



# Middle Tennessee Carriage Club January-February Newsletter

## 2007-8 Middle Tennessee Carriage Club (MTCC) Board of Directors

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**Dues are due!!!** [See below](#) or (better) [click here](#) to download the application ready to print.

## *President's Message:*

The day was beautiful, the food was delicious, the meeting was informative, you should have been there! We had a great time (as usual) at the last meeting. I want to thank Jim, Brenda, Laura and Donnie, even though he had to work, for inviting the club to enjoy their beautiful farms again. We have a lot of great things happening this year, I hope you can join us for the fun!

*Victoria*

### **Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, Inc. January 22, 2008 Meeting was held at Bangkok Cafe, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

Board Members Present: Brook Newell, Laura Nuessle, Jane Muir, Roger Hartle, Brenda Aiken, Leslie Jones, Ardeth Obenauf. Also in attendance were Rebecca Jones, Fred Newell and Donny Nuessle.

After declaration of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Jane Muir, presiding officer.

The November 2007 Minutes were read and approved upon a proper motion and second. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ardeth to hold board meetings the second Tuesday of every other month starting with January. Brooke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board meetings will be as follows:

March 11, 2008  
May 13, 2008  
July 15, 2008  
September 9, 2008  
November 11, 2008

Ardeth read the Treasurer's Report. There is a balance of \$2793.35 in the bank. Brooke made a motion to accept. Brenda seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

There will be no meeting at the Keathley's Valhalla Farms. The MTCC February 2, 2008, meeting will be held at Quietude and MoonShadow Farms.

Brenda will resend meeting notice and membership dues notices.

Arena Driving Trials for 2008:

Ardeth can host one.

Peppy Butler can host one.

Rebecca and Leslie Jones can host one after their hay is harvested.

The One Day Event will be held at Lazy AO on June 28, 2008. Ardeth will poll the membership to see who they would like to have as a clinician.

The Traditional Fun Day of Driving will be held May 3, 2008 at Quietude and MoonShadow Farms.

Victoria will check on our insurance for the following:

How much is actually covered by Tennessee law?

Do we need more medical coverage?

Do we need more property insurance?

Do we have or need board insurance?

### **New Business:**

Jane will lead a safety meeting for the general membership. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2008, at Tammy Speakman's farm. Ardeth will check the date with Tammy. Jane will send a safety manual to Jim so he can incorporate safety tips in the newsletter.

Roger suggested the MTCC have an Introduction to Carriage Driving clinic at the TN Horse Fair. Roger will make a report at the general membership meeting on February 2, 2008, on the TN Horse Fair which is scheduled for the second weekend in March, 2008.

Roger Hartle will investigate prices for a new MTCC utility trailer. We need a 10' or 12'. Laura will get the dimensions of the old trailer to Roger so we can get an idea of how much we can sell our old trailer for. Roger will make a report to the general membership meeting on February 2, 2008, concerning the cost of a new trailer and what we can expect to sell the old trailer for. The general membership will vote on February 2, 2008, to authorize the purchase of a new/used trailer.

Ardeth will check on exactly what type of nonprofit we are, and whether or not we need to file a tax return.

Laura made a motion to retire all the traveling trophies. Jane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Leslie made a motion that the money collected from the raffles go for new trophies until enough has been collected to purchase them. Brooke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Ardeth will host two or three clinics in 2008. People will need to pay for the clinics in advance.

Ardeth will check with Tammy Speakman concerning a clinic to include the Pony Club.

Jim Sweeney will set up a chat room for the MTCC board members.

There being no further business, Brooke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leslie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Aiken, MTCC Secretary

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**Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, Inc**  
**DRAFT Minutes February 2, 2008**  
**Meeting was held at Jim's Shop ,Watertown TN**

Board Members Present: Victoria Bramblett ,Brook Newell, Laura Nuessle, Roger Hartle, Brenda Aiken, Ardeth Obenauf

Meeting was called to order by President Victoria Bramblett

January 22, 2008 minutes were read and approved on proper motions and second.

Ardeth read the treasure's report. Balance of \$2793.35. A motion was made to to accept, properly seconded and adopted.

**Old Business**

Roger Hartle reported that a new v-nose 6' x 12' would cost about \$2,000. Ardeth made a motion to purchase a V nose new trailer, a discussion resulted. Ardeth amended the original motion. The amended motion: The MTCC membership present agrees to give the MTCC board the authority to explore prices of new and used V nose trailers. The board has the authority to purchase the V nose 6' x 12' with the not to exceed price of \$2,000. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Ardeth made a motion that the MTCC Board has the authority to sell the old trailer to help pay for the new trailer. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Ardeth reported that The One Day Event will be held June 28, 2008 at AO Lazy Ranch. The membership was polled in earlier e-mails as to who would be the clinicians. The vote was even for a new clinician or continue with Bill And Sherri Lower. It was decided since Bill And Sherri would be available at the National Drive that the club would use someone new this year. Clinicians recommended included Paul Nordan, Joanne Wilburn and Micki Boulin.

**New Business:**

Roger reported that the Horse Fair would be held March 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. Stalls are \$40.00 per weekend. You may pull in and leave as well. Booths are \$175.00 for non-profits.

Sue Lyon reported that Boot and Spurs will host a weekend at Shaker Village, Kentucky the weekend of June 13-15, 2008. The Village boasts 18 miles of beautiful driving trails and 22 stalls. There are no RV hook-ups. More information about the Shakertown can be found at this web site. <http://www.shakervillageky.org/> Sue can be reached at 931-686-8727 [hollygate@blomand.net](mailto:hollygate@blomand.net)

The Liberty Classic will be held May 30 and 31, 2008 in Cleveland, Tennessee. A motion was made that MTCC would donate \$100.00 for prizes and club recognition. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Victoria reported that the Arabian Music City Show does not conflict with Nashoba this year, and asked if the

membership would support the show. They would offer open pleasure carriage classes. The show is held at Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in September.

There being no further business, The motion was properly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Aiken, MTCC Secretary

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## **Barn Games**

by Laura Nuessle, MTCC Member

Whoaa..... Your horse comes to a perfectly square halt. You have an even and balanced feel through the reins. Your horse is on the bit, round, motionless. "Dobbin," you say, "baaaaack". You evenly vibrate the reins, taking them up just a little. Dobbin responds, calmly stepping back till you give the reins, and he stops backing mid-stride and steps forward to where he began. "Whoa. Stand. Good Dobbin!!!"

Yep, we dream about a rein-back like that. How do you get there? One step at a time.

Last month I gave you some ideas that might help your halts. This month maybe I can help your rein-back. If your horse will back by voice it will be much smoother, because the horse will be able to coordinate the motion on his own. With the reins, and touches of your whip you fine tune the motion helping to keep him straight. The rein action should be modest. You can't ever force a good rein-back.

The secret to a straight rein-back is a square halt. Start by thinking about your aids for the rein-back. The verbal command, and the physical aid. It is not so important what you do, as much as it is important that you are consistent and your horse understands what you want. Use the same word, the same tone, and the same rein aid. Very importantly, know how you are going to reward your horse lavishly for the smallest effort.

The lessons in backing can be rather frustrating, so begin on a day when you are in a good patient mood. Some horses really don't like to back. It isn't a movement they do willingly. Their muscles have to learn to back. What you will be working for is a back that is straight, picking up the feet in diagonal pairs, using purposeful full steps and not shuffling the feet.

With your horse in an area where he can focus on you and have enough room to back up several steps, have your horse in just a halter and lead. A horse can't back well unless his head and later in a bridle, his jaws, are relaxed. His head should be down. His face perpendicular to the ground. Make sure your horse is soft and relaxed in the head and neck before you ask him to back. Teach him to put his head down by holding the lead in your left hand and giving downward pressure. If he doesn't put his head down, put your right hand on his poll and give downward pressure. If he lowers his head even the slightest, then release and praise! Build on that until he will lower his head to the ground when you ask. Next ask for the back by asking for "back" and putting pressure on the lead toward his chest. Even if he only shifts his weight backward, release and praise. If he doesn't respond, stand in front of him and, while you put backward pressure on the lead with your left hand, push on his chest with your right hand. If that doesn't work, push the point of one shoulder or even tap one of his front feet with your toe. Train the back one step at a time. ANY response backward should be rewarded profusely! Gradually you will be able to ask for more steps backward, then step the horse forward to where he started. Reward! Love him up!! You can make it a little dance. Whoa. Back. Whoa. Step up. Whoa. Back. Whoa. Step up! A little Cha Cha! The more you practice, and the more you reward, the faster and straighter your horse will back and come to enjoy the rein-back.

Remember - the secret to a straight back is a straight halt!!

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## **'Horse Classifieds'**

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- \* **Event Prospect:** Big, fast horse
- \* **Dressage Prospect:** Big, slow horse
- \* **Pleasure Prospect:** Pretty color
- \* **Sporting Prospect:** Short, fast horse
- \* **Barrel Prospect:** Fast horse, which can turn
- \* **Endurance Prospect:** Fast horse which will turn sometimes
- \* **Flashy:** White sock
- \* **15'2" hh:** 14'3" hh
- \* **16'2" hh:** 15'3" hh
- \* **Big trot:** Can't canter within a two-mile straightaway
- \* **Nicely Started:** Longes, but we don't have enough insurance to ride him yet
- \* **Bold:** Runaway
- \* **Good Mover:** Runaway
- \* **Athletic:** Runaway
- \* **Quiet:** Lamé in both front legs
- \* **Dead Quiet:** Lamé in all four legs
- \* **Good in Traffic (Bombproof):** Lamé all around, deaf, and blind
- \* **Pony type:** Small and hairy
- \* **Arab Type:** Looks startled
- \* **Thoroughbred Type:** Looks terrified
- \* **Quarter Horse Type:** Fat
- \* **Easy to catch:** Dead
- \* **Elegant:** Thin
- \* **Black:** Brown and/or dirty
- \* **Well-Mannered:** Hasn't stepped on, run over, bit, or kicked anyone for a week

- \* **Professionally Trained:** Hasn't stepped on, run over, bit, or kicked anyone for a month
  - \* **Clips, Hauls, Loads:** Clippity Clippity is the sound his hooves make as he hauls butt across the parking lot when you try to load him.
  - \* **Should Mature 16 hands:** Currently 14 hands, dam is 14'2, sire is 14'3, every horse in his pedigree back 18 generations is under 15 hands, but this horse will defy his DNA and grow.
  - \* **To Loving Home Only:** Expensive
  - \* **To Show Home Only:** Very Expensive
  - \* **To Good Home Only:** Not really for sale unless you can 1) Pay twice what he is worth 2) are willing to sign a 10 page legal document allowing current owner to tuck in beddy-bye every night.
  - \* **For Sale Due to lack of Time:** Rider cannot afford to spend any more time in the hospital
  - \* **Any Vet Check Welcome:** Please pay for us to find out what the !@#\$ is wrong with him!
  - \* **Recently Vetted:** Someone else found something really wrong with this horse.
  - \* **Must Sell:** Spouse has escaped from home and left kids behind
  - \* **All Offers Considered:** I am in traction for 6 months
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### **An MTCC Member too close to the action.**

Email from Rayann Hickey.

"Subject: Tornado

Sorry to be so late with answering these, but I left town Feb. 7th for a court trial in Reno and just returned yesterday.

I've got to tell you, we were mercifully spared ANY damage from the tornado, not even a limb down, but there is, literally, death and destruction all around us. The only thing we lost was phone service for nearly a week. Amazingly, we even had power here in our hollow even though EVERYBODY in Hartsville (seven miles to the south) and Lafayette (eleven miles NE of here) and everything in between had NONE! Go figure.

It is really sad to see the homes and farms that I pass every day be utterly blown away. One couple, younger than George and me, had a nice place with a beautiful Bull Terrier that rode around on the back of their four-wheeler. They were both killed. I don't know what happened to the dog. The neighbor's husband at the end of my lane was missing for a while, but reappeared a few days later.

Sadly, most of the people in this area are not well-heeled financially and I'm afraid it will take a very long time for them to recover. The city of Lafayette, where I do most of my grocery and feed shopping, was literally shut down for a week. The path of destruction, nearly 1/2 a mile wide, runs across the hills and open areas like some psycho power line thrown down by Thor. I hear it may extend 25 miles or more.

We were very lucky. This deep, protected hollow with steep hills all around was a real life-saver (this time).

Thanks again for inquiring,

Rayann"

"By the way, the "light show" at my house (aka: the Columbia Gulf Gas pumping station) is only 1 mile from my house, as the crow flies. Earlier that evening, George and I went out to dinner and it was so dark here in the hollow (no moon, low cloud cover) that the only way I knew I was heading out the driveway to open the gate was by the sound of the gravel crunching under my feet and

the noise from the creek on my right. The flames from the Gas Company, altho not actually visible because of the two high hills separating us, lit up this entire Y-shaped hollow like dawn. And the SOUND, kind of like a blow-torch magnified beyond belief, was shaking the house. Really scary. I was worried about the little houses right across the country road from this place....I figured they were probably melting. They didn't. Had a little wind damage, but the tornado that flattened the Gas Company skipped over to the hill that backed their houses, and so most of them (not all) were spared. The fairly large country cemetery had every stone flattened."

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## Identity Theft Alert

by MTCC Member John Vance

Please read about the latest Identity theft.....

This has been verified by the FBI (their link is also included below) and on Urban Legends.

Please pass this on to everyone in your email address book. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take summons for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced.

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and your identity just got stolen. The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois and California. This scam is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

Check it out for yourself. This is from the FBI's website - their link is:

[http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury\\_scams060206.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm)

Click here: Federal Bureau of Investigation - Press Room - Headline Archives

[http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury\\_scams060206.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm)

This was also verified on snopes.com: <http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>

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## Status Report: Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption.

**Date of Report: February 3, 2008**

by Jim Sweeney (MTCC Member)

**Legislative Branch Actions:** No action by either the Senate or the House of Representatives at this time. However, the passed and signed Appropriations bill contained language that forbade the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from expending any money for the inspection of horse slaughter facilities. This means that for the current U.S. Fiscal Year (October 2007-September 2008), no horse meat may be sold or transported in this country for human consumption. Meat production facilities must be USDA inspected to legally operate. Please see the [December MTCC Newsletter](#) for a more detailed description of this issue.

The bill (S.311) introduced in this (the 110<sup>th</sup>) Congress has not passed either House or Senate. For a more detailed report on the maneuvers going on regarding this issue, please click on this link:

<http://horsecouncil.org/legislation/horseslaughter110.html> or simply do a "google" on horse slaughter.

To find your U.S. House member, click on this link: [http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW\\_by\\_State.shtml](http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml). For your Senate members, click here: [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm). Once at these sites, click on or select your respective state. Here are few other links that might be of interest.

<http://www.hr857.com/>

<http://www.commonhorsesense.com/>

<http://thomas.loc.gov/> (enter S.311.RS in the search field as a bill number or "horse slaughter" as a word/phrase search)

[http://www.vetsforequinewelfare.org/avma\\_stop.php](http://www.vetsforequinewelfare.org/avma_stop.php)

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## Avoiding Nutritional Laminitis and Founder

Reprinted with Permission from Buckeye Feeds Technical Paper submitted by Brenda Aiken (MTCC Member)

Laminitis. Founder. Two words that are often used interchangeably but do not actually mean the same thing. Laminitis refers to an inflammation of the laminar tissues in the hoof, tissues that hold the coffin bone in place. Founder refers to an actual rotation of the coffin bone within the hoof. Laminitis does not necessarily lead to founder, but it can if it's not treated quickly. There are several situations that can lead to laminitis or founder, including trauma, concussion, drugs, toxemia, and a diet high in soluble carbohydrates (starches and sugars). Obese horses and ponies, horses that have foundered before, and horses with Cushing's are more prone to founder. Most of these can be managed with some forethought and attention to detail.

Nutritional laminitis is linked to the amount of soluble carbohydrates in a horse's feed. Bouts can be caused by an over consumption of grain, either in one sitting or by feeding large grain meals. A rule of thumb for an average 1000-pound horse is to feed no more than five pounds of a standard mixed grain or pellet at one time.

Laminitis can also be caused by an over consumption of rich spring pasture. Young plants (grasses or legumes, such as clover or alfalfa) are growing rapidly in the springtime, and these plants can be very high in starches and sugars. If the horse's digestive system isn't used to the high level of starch, it can cause digestive problems that can lead to laminitis. Therefore, it is recommended that the horse be introduced to young pastures slowly. They should only be turned out for 1-2 hours each day in the beginning, and slowly the amount of time they're allowed to graze can be extended. This may mean that you have to take the horse off the pasture he's been on all winter and keep him in a stall or a dry lot until he's adapted to the new grass in his pasture.

A more recent concern has focused on the fructans in some pasture grasses. Fructans are a type of sugar that is not digested in the small intestine of the horse, and can reach high levels in cool-season grasses such as orchardgrass, timothy, and fescue. Research suggests that when fructans are consumed, they reach the bacteria in the cecum and are fermented into lactic acid, which can lead to laminitis and founder. Fructan levels tend to rise during the spring and fall; times when the nights are cool, the days are warm, and the grasses are growing rapidly. Horses prone to laminitis should be kept off such pastures. Also, horses that have a history of laminitis or founder, as well as horses that are obese or have been diagnosed with insulin resistance or equine metabolic syndrome are high risk and should have minimal to NO exposure to lush pastures.

Sometimes you may not be able to take your horse off the pasture entirely. If you can at least limit him to a smaller section, particularly one with little grass, it is better than doing nothing. Another alternative is to use a grazing muzzle to limit the amount of pasture the horse can consume in one day, which may keep the horse from foundering. It is also helpful to keep hay where the horse can eat it, particularly if the pasture is lush.

Over-weight or obese horses are more prone to founder as well. You should evaluate your horse's body condition score regularly. If they get to a body condition score of 6 or higher, limit their pasture using the above methods.

The other condition that must be strictly managed involves the Cushing's horse. Horses with Cushing's Syndrome are very susceptible to founder when the starches in their diets change rapidly or get very high. While they may be very thin, you don't want to give them a lot of high-starch grains. Minimizing starch intake is vital for their health and soundness. This means keeping them off the rapidly growing pasture during the early spring and fall seasons, and feeding a low-starch/high-fat grain mix or pellet.

Once you get out of the rapid-growth season, usually April to June in the spring and for a short time during the fall, most horses will be fine if left on the pasture full-time once they've adjusted to it. It is never recommended to just let a horse out on pasture for a long period of time if they've been confined to a stall and only had access to hay previously. These horses, too, must be introduced to the pasture slowly.

If you realize your horse has just eaten an entire bag of feed, or if he's showing signs of founder – warm hooves, bounding pulses in his lower limbs, walking “on eggshells”, or leaning backward in an attempt to keep weight off the front feet – you should call your veterinarian immediately. Early treatment can either stop or at least retard the progress of laminitis and may allow the horse to recover completely.

In addition to your veterinarian's treatment program, Buckeye recommends feeding a grass hay and Gro'N Win (feed ½ pound more per day than what is recommended) to the foundered horse. We do not recommend feeding any additional grain as this will add calories, which is counterproductive at this time. While the foundered horse is healing, it is important that the lowest calorie diet is given to keep additional weight off the feet, while still providing the minerals and vitamins necessary to maintain optimal health. Once the horse has healed, the diet should consist of a low-starch/high-fat mixture. Gro'N Win and one of the Ultimate Finish products work excellently!

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## Special Announcements and Events

### JUST IN!

"From: Vivi Miller <[vivi@caneyfork.net](mailto:vivi@caneyfork.net)>  
To: [baiken329@aol.com](mailto:baiken329@aol.com)  
Sent: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 10:29 pm  
Subject: Re: MTCC 2008 membership form

Hi Brenda,

I want to make sure I sent in the membership form and CHECK. My life has been a bit hectic as many of my friends and my neighbors lost their homes in the tornadoes that hit Williamson county.

If MTCC wants to help- we're trying to find hay for horses and for cattle. That was the insult to injury- to loose everything, have the barn destroyed (or in one case collapse on two horses, who remarkably lived) and then find all that hard earned hay that was put up, was blown away -

Thanks-

Vivi"

If anyone has any extra hay for horses or cattle, please contact Vivi Miller at [vivi@caneyfork.net](mailto:vivi@caneyfork.net) .

### MORE JUST IN!

Hi, All. What follows are room rates and availability and info for the Spokes and Spurs weekend at PLEASANT HILL (Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill)

Date: June 13th-June 15th

Contact for reservation:

Ann Voris (Group Service Manager)

1-800-734-5611, ext.1548

[ann@shakervillageky.org](mailto:ann@shakervillageky.org)

Please call Ann direct with your reservation requests and credit card info. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME WITH STALL NEEDS. I will also be taking meal reservations (breakfast-dinner)...the dining room fills up quickly, so I will need meal info by May 15th.

My phone no. is: (931) 686-8727

Email [hollygate1@blomand.net](mailto:hollygate1@blomand.net)

Rooms not reserved by May 13th will be released.

Room rates are as follows:

Standard rooms, two twin beds in each room- or one double bed,  
\$85.00 plus tax

We also have reserved 3 suites at \$145 plus tax per night. The suites vary, but generally have either two double beds, or queen bed, sitting room and bath.

Please let Ann Voris know which type of room you'll need.

Stall fee is \$15 per day

Paddock fee is \$10.00 per day (we've been able to share paddock time with others in our group...works pretty well)

There is a "riders" fee or \$28.00 for the weekend

Neg. Coggins required for each horse, and Health Certificate (required for out of state participants).

This a beautiful place to drive, ride, (Woodford Hounds is hunting from this location), with miles of pristine driving and riding trails, and wonderful walking trails, also.

On Saturday we will get together for a "picnic" at one of the beautiful locations within the Village. Saturday night we will get together for a dinner in the Trustees dining room...RESERVATIONS a must!

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions concerning this weekend!

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN JUNE!

Sue Lyon

For Spokes and Spurs of KY

### **Welcome New MTCC Members:**

(Email addresses are not yet available.)

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615-483-7994

Penny Feeland

PO Box 1314

Gallatin, TN 37066

615-202-1906

Susie Curtis

Knoxville, TN

## **MTCC is What's Happening!**

**March 11, 2008 6pm Board meeting location to be announced.**

~~**March 24-25<sup>th</sup>. Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson Florida**~~ **(CANCELLED)**

**April 19, 2008 , 1:00 PM MTCC General Meeting, Safety Clinic and Drive** will be held at the Tammy Speakman's farm in Beech Grove, TN. More information will follow.

**May 3, 2008 A Traditional Fun Day of Driving**

**Quietude Farm and MoonShadow Farm**

**2909 Beech Log Road**

**Watertown, TN 37184**

**May 10-11 , 2008 Valhalla Sizzler Driving Trial**

**contact: [jkeathley@hughes.net](mailto:jkeathley@hughes.net)**

**May 13, 2008 6pm MTCC Board Meeting**

**May 16-18 Gayla Bluegrass CDE**  
contact: [www.gayladrivingcenter.com](http://www.gayladrivingcenter.com)

**May 30-31 Liberty Classic** Please click on this link to download the Liberty Classic Portable Document Format (pdf) flyer. You can open it with the free Adobe Reader or other pdf enabled software that you may use. The link is: <http://www.moonshadowfarm.us/downloads/liberty.pdf>  
Contact Victor Stefanini, (865) 681-7830, [vtstefanini@yahoo.com](mailto:vtstefanini@yahoo.com) or Chris Nerland at [Chris.Nerland@anpac.com](mailto:Chris.Nerland@anpac.com) for additional information.

**May 31-June 1, 2008 Carolina Carriage Club Driving Trial**  
contact: [paulnordan@alltel.net](mailto:paulnordan@alltel.net)

**May 30-31 Liberty Classic United Horse Show**  
Cleveland, TN information on brochure in newsletter

**June 7-8 Carriage Classic in the Pines**  
contact: [llog6@nc.rr.com](mailto:llog6@nc.rr.com)

**June 13th-June 15th Spokes and Spurs - See announcement ("More Just In") above for details.**

**June 26, 2008 General MTCC membership meeting and help evening for One Day Event at Lazy AO**

**June 28, 2008 One Day Event at Lazy AO - more information to follow**

**July 9-13<sup>th</sup> Blowing Rock Equestrian Preserve, North Carolina**

Get away from the heat and come to the mountains! A good group of us did this trip last year and had a good time. The trails are PERFECT.... I think they go out at night and rake them and pick up the droppings!! The footing is fine gravel... the trails are lined with blooming mountain laurel, and the views are spectacular. Just having the chance to breathe the mountain air is worth the trip!!

This trip will be the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend . They have no other planned events then but us. The earlier in the week that you can get there, probably the better for getting a good camping spot. They can not reserve SPECIFIC camp sites, but can guarantee that you will have a space somewhere with your reservation (none of the 3 camping areas are far apart). They WILL, however, reserve us a barn. I have already done that.

For those of you that have not been to Blowing Rock, the camping is ... Well... sort of just a parking lot with hookups... There is not much space between trailers, and the area is gravel. There are no picnic tables or fire rings ( although you can have a campfire, unless it is too dry). None of this was a problem, of course. We just brought our own tables!! Last year, we had a couple gathering areas ...one with a great campfire at night. It doesn't seem to matter if the camping area is not the best when you gather with friends, laughter, and good food.

There are about 400 stalls. They are in old wooden barns. Some a bit rickety but very serviceable. Wash racks are close by. There is a nice bath house, and ice is available. All these things are in close proximity. Rates are \$25.00 a night for stalls, and \$25.00 a night for camping.

The town of Blowing Rock is only 2 miles away. There you will find great shopping and restaurants, and a yummy ice cream shop! The town is quaint and artsy.

Boone is also close by and a much bigger town. Grandfather Mountain is a nice day trip. Getting there is about a 5 hour trip from Nashville.

The web site is : [www.blowingrockequestrian.com](http://www.blowingrockequestrian.com)

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU WANT TO COME TO THIS GATHERING!!**

First: Email me, Laura Nuessle at [quietudfarm@aol.com](mailto:quietudfarm@aol.com) and let me know which gathering you want to attend and WHEN you plan on coming ... ( some folks go early and stay later).

Second: Contact Blowing Rock and make your own reservations. I have telephone numbers so that you can reach the right person. PLEASE remember to say you are with the Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, so that I can make sure everyone who wants to go has the proper reservations.

**July 15, 2008 6pm** MTCC Board Meeting

**August 13-17** Walnut Hill Pleasure Show, Walnut Hill, New York

**September 9, 2008** MTCC Board Meeting 6pm

**October 7-12** National Drive, Lexington, KY  
contact: [www.nationaldrive.net](http://www.nationaldrive.net)

**November 11, 2008** MTCC Board Meeting

### **New State Equine Association**

Submitted by Stephanie LNU email: [justsumsun@comcast.net](mailto:justsumsun@comcast.net) if you have questions.

You're invited to an organizational meeting for a possible new state equine association. A meeting date is set for February 27th at 6:30pm. It will most likely be in Murfreesboro at the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Horse Science Center next to the Miller Coliseum. This is an organizational meeting to see if there is interest in an equine association. The need is there, but is there interest? Let's show the Department of Agriculture and MTSU that there is a definite interest! We need a successful equine association that is there for the horse industry of TN. I'm sure that all of us have questions and ideas that need to be put on the table and discussed. Please send this invitation to all your horsey friends. Let us get a tally going and email the names to Charles Hord at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. His email address is [Charles.Hord@state.tn.us](mailto:Charles.Hord@state.tn.us) .

### **Subject: Horse, anyone?**

by Sue Fritsche, [www.anotherbluemoon.com](http://www.anotherbluemoon.com)

Received the following from a friend of mine yesterday. Let me know if interested and I'll pass on info to barn owner. Horse is located in NW Florida, but sounds like they can work out some of the shipping details - maybe even meet halfway. One of my boarders has a 10 yr old thoroughbred gelding to give away. Dark bay, a little over 16 hands, well put together with plenty of body, a very handsome fellow. He has typical racehorse feet and needs to wear shoes, not corrective, just regular. I don't know if that would change on different soil. Typical TH outlook on life. Not hot and stupid just a little reactive. Does best when he is ridden regularly. With a calm capable rider, he would do fine. He has been here for 5 years and I like him. No trouble on the ground, respectful of human space. Ties, trailers, stands for vet and farrier. You can worm him, shoot him, clean his feet, bathe him. No problems. He is just not a good match for this lady. She fell off and broke her leg so is now looking for a Rowdy. She has asthma and has been on steroids for most of her 42 years so her bones are brittle and she can't handle another tumble. All in all, a nice horse. Would be very pretty on the rail in a hunter class. I can take pics and send them if anyone is interested. Transport possible to the right home.

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## **Additional Announcements**

### ***FOR SALE***

For Sale: President Victoria has a Stolfus Gig for sale or trade for a wagonette. 931-438-1637

For Sale: I am an elegant bay Anglo-Arab gelding looking for my own human. I am a May 2004 model. I am sweet,

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TRAINED:

Halter

Harness

Pleasure Driving

Show

Please contact:

Foot Hill Friesians

Debra Davis

3610 Kennedy Creek Road

Auburntown TN 37016  
Phone: 615-408-4385  
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**Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, Inc.**

**2008 Membership Application**

**Mail to MTCC Treasurer:**

**Ardeth Obenauf, 459 Halls Mill Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160**

\_\_\_\_\_ Farm: \$40.00 Membership is in the Farm name, 1 voting privilege

\_\_\_\_\_ Family: \$45.00 Membership includes up to 2 Senior members and any junior members in the household (under 18), 2 voting privileges

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual: \$30.00 Membership includes 1 Senior member, 1 voting privilege

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \$20.00 Membership is for any junior member (under 18), no voting privileges

Membership year is from January 1 – December of given year  
(Memberships paid in October, November, and December are credited for the next year)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Although it is not a requirement that our members be active drivers, we would like to know a little bit about you if you do. Do you currently drive?

Please circle one:            Yes        No

If                    yes,                    then                    please                    list                    type(s)/breed(s):

Vehicle type(s): \_\_\_\_\_

To help us in planning for activities and events, please check all that apply:

What type of driving are you currently participating in, or are interested in?:

What MTCC activities might be of interest to you?:

\_\_\_\_\_ Recreational Driving

\_\_\_\_\_ Fun Shows

\_\_\_\_\_ Driven Dressage

\_\_\_\_\_ Clinics

\_\_\_\_\_ Combined Driving

\_\_\_\_\_ Speakers at Meetings: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pleasure (Show) Driving

\_\_\_\_\_ Pleasure Show

\_\_\_\_\_ Dressage Show

\_\_\_\_\_ One Day Event

Other:

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Please read & sign reverse or next page

**Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, Inc. Participant Release**

The undersigned individual(s) and any signing parent or guardian hereby (1) agrees to release The Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, Inc., the management and/or organizer(s) of any event, its officers, directors, employees, or agents, and the owners or managers of the grounds where any event is held, from any loss, damage, liability or injury or death to person or property sustained by participant arising out of or resulting from any event or individual's participation or entry therein and (2) acknowledges that activities with and around horses involve inherent risks which are understood by the persons signing and are expressly assumed. I, the undersigned or signing parent or guardian, understand that some of the risks involved with participating might include, but are not limited to, falling from vehicle or off horse, being stepped on, getting kicked, and/or accidents and injuries resulting from hazards from driving surfaces, the condition of equipment or tack, and/or the inability to predict a horse's reaction to given conditions of event. The Participant assumes all risks and accepts responsibility for making any and all examinations and inspections relating to all risks and understands that The Middle Tennessee Carriage Club, Inc. the property owners, agents and representatives have no responsibility to make such examination or inspections. In the event of injury to Participant or to Participant's animals, permission is hereby granted to management for emergency medical treatment.

"Under Tennessee 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 from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the equine activities liability protection act." Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 20-1

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Note: Parent or guardian must sign if Participant is under 18.

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