

View From Behind The Dash



Newsletter of the Florida Whips Driving Club

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Check out what's happening on the Florida Whips Facebook pages! Search for Florida Whips – there are multiple pages to like and follow.

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The new and improved website has lots of useful content, including the most up-to-date calendar, event forms, archives, membership info, etc. Special thanks to Veronica Close for maintaining the website – a very BIG job!

On the cover:

Denise gets it!

The newsletter editor needs photos of the "View From Behind The Dash" for each issue. Send them in!

Here's a photo of Ironwood Xander from the dash, in one of our first (still one handed) drives after rotator cuff surgery. - Denise Klinger

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Bob *President's Message*

My heart skips a beat as the horse carriage and driver stop in front of me. I am doing the safety inspections for Camp Black Prong 2021, and I see a problem.

The quick release shackle has not been coupled together and all that is holding the shaft up is friction.

We can all imagine what would have happened if the shaft had dropped to the ground while it was still attached to the steel eveners and hold backs.

At least with the old leather harnesses, the leather or perhaps the stitching would let go in an emergency. But not so much with the bio plastic harnesses.

The question I pose to you – how many people did that turnout pass coming from the barn to where they got to me? It's all well and good to welcome new members to our club, but with that comes shared responsibility to keep the new drivers and ourselves safe.

If we recognize a "newbie" either by posture, rein handling, or harness problems, we should take the time to do a once over with our eyes. Then, if we see a dangerous situation, it's important to not panic the driver, nor put yourself or your horse in danger, so in a low, strong, confident voice get them stopped with their horse's head against a tree, brush, fence, building, etc. If you have a groom, put him/her down to assist. If you're alone, stay in your carriage. You should know the nomenclature of harness well enough to instruct from our own carriage to rectify the situation or the safest way to unhitch.

Remember – stay in, and maintain control of your own carriage – if two horses and carriages are running away, it helps no one.

If it's a minor problem, go see them later as a friend and in a voice that is not belittling or condescending, tell them of the error. Or, you can refer them to a professional client, or a trainer, or me.

We continue to increase our membership, educate, improve our reinsmanship, and improve the comfort level and efficiency of our horses. Keep up the good work!

Keep your traces tight!

-Bob



Foto: Marie de Ronde-Oudemans

Notes from the Linda Vice President

I hope this finds all you in good health and ready for a very busy driving season!

If you haven't looked at the Florida Carriage Driving Festival 2021-22 on our website, I encourage you to do so. All the driving events that we were aware of, including non-Whips events are listed. There is something for everyone!

We just finished our first Camp Black Prong in two years at the newly renovated Black Prong Equestrian Village and it was a smashing success. I say it is the most fun you can have with your horse or pony and I think the campers would agree with me.

Speaking of Black Prong, they have added a CT and derby series that take place mid-week and they are paying a jackpot for the winners! I have always felt prize money would encourage more driver participation but most organizers didn't agree so I'm anxious to see how it turns out.

If you are not a competitor or are new to driving please consider volunteering. It is one of the best ways to learn about driving and we desperately need volunteers. We wouldn't be able to have driving events without you!

One last note. If you know of a member who is ill or has lost a loved one, please let me know so I can get a card and/or flowers out to them. We are a family and I want to let them know they are in our hearts and prayers.

You can contact me:
email: levans0277@aol.com
text or call at 614-288-1700.

Until we meet again,

-Linda Evans

Snippets from the Janet Secretary

Quick reminder - if you want to host an event that is not currently on the calendar, please get it approved by your Regional Director and submitted so I can get insurance for your event.

I hope to see everyone driving this winter! There are so many driving opportunities this winter – it is a very exciting winter driving season!

-Janet Carswell



*February and Valentines
is right around the corner!*

*For the February issue of our newsletter, I want
to feature couples that drive together.*

*Send me photos of you and your significant
other enjoying carriage driving together.*

*Personally, I'm going to include a photo of
Norman wiping the wheels on my carriage pri-
or to presentation – the best help ever!*

*Send photos, with good caption info (who (hu-
mans & equines) where, when, other tidbits,
and of course who took the photo to:*

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Did You Know?

“Mike” and “Mark”, a team of black Percheron geldings, have just returned here to the neighborhood in Steeplechase (near Black Prong). Pretty soon Hank, Jake and Mack will join the neighborhood.

Most draft horses and coach horses (or any horses that are regularly driven in multiples) have one syllable names – it makes it easier when the driver needs to call to them, and it’s also easier for the horses to recognize that they’re the one being called to.

IT’S YOUR NEWSLETTER!



- Allyn Carman, newsletter editor

I want to streamline the technical logistics of our newsletter, and have a question for the membership:

Do you read the newsletter online, or do you print it out to read it?

Please send a quick email to **news.flawhips@gmail.com** and just tell me “Print” or “Online”

IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER

The best newsletters consist of – NEWS!

Please take an active part in the production of a great newsletter for our club. With all of the events and activities here in Florida, we have a lot of opportunities so let’s share our fun and accomplishments!

Articles, stories – send what you can, I can help write & edit.

PHOTOS: Hi-resolution if possible. Include the who-what-when-where:

- NAMES of all humans, & equines
- WHERE was this?
- WHAT event or activity?
- name of PHOTOGRAPHER

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the 20th of the prior month.**
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Membership Spotlight

The Florida Whips Member Recognition Program

Did you know.....The Florida Whips has a Member Recognition Program?!!

The intent of the program is to encourage members to explore everything the Florida Whips has to offer by recognizing participation in a wide variety of club activities – either as an event participant OR as a volunteer.

Members have the opportunity to earn recognition pins in 4 unique categories:

- The Navigator – Supporting the Florida Whips Organization (Volunteer Activities)
- The Whip – Building the Skills of the Horse and Driver
- The Wheeler – Event Participation
- The Leader – Promoting the Florida Whips

There are even special recognition awards for all of you over-achievers!!

- The Single – Completes category requirements for both the Whip and the Wheeler
- The Pair – Completes category requirements for the Navigator, Whip, and 2 Wheelers
- The Tandem – Completes category requirements for the Navigator, Whip, Wheeler, and Leader
- The Coach – Completes category requirements for: 2 Navigators, 1 Whip, 2 Wheelers, and 2 Leaders

RULES: There are only 3 Rules BUT they will be strictly enforced.

- Participants must be a Florida Whips member in good standing on the date of the referenced event.
- All eligible activities must occur between September 1st, 2021 and April 30th, 2022.
- Participants must complete and submit the Member Recognition Form (along with documentation) within 30 Days of the completed event.**

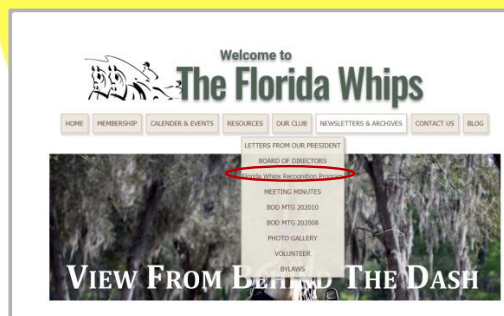
The form may be sent

via Email to sandyacresranch@gmail.com OR

via US Mail to: Sandy Hebert 306 Branding Iron Road, Jacksonville, FL 32234

All awards will be presented at the Southern Drive – which occurs in May. If you are unable to attend – awards will be mailed to you.

Interested?? Find all program documents including the Member Recognition Form on the Florida Whips Website: <https://flawhips.org> under OUR CLUB / Florida Whips Recognition Program.



The Florida Whips Annual Recognition Program	
	The Navigator – Supporting the Florida Whips Organization (Complete 3 categories to earn this recognition) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in a leadership or volunteer activity at a designated training event• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)
	The Whip – Building the Skills of the Horse and Driver (Complete 3 categories to earn this recognition) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)
	The Wheeler – Event Participation (Complete 3 categories to earn this recognition) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in a leadership or volunteer activity at a designated training event• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)
	The Leader – Promoting the Florida Whips (Complete 3 categories to earn this recognition) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)• Complete CAA Driver Certification Program (Level 1, 2, or 3)
	Singles – 1 Whip & 1 Wheeler
	Pair – 1 Navigator, 1 Whip, & 2 Wheelers
	Tandem – 1 Navigator, 1 Whip, 1 Wheeler, & 1 Leader
	Coach – 2 Navigators, 1 Whip, 2 Wheelers, & 2 Leaders

The Florida Whips Member Recognition Program	
Event Recognition Form	
Please email the following information to recognition@flawhips.org	
Name of Participant	_____
Event	_____
Date(s) of Participation	_____
If Volunteering: Role and Duration of service	_____
Please provide a signature or Email from Volunteer Coordinator validating service.	
Member Referral: Name of New Member _____	
Certificate, email, or screenshot showing the completion of CAA Driver Proficiency Program (Level 1, 2, or 3) or FEI Campus Training Modules.	

If you have any questions regarding the above – please contact Sandy Hebert at sandyacresranch@gmail.com



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CAMP BLACK PRONG

Camp Black Prong 2021

By Janet Carswell

What do you get when you have 49 carriage drivers, 30 auditors, 8 clinicians, 8 volunteers, perfect weather, and the best venue in Florida for carriage driving? You get Camp Black Prong 2021!

Thursday, October 14th brought together experienced and new carriage drivers. Camp Black Prong had over 30 carriage drivers who had never attended an organized driving event before! All the drivers had to go through a safety check and driving assessment with clinician Bob Giles.

Once all the drivers and auditors were checked in, it was time for the driving demonstration with clinician Chester Weber. Chester followed the demonstration with a question-and-answer session. We ended the day at the pavilion with a wine tasting and welcome party!

Friday, October 14th found everyone very busy as the mini lessons with the seven clinicians started at 8 am. The morning found all the drivers very busy as they went from one clinician to the next for their mini lesson! Bob Giles hosted a “derby class” at 2pm, allowing the drivers and the auditors a chance to learn how to properly plan and navigate a derby course. His class was followed by a demonstration by experienced drivers. The rest of the afternoon was spent in private lessons with the camp clinicians.

Saturday, October 15th greeted the campers with another morning of mini lessons with the eight clinicians. At 1pm the Poker Drive started and was delayed only briefly by a passing Florida rainstorm. Private lessons rounded out the end of the day. Prizes for the best hands in the Poker Drive were

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given out and the teams for the next day's derby were selected.

Sunday, October 16th, derby started on time at 9:30am and 33 carriage drivers successfully navigated the derby course! Many of the drivers experienced a derby course for the first time at camp.

Lunch found everyone gathered together in the pavilion to receive their raffle prizes and derby ribbons. This closed out a very successful and well received Camp Black Prong!

With all of the positive feedback given to the organizers during and after camp, we are pleased to announce that there will be a Camp Black Prong 2022! Stayed tuned because the plans are even bigger than they were for this year!



Marsha Dowell at Camp Black Prong

Driving lessons from Gary Yeager, working on bending and circles. Learned so much at Camp!

photo by Marianna Yeager



CAMP BLACK PRONG

**October 14-17, 2021
Black Prong Equestrian Village
450 SE CR 337
Bronson, FL 32621**

Schedule of Events

Thursday

Noon check-in – must have coggins and vaccines “before” unloading your equine

Prior to first drive on Black Prong property: Safety check and driving evaluation with Bob Giles

Drive at will and private lessons

5:00 PM Driving Demonstration with Chester Weber

6:30 PM Welcome Reception and Wine Tasting

Friday

7:00 AM Breakfast

8 – Noon Group Lessons

Noon Lunch

1- 6:00 PM Drive at will and private lessons

2:00 PM Derby class with Bob Giles at the derby course – for drivers and auditors

6:30 PM Dinner and guest speaker

Saturday

7:00 AM Breakfast

8 – Noon Group Lessons

Noon Lunch

1- 6:00 PM Drive at will and private lessons

2 -5:00 PM Poker Drive

6:30 PM Dinner, guest speaker and selection of teams for the derby

Sunday

7:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Team Derby

Noon Lunch, Awards and Raffle

From Janet Carswell:

Here is a list of questions I answered about camp for Black Prong.

Are the private and group lesson included in the cost of Camp?

The group lessons Friday and Saturday, which are actual-ly mini private lessons, are included with the registration fee of camp. The private lessons with the clinicians after lunch are scheduled independently with the clinician and any fees associated with the private lesson are paid directly to the clinician.

What about for an auditor?

The auditors were allowed to observe any of the clinicians during camp. If they wanted private lessons then the camp provided a single pony and a single horse with carriage - the private lesson fee was paid directly to the clinician giving the lesson.

How do you select your clinicians?

We selected clinicians based on years of experience, ability to work with all levels of drivers, ability to work with ponies, horses, singles and multiples, and the personality fit with a four day driving camp. We tried to get clinicians that were not readily available for most drivers to take lessons with - give drivers a chance to learn from the best trainers we could find.

How many people attended this year?

We had 48 drivers and 30 auditors and 6 volunteers. For over 30 drivers that attended camp this was their first organized driving event!

How would a driver get penalties in a derby? Is it just for time and cones, or are there penalties relating to the marathon obstacles?

The derby was a fun competition during camp. We divided the drivers that wanted to participate into teams (Team Red, Team Blue, Team Purple, etc). We selected an experienced driver as the captain of each team. (Safety was always a priority at camp.) This was a learning experience, most of the drivers had not done a derby before. The time counted and only major mistakes added time penalties. We then dropped the two slowest times for each team and averaged the remaining times for placement - 1st through 6th.

Please describe the Florida Whips group in one or two sentences.

The Florida Whips Carriage Club is a great group of people sharing their love of carriage driving. The club has both competitive and non-competitive drivers.

Why would you recommend a driver attend camp Black Prong? (what's the benefit?)

Camp Black Prong is recommended for "any" level driver. It benefits the non-competitive driver by connecting them with professional trainers to ensure that the driving equipment (equine, harness and cart/carriage) are safe and properly fitted and used. It benefits the competitive and seasoned driver by giving them the opportunity to hone their skills with trainers they might not be able to get lessons with outside of camp. Camp brings together new and seasoned drivers - growing the sport of carriage driving!

What makes Camp Black Prong a unique experience?

Camp Black Prong is a unique driving experience that "kicks off" the competitive winter driving show season. It allows drivers of all levels to come together in a non-competitive and social event to learn and improve driving skills. It is meant to be very fun and stress free. There's lots of time for social interaction between drivers, auditors, and volunteers.

What were your overall impressions about how camp went this year?

The feedback that we received during camp and after camp was very positive. Everyone really enjoyed the newly remodeled Black Prong Equestrian Village (the pool). Everyone said that the camp ran well and smoothly. The drivers and auditors were impressed with the clinicians available at camp. They also enjoyed the driving demo, Q & A session, wine tasting and the derby class. Everyone had such a great experience at this year's camp that the question was raised if we would do a spring camp?! So I would say, Camp Black Prong 2021 was a huge success!



CAMP BLACK PRONG

Camp Photos

supplied by Janet Carswell



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supplied by Janet Carswell



Editor's Note: There were more photos submitted from Camp, but I had **EX-TREME** technical difficulties with this issue. Also, I'm still trying to figure out how to work around the lousy internet service here in Florida...

Also remember: please send in information with your photos: name(s) of people, horses, and photographer, event or activity and location.



The Putrid Christmas Tree Adventure

Heritage and Tradition.

Generations of Family.

Passion for Horses.

Christmas.

We had all of the makings of a great family holiday outing – but you just can't plan for every little thing...

It was a sunny and crisp December morning when three generations headed out to the stand of cedar trees at the old ranch with our first draft horse and our brand new wagon. Years of planning, working, and dreaming led up to this outing, which would certainly become a family tradition. Finally all of the pieces were in place...

Heritage & Tradition:

The old ranch where Norman grew up had a big stand of cedar trees way out back on the shady side of a little canyon, and the family has cut their Christmas trees there for four generations. Normally we just run out there with the pickup, but this year was going to be really special. It's a pretty spot, and nearby there are remnants of a pioneer homestead with ancient rose bushes. The 1850's gold rush had charged right through this country, and decades ago the historical society erected a big sign right over the hill, "From this point you can see signs of the old overland wagon trail the

pioneers used..." (Side note: that sign was actually on an old abandoned driveway into the ranch – the real pioneer trail is one hill over – this has always been a happy smirk for the family.)

Family:

Three generations – Grandma Sally (who never misses an adventure), Norman (my childhood sweetheart and devoted husband), our 12-year-old son Orren, and I bundled up in festive holiday tree-cutting attire. We were only slightly inconvenienced by Orren's crutches and casts – he'd fallen out of the loft of the barn a week earlier, and broken both of his legs. We just decorated around him.

Draft Horse Passion:

We really love those big horses. When we first got into draft horses, we still had kids at home, and very little money, so all we could afford was a

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The Putrid Christmas Tree Adventure

weanling Clydesdale filly, bought with payments over time from an understanding breeder. Over the next few years we got Bartley started with the guidance of an old teamster, and by Christmastime of her 4-year-old year, she was actually pretty solid.

The Christmas Wagon:

In the fall of that year I was able to scrape together enough money to order a nice little 6-passenger wagonette in our farm colors – burgundy with a black undercarriage and gold pinstriping – it was pretty, and boy were we excited when it finally arrived on a Friday morning in early December. It was the best Christmas present ever.

The New Family Tradition:

So, after years of working at putting together all of the elements of this wonderful family tradition, here we were, finally able to make big new memories to be handed down from our generation. We were excited and proud.

We loaded the mare and the wagon, Grandma, Orren, crutches, handsaw, decorations, harness, sleigh bells, blankets, cookies, cocoa, and each other, and drove around to the backside of the ranch. We unloaded at the back gate, and spent a half hour or so adjusting the old harness to the new wagon, and declared that we were ready to go.

Meanwhile, Norman's brother Robert met us there, and since Robert couldn't climb into the wagon (he's fully disabled from a devastating horse/cow accident years ago) he said he'd just drive up to the closest side of the stand and pick out an easy tree. As it turns out, boy did he luck out.

Anyway, that gave me a few minutes to take the mare and the new wagon for a quick trot up and down the road to make sure everything was adjusted, and to make sure that we could handle the little wagon, as frankly it was her first time to pull a four wheeler. The mare was happy, the new wagon glistered, the felt antlers were staying attached to the top of the bridle, the bells jingled merrily, so fifteen minutes later, in an extraordinarily festive mood I declared that we were good to go.

We loaded up Grandma and Tiny Tim and his crutches, then the love of my life climbed up beside me. I started the mare down that old back road to making family history. Bartley, bless her heart, trotted happily along, antlers bobbing, all glorious feather and bells, and as we made the turn up the hill into the stand of cedars, the winter sun filtered down through the big ponderosa pines, and life just couldn't be any better. It was heavenly, and I've never been so full of Christmas spirit as that moment right then.

Then it got weird.

The plan was that we'd drive up past the cedars on the old narrow logging skid trail and turn around at the wide spot at the top. Then we'd come back down, stop the wagon, and leisurely pick out the tree, drink some cocoa, and luxuriate in the fresh winter air full of the scent of cedars and pines.

At this point, my carriage driving friends are thinking that something bad is about to happen – after all, if we just cut the tree and drank cocoa, this wouldn't be much of a story. I did have a young green mare with a vehicle neither of us were

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The Putrid Christmas Tree Adventure

accustomed to on a narrow little overgrown road cut into a steep hillside. Add in the old lady and the cripple in the back of the wagon, and we certainly did have the makings of a potential disaster.

We didn't crash or anything if that's what you're thinking.

What did happen is that we drove by our little spot, and as we started to turn, the sweet pine and cedar scents were overpowered by a stench of unimaginable power. Then, as we cleared the cedars, I said to Norman, "what in the hell is that?"

Well, for reasons known only him, one of our Angus bulls had decided to lie down and die right there at the turnaround. What made him pick that exact spot in a 640 acre field is beyond me – heck the cattle didn't usually even go up that side. Unfortunately, he'd died about 10 days earlier, it had been an unusually warm week, and he was in the optimal stage of decomposition. It was indescribably wretched.

Now, that decomposing smell is something you're a bit used to if you're a rancher, but this guy had it all going for him – timing, weather conditions, sheer bulk, and location. There were even a few flies hanging out, finding him more profitable than winter hibernation. Holding my breath, I wheeled the mare and wagon around the 1800-pound slimy gray mound of rot, and hurtled back down the hill.

By the way, putrid is not a word most people need to use when describing their wonderful family holiday memories.

I don't truly understand the dynamics of airflow, but as we blew back down the trail, a palpable wave

of decomposing bull came with us.

Gasping for air, I pulled the mare to a halt. Norman jumped down off the wagon, grabbed the saw, and started into the trees. "Which one do you like?" he called back weakly.

"Just cut one of the goddam things, and let's go." I croaked, my earlier Christmas euphoria back there with the flies.

Norman had disappeared into the grove, and I could hear sawing from the trees, but there was no noise whatsoever from the back of the wagon. I think they were focused on trying to stay alive without actually breathing. I didn't take time to see whether they'd passed out.

"You'd better not throw up in my brand new wagon!" I bleated without looking back.

Norman cut a likely tree, stormed up out of the draw, threw it in the back of the wagon on top of the old and infirmed, and launched himself back up beside me. We'd been there 3-4 minutes, tops.

"TROT!" I gagged at the top of what was left of my lungs, touched the mare with the whip, and we hurtled toward the safety of the flat and open air.

When we could breathe without distress, we stopped and rearranged the disheveled contents of the back of the wagon, freeing Grandma and Orren from the tree, crutches, saws, etc. We made our way back down to the truck and trailer and quietly unhooked, loaded up and drove home.

We never did drink that cocoa.

Merry Christmas everybody!

-Allyn





CHECK ONE OFF MY BUCKET LIST

If any of you have been to the World Equestrian Center "WEC" you know what a magnificent venue it is. It was my dream to compete there at least once in my lifetime and I got to realize that dream October 28th-30th.

Carriage driving classes were offered in conjunction with a USEF breed show. If you have never competed in an indoor arena with a huge jumbotron (movie screen) showing a live feed of a Saddlebred breed class in progress, I can tell you it can be quite daunting for you and your equine. All of the horses in the single horse classes that I was in were affected by it to some extent, shying at that end of the arena.

Thursday the weather cooperated and we were able to move outdoors to the stadium for the combined test where my horse, Versace was more familiar with an outdoor arena. A Combined Test or CT is 2-phase event, a dressage test and a cones course. We moved up from preliminary to intermediate level for the first time and had a decent test for my first attempt coming in 2nd. I went clean (no balls down) in cones with only a three second time penalty and finished 2nd in cones. I got a 2nd place overall out of five competitors in the CT.

That evening we had two more pleasure classes, carriage dog and turnout. These classes were held after dark in the main arena in front of the Grand Hotel under lights and jumbotrons. The stands were filled with spectators who were cheering for their favorite turnouts, music blaring as the announcer introduced each competitor. Talk about sensory overload! My horse worked fine as long as he was moving but he wanted no part of standing in the lineup at the end of

the classes. As a result we placed last in those classes. There is a training goal in Versace's future!

Saturday was derby day, always an exciting crowd favorite! The derby is a speed class involving driving a course of cones and two hazards. The top five drivers out of 15 entries would move on to the championship. I was not among them, but our club president, Mr Bob Giles made the top five despite his handicap com-

peting against able bodied drivers. Bob is amazing and the smile on his face said it all. In the end our own Karen Cherry driving her pony was the winner of the derby!

I hope that I will get another opportunity in my life to compete at the World Equestrian Center again! I love showing the world what carriage driving is all about!

- Linda Evans





Photos from WEC



Judi Tintera



Margy Cox

Jeanne Abbott



WEC show photos on this page taken and supplied by Dan & Linda Evans - *thank you!*



Photos from WEC



Jeff Day



Lynda Jowers



Julie Forsythe

WEC show photos of Lynda and Jeff taken and supplied by Dan & Linda Evans - *thank you!*



Pleasure Driving Results from Ocala International Horse Show

Class 203: Single Horse Reinsmanship

1.	Gail Aumiller	Sjaantje
2.	Linda Evans	Versace
3.	Jeff Day	George W
4.	Jeanne Abbott	Eclipse Promenade

Class 204: Single Pony Reinsmanship

1.	Lorri Wallis	Proclamation
2.	Julie Forsyth	Fotora Farms Buckeye Soldier
3.	Suzanne Smith	Branson

Class 219: Single Horse Working

1.	Gail Aumiller	Sjaantje
2.	Jeff Day	George W
3.	Jeanne Abbott	Eclipse Promenade
4.	Linda Evans	Versace

Class 220: Single Pony Working

1.	Lorri Wallis	Proclamation
2.	Suzanne Smith	Branson
3.	Julie Forsyth	Fotora Farms Buckeye Soldier

Class 221: Working Multiples

1.	Max Meinel	Tristan and Betty
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Class 222: Carriage Dog

1.	Lorri Wallis	Proclamation
2.	Jeanne Abbott	Eclipse Promenade
3.	Linda Evans	Versace

Class 223: Single Pony Turnout

1.	Suzanne Smith	Branson
2.	Lorri Wallis	Proclamation
3.	Julie Forsyth	Fotora Farms Buckeye Soldier

Class 224: Single Horse Turnout

1.	Gail Aumiller	Sjaantje
2.	Jeff Day	George W
3.	Jeanne Abbott	Eclipse Promenade
4.	Linda Evans	Versace

Class 225: Multiples Turnout

1.	Max Meinel	Tristan and Betty
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Derby Results

Class 226..Derby Qualifier

1.	Margy Cox	Andy Go Dandy	1:47:71
2.	Karen Cherry		1:49:53
3.	Jeff Day	George W	2:00:50
4.	Bob Giles	Drake	2:00:89
5.	Suzanne Smith		2:01:20
6.	Kathleen Carey		2:01:97
7.	Margy Cox	Shakin Rattlen Rollin	2:04:09
8.	Bob Koopman	Missy Hus	2:04:70
9.	Linda Jowers	Almost April	2:13:10
10.	Julie Forsyth	Fortora Farms Buckeye Soldier	2:14:72
11.	Jeanne Abbott	Eclipse Promenade	2:27:43
12.	Kerri Rochon	Lexus	2:37:31
13.	Linda Evans	Versace	2:39:51
14.	Michael Preis		2:59:54

Class 225: Derby Final

1.	Karen Cherry		1:48:45
2.	Margy Cox		1:52:90
3.	Suzanne Smith		2:01:62
4.	Jeff Day		2:03:92
5.	Bob Giles		2:12:37



Ocala International Horse Show CT 21

Results A + C									
NR	NAME		CLT	A		C		A + C	
				PNTS	CLT	PNTS	CLT	PNTS	CLT
1	TRN SINGLE HORSE								
12	WALLIS Lorri	AR	1	55.54	2	3.00	2	58.54	1
5	PREIS Michael	FL	2	54.21	1	6.00	3	60.21	2
3	ABBOTT Jeanne	FL	3	71.54	5	1.71	1	73.25	3
16	BURNS Barbra	FL	4	66.32	4	14.91	4	81.23	4
2	PRE SINGLE PONY								
11	TINTERA Judi	FL	1	46.33	1	0.00	4	46.33	1
14	CHERRY Karen	FL	2	48.86	2	0.00	1	48.86	2
22	SMITH Suzanne	TX	3	54.33	3	0.11	5	54.44	3
8	CAREY Kathleen	TX	4	58.96	4	0.00	2	58.96	4
6	FORSYTH Julie	FL	5	63.59	5	0.00	3	63.59	5
3	PRE SINGLE HORSE								
7	ROCHON Kerri	FL	1	49.70	1	0.00	2	49.70	1
2	JOWERS Lynda	FL	2	56.38	2	0.00	1	56.38	2
28	COX Margy	FL	3	61.49	3	0.00	3	61.49	3
25	DAY Jeff	FL	4	64.43	4	3.00	4	67.43	4
4	PRE MULTIPLE								
10	WRIGHT Boots	FL	1	49.70	1	0.00	1	49.70	1
1	MEINEL Max	FL	2	68.22	2	12.77	2	80.99	2
5	INT SINGLE HORSE								
9	AUMILLER Gail	PA	1	48.37	1	8.34	4	56.71	1
15	EVANS Linda	FL	2	65.51	2	2.25	2	67.76	2
31	COX, Margy	FL	3	66.27	3	3.00	3	69.27	3
26	BECKER Marjas	FL	4	71.99	4	0.00	1	71.99	4
6	INT MULTIPLE								
32	WRIGHT Boots	FL	1	54.46	1	0.00	1	54.46	1
7	INT SINGLE PONY								
4	BECKER Marjas	FL	1	62.08	1	0.00	1	62.08	1
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NON OFFICIAL RESULTS 16:51

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Harnessing Patience

by Bob Giles

Your horse flies across the pasture, tail erect like a rudder on a Viking ship, a head set that suggests a high level of excitement, eyes bright and alert, and a mane full of wind spread out like a shampoo commercial.

His/her body profile displays regal elegance from royal heritage. You get a catch in your throat because you can't believe this beautiful creature belongs to you.

Too bad this beautiful creature also has a harness on it during this display! Thank "God" there's no carriage attached!

This recurring nightmare happens to animals that have not been imprinted at birth, thus learning to trust. Or, possibly it's the ignorance of a new driver going about harnessing incorrectly and creating a startled reaction causing the horse to fly backwards breaking either the halter, the lead line or crossties.

Now we have a fear factor we have to deal with!

Enter my hitching post! It is constructed with 8 foot 8x8s on either end with 4 feet concreted in the ground 10 feet apart. Across this is a 4 inch well casing (the only cross brace that will not bend or break).

It should be built so that you can leave your hitching post from either direction. On the backside of the cross member is 3-4 inch

rings – 4 feet apart. This is to keep multiples separated when harnessing. Anyone who has put a bitchy mare and gelding together as a pair know what I'm talking about! In the middle ring I have 4 feet of 3/8inch chain bolted together at the base as it loops around the cross member leaving two 1½ foot pieces of chain dangling with heavy duty carabineer clips on the end.

Now, let's get back to our wayward horse. I will double halter, a cowboy halter (rope) on first, a nylon halter on over next with a chain attached to each. We always have our handy knife with us in case a horse or pony over reacts and flings themselves to the ground or jumps the cross member and can't get up.

After the horse is harnessed with reins in place I remove the outer nylon halter, leaving the cowboy halter in place still attached to the hitching (patience) post. I bridle with encouragement both with my voice and a sweetener (honey, molasses, jelly, syrup – it is always going to be messy!) I also cover the bit with latex so we don't hit the teeth with steel.

My method of training is to harness and let them stand for 1 hour attached to the hitching (patience) post by the cowboy halter which I leave on under the bridle all during training. The horse goes out, does the required

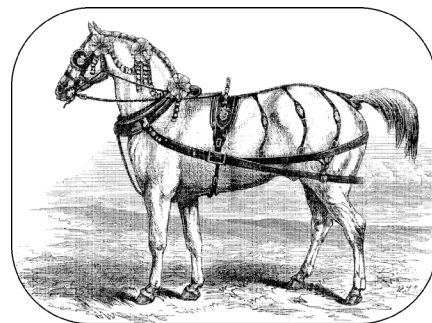
amount of time for work, comes back and stands for 1 more hour at the hitching (patience) post.

There is NO substitute for patience!

When your horse is ready to be hitched after your ground work is done and you have built a relationship of trust then it is time to mount the carriage. This is the MOST dangerous time even with another person as a header. I have a 20 foot piece of 1/4inch rope attached through the center ring which I attach to the cowboy halter with a series of daisy knots which allows me to disconnect with a pull on my rope after I am sitting in my seat, my reins in my hands and my kick strap in place. Then I throw the rope on the ground. This allows me to decide the time to leave and only me, NOT the horse. I establish control and safety.

There are thousands of variables here so consult a professional so you can have a positive first time hitching experience and you will go on many great drives together.

Be happy and stay safe! Keep your traces tight!



Florida Carriage Driving Festival 2021/2022

FW Olaf Clinic	Iron Horse Farm..... Fort White, FL	September 11 th , 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	September 15 th , 2021
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	September 19th, 2021
FW Iron Horse Continuous Drive	Iron Horse Farm..... Fort White, FL	September 25 th , 2021
FW Trail Drive and Ring Work	Good Earth Farm.. Loxahatchee, FL	October 9 th , 2021
FW Camp Black Prong	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	October 14 th - 17 th , 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	October 20 th , 2021
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	October 24th, 2021
FW Cones Practice	Vinceramos..... Loxahatchee, FL	October 24 th , 2021
Ocala International Show	World Equestrian Center, Ocala, FL	October 26 th -30 th , 2021
FW Learn the ABCs HDT	Tickety Boo Farm..... Melrose, FL	November 6 th , 2021
ADS Tickety Boo CDE	Tickety Boo Farm..... Melrose, FL	November 13 th , 2021
ADS Black Prong CT 1 & Derby	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	November 17-18, 2021
FW Iron Horse Farm Derby	Iron Horse Farm..... Fort White, FL	November 20 th , 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	November 24 th , 2021
ADS Grand Oaks HDT	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	December 4 th -5 th 2021
ADS Black Prong CT 2 & Derby 2	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	December 8 th -9 th 2021
FW Lessons w/Elizabeth Keathley	Caloosa Eq Park, W Palm Beach, FL	December 11-12, 2021
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	December 27 th , 2021
ADS Black Prong CT 3 & Derby 3	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	December 29-30, 2021
FW New Year's Eve Drive	Tickety Boo Farm..... Melrose, FL	December 31 st , 2021
FW Holiday Fun Drive	Flying Cow Park..... Wellington, FL	January 2 nd , 2022
STRIDE Year End Banquet	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 8th, 2022
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 11 th , 2022
ADS Nature Coast CDE	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	January 14 th -16 th , 2022
FW Clinic Sara Schmitt	Good Earth Farm.. Loxahatchee, FL	January 15 th -16 th , 2022
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 23rd, 2022
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	January 24 th , 2022
USEF Grand Oaks CDE	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	January 27-30, 2022
Grand Oaks Classic	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	February 4-6, 2022
FW McCulley's Camp & Fun Drive	McCulley FarmsJasper, FL	February 5-6, 2022
ADS Black Prong Dressage Festival	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	February 11-13, 2022
Movement is Medicine Vet Talk	TBD.....West Palm Beach, FL	February 12, 2022
FW Steeplechase Continuous Dr	Steeplechase.....Bronson, FL	February 16 th , 2022
USEF Spring Fling CDE	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	February 17-20, 2022
ADS Black Prong Driving Derby 4	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	February 23 rd , 2022
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	February 27th, 2022
Hazards Training Fundraiser	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	February 28 th , 2022
USEF Live Oak International CDE	Live Oak Stud.....Ocala, FL	March 3rd - 6th, 2022
ADS Black Prong Driving Derby 5	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	March 9 th , 2022
FW Lessons at Caloosa	Caloosa Eq Park, W Palm Beach, FL	March 12 th -13 th , 2022
ADS Black Prong CDE & CT	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	March 18 th -19 th , 2022
FW Steeplechase Continuous Dr	Steeplechase.....Bronson, FL	March 23 rd , 2022
STRIDE Dressage Show	Florida Horse Park.....Ocala, FL	March 27th, 2022
ADS Black Prong Derby Finals	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	March 30 th , 2022
FW Dressage & Cones Fun Show	Jim Brandon Eq Ctr, W Palm Beach	April 9 th , 2022
Metta Baxter Clinic Learn-2-Drive	Black Prong Eq Village, Bronson, FL	April 9 th -10 th , 2022
FW The Southern Drive	Grand Oaks Resort.... Weirsdale, FL	May 5 th - 8 th , 2022

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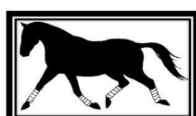
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