



# Let's Drive !



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## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

### Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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#### Attention!!

\* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2020. 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#

Don't forget that you still have time to submit your advertisement for the upcoming DDC Show Program. There are also a few Classes looking for a Sponsor. Ads and sponsorships will be accepted until September 28th. Forms, which detail all the benefits of advertising and sponsorship, are available on the DDC Website or you can contact Linda Thomas at 410-430-6943. Sponsors will have their names printed in the Show Program and announced prior to the class(es) sponsored. Thank you in advance to all who advertise and sponsor our Show. You help make it the success it is!

Due to Covid, the status of the DDC General Membership meeting is still on hold. The DDC usually holds this meeting directly after The Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Event at Redden Forest in September. Once the DEC makes a determination about their event, the

DDC can proceed with plans for our meeting. If the DEC does not hold their event one possibility is to have a call-in general membership meeting. Make sure to watch for updates thru email, Facebook and on the DDC webpage.



## Volunteer Opportunity

The Pleasure Show Committee is working hard to plan for the 2021 Show, tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2021. No special skills are needed, just the desire to help promote the Pleasure Driving Show. At present, meetings are held via Conference Call. So if you're interested, contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113. We also need volunteers to assist with the October 24th Show—call Pam or any Board Member for additional details!!! See you at the Show on October 24th!

## The Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show Has Driving!!!

The C.E.S.H.S. offered a Driving Division in their last three Shows and Congratulations go to DDC Members Michele Brauning, Tara Bruning, and Charlie Purnell for their participation. The ladies looked wonderful, their equines went well, and a good time was had by all (even with the heat and humidity). The first two Shows were held at the Wicomico Equestrian Center and the third Show was held at Autumn Grove Stables in Berlin, MD. Besides the Driving Division, the ladies also showed equines in Halter and Showmanship Classes. These women are some serious Horse Show Enthusiasts! Special Congratulations go to Charlie Purnell for all the progress she has made with her horse Fireball Annie. The 4 year old was one of more than a hundred horses rescued in March 2018 from terrible neglect on a Quantico, Md. farm. This was Annie's first Show—she now has a wonderful home and job.



Michele Brauning & Tara Bruning showing in Halter Class



Tara Bruning, Kaye Purnell, & Charlie Purnell



Michelle Brauning driving a pair



Karen O'Day driving Charlie Purnell's Fireball Annie



Charlie Purnell driving Minny



Tara Bruning driving Skye

## Members Out and About



Kaye Purnell treating her pony Minnie with watermelon



Dianne Walsh Valentine and Dutch at Suffolk Stables Show



Marcy Eades and Merlin at a Driving Rally



John Layton and Magic at Suffolk Stables Show



Linda Thomas and Jake at the OC Inlet



Frances and Wayne Baker with their daughter-in-law and her family driving the 4-in-hand around the 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:

A Sympathy Card was sent to: Judith Hartman due to the death of her mom

Get Well Wishes were sent to: Deb Dawkins who broke a bone in her foot and Carol Seiler who is recovering from recent surgery

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.

## Congratulations Corner



Congratulations go to: Don Stewart, Jr.—he was featured in the July/August 2020 Driving Digest. On pages 21 - 23 Don shared some of his favorite 'tips' for a Top-Notch Turnout. The article touches on products and methods he has found successful for cleaning Chrome, Leather Harness, and Synthetic Harness. He even uses such things as dental floss, pantyhose, and Silly Putty!!!

John Layton was just featured on the American Hackney Horse Society Facebook page for his achievements with Magic at the recent Suffolk Stables Show Series Driving Classes! Way to go John and Magic!

John and Magic also participated in Conesapalooza at Stafford Carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ. They had a blast!



## Tandem Driving by Frances Baker



With no drives or shows in 2020 due to the pandemic, I decided to use the extra time to school my horses by driving them single. I asked David Saunders to come up from Florida and instruct me for a week to see how I was progressing. Linda Thomas came each day to lend a hand as well.

After driving six of my team horses single, David and I decided to try tandem since I had tried it at Gloria Austin's Stable in Florida during one of her Tandem Tuesdays. In the winter Gloria invites anyone staying in the vicinity of The Grand Oaks to drive. I say that because Ray and Lynn Tuckwiller have a facility across the street, so their guests as well as The Grand Oaks guests with horses, are invited to drive with her on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesdays are designated Tandem

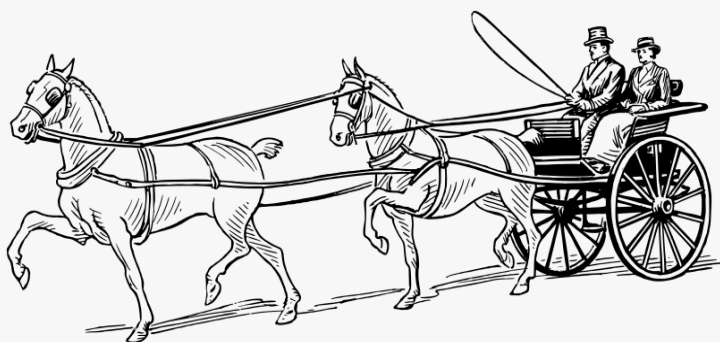
Tuesdays and Fridays are Four In Hand Fridays. You can drive any configuration, but the designation encourages folks to turn out with multiples. I have worked with David many times so he knows me and my horses. I even studied with David for my Level 2 Driver Proficiency, then tested with Gloria. I studied with them both again for my Level 3. David was our coachman for the week we showed at The Devon Horse Show in PA. He also accompanied us to Kentucky when we showed there for The Carriage Association's Show. I cannot say enough good things about David. He worked 20 years for Prince Philip in England. Gloria is equally

as generous with her winter drives, followed by lunch at her lovely stable yard. She also invites everyone staying at the resort with horses to come over for a Sunday Night cookout and bonfire. You can look up The Grand Oaks Resort Cottage Rentals on the internet but you have to call Kacy Tipton-Fashik at The Grand Oaks for stabling reservations. You won't get Gloria's invitation unless you are staying there.

I have driven tandem a few times on the farm, usually at this time of the year, when the corn is really tall. I feel the farm road dividing the corn is especially inviting, as it would be really hard for the horses to turn around in such a narrow road surrounded by 14 foot high corn. Hard I said, but not impossible. I chose half of my four in hand team to drive tandem as they were accustomed to working together with one in the lead and one in the wheel. The lead horse needs to be especially forward as he has to go steadily forward without his four in hand partner. The only things you have to keep the lead horse going forward is your Whip and your voice. I've never been especially accurate with the four in hand whip so David held the whip for me when we started out. He would gently touch the leader on the hip with the end of the whip, speaking his name, and telling him to walk on right out of the stable. I was able to duplicate this on another drive the week after David left but when I tried again in the wooded trails, I ended up with the lash in the trees! Being a four in hand driver I didn't need much extra equipment. I already had a four in hand whip and was accustomed to holding it. I had leader reins as I sometimes drive a unicorn with one extra horse in front of the two wheelers. The wheel horse needed Roger rings on both sides of his bridle for the leader reins to pass through. The leader's traces were extra long because I used tandem keys to attach the traces to the wheeler's breast collar. Tandem keys are very small little things and tend to disappear easily. I actually had to call Jan at Driving Essentials and have a set of keys overnighted to me. We are keeping them in the pencil drawer in the tack room.



## Tandem Driving, continued



**The Right Way**



**An Awkward Tandem Movement**

I chose to drive tandem for several reasons. I can take two horses out at one time and still have only one groom and be perfectly safe, assuming the groom is capable of rendering assistance if needed. As a four in hand driver I still have four reins driving tandem. I still 'take loops' to turn but the loops are much smaller than with the whole team. It's an excellent way to improve your rein handling. And an even better way to improve the confidence of your lead horse. It's fun and it looks and feels exciting. I don't have to push out my heavier, bulkier carriages to take multiple horses out. I guess the reason I like it the most is the feel of multiple reins in my hands. You can drive one handed Achenbach or two handed CDE style.

This isn't intended as a how to drive tandem article but rather to share my experience of how you can have fun with your horses, get a little expert help, all while practicing social distancing and all the other measures to stay safe. Hope you liked this as much as I did sharing it with you.



# Recognition of the 2019 ADS Hours to Drive Participants

**1000**  
HOURS

*Anna Klumpp*

Horses have always been a passion of mine, and driving for pleasure or for show has been a major endeavor of mine for at least 30 years now. It has been a little over 10 years since I started this program. I started out at Training level, and after 1,000 miles have shown Intermediate dressage with some success. I now not only drive singles, but also pairs, and a three-abreast and have ventured into four-in-hand and unicorn. In the future, I plan to continue to train my horse, and hope to show an intermediate pair at Elk Creek the summer of 2020. We also plan to do more pleasure driving just for fun, and hope to show up at more local pleasure drives for both the Delmarva Driving Club and the Brandywine Driving Club.

I also have a miniature mule that I plan to train to drive and she is showing that she is eager to learn. I was once told that if you have one good horse in your lifetime, you are blessed, and all I can say is that I know that in my barn I currently have four good horses, a good mule and an old retired mare that was also a wonderful partner. So I am a very blessed person, indeed.



Photo by Melissa Clabaugh

**250**  
HOURS

*Ann Sanders*

I was thrilled to reach the 250 hours milestone! My driving partners, Gypsy Vanner Micky Finn (shown in the photo) and VSE Gambler, and I had some wonderful adventures over the past couple of years, taking us off the farm and out to experience new driving opportunities. A long-time dream of mine came true when this past spring I finished the restoration of one of the original 19th century carriages that was used to bring guests from the train station to Capon Springs, a mountain resort in West Virginia, from the 1870s until 1911. The resort is still in operation, and I have been vacationing there every year since I was a toddler. This past summer and fall, Micky Finn and I spent one weekend a month giving carriage rides to guests, a thrill for them and an honor beyond words for me. Our other adventures included driving the Greenbrier River Trail in West Virginia; visiting incarcerated youth and introducing them to the fun of driving; exploring some new parks; and participating in parades, fairs, and demos. And, of course, there is nothing quite like the peaceful drives around our farm. I'm thankful to ADS for this great program and have set my sights on the next milestone. Happy driving everyone!

And the Mid Atlantic Region won the Hours to Drive Regional Challenge! Drivers in our region are pretty dedicated to our sport—so if you're an ADS Member, be sure to sign up for the hours to drive program and log your driving time. Sign up by logging onto the ADS Website and select Events-Resources/Recreational-Driving/Hours-to-Drive for information!

**100**  
HOURS

*Colleen Layton*

I am celebrating my first one hundred driving hours with my twenty-two-year-old Shetland Pony, Jazz. We belong to South Jersey Carriage Club and Delmarva Driving Club. I started driving when a muscle wasting disease prevented me from riding. My husband John had driving experience and encouraged me to try it. At first it was a difficult transition, but now I love driving! Johnny Stoltz, of Bird-in-Hand Carriages located in Pennsylvania, was able to customize an Aerocrown design to accommodate my disability and helped me feel very secure in the cart. Jazz is my best friend and takes care of me with every step.

I am looking forward to many more hours of driving together with my husband, and our friends. Our clubs are very active and host many driving events, and we've met so many fantastic people who have been happy to help us get started. Jazz and I particularly enjoy cones and cross-country work and have travelled to many driving events.



**100**  
HOURS

*John Layton*

I started driving at the early age of eight. I have had horses or ponies most of my life and have driven off and on through the years. I have driven ponies, a couple of Morgans, an Arabian, and a Quarter horse mare. In 2012 my wife Colleen was diagnosed with a rare muscle disease and couldn't ride anymore, so we decided to buy her a Hackney Pony that she could drive. She had never driven before so I helped her and that got me started driving again. At the present time I'm driving a Hackney Pony named Magic and an off-track Standardbred named Cora. I'm a member of the South Jersey Carriage Club and the Delmarva Driving Club. Both clubs are very active and we have driven at numerous events this year. We are lucky to have great trainers in our area and an awesome group of driving friends! I am looking forward to competing in some CDEs in the coming year.

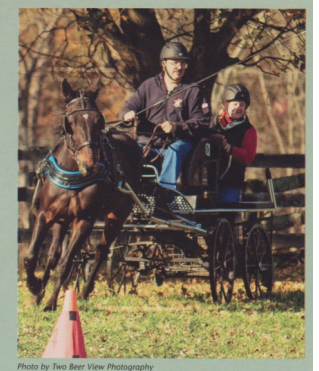


Photo by Two Beer View Photography

## 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 as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 8/8/20 Martin's Auction will auction over a 100 vehicles from the late DDC Member Richard Calhoun's collection beginning at 10 am. The auction site is 21761 Zoar Road in Georgetown, DE. There will be a preview of the items on Friday August 7th from 2-6 PM. Check [www.martinauctioneers.com](http://www.martinauctioneers.com) for photos and additional information.
- 9/12/20 ADS Driven Dressage Competition at Fair Hill, MD. Even though MARD (Mid Atlantic Recreational Drive) was canceled, My Lady's Manor will host this event. Check My Lady's Manor Facebook page or ADS Omnibus for more information.
- 9/13/20 Driving Division at the Suffolk Stables Show Series in New Jersey—more information can be found on the Suffolk Stables Show Series Facebook page
- 9/20/20 Buxmont Driving Show in Tylersport, PA. The Judge is Kail Palmer—Miller
- 9/27/20 Double Down Derby to be held at Stafford Carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ More information on Stafford Carriage driving Facebook page.
- 9/27/20 TO BE CONFIRMED—BVDC TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC HDT AND BEAR TROT, at Fair Hill, MD—may be virtual
- September, 2020 DDC General Membership Meeting—time, date, and format of meeting (Conference Call, Zoom Meeting, or Actual Meeting) to be determined
- 10/8 –11/20 Garden State CDE to be held at the Horse Park of New Jersey—more information to follow
- 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](http://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](mailto: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.

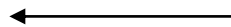


## DIY Corner

Do you know what the item below is? All of us have had our equines occasionally flip their tail over the lines/reins, (and sometimes keep doing it just to get a reaction). This also happens when flies are bugging them. If you work at desensitizing your equines to having a rein under their tail, you can usually flip their tails right back and they don't clamp down. Another quick fix is to braid a bit of the tail, and then tie it in a quick release knot with baling twine to your cart at a length where he can't flip it over the line. It'll break in a pinch. However don't forget to untie it when you unhook the horse! Another idea is a tail tie crupper – this works really great with horses that have heavy tails – it also helps to prevent kicking



Here's a neat way to keep all your water trough cleaning items handy (and dry). Simply mount a bucket to a convenient post and place your hose around the bucket and your supplies in the bucket. (Be sure to mount the bucket away from your equines!)



An old push broom can be turned into a 'shavings saver'





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