dues for next year now!



FROM THE PONY Paddock

I hope that everybody enjoyed the chilly weather for the Halloween drive and did not freeze any body parts off! Work (as in earning a living) interfered and I was not able to attend. Reports from attendees indicate that great fun was had by the few attendees. I still have a pony costume that I am looking forward to dressing one of my ponies with if I ever get the day off. I will have to sneak into Nancy's calendar next year and align it with my work schedule.....Thanks again to Nancy Faller for the most generous decoration and use of her beautiful farm.

Novembers event at TLC Farm was once again amazing. Many members were able to attend and I think Trish has an article in this newsletter. The cones were great: a few of us have to work on our left turns, especially me and especially coming out of the tunnel at speed! Thanks to everyone for coming and for Karen Cope with her delicious soup and chili, not to mention everybody else who brought goodies.

On the international scene, the US finished 4th in the FEI world pairs championship, by a mere 5 points. You can find some cool pictures on the FEI website. There are also some great pictures from the pony championships in Pau, France on The PonyteamUSA facebook page. I have no real idea how the teams pull this off: with international travel, two vehicles and two sets of harness/ entry along with spares, replacement parts, grooming stuff, medications, chef d'equip, drivers, navigators,

grooms, horses/ponies, drivers with their regular clothes, show clothes, dress clothes.... It makes a trip to a local event like Southern Pines seem like a vacation.

There is more discussion later in this newsletter about competitions.

I hope to see you all at the Christmas party. This would be a good time to bring any horse (or any) magazines you would like to share. I seem to have a stack of magazines that I just can't stand to throw out/recycle but probably will never touch.

And finally, best wishes from the club go to Cindi who was injured in a carriage accident. She was fortunate to get away with "only" a shoulder injury. Get well soon!

Polly

BOD MEETING

Monday Nov 4th @ Mad Ceramics

The meeting began at 6:30pm with Polly, Faith, Tommy, Bev, Pat, Jeff and I in attendance.

Polly has investigated BOD insurance, but the cost is way out of line for a small club like us. Faith made the motion, we forget about directors insurance Pat seconded it & all were in favor. Our regular insurance will be due Feb 15, 2014.

Elections for 2014: The board decided to go back to a 2-year term of office with 2014 being the second year of this board's term of duty. When a new President is elected, the retiring President becomes a director (Ex Officio) *this is not a change*. Tonya would like to step down as treasurer next year. The board decided to incorporate the treasurer's position into the secretary's job, so next year I will be the Secretary/Treasurer. We will probably move the bank account to BB & T since that is more accessible than Wells Fargo. We also decided that, all money collected at events needs to be turned in to the treasurer and deposited within 2 weeks of an event so that the people who have written checks do not have them outstanding for months. Woody Woodall has expressed a desire to join the board so we are going to add one more director's position for Woody to fill for the completion of the 2014 term.

Tonya sent a treasurers report with a balance as of the last statement of \$1949.91.

We cannot use the winery for our Christmas Party this year. Tommy has checked with Tucker's and we can go there but he will not be cooking it would be ALL potluck and he would charge us \$100.00 for the use of the building. Tommy is going to check into the VFW, and I will check out a couple of other options.

We set a few dates for next year as follows and plan on filling out the rest of the calendar at a BOD meeting to be held shortly after our annual General meeting in January at the Sagebrush.

Schedule for next year:

January 19th General meeting at the Sagebrush in Mocksville 2:00pm (*this has been booked, Faith made the reservations through Kelly*)

February 15th or 22nd Faith to host

March 15th Tricia to host at TLC Farm

We talked about finding ways to recognize our many volunteers without leaving anyone out.

Polly would still like to get a lending library set up. We decided if anyone has books videos magazines etc they are willing to loan out, we could make up a list of who has what, but each person would be responsible for keeping track of their own books and whom they lent them to. I could make up a form, people who are willing to loan out their items would fill it out and get it back to me, and I could add as page to the website showing the available items and who to contact if you want to borrow an item.

We also discussed having a photo board to put up at events for newcomers to see what we do as a club. If everyone brought at least 1 picture for the board, we could get something started.

David Ogburn (Ogburn Stables in Tobaccoville) has mentioned to Bev, Nancy and I he would welcome us there to drive, I will try to find out more information, maybe we could do a club drive.

Polly would like to check into a used speaker system for our events.

Pat & Faith talked about getting Austin Cavanaugh from channel 12 news out to one of our events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

NOVEMBER 16TH EVENT AT TLC FARM



Tommy had an intricate 17 gate cones course set up for us, using dirt piles (6 of the gates were in the dirt piles!) and barrels to make things VERY

interesting. I heard MANY good comments about the course. 2 people who had gone to the Windrige Farms event last weekend thought Tommy's course was a lot more interesting and challenging.

Kai Ehnes helped Tommy set up a 6.7K sample marathon course to give those who haven't done a CDE or HDT a taste of what one is like, but the deer or weather got to the markers so we just did a trace pace using the average time for the winner. Precious is so out of shape I had to pull out before we got to the bridge. She looked like she had had a bubble bath but sure smelled as if she needed one!

Karen made a wonderful pot of Vegetable Stewp (was it stew or Soup?) and Cindy Dalton make a pot of Chili to warm our what evers that might be cold, although the weather was great overcast and cool but not cold. Cindy I apologize for getting your name wrong in the e-mail that went out saying you were making some kind of beans. Marilyn brought some cornbread and Martine brought some desserts. For an impromptu potluck, we had some good eatins!

Polly held a very brief meeting to discuss our Christmas party plans (see below) and elections. Polly had me explain that the board will continue for next year (Go back to 2 year terms, with next year as our second). Tony has asked to be replaced and the board has combined the Treasurer's job into the Secretary's job as explained above in the BOD minutes.

We had 34 people attending this event, what a great turnout! We had two riders and nine turnouts, lots of spectators and volunteers. Some navigators got to ride with different carriages and some of us took on some younger passengers for the cross-country trace pace. There was an awful lot of giggling and I had to stop at least 3 times for someone to go back and get the jacket they kept dropping!

Tommy and Karen thank you for putting on a great event, and to all the people who helped either setting up or working the cones and timers.

WWDC Christmas Party 2:00-til?



Sunday Dec 8th

Nancy has offered the log cabin (House at the top of the hill) on her property for our Christmas Party. Come in the main gate; go left past the barns and

parking will be along the road up to the house. You will need RSVP's since there limited space for 20-25 people, unless you want to sit out on the porch in Dec! We will do a potluck with the club supplying a small Honey Baked Ham and Turkey Breast. Following will be a list of what people have said they will bring so far. Dirty Santa as usual, if you want to play bring a gift, \$15.00 - \$20.00 limit. RSVP to: Tricia@whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org 336-751-0786

Christmas Potluck List/RSVP:

Honey Baked Ham & Turkey Breast CLUB to supply

All PAPER products & Utensils, Coffee Tricia & Jeff DRINKS Pat Granzky & Faith Bradshaw

ROLLS Tonya Barga

Maci & Cheese & Apple Pie Charlotte & Woody Woodall

Dessert Karen & Tommy Cope & Bobbett Hyde

Something Savory Claudia Gallup

Cranberry Chili Meatballs Marilyn Colvin

Sweet Potato Casserole Laura Powers

Veggie Pizza?? Penny & Jim Godbey

COMPETING SUBMITTED

BY POLLY HIXSON

I know some of you want to show/compete. I kind of have that notion, though I am not driven so to do. I would not mind showing but several things hold me back.

1. Lack of practice which leads to
2. Lack of confidence which is worsened by the
3. Cost. In order to show at a recognized CDE, I have to budget at least \$1000 Division entry fee is \$165 to \$300-500. Stall fee \$150+. Office fee \$10-\$35. Straw or shavings \$9-10 each. \$50 more if your stall is not appropriately cleaned out. Competitors party \$25-50. Motel room, food, gas/trailing: \$300+. Bring your own 'gator and pay for her motel and food, or find a catch gator at the show and pay her an honorarium plus meals. Show harness or upgrade your crusty strapping on your schooling harness \$50-\$1000. Amortize your truck and trailer and carriage \$???. Count your hours polishing said harness,

cleaning your vehicle, putting together and cleaning/packing your show clothes, harness, various equipment, and the horse 4-10 hours.

So now I am depressed and say to *%)*# with it all, I am staying home. My pony is not fit, I can't drive a left hand circle no matter how I concentrate, and I have driven obstacles fewer than 10 times in my life. However, I still would like to improve myself and maybe compete at a schooling level.

Several of us with the same mind set had an impromptu discussion today at the parking lot also known as the Dixie Horse Auction at Troutman. What initially sounded good to us is a schooling series, with dressage and obstacles and ability to school cross country. We could have those interested in dressage helping others in dressage, those knowledgeable about obstacles, etc. We think that the club should own sufficient cones to be able to set up 20 gates without always borrowing from 2-3 people to make up a course. (What would you think of having 10 gates set up for small/minis, 10 for large/horses, or have the mini drivers set up the course for the larges and then vice versa) Other thoughts were having a clinician on a regular basis, perhaps judging such a series, setting this up as a schooling HDT or CE series. It could be run under ADS rules without having ADS recognition. There would be no dressing up needed. The goal would be to have a core group of people who would attend all events in the series, get some experience, and keep costs down.

There needs to be more planning obviously. Please let me know what you think. THIS IS NOT a club sanctioned happening, just an idea in the beginning stages.

SCHEDULE FOR 2012/2013:

Regardless of the event riders, visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come check us out. **Event Fees:** Members \$15.00 per Turnout or Rider, Non-members \$20.00 per Turnout or Rider, Spectators & Visitors are Free.

DECEMBER 8TH, 2013 Sunday Christmas Party at Paradox farm in the Log Cabin. RSVP to: Tricia@whipsandwheelsdrivingclub.org 336-751-0786
Directions: Enter through Paradox's main gate, go left

past the barns and park on the hill going up to the yellow house. Potluck and Dirty Santa see above for details.

JANUARY 19TH 2014 Sunday 2-? General Meeting at the Sagebrush Mocksville

FEBRUARY 15TH OR 22ND 2014 Faith to host

MARCH 15TH 2014 Tricia to host at TLC Farm

CLASSIFIEDS

11/13 For sale: Natural finish show cart, to fit 14 h to 15..2. This is a front entry, essentially brand new cart. Beige upholstery. \$2500. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For sale: Miller type show harness, older model with some repair needed. Black with red trim. This is essentially a fine harness, not combined driving. \$50 or make offer.

Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For "sale" Small set of harness, for training. Not sure if this is complete. It was given to me, so I will give it to whomever can use it. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For sale Sierakowski marathon carriage. To fit 12.1 to 13.1 hands. Never wrecked but somewhat chipped up. Bright blue color. seats two. A little powder coating and it would be fine for lower level showing. \$2000 Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

For sale: A selection of amazing equines. Three andalusians, several ponies in various stages of training. Prices range from \$100 to \$20,000. Email me for a sales list. Polly Hixson phixson@gmail.com; call or text at 336-978-9785

Polly Hixson, MD
Pipe Dream Farms: New Forest and Sport Ponies

11/13 FOR SALE COB SIZE SYNTHETIC DRIVING HARNESS, \$225.00 OBO. PAT GRANZYK 336-765-6759.



9/13

Honda Sportrax 400EX \$2,000. 2005 New rear tires & battery, extra rear sprocket & chain, back rack & spark plug tool. Also has bracket to pull a manure spreader or small trailer. More pictures (front & rear) on WWDC web site 336-751-0786 Jeff or Tricia Hardy



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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