

Driving Lines April 2011



DELMARVA
DRIVING CLUB INC.

DDC Meeting Schedule

April 13 BOD
Meeting
conference call
6:00 pm
Call in #
877-216-1555
Pw # 290535

May 6 BOD
Meeting
Caroline County 4-H
Park
2:00 pm

NOTICE: April's
meeting will be on
the 2nd Wed due to
scheduling conflicts.

May's DDC BOD
meeting will be
immediately fol-
lowed by a DDC
General Meeting of
All members. Please
join us for this pre-
show meeting at the
show grounds.

Inside This Issue:

Upcoming DDC Events:

April 9 Cair Paravelle Continuous Drive, Still Pond, MD POC
Anna Klumpp Montalmax@hotmail.com. Forms on the website.
Call Anna if you don't have email or access to the internet!
(410) 708-3588. Rain date April 10. Only \$15 for members!!

April 10 Private lessons –Cones, bending the driving horse, dressage, whatever you would like to work on—with Samea Baker.
Please contact Samea directly @ 610 310 0962 to set up a lesson
time and to discuss your goals.

April 30, 2011-DDC Clinic– Long Lining Clinic– Ann Rawles-
Smyrna, DE; Fee for participants, auditors free. ramseyjb@yahoo.com, POC Jane Ramsey @ 302-540-4683. Details on
the website or call Jane to register!

**May 7 DDC Spring Pleasure Show, Caroline County 4-H Park,
Denton, MD.** ~~~~See page 7 for more information

May 29 Devon Horse Show– DDC Tailgate... see page 8

April 2011 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Jane Ramsey, Lois Evans, Anna Klumpp, Martha MacDonald, Martie Bolinski, Carol Selier

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**Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors'
March 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Kay Mildon, Sherry Harris, Donna Hurst, Pao Lin Hatch, Jane Ramsey, John and Martie Bolinsky and Martha MacDonald

Kay reported the death of one of her oxen.

The secretary's report was accepted as submitted. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

In Old Business, Jane Ramsey reported the prize list for May's show was ready for printing and mailing. The 4 show Whip Series would be promoted in the Horse of Delaware Valley to entice more participants. There would also be a paragraph about the show and the commercial class at our show. Ribbons have been ordered. Debbie Camplone would have the perpetual trophy engraved and then returned to Jane. John and Martie Bolinski will be at the show grounds on Friday with beverages for the volunteers. They will stay overnight to oversee the horses stabled for the night. Richard Hunter (food server) will set up on Friday and be ready for Saturday morning. Equipment for the cones classes is in hand and Jane has the PA system and will bring a ladder to help install speakers. Gail Wolfe, our photographer will donate 10% of her proceeds back to the club. The EMT has also been hired.

In New Business, for the Mid-Atlantic driving weekend at Fair Hill in August, Heidi Ferguson will be running the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will go towards maintaining the trails at Fair Hill. Frances Baker has offered to make a basket on behalf of DDC to auction. The BOD is considering what the club might contribute to make it even more attractive.

For club sponsored drives, it is recommended that everyone sign a waiver, including grooms and guests. Participants 18 y.o. and under will be required to wear protective headwear. DDC's liability

waiver will be printed and ready for folks to sign as they enter whatever venue is being used. Jane Ramsey offered to draft a statement to give to drivers regarding safe handling of horses, especially not leaving horses unattended when put to. Safety checks were considered and recommended that another driver or experienced person check on each driver's set up before heading off on a drive. Drivers themselves must make any safety adjustment, not the safety person. Neck ropes were discussed and considered as useful when putting on or taking off bridles when the horse is in that 'in-between' stage of no bridle/no halter. It is recommended that if used while a horse is 'put to' that a responsible person be in attendance to monitor the horse.

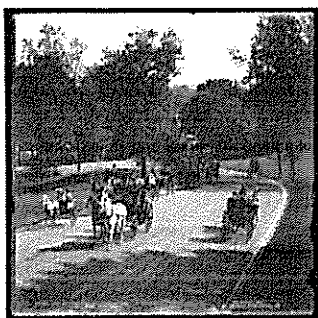
A carriage maintenance clinic was suggested for an event during the heat of the summer when no one wants to drive. Another general meeting suggestion was photographing horses at events or at home. Both ideas are being explored.

The Animal Control issue of Cecil County is being carefully watched. Vets and horse people presented suggestions for amending the proposal to try to remove horses and farm animals from the issue. John Bolinski is carefully monitoring progress of this bill.

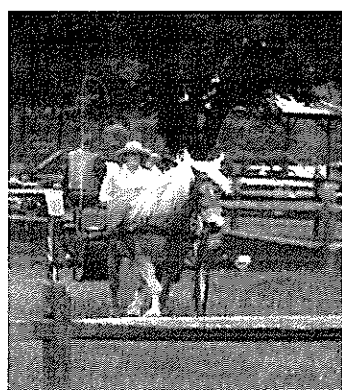
Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

respectfully submitted
Martha MacDonald

| Delmarva Driving Club | |
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| Treasurer's Report | |
| 1-Apr-11 | |
| Submitted by John Bolinski, treasurer | |
| Beginning Balance (checking) | \$1,516.92 |
| Deposits - Dues | \$480.00 |
| Payments - Christmas Party (2011) | \$175.00 |
| Postage | \$6.44 |
| Ending Balance (checking) | \$1,815.48 |
| CD#1 | \$2,264.25 |
| CD#2 | \$7,565.80 |
| Grand Total | \$11,645.53 |



Nice Sunday drive sometime in 1905



Jane Bailey and Halflinger having a great day in 2010



Anna Klumpp and crew in 2010

Helpful Horse Column— Horse Pulse—What you need to know

How to check the pulse:

There are several spots on a horse where the pulse can be felt. These are beneath the jaw, under the tail at the tailbone, or at the side of the horse's foot. If you have trouble finding the pulse, ask your veterinarian to show you these spots at your next appointment. Also, if you place your hand on the left side of the chest, just under the elbow, you will be able to feel the heart's beat.

Most horses won't stand still long enough for you to count the pulse for a full minute. To simplify things, you can count for fifteen seconds and then multiply the result by four.

Why check the pulse? This measures the rate and strength of your horse's heartbeat. Normally, a resting horse has a pulse of 38 to 40 beats per minute. When exercising, a horse's maximum heart rate can exceed 180 beats per

minute. However, in resting horses, a heart rate over 80 can be a sign of a serious problem. If a calm horse has a pulse that is consistently over 60, it can also be a problem. Things that can increase the horse's heart rate include exercise, fear, pain, stress, and excitement. Also, infections and injuries can raise the horse's heart rate. Most commonly, an elevated heart rate in horses is caused by colic or intestinal pain. These elevations can be mild to severe, and the amount of increase can be a sign of the severity of the horse's pain.

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All participants, (whips and riders) must sign DDC releases at each DDC event. Additionally, the DDC Board of Directors is putting the final touches on the DDC SAFETY GUIDELINES. This document will outline safe steps and procedures which will be requested and required from all participants at DDC official events.

Look for these documents to be posted on the DDC website shortly.

Grassymeade Drive Story

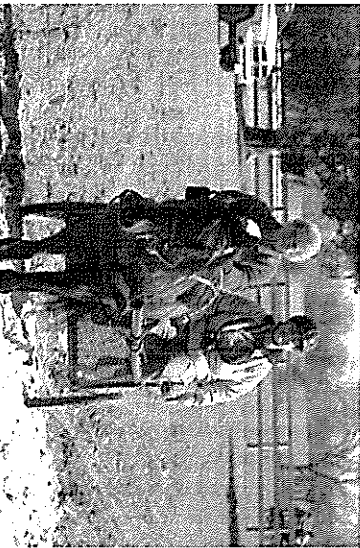
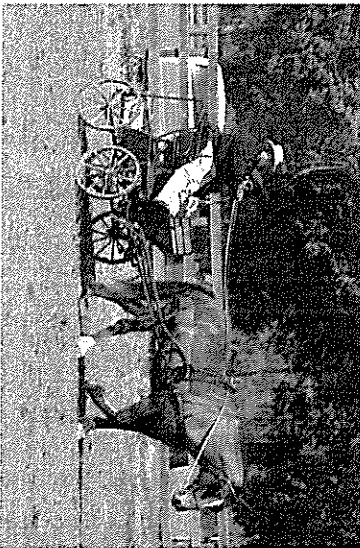
The truly great beginning of the driving/social season started at Michael Lawrence's Grassymeade farm in Chestertown on March 19. Rain the previous week had made driving conditions questionable but there were enough trails/tracks and fields to make for an enjoyable few hours of driving. In addition, Michael and friends had set a cones course for everyone to enjoy. Samea Baker was offering lessons for those interested in improving their

driving.

This time the multiples came out in force. The Bakers, Bailey's and Michael had their pairs in harness and Anna Klumpp brought a passel of mini's, two of which she drove in tandem....something fabulous to see. Of course there were lots of single horse hitches participating and for Michael's London Broil grilled by Bill Hatch, a wonderful potluck was laid out for all to enjoy.

Lots of members and friends also came to enjoy the day and 'new' grooms were introduced to the sport and spectacle.

Four guests were also celebrating birthdays in the same week so there were extra festivities involved. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to the Horses Meet Wheels at Tuckahoe on April 3 and then Anna Klumpp's Continuous Drive on April 9 with Clinic time on Sunday.



Out and About News

Deb Dawkins saw GREEN and drove her pony in the Easton MD St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Tons of members, with and without horses attended the Grassymeade Farm drive. Details on page and pictures on the left of this page.

Carol Seiler and her new mini. Muffin had a great day out at her farm with Martha MacDonald's assistance. Apparently, the mini is even smaller than Martha's! So with a little tightening and new holes punched, they

were on their way. Muffin, aka 'Buffalo Gal' have so much winter hair, its hard to recognize a mini under all of it! Carol then allowed Martha to drive her hackney pony over a cones course. Fun for all!

The Little family is gearing up for a big 4-H season. If you have the chance, come out and support them!

Why a Whip?

Article 8 of the 2010 American Driving Society rule book states that: An appropriate driving whip shall be carried at all times while driving. The thong of the whip must be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse. Like many rules, this one springs from practical experience. A whip is used as an aid, replacing the rider's legs and seat. The use of the whip is so important that failure to carry one in an ADS Driving class is grounds for elimination. Never go driving without one.

Choosing a Whip

Three common styles of whip are the English bow top whip, the German drop thong whip and the American buggy whip. The English bow top whip is distinguished by a thong forming a bow at the top of the stick. The thong then tapers to connect with a snapper or lash. A German drop thong whip is usually a light stick

with a drop thong approximately four feet in length. The American buggy whip is a straight tapered switch sometimes bound with braided thread approximately five and one-half feet in length. It is topped with a short whipcord snapper but no thong.

Whips, like any piece of driving equipment should be selected to suit the task at hand. Proportion and balance is everything. Whether your whip is made of traditional materials such as as holly or yew or modern materials such as nylon or graphite, it should balance easily in your hand. No matter how much it costs, if its not comfortable in your hand, you won't be using it! In trying out whips, I was surprised at the differences in handle shapes and sizes. Some whips were just uncomfortable to hold even though they were well balanced.

SUNSHINE NEWS

SUNSHINE NEWS FOR MARCH

Lois E. reports 78.88 left in the sunshine fund.

Condolence card sent to John Williams for the loss of his Ox; Oren Perdue for his stroke; and Noble Cahill for his recent wrist surgery.

A Whip is an aid. It is not a replacement for proper training. Using a whip judiciously, takes skill. A good 'whip' knows where, when and how to use one.

Don't hit the horse on the hindquarters with the stick. He might surprise you with a hind foot through the dash. Know how to use the lash and where to place it in order to have the effect you want. Be extremely careful about using the whip when in the vicinity of other driving horses.

NEVER let your whip touch another horse, on purpose or accidentally. You may think that someone else's horse could use the benefit of correction but keep your whip to yourself!

Letter to the Editor

John,

Thank you so much for the \$250 sponsorship toward our recent scholarship awards banquet. The Delaware Equine Council (DEC) appreciates your (DDC) continued support.

Pam Nebel
Director/Chair

Classifieds

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1 Mayatex saddle pad \$15; Call Cecilia U. at 302 492-8027 or email at jcfarmspa-sofino@comcast.net

Warmblood sized Old Mac Boots, hardly used! Make offer Pao Lin (240) 274 6180

Ongoing blog about places to drive...

Linda Thomas writes..

That list brought back some real memories!!!! Great places to drive. Portsville is near Bethel which is near the Laurel Saddle Friends Headquarters. It's a quaint little area with minimal traffic. Most all of this area you have to drive on the road. I know Steve Henry would help me with a drive in that area. Laurel Saddle Friends has some limited carriage paths. The Jones Dairy Farm was torn down several years ago and is now a big development, but it was neat in its heyday. Very close to Public Landing (Snow Hill, MD) - nice drive near the water.

Assawoman/Camp Barnes was one of my favorite drives - a lot of dirt roads - I haven't been there in years. It's near Ocean View DE It might be worth visiting if it still allows horses.

So many places are now restrictive to horses. Some other ideas are Wye Island, Tunis Mills near Easton or Bozman. Maybe even Blackwater Refuge in Cambridge if we could get permission

Linda

Word Origins

“HACK or HACKNEY”

Is calling someone a hack... an insult?

A **hackney** or **hackney carriage** (also called a *cab*, *black cab*, *hack* or *London taxi*) is a carriage or automobile for hire. A livery carriage superior to the hackney was called a **re-mise**. The name 'hackney'

was once thought to be an anglicized derivative of French *haquenée*—a horse of medium size recommended for lady riders; however, current opinion is that it is derived from the village name Hackney (now part of London).

The derivation of the term "hack" was a "shortening of hackney, which described a

horse that was easy to ride and available for hire

So... calling someone a hack is like calling someone a low end, unskilled money driven person..



HEAR YE HEAR YE..(OH DDC MEMBERS and FRIENDS)

DDC members and friends please come and uphold our 'new tradition' and enjoy the day at the Devon Antique Carriage Pleasure Drive and Tailgating Competition. We will watch the parade, party and then participate in the tailgating competition. I am reminded that in spite of huge odds against us, DDC managed to take a 4th place last year against stiff competition with the theme of " **DELMARVA EASTERN SHORE BOUNTY**".

Where did we score points? For originality, a colorful display with unique items. **Where did we miss?** A bigger sign, labeling our foods, put up a tent, be neater, offer more booze to bribe the judges, etc. Cost? -0- except the pot luck contributions and the gas to get up there! **DETAILS:** <http://www.thedevonhorseshow.org/about.php>

WHEN: May 29 Sunday ; **WHERE:** St. Davids' Episcopal Church, Devon PA **AT STAKE?** DDC's reputation **Car Pool/Connect with Pao Lin 240 274 6180**

Driving Lines

DDC Show News

DDC is hosting its 7th annual Pleasure Driving Show at Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton Maryland.

This is the club's biggest fund raiser. It generates (with the huge help of Jane Ramsey and her crew of volunteers!) enough revenue for DDC to host clinics, subsidize drives, pay operating expenses without raising dues in many years and more!

This year promises to be even more exciting with the addition of a Super Reinsmanship class for each division, a Cash

Prize Commercial Turnout Class, Gentlemen to Drive, Lady to Drive, a Concours D'Elegance Trophy donated by Frances and Wayne Baker, several cones classes, a Youth class and a Ride and Drive class.

Judges are Joanne Povinski, Jessica Snyder Axelsson, and show manager is Jane Ramsey, show organizers include Martie Bolinski, Donna Hurst and Pao Lin Hatch.

Our food will be provided by Hunter House with breakfast

sandwiches available by 730am.

This is the first of a 4 part competition series which is called the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge. The prize is a custom crafted Fleck Show Whip. This is the 3rd year of the competition.

Come on out and cheer on your friends or lend a hand! Set up on Friday afternoon; Breakdown immediately after the show!

American Driving Society (ADS) Mid-Atlantic Weekend-Aug 18-21

Why should DDC members participate in this event?

*Your humble Editor's
Opinion*

For many of our members, showing and competition is just not their 'bag'. Getting out, driving their equine pals, socializing and learning is why we drive! ADS is sponsoring a Mid-Atlantic Weekend at Fair Hill Natural Management Resources area on the weekend of August 18-21. There will be social activities, organized drives, clinics and different equine sort of area club sponsored breakfasts. Additionally, those of us who wish to take or continue their CAA Driver Proficiency Testing, there will be an opportunity to take Level I and II exams.

There will be weekend registration fee which will be mandatory for all participants of the weekend. Addi-

tionally, each clinic will be offered 'a la cart'. You may pick and choose what you wish to do and what you don't care to do. There will be reasonable breakfasts offered by the area Driving Clubs on each day of the gathering which will be available for a small fee.

Also offered at Fair Hill are "Equestrian Camping Facilities" that include ten camp pads with electric and water hook-ups and 119 stalls for stabling horses. Equestrian camping facilities are available to groups and individuals by reservation only. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Fair Hill 410-398-1246 directly as DDC is not doing an organized gathering. Camping is available with or without electricity hookup.

More info at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/fairhill.asp>

Much of this is reserved way in advance so interested folks planning to stay over must commit to this weekend. More to come when available!

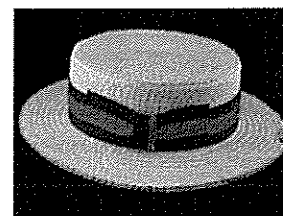
If you want to 'hook up' with other DDC members planning to go, call Pao Lin or Frances.



All sizes welcome at the DDC
Pleasure Show
Caroline 4-H Park, Denton, MD

"A competitor will find a way to win. Competitors take bad breaks and use them to drive themselves just that much harder. Quitters take bad breaks and use them as reasons to give up. It's all a matter of pride."

Nancy Lopez Quotes

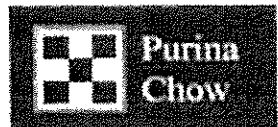


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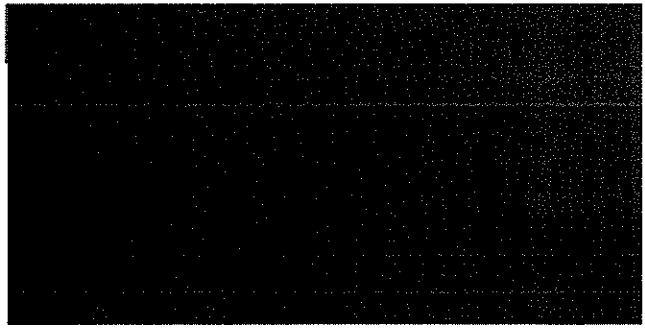
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Some Safety Rules

"Drive Smartly...Drive Safely"

Safety when hitching and unhitching

NEVER try to put a bridle on a horse when away from his home stable without first securing him with a rope around his neck.

NEVER start to hitch the horse to the vehicle without having the reins fastened to the bridle.

NEVER try to back a horse between shafts lying on the ground.

NEVER leave the ends of the reins unbuckled in case one should be dropped when you are getting into the carriage or while driving.

NEVER take the bridle off while the horse is still attached to the vehicle-not even when he has a halter under the bridle.

NEVER leave a nervous horse tied to the side of a trailer.

NEVER start to unhitch a horse in unfamiliar surrounds without a capable person at his head.

NEVER allow anyone to sit in the carriage before the driver has taken his/her place.

NEVER when you are the driver, leave the carriage before all the passengers have gotten out.

Safety Hints for drivers

ALWAYS signal to other traffic before stopping or turning.

ALWAYS take great care when passing another carriage, and do so only when you can see sufficient clear road in front.

ALWAYS be watchful of your horse(s), especially his ears, which may give warning of his alarm at something he has heard or seen.

ALWAYS have a capable person with you when driving a green horse.

ALWAYS carry your whip or ready at hand to reach.

ALWAYS carry a spare trace, leather punch or knife, cord and duct tape.

NEVER allow your attention to be distracted.

NEVER take a completely green horse to a show or event. Find out how he/she behaves in public in a casual environment first.

NEVER drive too close to the carriage in front.

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