



Let's Drive !



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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Inc

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Due to all the uncertainty surrounding the COVID 19 outbreak, the DDC Pleasure Driving Show scheduled for May 9th has now been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th. The Show will still be held at the Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton and Ms. Mary Harrison from New Jersey will be the Judge. The Class List will remain the same and include all traditional Pleasure Driving Classes as well as a Ladies and Gentleman to Drive, Carriage Dog, Command

Class, and In Hand Class. New this year is a Super Reinsmanship Class (using ADS Test 2) and a new Division called Informal Driving Division. This Division is for those drivers who wish to experience showing without the expense of a show quality turnout. We are in the process of contacting all advertisers, vendors, and sponsors to ensure their continued support. We will also continue to

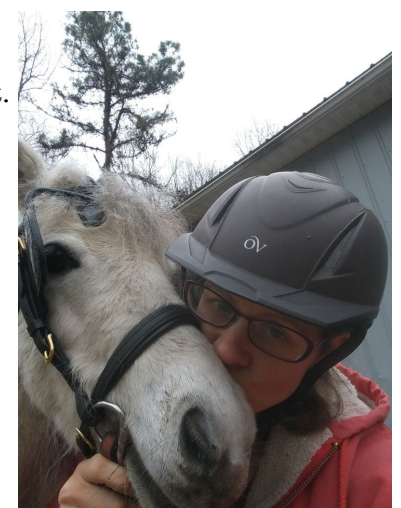
solicit advertising and sponsorships thru September. Social media (Facebook and Instagram) as well as email will be used to keep our members, participants, spectators, and volunteers apprised of any changes as well as keep everyone informed/updated on the progress of the Show. If you have any questions, please call Pam Gray, the Show Manager, at 410-819-6113. We know this is a stressful time for everyone, so stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in the Fall.

Membership Update

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020 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#

Attention Members: The Club wants to ensure that all our paid members have been recorded. We are in the process of publishing our Annual Membership Roster, so if any members have **NOT** received either an email or note delivered by the Postal Service thanking them for their dues payment, it means Deb Dawkins doesn't have a record of their payment. Please contact her by phone: 410-310-9569 or email: pulling4u2@gmail.com so we can make sure our records are current.



Members Out and About



Maddy Zacharkow and Starlight



Bill Venditta's Gelderlander named Elvis



Dianne Valentine and Dutch



Don Stewart enjoying his days in Southern Pines, North Carolina



Judith Hartman's mare named Coffee in school learning to drive

Welcome New Members

The DDC is thrilled to welcome the following new members! We can't wait to get to know you and look forward to having you join us at upcoming events:

Wendy O'Brien: She has just recently moved to Chestertown, Maryland. Wendy has been driving since 2005 when she started a Halflinger and competed with him all the way to advanced combined driving. Then she moved up to a pair to try and qualify for the USA Team which she did. Wendy then went to Slovenia in 2011 and the USA team brought home the bronze medal! She now drives a team of Welsh Cobs and German Riding Ponies. Wendy loves to host clinics and help people get involved in the sport. She hopes to host a clinic at her Chestertown farm with her former team coach Thorsten Zarembowicz. The DDC is looking forward to this!!!!



Amy Cross: She is the manager of Wendy O'Brien's Trout Walk Farm. Amy has competed in both the single and pair divisions of Combined Driving Events, even claiming a National Championship with a pair from Trout Walk Farm.



Sunshine Corner

The Sunshine Corner is Back! It was established to express congratulations, sympathy or concern to members of our Club in the event of illness, bereavement or milestone events. Frances Baker has graciously volunteered to be our Sunshine Coordinator—if you know of someone needing “Sunshine”, please contact Frances at 302-381-2979 or email her at francesbaker65@gmail.com.

This month **Sunshine** has been sent to:

Sherry Harris to cheer her up as she recovers from a recent car accident

Congratulations go to Frances Baker on the birth of her new granddaughter Mayvis Baker.

Please know the DDC is concerned about all our members during this trying time of the Covid 19 virus. Stay safe and do your part to slow the spread of the virus by washing your hands often and practicing social distancing. If you're working on the front lines during this crisis, thank you for your role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. This event will pass and we will get back to enjoying our equines with each other.

7 Trail Driving Tips from the Carriage Association

This article was written by Kathleen Haak from the Carriage Association of America. Hopefully some of these tips will help you and your equine(s) have a wonderful driving experience.

#7) Arrive with bells on! Everyone warns drivers about deer and elk encounters, occasionally we hear of a bear sighting and everyone watches out for snakes. My most dangerous encounter, so far, has been with a duck. It burst out of a deep ditch, flying as fast as it could! At that moment in time I didn't know what was happening, my horse and I just ducked. Fortunately, I was driving a good horse who straightened himself out within three strides. It took much longer for my heart beat to become regular. Could bells have prevented this incident? We'll never know, but we do know that bells help hikers, bicyclists and animals locate us. Consider adding sleigh bells or cadence bells to your trail driving turnout.

#6) Spares kit. We all know we should have one. Do you know how to use the items in it? Before hitting the trail use the wrench to tighten any loose bolts. Double check that the halter in your kit will fit the horse you are driving and that you have enough halters for all the animals. In our family we have a different colored kit for the VSE pair than for the single draft cross, eliminating any confusion as to which kit goes with which turnout. Make sure your cell phone is securely attached to your person! (The American Driving Society offers [rules](#) for spares kits used in the show ring. It can serve as a good base for your trail driving spares kit.)

#5) Be considerate. Stay off trails that are muddy. Pick up manure whenever possible. This is a sticky point for many equestrians who feel that horse manure is very natural and can be left on the trail. It is important to remember that we are not the only trail users. Walkers and cyclists may only see the droppings left behind...leaving us with a crappy reputation. Don't have room for a scoop shovel? A dust pan will often serve to get the job done.

#4) Carry a whip. Many people don't like to carry a whip when trail driving for fear of breaking it on low hanging tree branches. This is less of an issue if the whip is held in your hand than if it is left in the whip socket. Sometimes we need to use the whip to redirect critters who become aggressive towards our horses. It can also be used for personal protection if need be.

#3) Volunteer. All too often it seems that equestrians are left out of trail planning sessions. Volunteering for trail cleanup days will allow you to make new friends, become acquainted with new trails and have a voice.

#2) Tell someone. Ideally we should have a groom with us on every drive, we also know that doesn't always happen. It takes just a minute to text a buddy that you are driving down trail X in the Allegheny National Forest and when to expect a 'returned to camp' text.

#1) Have fun! Enjoy the driving trails! Take care of the safety issues ahead of time so that you and your equine(s) can relax and enjoy the drive.

Always check on the availability of trails and the conditions for equestrian use as many factors can determine usage – anything from the fury of Mother Nature to the whims of local and federal government agencies! Both the ADS and the Carriage Association list many of the phone numbers and web sites of driving locations on their pages.

Upcoming Events

Due to the Covid 19 virus, many events have been canceled for everyone's safety. Our DDC Pleasure Show has now been moved to Saturday, October 24th. Call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held. Events such as The Devon Horse Show, Elk Creek CDE, The National Drive, etc. have all been canceled.

- 4/24/20 Martins Spring Auction 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, Pa 17042. Website: [http:// www.martinauctioneers.com/auctions/views](http://www.martinauctioneers.com/auctions/views). They are planning to do an online Auction—look for details
- 6/20/20 Auction of over a 100 Sleighs, Carriages, and accessories from the estate of the late Richard Calhoun will be held in Georgetown, DE. Martins Auction will be coordinating the sale. Look for updates as they become available
- 10/24/20 DDC Pleasure Driving Show at the Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton, MD. The Judge is Mary Harrison and the Prize List and Class List can be found on the DDC webpage: www.delmarvadivingclub.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or pgray59@hughes.net

Please help us fill in the Upcoming Events page with things you would like to see the club participate in. All you need to do is contact any Board Member or the Editor of the Newsletter/Facebook and we can help make your idea a reality. We have club members with experience that can help you plan/host a drive or event. This is your club—so let your voice and ideas be heard.





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