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Meeting Schedule

**September 3 DDC Business
meeting 7:00 pm at the Redden
Forest Carriage House.**
**SPECIAL topic - next year's
events**

October 1 DDC Business meeting
7:00 pm at the Redden Forest
Carriage House.

November 5 DDC Business
meeting 7:00 pm Redden Forest
Carriage House.

Harnessing in the 21st Century

Function Before Form in the Single Turnout

*article reprinted with permission from 'The Whip', and author, Tarrah Baker, Advanced Equine. Thanks to Sherry Harris for tracking this down and obtaining permissions. This is the 2nd and final installment for this article.. Enjoy. Addendum -Photography credit goes to , Callie Jordan, (information accidently omitted in July issue)
continued from August issue*

This brings us to error # 2 lack of shaft stops. A shaft stop is anything on the shaft of the carriage that prevents the shaft from going through the shaft loop to the point where the breeching or front of the carriage stops it. This can take a variety of forms. (See photos 5 and 6).

This has several safety and comfort issues for the horse and driver. As you start your Harnessing process and put the shaft in the shaft loops and then, before the breeching is done up, the shaft stops will maintain a constant distance between horse and carriage and the horse won't hit the front of the carriage if it takes a step backwards.

Next, if the breeching straps were to break, the shaft stops help maintain a safe distance between horse and carriage as the carriage is slowed down. Third, and perhaps more important, without shaft stops the shaft slides through the shaft loop until the breeching stops it, (see photos 7 and 8) and the breeching will stay tightly against the hindquarter until there is sufficient uphill grade to unweight the shaft and allow the shafts to slide backward out of the shaft loop to home position. This changes the balance and weight on the horse's back when in a 2-wheeled carriage.

Wrap straps or Tilbury tugs can make things worse by allowing the shaft to slide through under extreme downhill situations, but preventing the backward slide until another extreme situation occurs.

Finally, in the quick stop, go, and turn in the marathon, the shaft can slide so far through the

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Correction: Last issue had the Christmas party listed at Laurel Saddle Friends. It has NOT been changed from the C&R Center. Sorry for the confusion.

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**REMINDER - as mentioned in the
July newsletter, a special topic at
September meeting will be next
year's events planning. Be there
and help us preplan for 2004!**

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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:

Martie Bolinski
986 Irishtown Rd.
North East, MD 21901
bolinsj@dol.net

Delmarva Driving Club Aug/6th /2003 Meeting

President John Bolinski called Aug/6th/2003 meeting to order at 7:08PM at Redden Forest Carriage House.

There were 17 members present, and 2 guests, Bob and Marcia Simmons.

Secretary Report: July/2nd /2003 minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasury Report: Previous balance as of June/4th /2003 in the amount of \$2,487.48
Total checking account balance, as of Aug/6th 2003 in the amount of \$816.36
CD#1--\$3,658.15 CD#2--\$3,812.21

Lois brought check for \$28.50 from Southern States, and a check for \$100.00 for metal signs.

Sunshine: Lois reported \$18.79 balance. Cards were sent to Jim Spies, Joe Monaghan, and Rachel Marine.

Membership: Marcia Simmons and Bob Simmons from Centerville Maryland.

Old Business:

20th DDC Anniversary Sept/27th:

Club House will be set up Friday night.

There will be 7 different routes that can be used for the drives.

Sherry asked for all Registrations to be in before or by Sept/3/2003

Delaware State Fair:

Paula mentioned that the DEC has the big Coloring Books for sale.
The price \$10.00 per copy.

Insurance:

There was an increase in insurance, from \$645.00 to \$815.18
This will include our meetings being insured.

Fire Museum Trip to Lutherville MD:

Sept/6th We would leave Seaford at 9:30 AM It would be a 1 ½ hour drive. Return at 6:30 PM.

\$17.00 per person.

Driving Events:

Cedar Crest driving show Sept/20th

Iron Furnace Sept/7/2003 Drive off 1:00 Bring picnic lunch.

Sept/23/2003 Pool Party at Heidi Ferguson.

50/50 won by Sherry Harris in the amount of

Refreshments: were served by Sherry Harris

Adjournment: Hearing no further business Heidi motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Conner.

Respectfully, Submitted
Kay Mildon
Secretary

Letters to the Editor

We invite all DDC members to write in to the newsletter to express their thoughts and views. We will print all letters as space allows.

SPECIAL NOTICE - COGGINS

If you are bringing a horse to a DDC event, please be sure you have your Coggins paperwork with you. If you are asked to produce and do not have it, you WILL be turned away from the event.

Wee Willy Sex



I told
you you couldn't win an
argument with the
farrier!



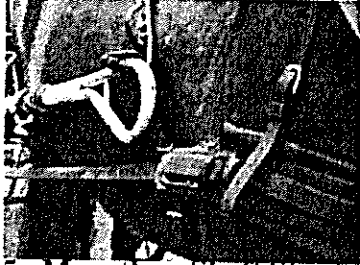
!! New Web Address for Delmarva Driving Club !!

At the July DDC meeting, we voted to improve our webpage address to make it easier to remember and to type, so - make note that the new address IS:

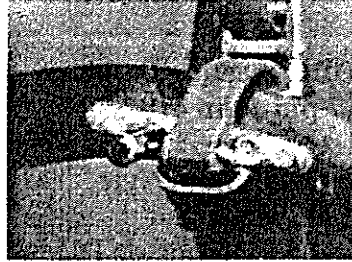
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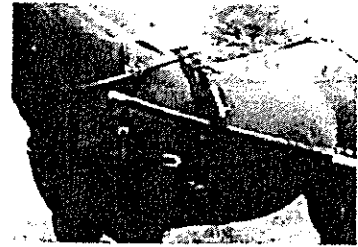
ON THE HORSE AND DRIVER, AS YOU START YOU



5. Marathon Shaft Stop



6. Traditional Shaft Stop



7. No Shaft Stop

shaft as to catch on a point in front of the horse or even under its chin (as has been related to me). For very short marathon shafts, there would need to be something at the front of the shaft holding the shaft loop on to the shaft.

This brings us to error #3. We need to have a straight, unrestricted line of draught from the point of the shoulder to the singletree of the carriage. The errors are a result of something either breaking the straight line of the trace or constricting the movement of the trace. The most common points of error are:

1. at the breeching hold back,
2. at the saddle area
3. and, for the breast collar harness, at the angle of the trace and breast plate on the shoulder.

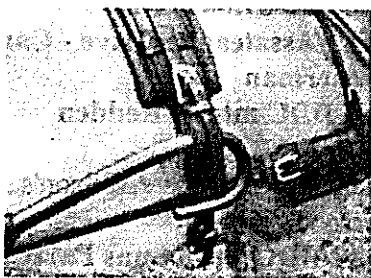
For the breastplate, the basic concern is to keep pressure off the point of the shoulder. In traditional turnout where there is a straight line back from chest to singletree, this is usually not a problem. But, in modern vehicles where the singletrees have become very low, this often becomes a real issue. So we have to be very careful as we drop the angle.

The next point of error is at the saddle of the harness. If the line of the trace drops quickly or the shafts are in close to the horse and the singletree is wide, the traces cannot go between the strap holding the shaft loop and the connection to the false bellyband. The traces must travel outside the shaft loop strap to false bellyband. (See photo 9). Otherwise, freedom of movement of the trace is constricted and the angle broken (two error in one spot).

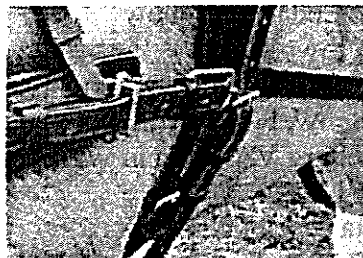
The next error point is at the breeching. If the single tree is low, the trace often cannot go between the gap of the holdback straps between breeching and shaft in order to have a straight line to the singletree. In this case a trace carrier (see photo 10) should hang off the breeching. The trace carrier itself must be long enough that it does not create an angle which impedes the trace line.

The fourth error is regarding the width of the shafts in relationship to the width of the horse. Many carriages are made so that the shaft can be rotated to adjust to the width of the horse at the saddle. Although we may not want our shafts protruding, there should still be several inches distance on each side of the horse between shaft loop and saddle.

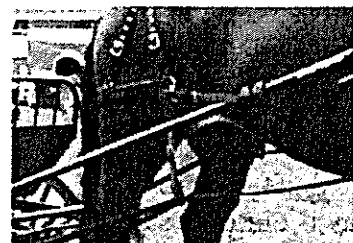
Every horse and every carriage may require a different arrangement. We need to look at the physics of what is occurring and not merely harness by rote.



8. Marathon Shaft with no shaft stop



9. Pinched at Saddle



10. Trace Carriers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Schedule of events for 2003
New format: DDC items are in BOLD.

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. If you know of events of interest that are not DDC sponsored, let Martie know (410-398-0257 bolinsj@dol.net) 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.

Classified:

Have something to sell?
Something you want to buy?

Members classified adds
welcome here.

DEC update

Monies from the saddle raffle will be used for the Make a Wish Foundation to support a child who wants to do something with horses.

House Bill 160, regarding Sunday hunting will come up when the legislators return to session. All equestrians need to speak with their representatives and anyone who will listen and tell them we don't want to see this. Sunday is our only safe day for riding, driving, hiking, biking, birding and family fun.

- **Sep 3 DDC meeting Redden Forest 7 pm John 410-398-0257**
- Sep 4 1st St Coon Hunters Harrington DE 7 pm Nyle 422-4094
- Sep 5 DQHA Harrington DE 7:30 pm Amanda 697-6646
- Sep 5-7 Laurels at Landhope CDE West Grove PA; Mrs James O'Rourke, Jr. 610-486-6484
- **Sep 6 Fire Museum Trip, Lutherville, MD Lois Evans 302-875-4971**
- **Sep 7 Commemorative Drive 5.5 mile from east of Fruitland, MD to Iron Furnace. (bring your own picnic) more info to - Ed or Lois Evans 302-875-4971.**
- Sep 9 LSF Laurel DE 8 pm Linda 875-4217
- **Sep 11 Happy Birthday Delmarva Driving Club! 20th anniversary**
- Sep 13 Milton Eque Ctr. Show 9 am Milton, DE Karen 684-1818
- Sep 13 LSF Show 6 pm Laurel DE Reda 934-9649
- Sep 13 Kids' Fest "Fun with a Horsey Flavor" 10-4 DE Fairgrounds Harrington Linda 302-398-3898
- Sep 15 DEC, C&R Ctr 7 pm Brenda 302-875-7869
- Sep 19-21 Gladstone Fall CAI-B CDE, Gladstone NJ; Sharon Gorry 908-832-9366 gladstoneeq@earthlink.net
- Sep 20 Cedarcrest Show Georgetown DE
- Sep 20-21 Piedmont Driving Club Show, Foxcroft School, Middleburg VA; Marcia West 434-971-8272 aimeejazz@aol.com
- **Sep 27 20th Anniversary DDC celebration - Laurel Saddle Friends - Sherry Harris, 410-482-2402**
- Sep 27 Driving Clinic Forksville, PA Susan Andrews rustyriver@microlink.net
- Sep 28 Montanvale Farm Carriage Driving Competition, Forksville, PA; Ruthann Gaitt 570-924-35674
- **Oct 1 DDC mtg Redden Forest 7 pm; John Bolinski 410-398-0257**
- Oct 2 1st St Coon Hunters Harrington DE 7 pm Nyle 422-4094
- Oct 3 DQHA 7:30 pm Harrington, DE Amanda 697-6646
- Oct 3-5 A Driving Weekend at the Sussex County NJ Fairgrounds 973-948-5022 sgerber@nac.net
- Oct 4,5 Ground Training demo, Lectures/Demos and more at ChapterOne Farms. Helene Paxton 1-856-299-5124 or tm@chapteronefarms.com
- **Oct 5 Annual Redden Drive - Heidi Ferguson**
- Oct 11 Milton Eque Ctr Show 9 am Karen 684-1818
- Oct 12 LSF Halloween Costume 12 N followed by game show; Reda 734-9649
- Oct 17-18 Martin's Auction Lebanon, PA; Karen and Paul Martin, Jr 717-354-6671
- **Oct 25 Fall Harvest - Lois Evans 302-875-4971**
- **Nov 1 - Assateague Drive - Carl Zimmerman**
- **Nov 5 DDC mtg at Redden 7:00 pm**
- November 9, 10 Dave Wilson's Drive and Auction
- **Dec 12 DDC Christmas Party - C&R Center - Sherry Harris**

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CHAPTER ONE FARMS PRESENTS A 2-Day clinic

Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 2003

Name of Clinic: "Horse, Gaits, Balance & Movements", A Day with Susan Harris

**using Centered Riding Techniques

**Book signing for all participants

**First time for VISIBLE HORSE DEMO in NJ!!

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Information: Location: Pedricktown, NJ, Exit 7 of 295N, Indoor arena

Saturday: PM 2:00-4:00pm Indoor Arena

Schooling Demonstration:

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Trainer and judge

Saturday: PM 4:30-8:30 pm Indoor arena

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Sunday AM and PM: Horse and rider clinic : 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Understanding and Improving your Horses Gaits, Balance and Movement

5 riders will have the opportunity to bring their horses and work with Susan to improve their capabilities.

Auditors will be able to ask questions and observe the work with horses and riders.

See page 6 for signup information

DDC Trip to Fire Museum of MD

Plan to join us for a bus trip to the Fire Museum on September 6th. Lois Evans is organizing. Bus hold 45; cost for the bus will be between \$13-20 per person depending on the number of folks who want to go. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults. The museum houses a number of horse drawn fire vehicles and there will be special demonstrations on the 6th. 302-875-4971 for information and signup.

Kid's Fest - FUN with a Horsey Flavor

Saturday Sept 13, 10 am to 4 pm

Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE

information: Linda Chick 302-398-3898 or 302-398-3008. email:

lchick1026@aol.com

Horse & Pony workshops

Refreshments

Craft Show/Flea Market

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Children FREE

Ride and Game tickets 30/\$5

Pemberton Colonial Fair is an annual event held the fourth weekend in September at the Pemberton Fair Grounds in Salisbury, MD. In years past, the DDC was an active participant in the affair, providing a carriage parade, carriage display and valuable knowledge of horse drawn vehicles. The show is under new management and many positive changes are in the works. Mr. Bill Wilson, one of the new organizers, would like the DDC to join the festivities and he is willing to come to a meeting to outline the changes and encourage our participation in the event. He can be reached at 410-742-4182 for additional information.

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Please contact Chapter One Farms for more information and for registration information.

The five riders will be on a first come as first serve basis but need to be intermediate to advance riders in capability. Don't wait-- be a part of this exciting opportunity. 1-856-299-5124 or tm@chapteronefarms.com or hpaxton@bioguidance.net

Registration:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Registration must be pre-paid as space is limited : Circle desired option below

Fees: \$40.00 both days (save \$10.00)

Saturday only: \$20.00

Sunday Only \$30.00

Riding clinic: \$100.00 limited to 5 riders

Return registration with check payable to Chapter One Farms, LLC
87 Pedricktown-Woodstown Rd.
Pedricktown, NJ 08067
Fax: 856-299-6772

You must pre-register to attend !

*Benefits Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society sponsored event!
Join US and give to your community, too.*

Coming to Chapter One Farms in January 04 - a series of carriage driving clinics. New indoor facility. Only 8 minutes past the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Here's your chance to work with those driving horses in this winter! More information to follow.



Pool Party at Hunter Haven Farm

Although only a small select group, the pool party was well received and a welcome relief from the heat. For those who couldn't make it, this is a view of what you missed! Hopefully, Heidi will make this an annual event so those of us who missed out can have a 2nd chance.



Sussex County NJ Driving Weekend at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ October 3-5, 2003

Classrooms, clinics, pleasure driving, social activity and fun, food and festivity. Clinicians include Lisa Singer and other well known drivers. Friday night potluck. 973-948-5022 or sgerber@nac.net

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