

# Delmarva Driving Lines

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## Fair Hill Pleasure Drive June 21, 22, 2003

This year's Fair Hill Pleasure drive will be held on June 21 and 22, 2003 at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area located on Maryland Rt. 273, just East of MD 213.

Directions: If using toll rt I95, exit at exit 100 and proceed N on MD 272 to MD 273. Right on MD 273 to the third entrance to Fair Hill, just past MD 213, on the right.

If using Rt. 40, proceed N on MD 213 to MD 273. Right on MD 273 to 3rd right, entrance to Fair Hill.

Stalls - Stalls 21-40 are reserved for our group. Please note below:

- \$10 per stall per night charge
- Bring your own bedding
- Stalls MUST be cleaned before you leave
- There is a manure pile available for STRAW BEDDING ONLY, no shavings. If you use shavings, please take your soiled bedding with you.

## *Fair Hill Drive continued:*

**Overnight:** There is a \$10 charge per unit per night to stay at the barns overnight. (no hookup) Call John or Martie for electric/water campsite arrangements or other info on local motels & restaurants.

**Reservations:** Please call John or Martie on 410-398-0257 or email us at [bolinsj@dol.net](mailto:bolinsj@dol.net) to let us know if you are coming, will you be staying overnight and how many stalls you will need. If necessary, leave message on answering machine and we will phone you back.

**Event:** We are tentatively scheduling a group drive on Saturday at 1 pm and another on Sunday at 10 am, or you can do your own thing since maps will be available.

**Saturday Evening:** We would like to invite anyone who would like to attend to Bolinski's Twin Oaks Farm, about 20 minute drive from Fair Hill, for a cookout /covered dish dinner on Saturday evening. Let us know if you would like to attend the cookout so we can plan the food.

Let's make it a fun, safe drive this year.

## Don't Forget -

**Sale at Ed Banning's Carriage Place 5/17/03. Preview on 5/16 1-5pm and 5/17 7-9am. Sale begins at 10am 5/17. More information on page 6.**

## Meeting Schedule

May 7 DDC Business meeting 7:00 pm at the Redden Forest Carriage House

June 4 DDC Business meeting 7:00 pm at the Redden Forest Carriage House

July 2 DDC Business meeting 7:00 pm at the Redden Forest Carriage House

August 6 DDC Business meeting 7:00 pm at the Redden Forest Carriage House

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## Information Please!

Do you have any driving or horse related articles, stories, quotes, pictures, web pages of interest, jokes or other information, including notice of events, you'd like to share with the DDC members through the newsletter? If so, please send them to:

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North East, MD 21901  
bolinsj@dol.net

## Minutes of Delmarva Driving Club

April 2, 2003 Meeting

President John Bolinski called April 2, 2003 meeting to order at 7:05 PM at Redden Forest Carriage House.

There were 18 members present.

**Secretary's Report:** March/5th /2003 minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Previous balance as of March/5th /2003 \$4,046.83

**Income** \$628.00

**Expenses:** \$899.14 Total checking account balance as April/2nd/2003 is \$3,775.69  
CD#1 \$3,640.29 CD#2--\$3,798.26

DDC 2003 1st Quarter Financial Report

Total Funds available \$11,196.27

Treasure report approved as read.

**Sunshine Report:** Lois reported balance \$25.44 plus \$8.00 from 50/50

### Old Business:

Heidi gave a report on the Lore Homer clinic. It was a very nice clinic, and she was disappointed that more members did not participate, and it being free. Heidi asked what we wanted to do about the next clinics. After a discussion Lois Evans made a motion to read; Heidi was to be empowered to make the decision, to cancel the next Anne Council clinic in the event that there was too few enrollees, with or without any input of those already enrolled. This was to relieve the DDC of any excessive cost as well as avoiding those enrolled being charged an increased sign-up fee, as most had already signed up at the \$40.00 fee.

### 20th DDC Anniversary Sept/27th:

Sherry mentioned several items such as Plaques, Patches, Mugs, Hats, and T shirts. Carl will check about mugs.

### Fun Day:

George Parris reported that everything is good to go. It will be 10:AM until 4:PM at Nutter Marvel's in Georgetown. We need the registry forms returned. Contact Carl Zimmerman. Lois will do the

*April 2, 2003 minutes continued.*

announcing Pam's husband will transport the DDC trailer.

Spring Checkout Drive will be postponed until a later date.

Sherry Harris canceled her drive at the C and R Center.

### 2003 tax forms:

Pam reported that unless we made \$25,000.00 Federal does not have to file. Del has been paid.

### Phone Tree:

Kay will send Membership list to MJ.

### New Memberships:

1. Emilie Courtney from Dover DE.
  2. Paul Clendaniel from Harrington DE.
- Pam motion to accept applications and seconded by Joe Paul

### New Business:

President Bolinski mentioned doing a newsletter every month. George Parris made a motion to go back to having a newsletter monthly. And seconded by Paula Barto.

Paula gave a run down on the progress that the DEC is making towards the trails in the State Parks.

Lois spoke on a drive to the Iron Furnace on Sept/7/2003 at 1:00 BYOP

For Calendar of Events keep check with your monthly Newsletter.

50/50 won by Ed Evans in the amount of \$8.00

### Refreshments:

Served by John and Martie Bolinski. Carl Zimmerman will serve May.

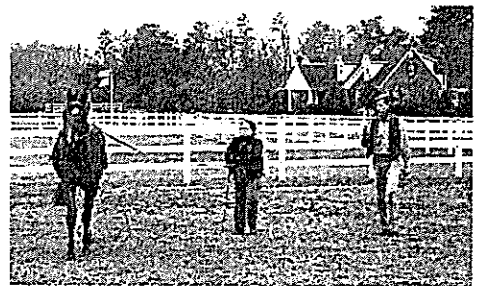
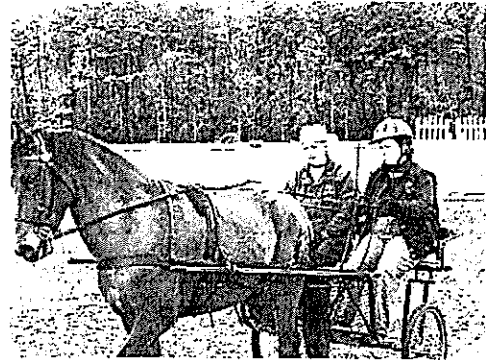
### Adjournment:

Hearing no further business Paula motioned to adjourn. Seconded Wayne Connors

Respectfully, Submitted

Kay Mildon

Secretary



### Ann Council Line Driving Clinic

4/12/03

A great day and a great clinic with emphasis on longlining and getting a horse 'on the bit' plus a little bit of something different for everyone.

We had 6 participants with horses at very different levels of training and ability. There were a few auditors also, but I forgot to count.

Each horse was started off ground driving and afterward offered the option to drive put to a carriage for additional instruction.

I know that everyone took away some valuable lessons and lots of new ideas from Ann's informative, energetic style.

The weather was a bit nippy in the morning, but our hostess, Frances Baker, served up a wonderful hot soup and drinks at lunch time. The best spaghetti-vegetable soup I have ever eaten! Thanks are well deserved to Frances for hosting this clinic and to Heidi for putting it together!

Martie Bolinski

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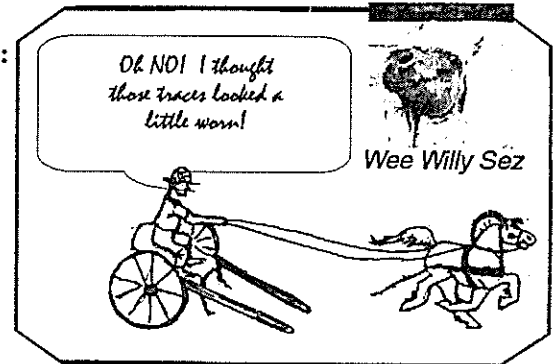
from Carl Zimmerman -

## Drive Smartly - Drive Safely Sound Advice from the CCA

*Editor's Note:* The following is another in a series of articles presenting portions of the Carriage Association of America's excellent publication: "Drive Smartly - Drive Safely".

### The Ten Most Common Causes of Accidents and Ways of Avoiding Them:

1. Lack of ability on the part of the driver
2. Carelessness and overconfidence of the driver
3. The driver's lack of understanding of horses, or lack of horse sense
4. Inadequate or improper training of the horse or horses
5. The unsuitability as to size or temperament of the horses
6. **Failure of equipment**
7. Poor fitting of the harness
8. Lack of skilled assistance
9. Disturbance of the horse (s) from outside causes
10. Failure of the driver to anticipate and plan for emergencies



This again may appear to be an obvious cause of accidents, but do we all take enough trouble to make sure that there are no weak spots in our harness or carriage?

Some quite small parts of harness are vital to safety. These include the bit billets of reins, the hame straps that secure the hames to the collar, breeching straps and most parts of the bridle. When descending a steep hill, the pole pieces or chains must withstand a great deal of strain and their failure could lead to disaster. On lighter American carriages a neck-yoke and neck-yoke traps serve the same purpose and they have more parts that might fail. When ascending a steep grade, it is the hame tugs, traces and whiffletrees that must not give way. If any of these parts should break, the neck yoke could slip off the end of the pole and lead to an accident.

All parts of the harness should be carefully examined after each use. The vital parts such as reins should be tested from time to time by subjecting them to shock and strain by tying them to some fixed object and pulling and jerking.

The tongues of buckles, especially trace buckles, can become bent so that they will pull through the buckle when drawing a heavy load. Buckles with brass tongues should not be used on parts of harness that might have to withstand a strong pull.

Old leather may show little outward signs of wear, but it may have perished through drying out or having mold organisms feed on it for a long time. If it cracks when bent, it should be discarded.

If a collar and hames is being used, it is important that the hames should be well seated in the collar groove. Hames made of yellow brass will not stand as much strain as those of steel or tough bronze.

The most vulnerable points on light American carriages are the shaft couplings on the axle and the king-pin or bolt. Those types of shaft couplings that fasten with a spring clip should be secured so that they won't fly open on rough going.

The whiffletree bolt is another vital part that may be badly worn and may snap under strain. The whiffletree tips to which the traces are attached are usually fastened with screws that can come loose. They should be examined occasionally.

The shaft stops and breeching staples should be inspected from time to time as these have the job of holding back a carriage on a steep descent.

Buggies that are not cut-under run the risk of overturning if turned too short. Iron tires may slide quite freely over a solid rubber iron, but rubber tires will not and it is then that the buggy is flipped over. Free working rubber rollers are essential with rubber tires and they should be fitted on all buggies that have rubber tires in place of iron.

Brake blocks should be examined and replaced when worn. Wood or rubber brake blocks are used on iron tires, but metal blocks are used with rubber tires.

Wheels with loose spokes can be dangerous. On two-wheeled carts it is the sideways thrust when turning that can cause wheels with loose spokes to collapse.

*Interested in hosting a drive? Organizing an activity? Ideas for events or clinics? Or perhaps you'd just like to help out at a scheduled event? If so, please contact DDC's Activities Coordinator and discuss your interests.*

Heidi Ferguson

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## DDC SPONSORED CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

### Schedule of events for 2003

*We will have more information about the activities below in future issues. If you can volunteer for any of these events, or have other events to suggest, please contact Heidi Ferguson. Don't be bashful - we need your input and your support! There will be no activity unless it has a 'sponsor' If you can help out, let us know. If you plan to attend PLEASE contact the host at least 2 weeks before the event.*

### May 10 2nd Anne Council Clinic - Heidi Ferguson

May 17 C&R Center Drive - Sherry Harris CANCELLED

### May 17 Sale at Ed Banning's Carriage Place - see ad in newsletter - page 6

Jun 21,22 Fair Hill Drive - Martie & John Bolinski 410-398-0257

### Jun 29 Draft Horse Day - Wayne Conner/Lois Evans - see p 5 this issue

Sept 7 Commemorative Drive 5.5 mile from east of Fruitland, MD to Iron Furnace (now called Furnacetown). BYOP (bring your own picnic) more info to follow. - Ed or Lois Evans, 302-875-4971.

### Sept 27 Wye Island Drive - Sherry Harris and ...

### Sept 27 20th Anniversary DDC celebration - Wye Island - Sherry Harris

Oct 5 Annual Redden Drive - Heidi Ferguson

### Nov 1 - Assateague Drive - Carl Zimmerman

Dec 12 DDC Christmas Party - C&R Center - Sherry Harris

## Other Equine Events (non DDC):

May 2,3 Martin's 32nd Annual Spring two-day public auction of horse drawn coaches, carriages, sleighs, antiques & horse related items. Lebanon PA. Contact Paul Martin 717-354-6671. martinauctioneer@supernet.com.

May 9-11 Garden State CDE, Horse Park of NJ, Allentown. Contact Heather Walker

## Other Equine Events, cont:

908-439-3171, walkershimsea@hotmail.com

May 17 - Red Hat Society at Nutter Marvel. If you can provide carriage rides 1-3 pm, please contact Rosalie Walls (302)855-9660/0722

May 16-17 Ro-Lin On Clydes Driving School, Aaronsburg PA: Roger Thomas, 814-349-5791 rolinon@uplink.net

May 18 - 21st Annual My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show. Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. Contact Marjorie Richmond 410-323-3827. bart\_richmond@yahoo.com

May 23-25 Chicks Memorial Day QH Show - Wayne Diamond 302856-7862

May 23-25 'Cheers For Ears' Donkey and Mule Show, Virginia Horse Center 540-966-3588

May 30-31 Gladstone Spring CDE, Training, Prelim, Advanced Contact: Sharon Gorry 908-832-9366, gladstoneeq@earthlink.net

May 31-June 1. Winmill Pleasure Show, Morven Park Equestrian Ctr. Leesburg, VA. Contact Betsy Smith 540-347-3015. firesmithdals@erols.com

June 1 - Winmill Pleasure Driving Show. Morven Park Equestrian Ctr., Leesburg VA. Contact Nancy Bedford 540-364-7620. nbedford@erols.com

June 6-7 Oak Hill Pleasure Driving Show. VA Horse Ctr. Lexington, VA. Contact Robert Reel 540-463-2194. www.horsecenter.org

June 6-8 Oak Hill CDE, VA Horse Ctr, Lexington, VA. Training, prelim, advanced. Contact Robert Reel 540-463-1859

June 7-8 Brandywine Carriage Driving Show. Kennett Square, PA Contact: Claire Reid 610-486-6670. Claire.reid@oracle.com

June 12 DQHYA All-Novice Show Chick's Show Series - contact Wayne Diamond 302-857-7862

June 13 Chick's Summer QH Show - contact Wayne Diamond 302-857-7862

July 10-13 DQHA Summer Sun Circuit -

## Other Equine Events, cont:

Chick's Show Series - contact Wayne Diamond 302-856-7862

June 21-23 BAYER/USET Festival Of Champions, Gladstone, NJ Contact Sharon Gorry 908-832-9366

August 1-3 Chick's Delmarva QH Classic - contact Wayne Diamond 302-856-7862

September 5-7 Laurels at Landhope CDE - more info to follow

September 19-21 Gladstone Fall CAI-B CDE, Gladstone NJ. Prelim, advanced. Contact Sharon Gorry 908-832-9366. gladstoneeq@earthlink.net

September 20 Cedarcrest Show, Georgetown. More info to follow

September 20-21 Piedmont Driving Club Show, Foxcroft School, Middleburg, VA. Contact Marcia West 434-971-8272 aimeejazz@aol.com.

## Cost Containment

*If you have an email account and would like to receive your newsletter online, it would save the club postage, copy and paper costs. Please send your email address to Martie Bolinski at bolinsj@dol.net*

*Sorry - no news to report this issue. Still working out the bugs.*

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**Ann Council Clinics** - because the May clinic is not filled, we will accept late registrations. If you are still interested, please contact Heidi Ferguson ASAP. These clinics are expected to pay for themselves, therefore, cost per person for the 2nd clinic May 10th is dependent on number of signups.

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## **Saddle Raffle - Delaware Equine Council Fund Raiser.**

Weaver Cordura Saddle & Bridle Outfit Drawing 7/26/03 - Tickets \$1, 6 for \$5 Saddle donated by TSC-Dover DE - See or call members of the DEC Board or stop by Chick's - Harrington DE or Tractor Supply - Dover DE

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## DRAFT HORSE DAY JUNE 29

Lois Evans

Set aside Sunday, June 29, from just before noon until 5 p.m. for a busy, fun-filled program of activities designed to present the equine in draft situations. Now, before you dismiss this as being ho-hum and dull, watching big-footed, plodding-along, ton-sized horses walk around in a field, we want to give you some things to think about. We hope you'll find an activity or two that will challenge you and YOUR favorite equine.

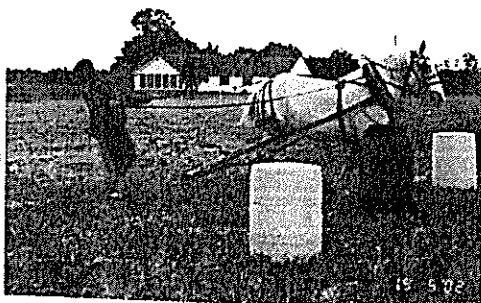
Friend Webster and other famous dictionary authorities define 'draft' in several ways: 1) the drawing of a measured 'dose' or portion (as in from a keg); 2) as something being pulled or drawn; 3) the actual pull or traction of a load; 4) to drive close behind another vehicle in order to take advantage of its wake; and 5) the initial foundation of a plan or document. Given these descriptions, we horse-and-carriage folks should be able to easily see where we fit into the overall scheme of things in this multi-faceted world of equine driving.

ALL our equines, despite their size and experience, are invited to take part in these fun and stimulating tests for man (and woman) AND beast working together!

The DDC invites you and your equines(s) to participate in the exhilaration of taking a 'sip' of our different events (you may find you actually enjoy walking beside your horse as he works!) and come to realize that EVERY TIME YOUR ANIMAL IS HARNESSSED AND IS EXPECTED TO PULL SOMETHING< he is a DRAFT!!! The carriage, logs, loaded or empty sled, all are draft and represent something to be pulled, offering little or a lot of traction (resistance) to our equine pulling machine. We don't really see much wake created on our pleasure drives (that's a GOOD thing), but it is a factor at the racing oval, and many of us started our pleasure driving hobby behind a still willing but retired standardbred. None of us are so old that we actually remember the invention of the wheel, but we can thank that inventor for the evolution of all the glorious carriages and beautifully-decorated gypsy vans, delivery wagons and park phaetons we have seen or now proudly own.

Please join hosts Wayne Conner and wife Phyllis, with organizers Ed and Lois Evans for a great day of Horse Appreciation. It will again be held at 9801 Orchard's End Rd., Bridgeville, DE, just south of Trinity Transport, on US 13 northbound, north of th Rt. 404 stoplight. Be hitched up and ready to start about 11:30, just after two, short talks about draft breed nutrition, hoof care and safety. Plan to be busy and involved in several events with your equines and then take a short pleasure drive before we share our homemade cakes and ice cream about 4:30 p.m. Call Wayne at 302-337-8828 or Ed at 302-875-4971 if you can help with the setup of courses and obstacles ahead of time. Of course, if you can stay to re-load all the equipment, that will be greatly appreciated. A full schedule of events will be printed in the next newsletter, or call any of the above folks for more information.

It was a great event last year! Let's make it another!



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## Member Classified

Sale Kuhnle Marathon vehicle, black with leather, delayed steering for horse pair. Great shape. Ideal for training a pair of driving horses. Quick release snaps swivel head pole adjustable for size of horses. ADS, CDE approved. Safe and ready to go. Disk brakes on all four wheels. Also emergency brake. \$6500. Contact Mike Keatley 410-392-3831

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Contact Martie Bolinski  
410-398-0257  
bolinsj@dol.net*

1999 Chevy Z71, 3 dr, loaded, leather, 350 cu in, Auto, 1/2 ton, 4x4, 6 1/2 ft bed, 59,000 mile, \$18,000 Call Wayne 302-337-8828

## Public Auction

Draft horses, carriages, 2001 Ford F-350, 2002 Feather Lite 34' Al trailer and **much more**  
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## President's Message

Fun Day 4/27/03

I would like to take this space to say 'Thank you' to all those who made Fun Day a real FUN DAY success!

Carl Zimmerman and George Parris did an outstanding job of organizing, setting up and leading us through the many events of the day. And what a beautiful day it was, too! And Lois Evans served as the informative announcer for the event. Thanks Carl, George, Lois!

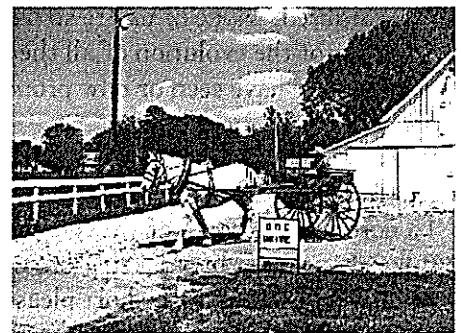
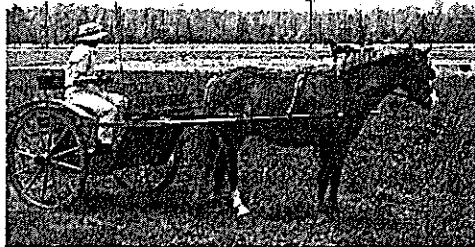
Behind the scenes, there were many other volunteers who helped with the set-up, operation, and tear-down as well as many who brought covered dishes and desserts, and yours truly, who grilled all those wonderful hotdogs. All your efforts made this a very successful 'FUN' event. Thank you.

I would also like to recognize Rosalie Walls for arranging for the use of the Nutter Marvel Museum facilities and being so very kind in opening up all the buildings and the Gift Shoppe for all of us to see. Rosalie still needs volunteers to give carriage rides on May 17th, so if anyone is available to help out, she would very much appreciate a call. 1-302-855-9660/0722.

Overall, everyone had a fun day, with no injuries and no serious incidents. A lot of people tried new things and learned a lot. Once again it showed what our club can do when we set our minds to it.

Thank you one-and-all!!

John Bolinski, President



**CLINICS/DRIVES/EVENTS** - If you plan to attend any of the clinics /drives/ events sponsored by the club PLEASE remember to contact the host! It is **important** to know approximately how many people we will have for an event. So, as a courtesy, even if you are uncertain, let the host know you MAY attend. If events are not popular enough to gain attendance, they WILL be cancelled. You don't want to get there (unannounced) and find there is no event to attend.

Lots more photos on the website



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