

Let's Drive!



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Delmarva Driving

Welcome 2018 Officers and Board of Directors

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On Saturday, December 2nd the Annual DDC General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party was held at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. Following the election process, the

Carol Seiler

Returning Directors are:

George Parris and Michele Novak

This DDC Board is requesting feedback from our membership as to what types of events are of interest—so feel free to contact them with your opinions!

2018 Officers and Board of Directors are:

President—*Anna Klumpp*

Vice-President—*Jane Bailey*

Secretary—*Kim Baklarz*

Treasurer—*Carol Bush*

Directors:

Nancy Offen

Diane Savage



Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#

Bits and Pieces—Important Club Information

From the Annual Membership Meeting:

-Membership renewal is due now and a renewal form is located on page 4. Don't miss out—renew

now! If you request your newsletter be mailed to you, there will be a small charge. Please indicate on your renewal form if you would like a hard

copy of the newsletter. -There will be a 2018 DDC Driving Show in May at the Caroline County 4-H grounds. There is a show committee, however a



Bits and Pieces—Important Information (continued)

show chairman is still needed. If you're interested, please contact any Officer or Board of Directors Member.

-Our motto is *Let's Drive*, hence the club is always looking for members to plan or lead a drive. Contact any Officer or Board Member if you would like to host or can recommend a place to drive. Information for drives or events can be found in the Upcoming Events section of the



Newsletter or on our Club Facebook page.

-The Delaware Equine Council will award five \$1,500 scholarships this year and the membership decided to contribute \$150 towards this endeavor.

-Members Stan and Laurie Vonasek offered the use of their indoor arena for Beginner Driving Clinics which are typically held in February or March.

Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance was \$7,292.50.

Expenses:

- Conference Calls—\$23.88
- Advertisement for 2017 My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show and CT—\$25

Income:

Two donations in memory of past member John Williams—one from Delaware Equine Council (\$100) and one from Stan and Laurie Vonasek

No report received on Membership Renewal status

November Ending Balance was \$7,393.62.



Sunshine News:

Darlene Logan reported the following Sunshine sent:

Bill Venditta for a speedy recovery due to a broken ankle

Donald Hewes due to the passing of his father

Kay Mildon (Past member and longtime supporter) due to the loss of her significant



other and former member—John Williams

Deb Dawkins on the loss of two of her 'fur family' due to cancer—Stripey the Cat and one of her ponies.

Nancy & Keith Offen & family since they had to undergo the full series of rabies vaccine.

Call Darlene at 410-200-0960 or email maneship@yahoo.com to have Sunshine sent!

What Do You Need to DO to Host a Drive?

It has been said that what most members want is to safely participate with like minded equestrians in driving related activities, enjoy their hobby of either driving or collecting carriages and horse drawn equipment. Thus, what the Board of Directors at DDC try to attempt to provide a variety of opportunities for all persons, all members and all levels. We can't offer exactly the same opportunities each year but at least every few years there will be clinics and talks on a variety of subjects and almost every month of the year, there is at least one DDC event scheduled. We hope to see you at one of these events!

If you are considering or thought you might like to host a drive, here are a few Hosting Guidelines and Responsibilities:

1. Select a site that is conducive to driving and can handle different sizes of carriages. Things to consider are terrain (gravel, sand, rocky, hills or inclines, tight turns), traffic, water, farm animals, pedestrians, and special challenges (i.e.: bridges, etc.)
2. Be sure you have the site secured with the land owners and have worked out details like: parking, fees or donations, accommodations available (i.e.: water, bathrooms, stabling, etc.), and any Health Records needed for the equines (i.e.: Negative Coggins or Health Certificate).
3. Get your information, including accurate directions, to the Newsletter and Facebook Editor at least one to two months prior to the drive. Provide as many details as possible—especially contact information.
4. Consider having a co-host to help you with your drive, as many people have questions and/or need help with parking, etc.; or
5. Consider having a marked Check-In Area to help direct arrivals.
6. Consider doing a pre-drive briefing and state the time it will be done in your flyer, to encourage people to arrive on time. During the briefing you can discuss any particular concerns you have for your drive and you can also go over any trail issues.
7. Just Before Drive Day: Mark your trail clearly and prepare or obtain maps, if possible. Plastic plates or posterboard signs with directional markers in black are great. Open gates as necessary and if public roads are going to be used, consider giving local authorities a heads-up.
8. Drive Day Check-In: Develop a Checklist for your Check-In based on what your site requires (i.e.: Release Forms, Trail/route maps to hand out and/or post, designated parking, picnic area, required Equine Health forms, assign someone to photograph the event, etc.)
9. Post-Drive: Take down the trail marking and directional signs for the drive upon completion of the drive. Ensure the site was left the way it was found! Write an article for the Newsletter/ Facebook and submit any photographs taken.

If there are any questions that remain about hosting a drive, you can contact any Officer or Board Member for more assistance.

Let's GO Driving!

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To be considered for membership, submit this completed application each year, with a check made payable to The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. or cash in the amount of the current annual membership dues payment to the address shown below. As an applicant, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. You will be notified of your acceptance, at which time you will receive your copy of the by-laws, a membership roster and newsletter. Feel free to join in the Club activities while your membership is being processed. Your signature below shall serve as consent to allow your photographic image taken at any DDC event to be used on any and all DDC publications.

Type of memberships: _____ (\$20/individual or _____ \$30 family)

Name of member _____

USPS address _____

Newsletters will arrive via Email unless otherwise indicated:

CHANGE from last year's Renewal Form! ____yes ____No

_____ @

I do not/cannot receive my newsletter via email and thus request a hard copy be mailed _____

The best number to reach me by phone is _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Delmarva Driving Club.

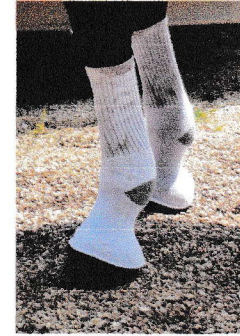
VOLUNTEERS: Please mark as many items which you are interested in volunteering for during 2014. This information will be used by the various event coordinators to reach out for your help!!

- _____ Leading a Casual Drive
- _____ Horse Show Volunteer
- _____ Clinic Volunteers
- _____ Administrative help
- (e.g. Serving on a committee, mailing, printing and sending show information out, etc.)
- _____ Serving as a member of the DDC Board or future Officer
- _____ Offering a clinic on an equine related subject

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
Make Check payable to Delmarva Driving Club Inc. in the amount of \$20.00 per individual/ \$30 family. C/o Deborah Dawkins (Membership Chair) 25460 Dodd Lane Denton, MD 21629

DIY Corner—Projects for Your Barn Using Recycled Materials

Slow feeders allow horses/ equines access to hay and the ability to “graze” for most of the day, yet only consume a healthy amount of hay. Who wants to be around a horse who is always thinking about food, or trying desperately to get a mouthful of grass! Member Grace Poe suggested this to ‘make your own’ slow feeder. Simply take a hay net and wrap/attach it securely around your existing hay rack.



New or Castoff white cotton socks can have a multitude of uses for your equine, as seen in this picture

Upcoming Events

- 12/9/17 The 2017 Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade starts at 9 am. This year there are 250 horses entered! Find more information about the parade at <http://www.lisbonchristmasparade.com> . It's also a great parade to watch! (Not a DDC sponsored event)
- 1/6/18 ***From a Cart to a Coach—*** Members Frances and Wayne Baker will host a panel discussion at their home. They will share their driving experiences as they evolved from a two-wheeled cart to driving a Four-in-hand Coach. (Lunch provided—Bad Weather date is 1/13/18). See the enclosed flyer for all the details.
- 2/2018 Beginner Driver Clinic—to be announced—Watch for upcoming details
- 4/2018 Furnace Town Drive is being planned by Diane Savage—Look for details
- 5/2018 Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show to be held at Caroline County 4-H Park. Details will be forthcoming



From a Cart



To a Coach

DDC Members and Guests:

Wayne and Frances Baker will share their driving experiences as they evolved from a two-wheeled cart to driving a Four-in-hand Coach.

When: On Saturday, January 6, 2018, starting at
NOON (bad weather date is January 13th)

Where: 17420 Minos Conway Road, Lewes, DE 19958

What: Lunch (provided) followed by a Panel Discussion

Bring your experiences and photos to share.

Discussion to include

- Advantages and disadvantages of a two wheel cart
- Advantages and disadvantages of a four wheel cart
- Choosing the appropriate vehicle for the type of driving you do as well as trailering horses and vehicles
- Choosing the necessary assistance (i.e. grooms)
- Choosing a vehicle and harness for drives on different terrains (need for brakes & breeching)
- Choosing between a new or antique vehicle (maintenance needs, etc.)

Please R.S.V.P to Frances at 302-381-2979 for any additional questions or information



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Facebook!
Check us out



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