



Middle Tennessee Carriage Club

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President's Message:

I hope everyone can join me on Dec. 8 for our Christmas party. The address is 303 Chestnut Avenue, Fayetteville, TN.

Directions:

From US Highway 231 from Shelbyville, follow 231 as it goes into town. (Do not take the by-pass!) 231 turns into Mulberry Street. At the first traffic light take a right onto Washington Street. You will go through a couple of stop signs, another traffic light at the church, then another couple of stop signs. I live on the corner of Washington and Chestnut. I have parking on the Washington side, in front of the house and beside the house.

If you are coming to Fayetteville from I 65, take the Fayetteville exit and go toward town. Just before you get to a large cemetery, Washington street veers to the left and goes behind the cemetery. I'm just one block on the left.

It starts at 6:00 PM. Don't forget to bring a finger food and a Dirty Santa gift, about a \$20 value, if you want to play. I hope you all can come!

Victoria

November 3, 2007 MTCC Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Members present: Rebecca Jones, Leslie Jones, Donny Nuessle, Laura Nuessle, Brooke Newell, Jane Muir, Victoria Bramblett, Jenny Housley, Sarita Tolor, Roger McDonald, Roger Hartle, Brenda Aiken, Jim Sweeney, Tina Melton, Ron and Kate Cowan, Jenny Drake, Linda and Boyd Finley.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

The Nominating Committee recommended that the following positions be filled with the designated individuals:

Victoria Bramblett, President (term expires November 2009)
Jane Muir, Vice President (term expires November 2008)
Roger Hartle, Past President (term expires November 2009)
Ardeth Obenauf, Treasurer (term expires November 2008)
Brenda Aiken, Secretary (term expires November 2009)
Board Members: Laura Nuessle, Brooke Newell, Leslie Jones (terms expire November 2008)
Jim Sweeney, Newsletter Editor (term expires at the pleasure of the Board)

After a proper motion and second, the recommendations of the Nominating Committee were unanimously approved by the membership.

New Business

Laura Nuessle reported that Jim Keathley agreed to host the MTCC February Meeting. Laura will report back to MTCC as to a date for the meeting.

Further, Laura said she would like to see MTCC move our meetings to bi-monthly and have them on a Saturday, so we could incorporate a drive or an educational event in conjunction with the membership meeting. This would enable and possibly entice more of our members to attend meetings.

Victoria said monthly board meetings could be held on an as needed basis. A motion was made and seconded. All voted in favor.

Victoria mentioned the need for more venues for fun and pleasure. Percy Warner was mentioned.

Laura mentioned another trip to Blowing Rock in July 2008 and a possible trip to the Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, formally the Austin Horse Park, in February 2008. Laura will explore availability and cost of each venue.

Donny said we need to plan dates for our 2008 events.

Jane mentioned a possible board meeting for January.

Another equine activity mentioned was the Road to The Horse at the Miller Horse Center MTSU. Additional information is needed.

Jeannette's basket winner was Laura Nuessle.

Brenda Aiken and Jenny Housley's prize winner was Roger Hartle.

The Cranberry Walnut Bread winner was Roger Hartle

Special Announcements and Events

All were reminded to remember the Franklin Christmas Parade on the first Saturday in December. Check Franklin Kiwanis website for more detail. You must register for this event.

Dayton, TN Horse & Carriage Christmas Parade – see notice below.

Christmas Party on the 8th of December at Victoria's house in Fayetteville. Time will be announced (*set at 6:00 PM – see President's Message, above –ed.*). Please bring a “Dirty Santa” present with a value of approximately \$20.00.

Jenny Housley's Christmas Tea is 10:30 AM, Friday, December 14, in her home at 778 High Point Ridge Road, Franklin, Tennessee, telephone 615-591-9132. All are invited.

Next year's Traditional Day of Driving (TDD) Quiet Moon 2008 in Wilson County will be held on the First Saturday in May.

Next year's Arena Driving Trial (ADT) will be at the Keathley's in Cannon County during the 2nd Weekend in May.

Additional Announcements

The Cones Extravaganza Results:

Awards included Laura's famous homemade bread, pies and cranberry bread. Each winner had a choice.

Fastest cones winner: Tina Melton and Dublin

Second fastest cones winner: Victoria and Carmen

Fastest time through the Fairy Meadow: Jenny Housley and TNT. Clean – no faults!

Toga winner: Brooke Newell

Concourse Demonstration: Roger Hartle and his Fabulous Friesians

(Maybe we will have a few photographs in a future newsletter –ed.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection by the President.

Dayton, TN Horse & Carriage Christmas Parade

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

FOR SALE

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

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Rising Glory Farm, Lewisburg, TN

Clinic Fee \$350 Auditor \$50

October 27-28, 2007

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

For information, contact: Rebecca Billard, Partridge Hill Farm, 259 Hopkins Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478



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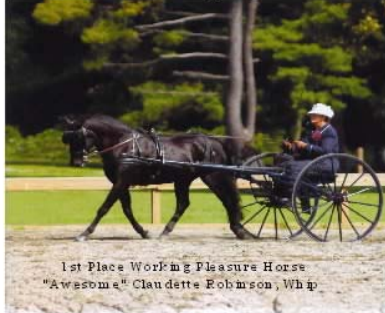
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Editor's Note: Please send any announcements, photographs, items of general interest to the membership or other notices to jim@moonshadowfarm.us for inclusion in future newsletters.

For instance, did you know that Elizabeth Keathley was 1st place in FEI Pony Four, Ardeth Obenauf was 3rd place winner in Preliminary Single Pony, and Rachael Niceley was 2nd in Preliminary Pair Horse, at the Lexington CDE Classic in October? I didn't. Nobody told me. I would never have known, if I had not seen Ardeth's ribbon on her carriage in Kentucky. We looked up the other Club winners on the internet. How about a story about your favorite equine? Personally, I think my pony is smarter and prettier than yours. What do you think?