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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS
A CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB
FOR EDUCATION,
COMPETITION AND RECREATION
FOR CARRIAGE DRIVERS and
EQUINES OF ALL ABILITIES
AN AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY
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CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS:

Chair: Jan McEnroe

Vice Chair: Donna Knipe

Secretary: Barb Recla

Treasurer: Kathy DeLong

Newsletter Editor: Mary Van De Bogart

THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 15 at the Sunrise Café in Middleton.

NEW MEMBERS:

Rhonda Kellerer

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Jan McEnroe:

Happy Holidays!

What a fantastic year 2013 has been, beautiful fall weather and a full calendar of events and social gatherings. The days are short and cold, the horses are hairy, and I hope your feed barns are full for the winter. This is the time of year to start planning your driving events for next year; and we can help. TVWs hope to keep you busy this winter with a variety of

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seminars to help you be ready and safe for spring driving.

We have numerous activities scheduled throughout the winter months and I hope you will take advantage of at least a few. Thursday afternoons from noon - 5 the Whips have the Birt Arena reserved through May 2014. Starting in January we will be meeting for trail ground driving, a good way to keep you and your driving/riding partner in shape while catching up with your favorite friends. Twice a month (dates TBD) we will be meeting at the Munsons to study for the Driving Proficiency Program for those interested. This is a great program for beginner to experienced drivers. Keep an eye on the club website calendar for current events as they become available.

Have a great Holiday Season and thank you all for an enjoyable year of friends, driving, and fabulous food. I look forward to seeing you at one of the many events scheduled for 2014. If you have an idea for a clinic, playday, event, article, please let us know. I would love to hear from you.....)

Happy Trails

Jan

P.S. Don't forget our "Harness The Holidays" party....Come enjoy the fun!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Mary Van De Bogart:

I hope that you're all staying thawed out! This month's newsletter is about a month behind; sorry about that! I'll try to get back on track early next year. Please send me pictures, ads, articles, suggestions, or anything that you think would be of interest by February 1, 2014. And if you want to get your equine used to llamas, come out to Birt's on Thursday afternoon; I'm usually there with Cruiser.

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Barb Recla:

The meeting, held at the Sunrise Café in Middleton, was called to order by Jan McEnroe at 7:05 p.m. There were eight members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were not available at this time. Gabe Recla made a motion to delay reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded & passed.

Treasurer's report: Kathy emailed the report which was read aloud. The beginning balance on September 18 was \$4482.60. The ending balance on November 20 was \$4141.15. Gabe made a motion to accept this report. The motion was seconded and passed. There are no new memberships.

Introduction of guests: Brenda DeLong has a Welsh pony she may be interested in driving. She'd like to join the club.

There was no correspondence and no committee reports.

Old business: Amanda was not available to give a report on the Pleasure Driving Show.

Donna reported on the Driven Trec. It was a small group, but a good time was had by all.

New business: John Munson reported on the CAA Driver Proficiency Program. The program grades drivers on basic horsemanship and driving skills as well as providing instruction. John was impressed with the program and the instructor, Jane Moody. After some discussion, Karole made a motion to bring Jane Moody to our area for evaluation and instruction. The motion was seconded and passed. John will offer another rein handling get together after Christmas.

Jan talked to the owners of Lakeside Lavender by Lake Lowell about the possibility of having our club being able to drive on their grounds. We will need to add insurance for the two drives she scheduled for us—one on July 12 and one on October 11. Gabe made a motion to add this insurance. The motion was seconded and passed.

Christmas party: Donna will host the party to be held on December 14. More info will be on the flyer which will be out soon.

Arena Driving Trial: will be at Birt Arena on April 26 - 27.

Don't forget that you are welcome to join the group that drives and ground drives at Birt arena on Thursdays from noon to 5.

Gabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed.

January 15, 2014 will be the date of our next meeting.

Submitted by Barb Recla

DRIVEN TREC

Jan McEnroe :

This was a first for our driving club, and although the attendance was low the enthusiasm of the drivers who showed up was well worth the effort.



About our Trec:

Map- We put out a course map that could be studied and copied if you wanted. The map will prepare you not only to follow the route but also to know where to expect walk or trot sections.

Safety check – Each turnout will be reviewed for safety prior to starting the course. Plan for a cross country drive. What would you take if you were going to be out all day, prepared for anything? What about the weather? Think safety and comfort.

Cross-country drive – You will be expected to try to follow the route and cover the distance coming in as close to the target time as possible. There is a mandatory walk section, and an “any pace” section that is timed for a working trot. No watches, GPSs, speedometers, or calls to the mothership are allowed.

Skills or obstacles – These are elements that you may find along any trail drive, with some added twists. There is something for everyone here. Can't do one of them? Just pass it by... no eliminations. Things that you might find include hills, bridges, reining back, serpentine, circles,

crossing fields, standing quietly, driving straight, and driving over stuff. Nothing is meant to startle or scare horses or drivers.



Our Trec consisted of six miles and four obstacles. We headed out two miles “any pace” before coming to Obstacle 1, which was to perform a circle. If you made it to the dead cow (gotta love Owyhee County!) you had gone too far for Obstacle 2, the water crossing. Then you had to find the turnoff before traveling a mile at a trot to Obstacle 3, a serpentine. Another 2.5 miles at a trot brought you to Obstacle 4, which consisted of driving off the trail into the sagebrush and then back onto the trail. A .5 mile walk only section finished the course.



We had a wonderful time and tons of fun with this new recreational drive. Everyone did an incredible job, and the horses were awesome! Thank you to all who came and smiled throughout the entire day. We learned a lot, had a great day, and finished it off with a lunch of fajitas, salad, and pumpkin pie. I hope that you come out next year and try a driven Trec; your horse will be glad that you did!

2013 TVW PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Amanda Horton:

Champion Single Horse: Donna Knipe, Ginger

Reserve Champion: Rose Williams, Cherry Tree Violet

Champion Single Pony: Robin DeLong, Geordi

Reserve Champion: Kathy DeLong, Grey Luciana (Chloe)

Champion Pair: John Munson, Spring and Flint

Champion Novice Driver: Rita Egert, Killian's Red

Reserve Champ: Brit Kelly, Turtle

BIRT ARENA WINTER SCHOOLING

Mary Van De Bogart:

Some TVW members are renting Birt Arena every Thursday afternoon from 12-5 through the end of March. We figured out about how much it would cost with the number of people who were interested, and have set the cost at \$135 for a "season pass"; \$30 per month if you want to pay by the month, or \$10 per afternoon if you just want to come occasionally. You may bring a non-member guest; they will need to pay the \$10 if they bring an animal to school. Non-members who want to come more than once or twice will need to join the club. The Birts are grooming the arena for us so that it is packed nicely for driving. Also, Linda Kaye Jones will be coming over when there is sufficient interest to give lessons. Here is her information: "I'll be teaching according to the Ecole de Leжерete of Philippe Karl which I am in the teacher's course in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I will teach in-hand work to develop horse's flexions, balance and lightness leading to the same on long lines and in harness. I will also teach those who want to learn this method under saddle. Lessons are \$45 per hour lesson. I could do up to 5 lessons starting at noon."

Linda has helped me a LOT over the years – here's a video of her working with my Rosie girl this fall:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HvpMgs7_3A

She knows that there will be other folks using the arena at the same time; this work is very quiet and low-key, and shouldn't interfere with the other arena use going on. If you would like more information you can e-mail her directly at

willowgroveidaho@yahoo.com



Linda and Rosie Cotton

2014 Local and Northwest Driving Calendar

May 22-27	Weiser River Wagon Train
June 8	Murphy Outpost Days
July	Snake River Stampede Parade
July 11-13	CDE At Inavale
July 26,27	Knoll Rest CDE
August	Megan Sibiga Driving Camp
September	Stage Stop Trail Drive
	Lost N Lava Wagon and Trail Drive
October	Wagon Days Parade

CUPCAKE AND THE CLAY MAIER CLINICS

Suzi Romine:

I just cut up an apple and am sitting here thinking about the last six days, and what Cupcake and I have learned. First off..Cupcake has a rather large, strong neck and equally impressive jaw if you have not noticed. If you have not... please look at a photo of her so you will be able to share in my thoughts:



Couple that rather impressive neck with the fact that I have some pretty noticeable strength issues in my left arm from TOS, along with my fused neck, and rather unhappy spine, and you can see why all of these add up to interesting training. I also would like to add that she is a lovely mare and I trust her completely. Start to finish, all through her training thus far she has not frightened me even one time, and when you consider the last draft mare that I had as a green horse, was ...shall we say... hitchy and hot as a fire cracker...that is saying a lot about Cupcake.

I headed down to Nampa, Idaho on Monday morning, dropped off some blood samples at Idaho Equine, and then headed to the Birt's arena. I bathed Cupcake, and then settled her in her stall and ran a few errands. Then I came back later on to check on her and harnessed her up and drove her around the grounds for almost two hours. In previous months... and months, an issue has been not having a good solid walk. She has always wanted to trot in her lovely forward trot, and while she will usually come down to a walk, she certainly won't hold it. Half halt's were at one point in time so numerous that it was taking a tremendous toll on my arm and neck and this is what made me consider selling her, along with being told that I should not ride or drive horses ever again... but who's listening to that! Anyway... Monday evening she was pleasant and wonderful as we cruised around the grounds. Lovely downward transitions and a nice ground covering trot and walk. Halting patiently and stretching that massive neck down to reach for the bit. She was a bit stiff bending to the left, but I was sure that she would work that out. Clay had stopped by and mentioned that he would like to use her as one of the demo horses, which was great! I tucked her back in to her stall and stayed around for several more hours until I finally saw her drink. She doesn't like the automatic waterers, so I always give her buckets. I didn't sleep well that night wondering about her drinking so I hopped out of bed early and came down to feed her early. Took her for a little walk and let her stretch her legs and then mostly just hung around with her.

Later I harnessed her up again to find that she was even stiffer to the left and would brace her neck and jaw. Lots of bending exercises. Serpentine, circles and even crest flips; and no way was she going to soften her jaw. Finally I had her with a decent bend to the left, but begrudgingly. Still she had her lovely trot and her nice soft downward transitions. Totally happy to walk along, and we went off down the road several times. Tuesday evening was Clay's demo evening and I fitted Cupcake with her surcingle, open bridle and long reins. She was a pill! While she would happily walk, trot, turn etc. She was in no way going to stretch that massive neck down, which she can certainly do on the long reins! Three track... what is that?! I have never in my life done that! She said... Going by one side of the arena suddenly she could in no way bend her head towards the mirrors. Nope... can't do that! Clay made headway with her and finally used the end of the arena that she gravitated to to help her bend her neck to the right (suddenly now the right was the problem LOL) and then building on that incrementally then she was able to flex to the outside down the rail. The next two days were clinic days and her work was completely on the long lines both days. It was pretty much a repeat of Tuesday evening with her not wanting to stretch down at all on Wednesday. With a lot of work, she was finally giving hints of a stretch here and there. And she would do decently stretching one direction or the other, and suddenly lose the ability to stretch another direction. Clay worked with me more on our turn-arounds to make them more fluid and yeah, it actually allows me to follow her even less. On Thursday I put her driving bit on the open bridle which did seem to make a little bit of a difference. But basically she was still being a bit stubborn. Cupcake doesn't often sweat from exertion. The mare has stamina! She can long trot for two hours without breaking a sweat, unless! she is working mentally or emotionally... then she sweats buckets. She worked into a sweat each day. Finally that evening I did give her 2 grams of bute just to be sure she wasn't just sore! Friday I wanted to drive her on the last day of the clinic. By Thursday night I was thinking that somehow I have failed in my long reining thus far. Cupcake, who so dutifully has come along at home, was falling apart at the clinic. Although there were threads of improvement each day... she just was not her shining self. So I arrived at about 5:30 a.m. so that she could eat for an hour or so. Then I put her on the long lines for an hour, with her harness and driving bridle on (which is what I usually do at home..I rarely work her in an open bridle so I also wonder if that was part of it) she was much more willing to stretch down. We did endless circles and stretching exercises looping around the whole outdoors. Here and there, and she was starting to look like herself again. Still the only one there, after an hour on the long reins, I hooked her to the carriage and started all over again with the flexing, bending, asking her to reach down and stretch for the bit. There were glimmers of hope and she would hold the bend (back to left stiffness) for four or five strides. A circle would go something like this. Ask for her to come on to the outside rein with a half halt on the outside rein...she would step onto the rein. Then ask for the bend on the inside rein, while supporting with the outside rein. Two or three strides, then fall in on her shoulder and come in off of the circle... then half halt on the outside... and repeat... over, and over, and over. After about an hour we

were making headway. We walked around the grounds for a bit, and as Clay arrived I took her in to the arena to begin our work. Clay watched as I started the whole thing over again. One thing that Clay had talked about with another attendee was her habit of nagging at her horse instead of asking for and expecting a response quickly. Maybe asking just a bit more forcefully, and getting the response that you want, but not having to ask constantly. I was trying to apply this tactic more with Cupcake, even though that neck is STRONG!! So instead of a teeny little half halt... it was more of a HALF HALT... get back on the track and on that rein and stay there... then ask again for the bend. Slowly she began to hold the track, hold the bend and stay on the outside rein longer and longer. After 10 minutes or so of watching Cupcake and I work in the carriage, Clay climbed aboard taking the driver's seat. He began driving and intently worked on her while I just watched his hands. He would tell me what he was doing occasionally, and we talked about the fact that Cupcake had always been responsible for taking care of herself. Being a PMU mare, she was sure that she was the only one looking out for herself, so she is very self assured and sure that her way is the right way. I had never thought of it that way, but I can see how that may be affecting her in training. Her next issue in the arena was as simple as wanting to look out the gate. Now, we had passed it hundreds of times. She was not bolting to the gate, but only wanting to look out at it... losing her bend. By this point Clay and I were just chatting while he methodically would continue to circle in front of the gate. She would maintain a lovely bend until we came to the gate and then would snatch her head to look out the gate. Slowly as the minutes ticked by it was lessening, but she made you work for each and every increment. Finally it was just an ear flick that direction, then a momentary glance to the gate and it took less and less to bring her back to the correct bend. Then as the hour ticked away, it was just the flick of her ears toward the gate, but she dutifully held the bend. Our discussion went to the fact that she is a very strong willed girl, that it will take lots and lots of patience to win each seemingly insignificant battle of the wills. But as Clay said... hopefully with each little win on my part, the length of time that she keeps insisting that it be "her" way will become shorter and shorter. Even during our standing to be harness sessions, it took me many months to insist that she put her foot back... where I asked it to be... over and over and over. And finally after three years, she still asks once in awhile, but she dutifully moves it back where I request now. As I left on Friday afternoon, Clay said that he was happy to see "his Cupcake" back today. He told me not to second guess myself so much and to go with my instincts with her. She's just a tough nut to crack, but she has taught me so very much during this journey. Patience, which is something that I already thought I had... is something totally different with each and every animal that you work with. And you will be richly rewarded if you have bucketloads of it to share with that special horse! All of the pieces are falling in to place. She is turning in to a lovely driving partner all the while being an incredible teacher. And a huge thank you to Clay Maier and the Treasure Valley Whips club for having these clinics each year. Cupcake and I have come for all three years and without it I may have given up by now!

CRUISING WITH A CAMELID

Mary Van De Bogart:

My pony is getting old. There's no getting around that fact; she'll be 23 next year. She's still sound as a bell, but one has to think ahead. I'm a very timid driver, and the idea of starting off with a green pony is terrifying; the prospect of buying one that is sound, sane, suitable, and fully trained is financially unfeasible. Plus, Rosie and I had some misadventures over the last year; she tipped Alexandria and I out of the carriage at the 2012 PDS, and this spring I tripped and startled her and she kicked me so hard that I cracked a rib or two when I hit the ground. We are pretty sure that her heightened reactivity was due to the Thyro-I that she was prescribed for weight loss, and that situation has been fixed; but she's still a lot of pony, and my confidence has some large dents in it. I love to drive; but the pleasure and anxiety are getting out of balance. What to do next?



Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Lee and I have a string of pack llamas. We bring them to the TVW bombproofing playdays so that horses can get a look at them, and they have been obstacles at a couple of "extreme trail" events. We got them back in 2000 to hike with Lee's Boy Scout troop; they are pretty easy to handle, and a lot safer around ignorant kids than equine pack stock. (You have to try really, really hard to get badly hurt by a llama. Some of them kick occasionally, but their feet are padded; they almost never bite, and they tend to stop and think a lot more than horses. Yes, they can spit; but nobody ever died from a little saliva.) We both love to hike, and agree that this is an activity that we want to keep up when he retires. My original boys are ready to retire, so I got a couple of replacement younger packers a few years back. When I got my first llamas I toyed with the idea of driving them; but had no luck; they just wouldn't GO. But I started thinking hard about it. I've learned a lot more about long-reining, mostly from the Clay Maier clinics, and my youngest llama is straight, fancy, athletic, and very lively. I started corresponding with some llama folks in other states, and found that there are a few who drive their packers, both to keep them fit and for the fun of it. Why not have another go at it?

It's been an interesting journey. One school of thought with driving llamas is that all you need to do is harness them up with one that is broke to drive, and go. Since I didn't have a schoolmaster, and it sounded a little hair-raising anyway, I decided to develop him slowly, and carefully. Cruiser is VERY lively, and his original reaction to feeling any restraint from behind was to leap like a hooked marlin. Gradually, with the help of Lee and Jan, he learned to walk with me first

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beside and then behind him. At first, he did not respond at all to whip signals – one of the main problems with a driving llama is that if they won't go, they just WON'T go – but after being taught the meaning of "walk" and "whoa" using a header, he then would respond to a tap on the haunches. He can perform some remarkable evasions with his neck, but more and more he has learned to accept a feather-light contact on his padded halter, and to respond quickly and obediently. Clay Maier let me use him for my long reining lesson this fall, and he learned to step up the speed – I can't call it a trot, as he is quite gaited, and trots, canters, single-foots, and paces by turns. At this point he will longe like a horse for exercise, work in or out of the arena on long reins, circle, halt, stand quietly, rein back, and pull a travois.



We've starting to pull a light weight, and after that is comfortable, we'll move to the cart (if we ever get it built, but that's another story!) The highlight of this year's activities was doing a long reining freestyle at the Pleasure Driving Show. (If you want to see him at work, here's a link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbgVklqT9U>)

I've got to say, I have been so thankful for my fellow drivers' reaction to this strange endeavor. I have been made to feel most welcome to the equine activities; everyone seems to look at it as a training opportunity for their horses, rather than a nuisance. I can't wait to get Cruiser in the cart and see what he can do when he's not stuck with me huffing and puffing along behind him.

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Looking for something horsey to watch this winter?

Jan has subscribed to <http://www.giddyupflix.com/>, and really likes it. They have a wide variety of horse-related material to rent.



Sleighting Safety Especially For The First Time

By Jeff Morse:

Sleighting looks very much like pulling a wheeled vehicle but there are crucial differences. It's not unusual to find this out a little too late!

~ Have experienced help with you the 1st time you hook a horse to a sleigh! ~

Not necessarily in order of importance:

1. Use a kicking strap. Wear a helmet. Self explanatory!
2. A Horse's metabolism functions most efficiently at about 23 degrees, so all systems are firing well when you are sleighting. This translates into quicker reaction time on their part. The horse that you drive calmly and relaxed in July may be a lot sharper and fresher in December. For the first time hooking, if possible, drive or ride your horse indoors or ride them outside before you hook them to a sleigh and assess their energy level and focus. Best for the 1st time that they be a little tired and the session rather short and uneventful.
3. The drivers and handlers will not be as nimble dressed in heavy boots, thick gloves, and heavy clothing as they would be in July, dressed in shorts, a t-shirt, sneakers and regular driving gloves. Think about this when you dress for hooking the first time. Reins tend to get a little slipperier when your gloves are cold and may have a little snow on them. I like to use Zilco textured reins for sleighting to improve my grip. I find Beta reins get quite slippery with a little snow in the air. Leather reins work well too. Your regular driving reins may be a little short for the sleigh as you will tend to sit further and lower behind your horse.
4. The footing is slippery and may be deep....for both horse and handlers. This affects your ability to move around the horse if things start to escalate towards trouble. Best to have traction devices on your horse's feet for sleighting. Discuss this with your farrier as this is one of the biggest compromise situations in shoeing. You want extra traction for your horse when you sleigh, but you may only sleigh once or twice a month. Do you want your horse to wear traction 24/7 just for this one time work? OTOH, you don't want him slipping and hurting himself when he does work. Screw calks may help with the flexibility of your options. Snowball pads really help.
5. Seating in sleighs is generally lower for everyone than

- getting OUT of the vehicle quickly a little more difficult. HOWEVER: the 1st time you hook, it is best to get in the sleigh before moving off than it is to try to walk beside/behind the horse while he is hooked. If he starts to run off, you will not be able to run with him in your heavy boots thru deep and slippery snow.
6. Runners will often stick to the ground before you get into the sleigh after you have your horse hooked. He may not be used to the extra effort required to break it loose, or to the sounds the runners will make on ice and snow. After you have him hooked, before you get in, have a header holding the horse and break the runners free by moving the sleigh, then get in. Start off slightly on the diagonal; this will also help break the runners free. A little candle wax on the runners helps with this. Rust tends to form on them when not being used. Best to get this off first. Dragging it for a short distance on pavement or thru road sand will do this pretty quickly.
 7. Sleights don't go backwards very well. Carry a whip. For the 1st hooking, put a halter on over the bridle and have a helper up front with a lead on the horse.
 8. Turning is different and generally requires bigger, sweeping arcs than with a wheeled vehicle. Crusty snow is more hazardous when turning. For 1st hooking, don't try it in a small enclosed area where you have to be constantly turning. I like to use a more or less level field, although I once hooked a Morgan mare that I later found out had gone over a waterfall in a cart. She took off with me in the sleigh and I just pointed her up a big hill in about a foot and a half of powder snow... about half way up the hill she started to tire out but I pushed her on all they way to the top...she never bolted off with me again. I got lucky.
 9. Sleigh bells are fun but your horse first needs to get used to wearing them. Hang them on his stall door for a while so he gets used to the sound. Ask him to wear them while being ridden or driven before you hook him to a sleigh. And keep it simple: don't use them the 1st time you hook to a sleigh.
 10. Plan your route in advance. There are things hidden under the snow and the uneven footing can affect the confidence of the horse. Traction devices on the horse obviously improve his traction but don't help when they stumble over something buried in the snow. The first few times you hook a horse new to sleighting, know for sure what lies underneath in your way. You can't turn 180 degrees very easily in a narrow road. Don't get trapped having to cross areas without any snow, like plowed pavement or plowed dirt roads. If your horse is experienced he may cross these short distances ok, but don't try it the first time out
 11. Snow conditions are not always the best for sleighting. Deep powder is wonderful, but a little tiring on the horse; packed but not icy snow makes the job a lot easier; ice crusted, deeper footing is dangerous when it comes to turning the runners and very hard on the horse breaking thru and working against the crust; heavy wet snow makes pulling harder than light fluffy snow. The first time you hook, try for several inches of light snow or nicely packed but not icy footing.
 12. Your horse may get tired faster than he did in July. Depending on what you do with your horse, he may have lost some fitness from his peak competition condition by the time sleighting conditions arrive; the job of pulling may

just be physically more demanding because of weather/footing conditions.

13. Very Very cold air may be detrimental to your horse's lungs....not so much because of its temperature, but because it is so dry. Horses work hard pulling a sleigh and are apt to breath very deeply, pulling very dry cold air deep into their lungs. I have never had a problem with this that I am aware of but I can see how a horse could get hurt. OTOH, when it's very very cold, it's not the best time to be out there sleighing anyway. Don't pick the coldest day of the year to hook your horse for the first time. For more on airway damage from cold dry air see:

http://www.ivis.org/special_books/Lekeux/davis/chapter_frm.asp?LA=1

"Airway Injury by Cold Air" is down the page a bit. I thought this was particularly interesting about horses that survive at minus 53 degrees Celsius :

<http://www.arcticphoto.co.uk/stories/horses/horses.htm>

14. You are right to be concerned about the condition of your old sleigh. Dry rot can hide in critical places, especially under shaft wraps. Have someone who knows what they are doing look your sleigh over. You don't want to discover a weak spot while driving!

CART FOR SALE

17" wide at narrow place in shafts, & 35" from side bar across seat to other side bar. Lots of room for 2 people. The seats are tufted. Shaves could be unbolted for shipping, I think. I am asking \$800.00 or might consider trading it for one that is smaller. I have 2 other regular easy entry carts, so have been using one of them & I would like a marathon style.

If Oregon or close by Idaho, I may be able to deliver for a fee. This cart was custom made for a 35" mini & a man. The tires are not the inflatable type & are 26"; there is between 21" & 22" when shafts are level to the ground; 46" from center of cart between shafts & out to be even with their tips. 20" from axle up to top of seat. (I am about 17" so my feet just dangle.)



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CANDRIVE 2013

Donna Knipe and Brit Kelly attended the "CanDrive" driving camp in the Canadian Rockies this summer with their horses, Ginger and Turtle. What an adventure! Donna brought back lots of cool video footage; I hope that we get to see some of it at the holiday party! For more information, go to <http://www.candrive.me/houseof.php>





Treasure Valley Whips “Harness The Holidays” Christmas Party



December 14, 2013

Dinner will be provided

Location: Donna and Bill Knipe

6603 Henry Place, Nampa

Off S. Robinson Rd. between Wright and Lewis Ln.

Time: 7:00pm- ?

What To Bring:

Appetizer or Dessert

A horse related gift for the gift exchange

Activities:

Driving games, DVDs to watch



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MEMBERS’ ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I/we intend to participate in equestrian activities sponsored by or affiliated with the Treasure Valley Whips driving club. I am fully aware that certain inherent and unavoidable risks and dangers are involved in any equestrian activity. I understand that these risks, hazards, and dangers could result in my injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, or damage to my personal property.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

Being aware that these activities entail risks, hazards and dangers, I agree to accept and assume all responsibility and risks for any injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death and damage to personal property arising from my participation in these activities. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate fully aware of the risks, hazards, and dangers.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being permitted to participate in these activities, I agree, pursuant to the limitations on liability pertaining to equestrian activities contained in Title 6, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, not to hold the Treasure Valley Whips nor its members, volunteers, officers, or agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, ITS MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICERS, INSURERS OR OTHER AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, OR RIGHTS OF ACTION WHICH ARE RELATED TO OR ARISE IN ANY MANNER OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES.** This release of liability includes, but is not limited to any negligent act or omissions of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers, or other agents, which may result in my personal injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, and damage to my property. **THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY ALSO EXPRESSLY EXTENDS TO, AND INCLUDES THE OWNERS/PROPRIETORS OF ANY PREMISES OR FACILITY AT WHICH THE EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES ARE HELD.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this document, I have given up substantial legal rights and/or possible claims which I might otherwise assert or maintain in the future including, but not limited to legal rights and claims for negligent acts or omission of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers or other agents and the owners/proprietors of the premises and facility. I further agree that the laws of the state of Idaho shall govern the terms and effects of this agreement and that proper venue will be the courts of Idaho.

I HAVE READ THIS PARTICIPANTS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS. I EXECUTE IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GURARENTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Date _____ Member’s signature _____

(Parent/Legal Guardian signature required if member is under 18)

TVW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2013

December 14 "Harness the Holidays" party

2014

January 15 TVW Business meeting

February 21 Bombproofing Set Up

February 22 Bombproofing Playday

March 22 Arena Driving Trial

April 26 Arena Driving Trial

April 27 Open driving

May 17, 18 Megan Sibiga Clinic

June 7, 8 Horse Driving Trial "A Drive In The Park"

July 12 Lakeside Lavender Drive

September 9-12 Clay Maier Clinic

October 11 Driven Trec at Lakeside Farm

October 25, 26 Pleasure Driving Show

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