

Delmarva Driving Lines

Newsletter of the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc.
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April 2007

DDC Meeting Schedule

BOD meeting April 4th, 6:00 pm Redden Carriage House
Membership Meeting April 22nd at Redden Forest, Jester Tract. 1:00 pm.
BOD meeting May 12, before the horse show.

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Membership Dues! Don't forget

your dues must be paid by the end of March to continue receiving notices of DDC events and the Delmarva Driving Lines newsletter. Please use the form attached on page 9 and mail in as soon as possible. Don't let this be your last newsletter. At the bottom of your mailing label is the date of your last dues payment. If it does not say '2007' and you have paid your dues, please contact Martie Bolinski. 410-398-0257

2nd Quarter General Membership Meeting and Pleasure Drive April 22nd

Don't miss our pleasure drive at Redden State Forest led by Kay Mildon and navigated by Peg Koster. Picnic lunch and membership meeting will follow. We will be voting on the by-laws proposals that were mailed to you earlier, so don't miss out. Drive off will be at 1:00 pm. after a short safety check. Please have your Coggins with you. Please bring your own picnic lunch. Please police the area of trash and manure before you leave!

Coming Soon: Fourth Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show

Only six weeks to go until our 4th annual Pleasure Driving Show! We've been making good progress getting ready, but there's still plenty to do. If you know of any potential advertisers who haven't yet submitted an Ad, please encourage them to send it right away to Carl - Ads will be accepted until Friday, April 6th. The show brochure/prize list will be mailed out on April 9th, and will be sent to everyone who has competed in the previous show. If you haven't competed before or know someone who's interested, please contact Carl or George to receive a copy. Early registration will run through May 5th.

Two other things. First, we've added additional classes to the show this year and as a result, will need a couple of extra hands to keep things running smoothly. We would really appreciate hearing from you if you

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**Delmarva Driving Club
Board of Director's Meeting
Minutes
March 4, 2007
John Bolinski, secretary**

Meeting Time: 4:54 pm to 5:09 pm
Present: Carolyn fox, Frances Baker, Donna Hurst, John Bolinski, Sherry Harris, Kay Mildon
Absent: Peg Koster
Visitors: Martie Bolinski, Elinor Taylor

The following items reflect subjects discussed:

1. Vote for Vice President - A vote was held to appoint Francis Baker as the Vice President to replace Melissa Steward.
2. Vote for Director - A vote was held to appoint Peg Koster as a director to replace Dianne Steward
3. Bylaws - A special letter was sent out to the members reflecting the proposed changes to the bylaws discussed at the last membership meeting. The changes will be voted on at the next membership meeting.
4. Next Membership Meeting - The next membership meeting will be held after the April 22, 2007 drive at the Jester Tract Pavilion in Redden Forest. The key issue is to vote on bylaw changes.
5. Membership Renewals - Donna and Sherry reported they have received 9 single, 6 family membership renewals and 1 advertising renewal. This brings our year-to-date total to 14 family and 23 individual memberships.
6. May 12, 2007 Horse Show - No report available from the show committee. We will need help to set up on Friday before the show. Food committee will ask for dessert donations to be sold that day. We will also plan on scrapple

sandwiches for Saturday morning. We will be looking for fresh veggie or fruit cups also.
7. Tuckahoe Benefit - Sherry Harris reported on the Tuckahoe Benefit to help with medical costs associated with the accident involving Dick Chance, a long-term contributor for both the DDC and Tuckahoe clubs. A dinner, silent auction, live auction and dance will be held on April 28th at the Rupert Community Center. Tickets are \$22.50 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,
John Bolinski, secretary

***4th Annual DDC Pleasure
Driving Show - continued from
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intend to help out on the day of the show. Again, please contact either Carl, George or Caroline. Second, Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris are again coordinating a silent auction for the Show. If you have any high-quality items you'd like to donate, or know a business owner who might be willing to donate an item, please contact Donna or Sherry as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the show thus far!
Carl & George

**Play Day at Wayne
and Phyllis
Conner's
'Circle C Outfit'**

Once again, Wayne and Phyllis hosted their always popular, annual, Play Day and invited DDC friends as well as many others to this low-key, do-your-own-thing event. This is always such a great way to get started again after the winter lay-offs. There were over 47 folks braving the chilly weather - riding, driving, longlining, and even plowing!

This was also the first get-together for the DDC Youth Club. Sharon Little and her helpers got quite a number of youngsters into carriages and busy with horse activities. It was pretty cold outside, but the warmth of friendship made it a wonderful day and the young folk didn't seem to mind the cold at all.

The outside activities were followed by a great pot-luck dinner at the house with all sorts of good food, including Phyllis's great ham, meatballs, breads and more.

We want to sincerely thank the Conners for their warm hospitality.

See photos from Play Day on page 5

DDC Youth Club News

Make April 21st and 22nd your DDC Weekend!

The Youth Club organizers invite interested DDC families and friends to come to our second Youth Driving Clinic on April 21st at High Hopes Farm, Denton, DE.

Remember to dress for the weather and to bring your own helmet and gloves. We will provide helmets and gloves if you do not have them.

All ages are welcome!

Join us for mini lessons on harness parts, obstacle course events, hands on driving lessons and more.

The event on April 21st begins promptly at 2:00 and ends at 3:30.

Please sign up in advance so that we can keep a space open for you! Plus, sign up early to receive your Intro to Driving Packet in the mail.

email salger@hughes.net for details or phone 302-398-9518

Members Classified:

Please send your classified information to
bolinsj@dol.net
or Martie Bolinski
410-398-0257

Wanted: Volunteers for the DDC Youth Club who are willing to share their love of driving and experience with our younger members. What good ideas do YOU have? Contact Sharon Little 302-398-9518, George Parris 302-84-2189 .



Change of Club Address (again)

In order to increase timeliness for mail pickup and handling, we have decided to move the official club address to the secretary's address.

Please address all future correspondence to:

**DDC c/o John Bolinski
986 Irishtown Rd.
North East, MD 21901**

We all apologize for any delays with recent mail/dues etc.

thank you,
DDC BOD

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DDC items are in BOLD.

More information about activities will be available in future issues. Check for changes and additions. If you plan to attend a DDC sponsored event, **PLEASE contact** the host before the event.

* *Please note that all of the 'monthly' club drives will start off at 1:00 pm. and are bring your own picnic unless otherwise noted.*

- **April 15, 2007** - Harrington Raceway meet begins. www.harringtonraceway.com
- **April 21-22** - Lord Stirling Stable CDE, Basking Ridge, NJ, training, prelim. Nancy Williams 908-766-5955 ext 23, nwilliams@scparks.org
- **April 22** - **DDC Pleasure Drive at Redden Forest, Jester Tract. Info - Peg Koster**
- **April 22** - **DDC Membership Meeting after the drive. We would like to vote on by-laws changes.**
- **April 3-6** - Garden State CDE, Horse Park of New Jersey. Allentown, NJ, training, prelim, Inter, Adv. Heather Walker 908-439-3171, 908-343-6476 walkers_whimsea@yahoo.com
- **April 22-Nov 19** - Delaware Park TB racing.
- **April 25, May 20, June 17** - DVHA Draft Shows. www.dvha.org, 609-397-8080
- **April 28** - Dinner/Auction Benefit for Dick Chance. \$22.50 adults/under 12 \$12. Ruthsburg Community Center, Ruthsburg, MD. Music by Krazy Kue DJ. RSVP to Paul McMullen 410-482-2176
- **April 25-28** - Driving Essentials, Inc. Open House 2007. 9am-6pm. refreshments provided; ample parking. info - 1-800-622-8543 or

email at

info@drivingessentials.com

- **April 27-28** - Martins Carriage Auction, Lebanon, PA.

717-354-6671

- **May 3-6** - Garden State CDE, Horse Park of NJ, Allen Town, NJ. Training, prelim, interm, adv. phone Heather Walker 908-439-3171, 908-343-6476 or email

walkers_whimsea@yahoo.com

- **May 6-7** - **Wilson's Carriage Drive and Auction Weekend.**

Sunday May 6, Drive and preview. Drive off at 1. May 7, Auction. 4:00 harness etc, 6:00 horses, 7:00 vehicles.

302-42203454

- **May 11** - **DDC Carriage Show setup.**

- **May 12** - **DDC Carriage Driving Show - info - Carl Zimmerman 410-632-1191, George Parris 302-846-2189**

- **May 17-19** - The Big Perry Sale, Perry GA. Jim Rhodes 706-592-2834,

www.bigperrysale.com.

- **May 18-20** - Gayla Bluegrass CDE, Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown KY. Leslie Hernandez 502-863-5113, 502-867-3098

gayla3329@aol.com

- **May 20 - 25th Annual My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show; Spring Valley Park, Wintertown PA. Novice, Open, VSE, Horse/pony. Pam Schneider 717-776-9748 pjschn@aol.com**

- **May 24-June 3** - Devon Horse Show and Country Fair. 610-688-2554. Carriage Pleasure Drive on opening Sunday.

4-in-Hand Coaching evenings Mon-Friday.

- **June 2-3** Carolina Carriage

Club HDT - Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon NC. Tr, Pre, Paul Nordan 828-863-4777, 404-406-0802

paulnordan@alltel.net

- **June 2-3** Carriage Classic in the Pines Pinehurst Harness Track, Pinehurst NC. Novice whip, pony/horse, open pony/horse, multiples Linda Long 910-692-0943,

910-639-2359 llong6@nc.rr.com

- **June 9-10** - Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program 2007 Benefit Ride-a-Thon at Fair Hills 410-378-3617

- **June 10** - Brandywine Carriage Driving Show, Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA. Bobbi Hager 973-627-2263

- **June 15-25** Acadia National Park Drive/Ride Weekend, Bar Harbor, ME Linda Stebbins 603-778-1196

- **June 16** - Fourth Annual Poker Drive and BBG, Buck's County Horse Park, Revere PA. Teri Lewis 610-847-8077

- **June 16-17** - Elk Creek CDE, Fair Hill MD. Pat Shipley 302-378-4520, 302-593-3175 or email Xdreamer@aol.com

- **June 24, July 27, Aug 5, Oct 14** - Carriage Driving Shows, DVHA 222.dvha.org, 609-397-8080

- **June 29** - 8th Annual Lancaster County Carriage & Antiques Auction at Elam Petersheim Farm. Gordonville, PA 717-661-8712 voicemail.

- **September 30** - Bucks County Horse Park, ADS driving show. 610-847-8597

- **October 28** - Tentative - Frances Baker Drive. More information to follow.



Photos from Wayne and Phyllis Conner's Play Day

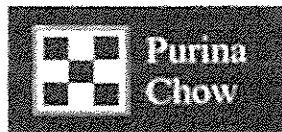


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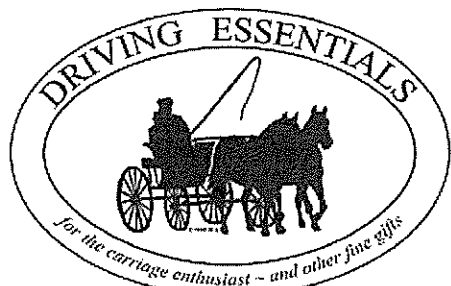
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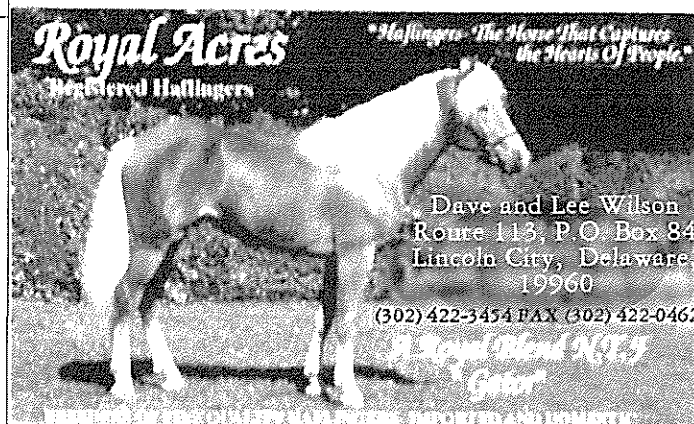
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American Driving Society News

Our Midatlantic Area ADS contact is:
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ADS Mid Atlantic Representative
Cubbyhole Farm
25 Red Lion Ave.
Felton, PA 17322
717-246-2351 or
cdeponyz@suscom.net

If any member of DDC has questions or concerns for the ADS, please contact Dana, who will answer or direct you to the correct person or committee. The ADS is always interested in input from the membership.

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ALL DEC meetings are held at 7 pm on the 3rd
Monday of the month at the Harrington Public Library.
Contact Nyle 302-422-4094

Your advertising here!
410-398-0257 bolinsj@dol.net

Safety Guidelines for Pleasure or Picnic Drives

1. **Never remove the bridle while the horse is between the shafts.**
2. **Be prepared for the drive:**
 - Make sure your horse can deal with going nose-to-tail in company, and in traffic at any pace.
 - Be sure your horse will stand.
 - Learn how to handle your horse if he becomes upset.
 - Have your horse conditioned for the length of the drive and the added weight of any passengers.
 - Do a safety check on the harness and vehicle before you depart.
 - Carry emergency spares.
 - Have the horse properly shod for the road conditions expected.
 - Bring a competent helper along.
3. **Always drive considerably:**
 - If you have a loser paced horse, keep to the back of the line; conversely, if you have a fast horse, start nearer the front.
 - If you are leading, don't stop on a hill - it is difficult for a novice horse to hold on a hill.
 - Pass with caution; ask permission and pull back if the horse being passed becomes panicky.
 - Never, ever drink and drive.
4. **Practice safety when stopped:**
 - Never leave the carriage hitched to a horse unattended, for even a moment.
 - Never tie the reins to the carriage or over the dash when stopped.
 - If the whip leaves the box seat, he should be replaced by someone able to handle the horse.
 - Never leave a passenger in a vehicle alone, even if someone is at the horse's head.
 - Do not tie a horse hitched to a vehicle.
5. **Plan for the novice whips:**
 - The length of the drive should be made known, both miles and time.
 - The type of terrain should be made known.
 - The types of hazards (bridges, water crossings, cattle, etc.) should be made known.
 - A very slow turnout should not be placed in the lead.

Delaware Equine Council News

Name the Delaware Equine Council Mascot Contest:

The DEC has a mascot who needs a name. Blond, 4 white socks, white mane and tail. The Mascot will be used at public functions such as parades, fairs etc. and was introduced at the Annual Dinner Dance Auction on March 23rd. Please help name the mascot. Go to the Delaware Equine Council webpage and download the entry form.

<http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com/news>

Open to everyone who is a DE resident or a DEC member and US Citizen. One entry per person; no more than 20 spaces and/or letters total.

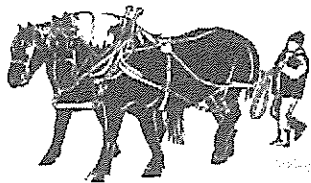
2007 Mosquito Control Season

Begins with Spraying Wooded Wetlands. DNREC's Mosquito control spraying started March 28th with the focus on areas near cities, towns and large developments. Control efforts will target larval stages of early-season woodland pool mosquitoes. Aerial spraying must be completed before the forest canopy fills in with leaves because leaves will prevent the insecticide from reaching pools and other wet spots containing larvae on the forest floor. With about 100,000 acres of wet woodlands in DE, it is not possible to larvicide all mosquito-rearing habitats.

Needs Mentioning

Recent visits to local trail areas has proven that we need to re-educate all trail users - that is EACH of us, that we are all responsible for **"carry in carry out"**.

This means cleanup your hay, bedding, manure and any other trash. TAKE IT WITH YOU! Public lands are a privileged usage that we can not afford to lose!



Dick Chance Benefit Dinner and Auction

Hosted by Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. Dinner, Silent & Live Auction. Social hour 6 pm; Buffet Dinner 7 pm; Music, Auctions 8-11 pm. Music by Krazy Kue D.J. BYOB. All proceeds will go to the family of Richard A. Chance. RSVP ASAP to: Paul McMullen, P.O. Box 92, Henderson, MD 21640, 410-482-2176. Adults \$22.50 per person. Children under 12 years \$12. Saturday April 28, 2007 at Ruthsburg Community Center, Ruthsburg, MD

Driving Essentials, Inc. is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, April 25 thru Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 9 am to 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided; ample parking available. Visit at www.DrivingEssentials.com

Kids' Fun Fest Fun with a Horse Flavor!

Saturday June 9, 10am-4pm at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. info 302-398-5194 or 302-242-0375 www.kidsfestde.org benefits Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware.

Safety Corral from the DEC April Newsletter

Now is a good time to check around your horses living quarters and do a little spring cleaning. Take a broom and reach up and knock some of those flammable cobwebs away from the rafters and lights. Try to destroy any winged insects and their nests before they get a hold around your horses. Check and update sprays and refill canisters if needed. Do a walkabout and try to spot and remove any potential hazards. Take a few minutes to clean some of the trash from your roadside borders so we can all travel safely along the roadways this season.
*Cecile Pasquino-Casson,
Safety Writer for DEC*

Delaware Equine Council's "A Casual Country Affair"

Back by popular request, there was lots of fun and laughter despite the cool rainy weather. The stuffed chicken brea**t** and ham buffet by Marily Hastings was topped of by "desserts to die for". Jen and Randy Ridgely auctio**eering** encouraged friends to outbid each other, selling items such as handcrafted jewelry, a basket full of "a nite at the equine theater", an equine iron and wooden bench, even a creation of "Stan's horseshoe band". Dancing was to music by the "Wild Horses" and funds raised will help to continue the DEC mission to promote, to protect and to enhance the keeping of all breeds and disciplines. Will we do this again next year? Maybe. Thanks to everyone who in any way contributed to another successful fun night of raising funds!
DEC.

Delmarva Driving Club Membership Renewal Form 2007

Please fill out the form, even if we already have your information on file. That way we can verify all the addresses, phone numbers and emails so that we are able to contact you with DDC information in a timely manner. Thanks.

I would like to renew my :

family membership (up to 2 adults and unlimited children) @ \$30 _____

individual membership @ \$20 _____

Please list names of all members _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____

Address: _____ phone: _____

_____ phone #2 or fax: _____

Email _____

Please fill in and mail to: **Delmarva Driving Club c/o John Bolinski, 986 Irishtown Rd., North East, MD 21901**

Checks should be made out to: **Delmarva Driving Club**



WEE WILLY SEZ



Mom went on vacation
and all she brought us
back was this tasteless
straw hat!

Agri-mentoring

There is a need for volunteers who would like to work with the DDA in teaching school age children about horses. Those interested may contact Peggy at 302-629-5233

Delmarva Driving Club

Pleasure Driving Show Still Needs:

Silent Auction Items - contact Sherry Harris
410-482-2402

Volunteers for set up on May 11th at the Caroline County
Fair Grounds - contact Carolyn Fox 302-855-4657 or
Fox@ce.net

Volunteers to help on the day of the show - contact Carl
Zimmerman 410-632-1191 or George Parris
302-846-2189

Advertising - contact Carl Zimmerman ASAP
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