



# Let's Drive !



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## Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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### Attention!!

A DDC General Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2023 at Redden State Forest Headquarters in Georgetown, DE. The meeting will follow the Delaware Equine Council's Ride and Drive Membership Appreciation Event (beginning around 1 pm). All members are encouraged to attend.

A DDC Board Meeting was held on July 20, 2023 via Zoom and the minutes from the May 4th meeting were approved as written. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$8,920.11 on June 1st. Expenses totaled \$1,085.89 (DDC Show related) and there were no deposits, leaving an ending balance of \$7,834.22. The report was accepted as presented.

The DDC Trailer is now located in Ellendale, DE and a Fall Work Day will be scheduled to reorganize the trailer in preparation for the 2024 DDC Pleasure Show.

John Layton is the Show Chairman for the 2024 DDC Pleasure Driving Show. Planning has already started for the show and volunteers are always needed and welcome. Contact John at 609-556-9749 if you would like to be involved!

On Sunday, September 25th, the Delaware Equine Council will be hosting their Annual Ride and Drive Membership Appreciation Event at the Redden Forest Headquarters in Georgetown, Delaware. Besides being a great event at a nice driving venue, the DDC will hold a General Membership meeting following lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to join a DDC Meeting in person!

2023 is quickly coming to an end and it is time to start planning our Christmas Holiday event. If you would like to help, please give John Layton a call a 609-556-9749 or email him at [JohnLCDEdriver@gmail.com](mailto:JohnLCDEdriver@gmail.com).

The 40th Anniversary Committee is actively working on a special event for this Fall. If you would like to help in the planning, please contact Linda Thomas.

Don't forget to RSVP to Frances Baker ([Francesbaker65@gmail.com](mailto:Francesbaker65@gmail.com)) for the upcoming Trot the Trails event at her Hollyville Farm on Saturday, August 19th. There will be the opportunity to drive in the shade on marked, wooded trails, learn about and try a cones course, and participate in a Driving Derby. (Please note this is a working farm and you may see tractors and irrigation equipment). On November 11th, Anna Klumpp will be hosting a Cones Event at her farm in Still Pond, Maryland. Watch for more details soon.



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## From the President



Hello everyone!

As we approach the final months of 2023, there continue to be a lot of driving opportunities. Be sure to check the Calendar so you don't miss anything. The next Club event is on August 19th followed by a General Membership Meeting and Drive on September 25th. Member input and help is always appreciated, so don't hesitate to contact a Board Member to share an idea or volunteer assistance. As our Club Logo says, "Come Drive with Us!" This year is also the 40th Anniversary of our Club.

## Breyerfest—2023

BreyerFest, was held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky on July 14th-16th. This event is a celebration of horses featuring Breyer models and the real horses that inspired them! The theme for this year was Driving Forward and DDC Member Madeline Kurz participated with Breyer Horse Model 1865 named Battlefield Angel HP or "Ezra". Ezra is a 12 year old Pinto Friesian Sporthorse Stallion owned by Rhiannon Barreda. He was trained to drive by DDC Member Jess Tanglao.



# Members Out and About



Michele Brauning driving her VSE Toy Story



Martha Duchnowski at the AMHA Eastern Regionals



Jane Oehler, Skye the pony, and Ghillie the Corgi participating in the Lorenzo Driving Competition



Colleen Layton and Alex Driscoll with Ideal Kiss



Linda Thomas driving Jake the Haflinger

# Members Out and About



Erin and Josh Gale training their Standardbreds



Frances and Wayne Baker driving their coach with friends on their farm



Anna Klumpp's VSE Jerry at the Cecil Co. Fair



Adriane and Dennis Baker's Gypsy Vanner named ChatterHouse Telluride has arrived to his new home in Earleville, MD



Jess Tanglao with Savannah and Dancer in Oxford, Maryland



## 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:

**Thinking of you/Get Well Wishes were sent to:** Shannon Gandee who underwent knee replacement surgery; Martha Duchnowski's VSE named 'Boogie' who had some medical issues (which luckily was allergy related and can be treated)

**Congratulations were sent to:** Michele Brauning on the new member of her equine family—a VSE named Toy Story; Tammy Carpenter has a new to her carriage and had her first successful drive with it;

**Sympathy was sent to:** Paula and Billy Klein for the sudden passing of their son Sam; Michele Brauning for the loss of Ace—a leader in her four-in-hand VSE team.

## Trot the Trails Event on August 19th

On Saturday, August 19th, Frances and Wayne Baker are hosting a ‘Trot the Trails’ Event at their Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, Delaware. An entry form for the event is on page 6. Please complete this form and return it to Frances no later than 8/12/23.

*What is this event and who can participate?* All vehicles and equines are eligible to participate as long as you pass the safety check. The Trail Drive and the cones course are not speed events, but learning events. Whips are mandatory and helmets are encouraged. The Driving Derby is geared more towards speed, but there is a Training Level which is a learning experience where only a walk or trot is permitted. Volunteers are also needed!

A Whip's (Driver) Meeting will begin at 10 am in the front of the barn. Instructions, trail maps, and the cones course/Driving Derby map will be distributed and discussed. Individuals driving only the Trails will be sent on course beginning at 11 am. If you are driving both the Trails and Cones –you will have the opportunity to walk the cones (course is located near the barn) prior to driving the cones course. Non-participants will have the opportunity to walk the course with a knowledgeable person and then ‘spectate’ during the running of the cones course.

Individuals participating in the Driving Derby area will complete 2 rounds of the course—the first one will be done ‘blind’. The Driving Derby will be located in the arena area of the trails course

There will be an optimum time for the Trail Course and Cones Course for learning purposes. For the Driving Derby: the participant's score is the sum of scores for both rounds and the lowest time (score) wins. Prizes will be awarded.

Lunch will be provided!

## Trot the Trails Event on August 19th!, cont.

# Delmarva Driving Club, Inc,

## Trot the Trails, with the options of a Cones Course, and Driving Derby Area

On Saturday, August 19th, the Delmarva Driving Club is sponsoring a driving event at Frances and Wayne Baker's Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, Delaware. This event will offer you the opportunity to drive some wonderfully marked trails, drive a cones course, or practicing and mastering what is involved in a Driving Derby. This is a great learning opportunity in a low key environment. However, please remember that this is a working farm and there are tractors and irrigation equipment present. To help the Club prepare properly, we need you to indicate your involvement— there is something for everyone—from participating to volunteering to spectating. Please complete the form below and return to Frances Baker no later than Saturday, August 12th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the Trot the Trails portion of this event only

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the Trot the Trails and the Cones Course.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the Driving Derby

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer at the event

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in watching the event only (please bring a chair)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Consists of: \_\_\_\_\_ VSE, \_\_\_\_\_ Pony, \_\_\_\_\_ Horse, or \_\_\_\_\_ Multiples

Best Contact Method: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The event begins at 10 am and lunch will be provided.

Frances Baker's contact information is as follows:

Phone: 302-381-2979

Email: francesbaker65@gmail.com

Event Address: 23430 Hollyville Road Harbeson, DE 19951

**Hope to see you there!!!**

## Upcoming Events

Due to the Covid 19 virus, many events have been canceled for everyone's safety. Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 8/10-13/23 ORLETON FARM Driving Competition PLEASURE SHOW, CT, AND HDT in Stockbridge, MA ADS event
- 8/19/23 HARLEQUIN FARM DRIVING DERBY, 37720 Legard Farm Road, Purcellville, VA 20132. Contact Paula Bliss at Harlequin Farm 540 668 7227 or hbbliss@toast.net
- 8/20/23 MLMDC DRESSAGE & COMBINED TEST, Harlequin Farm - 37720 Legard Farm Road, Purcellville, VA 20132. For more info & registration: <https://www.mlmdc.org/clinics-events>
- 9/3/23 Ludwigs Corner Horse Show—See and enjoy the carriages on Sunday during Labor Day Weekend; these “turnouts” should pass through the Main Ring about 2 PM. A pleasure drive of the surrounding countryside follows. Website: <https://ludwigshorseshow.com/carriage-exhibition-drive/> For more information about driving in this event, please call Tracey Freeman (484-437-5200) or Pam Bastings (610-384-1891).
- 9/7-10/23 MARD—Mid-Atlantic Recreational Drive held at Fair Hill, MD. There are 2 barns of stabling reserved and Fair Hill has 30-40 miles of carriage-accessible trails, mostly dirt and gravel roads and open meadows. A limited amount of weatherproof trail maps may be available on-site. Registration is available via ADS online Omibus or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/midatlanticrecreationaldrive> or contact Heidi Ferguson at (302) 632-8024.
- 9/8-10/23 Villa Louis Carriage Classic - The 2023 Prize Lists are now available for this neat show in Prairie du Chien, WI Check their website for more details [www.CarriageClassic.com](http://www.CarriageClassic.com)
- 9/9/23 Driving Derby at Fair Hill, MD—sponsored by Brandywine Valley Driving Club—check their website for details
- 9/16/23 GLADSTONE EQUESTRIAN ASSOC FUN DAY OF DRIVING, Gladstone, NJ - Includes cones and games. Website: <https://www.gladstonedriving.org/calendar> (rain date 9/17)
- 9/24/2 BUXMONT PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW - Website: <https://www.buxmontridingclub.com/copy-of-mini-horse-shows>
- 9/24/23 Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Trail Ride and Drive at Redden State Forest in Georgetown, DE beginning at 10 am, **[the DDC General Membership Meeting will be held immediately following lunch](#)**
- 10/5-8/23 Garden State CDE at the Horse Park of New Jersey—<https://www.horseparkofnewjersey.com/> or contact John Layton for more details
- 10/7/23 Celebration of the Horse at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center—details to follow
- 10/20-21/23 Amish School Sale at 764 Winding Creek Drive Dover, DE 19904 A multitude of items are available and it's a Benefit auction to raise money for the Amish Parochial Schools
- 10/20/23 Martins 52nd Annual Fall Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds—starts at 9 am

## Helpful Hints!

Nice idea for the summer months: freeze gallon jugs of water and place them in horse's water tanks to keep drinking water cool.



Good Stock Trailer Cooling Idea—a large PVC elbow and a heavy duty zip tie will scoop in lots of air which can be directed right at the horse(s). They can be turned to send fast air all over the trailer and help cool horses along the way. If you're worried about debris—simply put a screen wire or nylon over the intake. You should make sure your horse has a mask on as well in open stock trailers

Hot weather tip: Use Listerine mouth wash to clean water tanks/buckets. It cuts algae quickly, **KILLS MOSQUITO LARVA**, and leaves a pleasant smell (unlike bleach). If you buy an off brand make sure it has the same alcohol content as Listerine.







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