

Middle Tennessee Carriage Club

August 2007 Newsletter

2007 MTCC Board of Directors

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President's Message:

I have been to the National Drive since it came into existence two years ago. I can't imagine a more wonderful driving experience for the cost. You are exposed to wonderful experts who give free clinics, you may take private lessons from them, you get to meet drivers from all across the United States, and vendors are there to let you buy to your heart's (or purse's) desire! The Kentucky Horse Park is a beautiful, horse friendly, place to drive. I would suggest that you are prepared for your horse to drive on blacktop. You also get to drive in the beautiful grassy areas, but you have to go on the blacktop to get to them. The horse has the right of way! There are signs posted everywhere telling the car drivers this. The people who are visiting the horse park love to see us drive by, it adds to their whole "horse experience". There are two free parties with food and wine. There is a free breakfast every morning with donuts and coffee, tea or hot chocolate. There are motels not far away, but this year, I plan on staying in the camp grounds at the horse park. I plan on going again this year and I hope to see you there!

Victoria

Victoria has moved! Please make note of her new contact information:
Victoria Bramblett
303 Chestnut Street
Fayetteville, TN 37334
Phone number is: 931-438-1637

<p>Join us for our next membership meeting: Tuesday, September 4 Hosted by Jeanette & Ronnie Haislip, Potluck – 6:30 p.m. Bring a Friend! Directions following</p>
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Notes from the July 30 Board of Director's meeting, Murfreesboro:

Board Members present: Victoria Bramblett, Leslie Jones, Rebecca Jones, Jane Muir, Brooke Newell, Ardeth Obenauf

- We briefly discussed the Fall Frolic; Brooke will need non-driver volunteers for the scavenger hunt planned.
- The Nominating Committee was formed: Victoria Bramblett, Brenda Aiken, and Laura Nuessle, and Ardeth Obenauf as alternate. Victoria will contact the committee members about serving.
- Offices to be filled: President, Secretary, and One Board Member (Laura Nuessle). Victoria will move to fill the position of Immediate Past President.
- Discussion was held about potential Board Members, with several members discussed as good candidates to fill the positions. It was noted that regular attendance and availability for activities be stressed as a prerequisite to holding office.
- The Nominating Committee will contact Rayann to see if she would like to continue to hold the position of "Co Vice President".
- Upcoming meetings: September 4, October 2 - no location determined.
- September 15 "Ride A Thon" to benefit Saddle-Up, includes concert and walk. Not a driving function, but mentioned for those interested in riding.
- We discussed that it would be good to have drive to benefit the Disabled Driving.
- Potential places for pleasure drives discussed.
- Rebecca and Ardeth briefly discussed the idea of an ADT series this fall. Details to follow.
- A date was determined for the Fall Frolic; Brooke has agreed to once again organize the scavenger hunt, but someone else will need to be in charge of organizing the other events of the day.
- December 9 - Christmas Party at Victoria's place in Fayetteville.
- Acquiring a new, larger equipment trailer was discussed briefly. An estimate for an 8' x 12' was approximately \$2400. The board decided to continue this discussion at a later date, possibly at the first of next year.

Notes from the Membership Meeting held August 7 at Saddle Up! in Franklin, TN

Members Present: Victoria Bramblett, Boyd & Linda Finley, Jeanette Haislip, Beth Hitchman, Rebecca Jones, Jane & Bill Muir, Brooke & Fred Newell, Laura & Donny Nuessle, Ardeth Obenauf, Deborah Wray

- Victoria opened the meeting with a thank you to Jane for her extensive tour of the facilities of Saddle Up!
- The minutes from the 7/30 Board Meeting were read and approved
- Ardeth read the treasurer's report; balance of \$2,518.70

Business:

- Deborah brought up the topic of MTCC's possible participation w/ disabled driving and/or helping to promote disabled driving in the area (i.e. helping with workshops, clinics, etc.). Jane added that part of the problem in the past may have been miscommunication with expectations from all parties involved. Deborah stressed the opportunities available for our club, such as helping to promote driving, club publicity, providing continuing education

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opportunities for NARHA riding instructors, and also a possibility that this could bring in funds for the club. After some discussion Beth brought forth a motion, with it being voted in favor for, for a committee to be formed. Committee members are Beth Hitchman, Deborah Wray, and Jane Muir.

- Victoria brought news from the Nominating Committee. Victoria emphasized that ALL are welcome to serve and that anyone interested in serving should contact one of the committee members.
- Fall Frolic - Date will be October 20 at The Lazy AO in Shelbyville, details to follow. (Rain date 10/21)
- Annual Meeting - will be held at Laura and Donny Nuessle's on November 3. This will be a Cones Fun Day with meeting following. (Rain date 11/10)
- September 4 membership meeting will be hosted by Jeanette Haislip
- Arena Driving Trials - A possible fall series was discussed, but it was decided that it would be best to wait until early spring to offer these. The tentative plans are to have 3 - 4 ADT's at varying locations as a series, with series' end awards and more. It was mentioned that the spring would be an optimum time to have these, in order to help get horses and ponies in shape for the year's competitions and drives. More information will follow.
- Rebecca shared information about sponsorships for the Nashoba Carriage Classic; it was voted on to send in a sponsorship from MTCC in the amount of \$100.

More information on The National Drive. . .

The National Drive is a must do for anyone that drives or wants to drive... it is fun, informal, educational, and you will never lack someone interesting to talk to or things to see and do... the vendors are great, as are the free clinics. The driving there is wonderful out on the horse park grounds as well as being able to use the arenas. The stabling is safe, but be forewarned that the stalls are set up on asphalt so use lots of bedding. (available there) There are lots of accommodations nearby but the most fun is to be had camping in the beautiful shady horse park campgrounds... group suppers, campfires, endless tall tales.... no one is a stranger. Come!

Information can be had from Sally Cheatham event sec. at horseplay@bellsouth.net or look up the National Drive site at www.nationaldrive.net

Reservations for stalls and the event are separate from the camping reservations. If you are interested in going, I would talk to Sally soon because I know the campsites are disappearing fast

Laura Nuessle

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Hosted by Jeanette & Ronnie Haislip, Potluck – 6:30 p.m.
Bring a Friend!

Directions to the Haislip's:

9721 Clovercroft Road
Cell 615-406-4557
Home 615-776-7552

Coming from the east, NE or SE – If you come from 840 it is exit 42, Nolensville exit. Go north on 31/41. Nolensville is about 6 miles north of the 4 way stop in Triune. When you come into Nolensville there is a large white church on the right. The church is on the corner of Nolensville Rd and Rocky Fork Road. Turn left here, you will now be on Clovercroft Rd. Continue for about 1 ¼ miles. You will pass Williams Road on your left and Burke Hollow Road, also on the left. Once you pass Burke Hollow we are the 4th home on the left. Our mail box is by our driveway. The house just before ours is a blonde log home with a green roof. If you miss our driveway the next road is Artesian Way, just past our house, and you can turn around there.

Coming from the Franklin area – you can get on Clovercroft Road from 96. It will be the first light after DW Volvo. You can only turn left at the light, there will be a church on your right. Continue until you dead end into Wilson Pike. Go left on Wilson Pike and go under the railroad. Once you go under the railroad you will take the first right, you will now be on Clovercroft Road again. We are about 5 ½ miles down the road. Once you pass Artesian Way on to your right we are the first house on the right.

Just to confuse everyone we do have 2 driveways. Either one is fine for you to come down, one goes to the garage and you will have a walkway to the house. Anyone that has questions about the directions is welcome to call me for Jeanette for clarification.

Report on Blowing Rock Recreational Drive

Submitted by Laura Nuessle

There were 18 people that made the trek to Blowing Rock. Jenny Housley made it there first with Charley and Sherry Lee, Mike and Sue Lyon, Brenda and Jim Sweeny, Jane and John Hart, Maureen and Ken Sayre, Linda and Boyd Finley, Ruth Venable and Pat Lloyd, Jimmy Jenkins, and Laura and Donny Nuessle arriving on Sunday and Monday. The weather was sunny and in the 80's during the day with an occasional storm in the afternoon and great sleeping weather at night.

I can't say enough about the trails there... the footing was a mix of sand and fine gravel, wide enough for two carriages to pass each other. There wasn't as much as a low branch or a spider web to interfere with the joy of those winding trails, none of which were steep. The mountain laurel was in bloom as well as the carolina lillies. The mountain views were glorious. I swear, they even picked up the horse droppings everyday!

On the other hand the "campground" was really a gravel parking lot with electric hook-ups every 10 feet. There were no fire pits, nor even picnic tables. If you were looking for a romantic getaway this campground was not it! The stalls were fine, although some of the stall doors were hard to open and not very strong. The restrooms were centrally located and the showers hot and clean.

Nearby Blowing Rock, only 2 miles away was cute and had many shops and of special interest to me boasted a very fine ice cream shop. Boone is only about 10 miles away and was a much bigger town. Both Blowing Rock and Boone have great restaurants but some of my favorite memories are of the camp meals we all enjoyed. Most were group efforts. Brenda and Jim had brought their smoker and

Report on Blowing Rock Recreational Drive, continued. . .

did ribs one night and chicken another... there were wonderful salads, grilled eggplant with parmesan and fresh basil, a breakfast of French toast made from home made bread and topped with blueberries, Sherry's "green stuff" dessert, home made pecan pie, great cheeses and wine. The final night we started a new tradition for our camping gatherings, making a big pot of stew with all of our leftovers... it needs a name. Combined Driving Stew? Scurry stew?

We have been talking about a trip to Land Between the Lakes and East Fork near Jamestown Tennessee, There are tentative plans to go to Lakeview Plantation in South Carolina in November and maybe a trip to Gloria Austin's Continental Acres in Florida in the spring... more details to come

Many thanks to all of you that went to Blowing Rock for making the long drive, and sharing the good times.

Dayton's Horse & Carriage Christmas Parade

Dayton, TN

Saturday, December 1, Line-up begins at 4:00 p.m.

\$10.00 entry fee

Entry deadline, Tuesday, November 27

Cash Prizes awarded:

Best Christmas Spirit/Theme (\$100)

Best wagon or buggy (\$50)

Best caroling Group (\$100)

Best critter (\$50)

Best costumes (\$50)

This year's theme: Christmas Past

For more information, contact Kathy Griffin, 423-775-8385

Or kgriffin@robinsonmfg.com

Or Rebecca has a hard copy she can send, and will have at the upcoming meetings.



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Peggy Brown Centered Riding and Driving Clinic

Rising Glory Farm, Lewisburg, TN

October 27-28, 2007

Peggy Brown, star of “Anatomy in Motion,” is a premier Centered Riding Instructor who teaches worldwide. She is extremely versatile and welcomes all types of riding. Also the most sought after Centered Driving Instructor, she and her Halflinger mare are long listed nationally in Combined Driving.

The Clinic begins with a daily groundwork session (dismounted) for all clinic participants. The session includes body awareness and other exercises which support the mounted work. Auditors who are registered are invited to participate in these unmounted sessions. Saturday Evening we will have a live Anatomy in Motion demonstration.

Rising Glory Farm teaching facility is a lovely indoor arena with aisles and stalls around its perimeter. There is a common area for casual meals and lecture presentation. Lewisburg, TN is southeast of Nashville, TN, with convenient hotels and restaurants. Auditors are encouraged to register ahead of time. Space is limited. Your check will reserve your clinic space. Join Us!

Clinic Fee \$350 Auditor \$50

Make checks to: **Harmony Riding & Driving Club** and send registration & check to:

Rebecca Billard
Partridge Hill Farm
259 Hopkins Rd.
Pulaski, TN 38478

931-638-6301 cell 931-424-0827 home

Please call or write Rebecca with any questions regarding the clinic or for more info on Peggy Brown or

“Anatomy in Motion”. For more information on Centered Riding see www.centeredriding.org

After October 15, 2007 – Refunds will be given only if the space can be filled or with a veterinary certificate.

2007 MTCC Calendar & Related activities

Monthly meetings are potluck, with host(s) providing the main dish and drinks.

Board of Directors to meet 1 hour prior to regular meeting, unless otherwise specified.

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| August 24 – 26 | Cannon Carriage Classic, Woodbury, TN |
| September 4 | MTCC Monthly Membership Meeting
Location: Jeanette & Ronnie Haislip’s, Nolensville |
| September 14 | Nashoba ADT & Dressage Show |
| September 14 – 16 | Nashoba Carriage Classic, Germantown, TN |
| October 2 | MTCC Monthly Membership Meeting
Location: |
| October 20 | Fall Frolic (rain date 10/21)
The Lazy AO Farm, Shelbyville, TN
Featuring one of Brooke’s famous Scavenger Hunts (promises to be the best yet!)
Details to follow – not driving? Plan to come and help with the fun, plenty of volunteer opportunities for all! |

October 8 – 13 National Drive, KY Horse Park, KY
 October 26 – 28 Partridge Hill Farm (Rebecca Billard) Centered Driving and Riding Clinic. More information to follow. Rebecca Billard, partridgehill@earthlink.net

November 3 MTCC Annual Meeting & Cones Fun Day (rain date 11/10)
Laura & Donny Nuessle's, Lebanon
Plans are in the works for another fun day of driving and getting to meet and visit!

December 1 Dayton's (TN) Horse & Carriage Parade, "Christmas Past" Kathy Griffin
kgriffin@robinsonmfg.com, 423-775-8385

December 9 MTCC Christmas Party hosted by Victoria Bramblett, Fayetteville, TN

Classified Ads Have Something to Sell? Contact Rebecca at MTCCNews@aol.com

For rent with option to work off up to half helping on horse farm either with horses and/or farm maintenance. 3 bed/2 full bath with fireplace, central air, all appliances. Very nice in peaceful, private setting apx 15 miles west of Columbia near Natchez Trace. Missi Cool 931-583-0414

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For sale: Zilco Classic single harness for 15.1 horse, cob sized bridle, includes pieces to convert to pair harness, in excellent condition. \$875.00. Contact Beth Hitchman at 931 638-3355 or bhitchman@earthlink.net.

Mini Show Cart for sale. Light oak with black detailing, single seat, removable basket to convert to sulky. Made by Graber Mfg of Indiana. Excellent condition. \$700. Contact Carole Moss (423) 227-6869 or cmoss41@comcast.net for more information or photos.

For Sale – Beautiful black show harness w/ brass, multiple turnout & Concours winner. (from Claudette Robinson), Cob-sized (large pony to small/average horse) – just right for Arabian, Morgan, or I can send measurements. Used less than 20 times total – Excellent condition! A bargain at \$1,000. Contact Rebecca at 615-274-6733

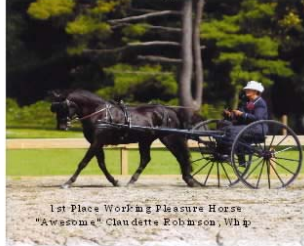
For Sale – have two sets of harness that I'd like to sell. Both sets were made by Mose Miller in Kentucky. (I've won concourse classes with the dress harness he has made for me through the years.); really well made and very attractive. One set is synthetic (NOT BIO-THANE), very much like the material Zilco is made from...used 3 times, the other set is leather, never used, black leather with chrome fittings. Had these sets made for a 16'3h Percheron, but would possibly fit a large warmblood. The synthetic harness is \$700.00, the leather is \$900.00...both in EXCELLENT condition, Interested folks may call Sue Lyon at (931)686-8727 or email me at hollygate@blomand.net

For Sale Smuckers harness with brass fittings, patent leather, Horse size (not sure exact size), I bought is used about 11/2 years ago for \$450.00 from Karen Haggerty. I have used it only once. I have since sold the horse. I am asking \$400 .00. Also a 6 passenger Roberts Wagonette, very nice and balanced. \$2,200
bbankemper@bellsouth.net, Beth Bankemper 615-364-7525 or 615-599-0519

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