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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, how did it get to be 2014 already and where did 2013 go? I don't know about you, but each year seems to zoom by faster. And colder.

This last cold snap hit us all very hard and made us remember all our good horse care skills to take care of our horses and ponies in this extreme cold. We lost water for a while but otherwise every came out fine. You know it is odd when you go out in the morning and it is 16 and you think, "this isn't so bad". Since it has been 0 the morning before with a wind, 16 didn't feel so bad. I'm glad I had my electric buckets and that I had filled up the big tub that I could use to fill the buckets when the water was frozen at the pump. And we had stored water in the house so I could heat water for the beet pulp/alfalfa cube meals.

It will be odd still to go from 0 here to 70 in Aiken over the weekend when Halley and I go to compete at the Monster Mini. That is the first of the season for me. It is going to be a busy year. For those of us who compete in Combined Driving, there are 4 events in the Southeast this spring. Our own CCC HDT is May 3-4 at Windridge Farm and we hope everyone will mark that date on their calendar now, to compete or volunteer. And the board has been planning activities from competitions to play days, clinics to pleasure drives. We will set the calendar on Jan 25 at Green Creek Fire House. Please come and share what you want to do this year. We are looking forward to a great, active year. And drop me an RSVP so we can order enough pizza. No pot luck this year, we are footing the bill for pizza so you don't have to cook, just get yourself there.

Ned will be including a new membership application. Please get your dues in by bringing a check, use your club bucks or use PayPal. And this year, Carol Ann gets the packet so be sure to send it to the right place. Ruthey Shumate will be taking over membership and we are hoping that by streamlining the process, we can get the directory out sooner.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Jan 25 to set the calendar. Come with your suggestions for a great year.

Price Story

FROM THE EDITOR

No, you did not miss anything. I did not publish a December newsletter.

Happy New Year! Among your "duties," perhaps including your resolutions, it marks the time for your 2014 CCC dues. The revised application/dues form is attached. Treasurer Carol Ann Burns is now to receive your transmittal and will skim off the dues. She'll then forward the form to Ruthey Shumate, who will be maintaining the membership information. Carol Ann has arranged for utilization of Paypal as a method of dues payment. Here is the information from her.

"The Carolina Carriage Club has stepped into the future and will now be accepting Paypal payments for memberships. If you would like to send in your membership payment through Paypal go to the following link: <https://www.paypal.com/webapps/mpp/make-online-payments>. The CCC Paypal payment address is membership@carolinacarriageclub.com. Annual membership dues are \$40 or if you are 100+ miles away it's only \$15. Please include your name with your payment so we know who you are. If you have any questions or complications contact the treasurer at cabooh@aol.com. We also will always take checks"

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Marcy Wright
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Marcy has been active in the Tryon/Columbus arena for many years. She now has been acquired by a Miniature Donkey and both look forward to learning about driving!

Rejoining members

Robert and Karen Blackwood
150 Rabun Road
Columbus, NC 28722
828/863-4598

Robert is an Advanced whip, with many years competitive experience. Now starting a new Pony.

Good news! Congratulations to member Sue Hrizuk, who has achieved her “L” and her Driven Dressage judge’s license.

PAST EVENTS

CENTRAL FLORIDA HDT AT GRAND OAKS

Congratulations to Bonnie Fahrner on her second place with Nodder in Pre Pony.

Aiken Driving Club's Monster Mini HDT January 11 and 12, 2014: (Submitted by Price Story)

I just got back from Aiken's 5th Annual Monster Mini HDT. There was a full house of entries including some "plus size minis", aka, small ponies, the minis going single, in pairs and three 4-in-hand of minis.

It was rainy when I arrived on Friday but I walked dressage, cones and a few of the obstacles. They used a full size dressage arena which was good for my top-of-the-height range, small pony Halley, but it did mean that the minis took a while to get around the big arena.

The cones course was wicked. Lots of places to get lost and lose time and was set tight for the little ones. The marathon was right at 5k for preliminary and a little under that for training level with training level doing 4 obstacles and prelim doing 5. Windsor Trace is pretty flat and there isn't much loose sand so it drove well.

Saturday started ok with rain, but everyone just put on their rain gear and kept going. Then after lunch, the heavens opened up, lightening flashed and thunder rumbled and the action was ended and prelim, which hadn't gone yet, was as put off until Sunday morning. Paul and Sue Daugherty hosted a great dinner, low country boil, in their barn which was attended by around 50 competitors and friends.

Sunday morning the rain was gone and the ground was basically dry. I can't believe how wonderful sand is!!! Prelim did dressage and cones, then the volunteers headed to the obstacles to start the marathon. It was sunny but cool with a breeze and just about perfect for the ponies.

The marathon drove well and they were well staffed. A quick lunch, awards for everyone including the big E folks, and everyone headed home for another year.

It was great to see some of our local folks there supporting the event. Pepper Oliver and Miss Elegance in her first prelim and Eve Arensburg with Oliver in training along with Caroline McSwain, past member, representing the Tryon area. Many of our joint Aiken Driving Club and CCC members competed including Pam Pruitt, with her wonderful Molly. Linda Willis and her 4-in-hand rounded out the CCC folks. Elaine Elmer was there in spirit as Charley was one of Caroline's leaders.

As always, Monster - Mini was tons of fun with great folks enjoying the little guys. There were lots of 1st time competitors. Hopefully they will inspire our local VSE folks to get involved in the fun.

FUTURE EVENTS

January 25, 2014 Annual whips meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Green Creek Firehouse - RSVP to Price Story so she can order enough Pizza 828/891-7571 -- 828/242-795 p_story@bellsouth.net

May 3-4: CCC's HDT at Windridge Farm. It's hoped you may be there as a competitor. If not, there will be a need for numerous VOLUNTEERS!

May 16-18: Save the date. Carriage Classic in the Pines. Newly revitalized pleasure show at Historic Pinehurst, NC. Prize lists available. Online at carriageclassicinthepines.net. Show secretary Maureen Grippa – mgrippa1@gmail.com or 910/916-4938

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Ruthey Shumate has her mini (Coco), a cart (also set of wooden wheels), and 2 sets of harness for sale. Also 14.3 Friesian. Call her at 336/681-4351 for details.

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