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Newsletter of The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc.
Martie Bolinski, editor

February 2010

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DRIVING CLUB INC.

DDC Meeting Schedule

February 6th—Membership Meeting and 'Turnout Event' Bring your driving turnout and a photo of your horse hitched for a talk and covered dish lunch.

March 3rd—BOD meeting via conference call. If you wish to participate, please contact Jane Ramsey 302-659-2827 or jane.b.ramsey@usa.dupont.com

April 7th—BOD meeting; time and place to be announced.

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Upcoming Events:

Turnout Clinic on February 6th at Pao Lin Hatch's farm in Chestertown. Bring photos of your hitch/turnout for critique. Bring snacks and drinks for afterward; hot soup will be served. Contact Pao Lin at paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240-274-6180

February 14th

Drive at Iron Furnace sponsored by George and Liz Parris. Contact George for details at 302-846-2189

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February 2010 Newsletter Contributors

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bolinsj@myshorelink.com

DDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2010

Meeting time: 6:03 pm to 7:35 pm (conference call)

Present: Donna Hurst; Frances Baker; John Bolinski; Sherry Harris; Jane Ramsey; Pao Lin Hatch;
 Visitors: Peg Koster; Paula Barto; Kay Mildon; Martie Bolinski

The following subjects were discussed:

Minutes of 12/12/2009 membership meeting - The minutes were approved as written in the January 2010 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - The December treasurer's report was approved reflecting a checking balance of \$1,264.82, CD balances of \$8,839.02 and \$2,183.43 for a grand total of \$12,287.04.

Drive Insurance - John Bolinski reported that liability insurance has been arranged for the January 10, 2010 Wye Island Drive and the February 14, 2010 Iron Furnace Drive. Additional insurance will also be purchased for the March 27th Tuckahoe Drive and the April 17th "Continuous Drive".

**DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC.
 Year-End Sunshine Report for 2009**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2009	\$32.00
Report for 2008 sent to John Bolinski & Donna Hurst (postage only)	\$1.84
Postage purchases	\$17.60
Cards sent/purchased (24 bought, balance from Martie Bolinski's artwork)	\$59.73
Replenishments (2)	\$100.00
Donations, congratulatory gifts: (\$25 in memory of June Little)	\$25.00
subscription to Christie and Claudia Little for driving accomplishments	\$49.00
Balance in account as of December 28, 2009	\$28.83

Cards were sent to acknowledge surgeries (6); illness (3); thanks for service to DDC (1); deaths (4); marriage (1); loss of horse (4); miscellaneous includes congratulations for Devon placement, moving into new house, youth accomplishments and retirement. Some of these were sent to former DDC members. Look for more accomplishment, thanks for special events, etc.—"pats on the back" cards sent out in 2010. I would enjoy continuing to serve the DDC in this capacity if the Club so desires. However, I need members' help in order to do this job well.

Sincerely,
 Lois E. Evans.

Play Day - Donna Hurst will contact Wayne and Phyllis Conner to see if a "Play Day" is being planned for 2010.

Radios - In the interest of driving safety, the board is looking into purchasing at least 2 radios and renting 8 more for the pleasure driving show in May.

Pleasure Driving Show - Jane Ramsey indicated that this year's show would again be part of a 4-show challenge, along with the Lady's Manor, Brandywine Valley and Susquehanna shows.

Board Duties and Goals - Reflecting on the list of duties and goals presented by John Bolinski, Jane Ramsey expressed the ongoing need for the club to emphasize safety, driving, educating and being more user friendly. Would like to see more members sign

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in on the BOD conference call. Martie Bolinski will publish in the newsletter.

New Members - The board approved a new membership request from Darryl and Betty Donovan from Henderson MD.

2009 Budget Summary - John Bolinski reviewed the budget summary for 2009 reflecting an income of \$5,502.75 and expenses of \$5,647.38 for a net loss of \$144.63.

Club Rosters - Martie Bolinski made up new club rosters and any club member wishing a copy can contact John Bolinski

Proposed Operating Budget - John Bolinski presented an operating budget to the board reflecting an income of \$1,820 and expenses of \$2,061.00 for a loss of \$241.00 for 2010. A full, detailed budget will be presented to the board at the February meeting.

Dues Renewals - John Bolinski reported that to-date, we have 14 individual and 22 family membership renewals for a total of 64 members versus a total of 108 members in 2009.

Publishing 4th Quarter Budget - The board will discuss publishing the 4th quarter report in the newsletter at the next board meeting.

Yearly Check Book Audit - The board audited the full check book entries for 2009.

Draft/VLE Show - Pao Lin Hatch is looking at holding the Draft and VLE show on May 23, 2010 at the Tuckahoe Center. More details to follow.

February 6th Clinic and Membership Meeting - Pao Lin Hatch is sponsoring a "Turn-Out" clinic on 2/6/2010 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to include a short membership meeting afterward. A board meeting will be held at 10:00 am and members are welcome to attend that as well.

Level 1 Driving Proficiency Test - Jane Ramsey is looking at sponsoring the Level 1 Test for DDC members. More details to follow.

Long-Lining Clinic - Pao Lin is searching for a facility to conduct long-lining clinic for the club. The board discussed several options. More info to follow.

Pleasure Show Discussion - Jane Ramsey suggested we discuss the annual show at the next board meeting.

Trailer Cover - Due to severe weather, the tent over the club trailer has been damaged beyond repair. Donna Hurst will get measurements to John Bolinski so a price for a trailer cover can be gotten.

DEC Directory Ad - The board approved the \$90.00 for our regular DDC ad in the 2010 DEC cata-

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Out and About—Member's News

MLK Weekend Drive—Martha Mac Donald

Pao Lin Hatch invited me to share the wonderful MLK weekend by going driving on Monday. I drove the good boy Rascal while she took the young kid, Trudy. It was fun as Rascal and I had to lead and I didn't really know where we were going except it repeated the drive we did last winter. Trudy was being a champ until the fuel oil truck roared past. For a moment she lost her mind and for about 3 seconds it looked like we had a chariot race on our hands as Trudy pulled up beside us. However, both horses quickly settled and we had a marvelous drive of about 6 miles. Both horses tolerated deer, geese, cars and trucks like the champions that they are.

On Tuesday, Pao Lin drove down to Easton where Molly happily jumped on board for a ride at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. We traveled the route Pao Lin has planned for the Easter Bunny Drive, selecting places for the various challenges and calculating the time. In addition, we explored some other trails and I'm delighted to say that Molly (my new mare) was far better behaved than I expected and Rascal provided the comforting presence of a big brother. I'm looking forward to many more adventures with Pao Lin, Rascal, Trudy and Molly as the summer progresses.

Delaware Equine Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Harrington, DE Public Library. Special meeting locations may vary. For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com>
Or phone Stan 302-684-3966

Sunshine:

There is \$31.32 left in the Sunshine fund.

Cards were sent to:

Donna Hurst: passing of beloved horse, Justa Country Girl

Chris Bailey—surgery

Terry Johnson—Nutter Marvel's right-hand-man who took care of and drove the horses—retirement from Delaware Tech.



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logs. Frances Baker will furnish the ad and John will forward the check along with our \$20.00 for membership in the DEC.

DEC Scholarship Donation -

The annual donation to the Delaware Equine Council Scholarship Fund will be included in the 2010 budget and approved at the next board meeting.

Delaware Trail Summary -

The Delaware Trail Summary will be held in Rehoboth, DE on February 25, 2010. It was proposed that Donna Hurst would represent the DDC.

Membership Distribution -

Sherry Harris reported that our existing geographical distribution of members is 51 from MD, 44 from DE, 3 from PA, 2 for VA and 1 from NJ.

Driving Digest - The board plans to offer a courtesy copy of our newsletter to the "Driving Digest".

**Delmarva Driving Club
Treasurer's Report
January 23, 2010**

Submitted by John Bolinski, Treasurer/Secretary

Beginning Balance (checking) \$1,029.82

Receipts:

Dues	440.00
Contributions	25.00
Calendar sales	155.00
Newsletter Ad	50.00
Postage	1.00

Payments:

2010 DEC dues	20.00
DEC Directory ad	90.00
ADS dues	60.00
Postage	52.65

Ending Balance (checking) \$1,478.17

CD #1 \$8,839.02

CD #2 \$2,183.43

Grand Total \$12,500.62

...For the [horse] shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations caught with ourselves in the net of life and time; fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth. - Henry Be-
ston

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.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly BOD meetings, but we would appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so that we can phone in case of any change in time or location.

- **February 6th—Chestertown MD. Membership meeting and 'Turnout Social', Pao Lin paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240-274-6180 for more info**
- February 12-13th—Conference—Risk Management—"Profiting from a Few Acres" held at the Dover Sheraton. Contact John Clendaniel at jclendaniel@desu.edu, 302-857-6425
- February 13 (snow date Feb 21st) - Intro to Driving Part I—My Lady's Manor—classroom lecture 9-12 am, demonstration and harnessing practice in covered arena. Open to non-members at \$40. contact Kathy Schmitt 717-235-7061, kawschmitt@att.net or Julia Skelley, 410-891-8475, jmskelley89@gmail.com.
- February 13th—Brandywine Pre-Novice Clinic: Kail Palmer-Miller takes you through the steps of harnessing, hitching and general carriage skills. Contact Lori Conaty at 302-764-9650 or Loretta-conaty@hotmail.com
- **February 14th—Iron Furnace Drive sponsored by George Parris. 302-846-2189**
- February 25th-28th—PA Horse Expo, Harrisburg PA.
- **March 1st—last date for membership renewals.**
- **February 27th ground driving clinic in the 'south'. Tentative—contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180 or Paoball2000@yahoo.com**
- March 5 & 6th—Carriage Extravaganza at Windy Knoll Farms 474 State Rt. 58, Sullivan Ohio 44880. Open house, demos, clinics on Friday; pancakes, sale of carriages and driving accessories on Sunday. 419-656-9126 or 540-635-4738
- March 20th—DE Equine Council Scholarship Fundraiser at the Agriculture Museum Dover, DE. Dancing, dining, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, door prizes. Tickets go on sail in February for \$30 per person. Donations and sponsorships being accepted now. Contact: Stan 302-684-3966 or Pam 240-994-2220
- March 20th—Intro to Driving Part II—My Lady's Manor—continues where part I left off. Members only but new members welcome. \$50; audit \$30. Kathy Schmitt, 717-235-7061, kawschmitt@att.net.
- March 27th—EXPO at the Harrington DE State Fairgrounds. Contact 302398-4630 or www.DelawareHorseExpocom
- **March 27th—Easter Bunny Drive at Tuckahoe near Ridgley MD. Noon drive off. Planned course with optimal times for VSE, ponies, horses and pairs. If you prefer to just come and drive, that's ok too. Volunteers needed for the obstacles. Tail gate party to follow. Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com**
- March 27th—Tack and Harness Swap Meet at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center—rain or shine. 10 am to 3 pm. Indoor tables limited and available 1st come-1st served. No reservations needed; \$5 donation. Outdoor space with your own table/tent. Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com
- April 16-18th West Virginia Horse Expo at the WV State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV. Extreme Cowboy Race, Parade of Horses, Cook-off, Benefit concert.
- www.vvhorseexpo.com
- April 17th—Tack Swap at the Northampton County 4-H Center, 777 Bushkill Center Rd, Nazareth, PA. 11 am—2 pm. 610-837-7294 Indoor tables \$15, pavilion tables \$12, day-of space in open arena \$10 provide your own table. No live animals allowed. Food available. Public welcome.
- **April 17th—Continuous Drive. Themed drive including dressage, cones and cross country with a couple of simple hazards. \$10 for members who drive all three phases. Ribbons or prizes will be awarded. Lunch for competitors and drivers is 'on your own' but there is a local deli. Contact Anna Klumpp montalmax@hotmail.com or 410-348-5350 for more info.**
- **May 8, 2010—DDC Pleasure Driving Show. More info to follow.—NOTE—this date is changed from the originally planned date of May 1st.**
- **May 23rd—DDC Draft Horse and Mini Show at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. More info to follow. Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180, paoball2000@yahoo.com**
- June 26-27th—Susquehanna Valley Whips & Wheels Pleasure Driving show and Traditional Day of Driving. Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA. Tina Cornell 570-784-4793 or 570-204-5536
- August 22nd—MLM Schooling Driving Trial: Spring Valley Park, Wintertown PA; open to non-members. Anne Council, 717-993-8956, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net
- October 7-9th—ADS Annual Member s' Mtg. Gayla Driving Center, KY.



THINK SPRING!

Please have items for the February 2010 Delmarva Driving Lines to Martie Bolinski, 410-398-0257; bolinsj@myshorelink.com before February 24th

DDC Classified

Sale/Wanted: Looking to sell 3 young, untrained Haflingers remaining at the University of Delaware farm from the previous teaching program and replace them with a team of broke to drive Haflingers, or perhaps a nice quiet team of Belgians. We have only about \$2,000 to spend per horse, so connecting with a farm or individual who is interested in donating a team of older well-broke geldings would be an option. Carissa Wickens cwickens@anr.udel.edu

Free to good home: Great mare being retired from competitive pony club circuit. Draft mix, solid, calm and healthy. Great trail horse. Darby, hewes3d@hughes.net

Need to find Homes: 3 wonderful thoroughbreds. Blues Prospector 16+h gelding needs experienced rider. Arrearment 16 h g, toes out slightly. Very eager learner. Coaxed 16" h, black with star. All are easy to handle. Located in Sparks MD right off I-83.

Must place as I am losing the farm to the bank. Will give everything in the barn to take care of them. Contact Bob 443-934-0768 or carbst7@comcast.net.

Free to good home: 3 Standardbred broodmares plus a few other Standardbreds who were not fast enough for the track. All drive and would be easy to turn into pleasure mounts/driving horses. Contact Mary Ann Lowery in Linglestown PA. Phone 717-418-2329.



The sometimes skewed view of a paranoid pony

Wee Willy Sez



I warned Kilar that it was Groundhog Day and that the groundhog had been digging by the fence but he never listens to me!

Note: Classified items will run for two months unless requested otherwise. Please let us know if your article has sold or if you want to continue the ad after 2 months.

Should I Blanket My Horse?
RMM Online Newsletter 12/09

Horses evolved in North America and survived several ice ages. About 13,000 years ago, after the last Ice Age, horses disappeared in North America but had long before migrated, via the Bering land bridge, into Asia and eventually to Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

There are still wild horses in Siberia, the coldest place on earth, all over western NA and elsewhere. Horses can easily survive temperatures below minus 30 degrees as long as they have food.

Chilling rains are harder on horses than snow and ice, especially if blanketed and the blankets get soaked. After rain stops, evaporation turns a wet blanket into a refrigerator. Blanketing horses is not recommended unless the horse is ill or because it is necessary to preserve a summer coat for horse shows or sale reasons.

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