



Lew Smith began his drive to the Lexington Classic CDE in 2008, when he placed 3rd in preliminary pair horse. Lew said he was going back in 2009 to win and win he did. He placed first in all phases of the CDE in his class, i.e., first in dressage, marathon and cones.

Lew has worked hard all year beginning with the Presentation Phaeton which he had to remodel so that the pole was not dragging on the horses necks. { As you know, he is quite the genius when it comes to creating things in steel.} He knew that if he was going to win he had to drive the phaeton. We had to get a bigger truck, a F450 instead of the F350 (not enough braking power) and when you have our 30ft. trailer loaded with 2 carriages, a mule (kawasaki) and 2 horses it was needed. Then he had to figure out how to get all this stuff loaded in the trailer. So he built a hoist and lift so that he was able to put the mule under the marathon carriage.

Then came lessons with Mike McLennan in dressage and driving the hazards and cones and lots of practice time. With Jerry's help we put the finishing touches to his attire.

Lew entered the Longview HDT the weekend before Lexington using it as a warmup for Lexington. It worked, he won at Longview. Egads, now he is talking about LIVE OAK and of course, that is Intermediate so that means more lessons with Mike. WHEN DO I GET TO DRIVE.

Sandy Smith

