

Let's Drive!

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Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

Do you want a DDC Driving Show?

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Your opinion is needed! As a DDC member, what are your thoughts on the Annual DDC Driving Show? Some ideas to consider are: what type of show would you like to see? i.e. A pleasure show, an equitation show which features dressage, a timed show which could feature a driving derby and a cones challenge, or even a beginner/build your confidence type show.

When should the show be held? Traditionally it has been held on the

second Saturday in May. This year that would be on May 12, 2018.

A show committee will also need to be formed, however members George Parris and Bonnie Forgacs have agreed to coordinate it. Some of the organization could even be done by conference calls.

The committee would also explore whether or not to set a rain date and how much



James Wood and Zeus at the 2017 Show

more that may cost to hold the second date for both the location and the judge.

Please let your opinion be known by contacting any Board Member or sending an email to glassmanlpt@aol.com

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017 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#

Upcoming December Meeting and Election of Officers

Each December at the General Membership Meeting, officers are elected for the upcoming year. Contact Anna Klumpp at montalmax@hotmail.com if you

would like to be on the nominating committee or would like to be considered for an office. The Bylaws state that a slate of officers must be presented to the

membership at least one month prior to the December meeting. The annual December Holiday meeting will again be held at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center in Queen Anne,

December General Membership Meeting cont.

MD on Saturday, December 2nd. Kim Baklarz has agreed to chair the Holiday Party Committee and would appreciate any and all help. Please contact her at 410-490-6548 or email: kbaklarz@yahoo.com. The Club will be



DDC Members Michele and Michael enjoying the Holiday Spirit at an Annual Christmas Party

providing beverages and a meat, however members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Additional details will be in the next newsletter.

Be sure to let your voice be heard! Other

topics up for consideration at the General Membership meeting are: the future and the future direction of the club. Committees will be formed in order to divide workloads and have the club move in the direction the membership wants. So put your thinking caps on and bring your thoughts, ideas and Holiday Spirit to the Event. Hope to see you there!!

Trot Your 2018 Dues In Now!

It's that time of year again—time to renew your membership!! What's in it for you? It has been said that what most members want is to safely participate with like minded equestrians in driving related activities or enjoy their hobby of either driving or collecting

carriages and horse drawn equipment. Thus, what the Board of Directors of the DDC attempt to provide is a variety of opportunities for all persons, of all skill levels. We can't offer

"Dues are still only \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family"

exactly the same opportunities each year but at least there will be clinics or talks on a variety of subjects and almost every month of the year, there is at least one scheduled DDC event. You also receive a monthly newsletter. We hope to see you at some of these events!

Tuckahoe Equestrian Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Carriage Driving was well represented on Saturday, October 7th as members Anna Klumpp, Deb Dawkins, Sherry Harris, Nancy Offen and George Parris performed a driving demonstration in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center.



Above is Sherry Harris

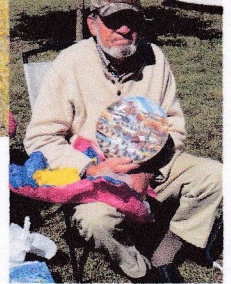
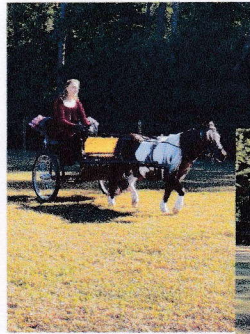


To the left is Anna Klumpp (driver) and Nancy Offen ('gator') and above is Deb Dawkins



George Parris Appreciation Day & Freestyle Driving Demonstration

On 9/30/17, member Nancy Offen invited club members to her farm in Georgetown, DE in order to view her newly choreographed freestyle driving demonstration. She and her VSE (mini) Salem did a lovely job and the performance was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. As a special surprise, Nancy had organized a Special Appreciation Day for George Parris. Many in the audience were able to share driving triumphs with George as their coach and mentor. Thank you Nancy for sharing your wonderful performance and thank you George for helping so many of us 'to manage our lines' and be able to Drive On!



Redden Headquarters Drive in conjunction with the DEC

On 9/24/17, several DDC members participated in the Delaware Equine Council's Member Appreciation Ride/Drive at Redden State Forest Headquarters, just north of Georgetown, DE. This a great place to drive, especially if you have a green horse or just need 'a tune up'.



"What a great place to drive—both protected and easy for green horses!"

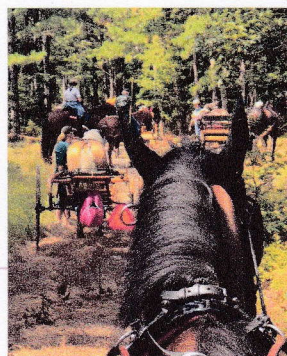


Upcoming Furnace Town—Pocomoke Forest Drive

A drive will be held at Furnace Town on 10/14/17 at 11:00 am. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch to share after the drive.

On 9/11/17 several DDC members and their friends checked out the trails and enjoyed an afternoon pleasure drive. As most of this area is off road, several members brought their new and young horses.

Even the MD DNR Forest Service Ranger was able to ride along on her horse.



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:

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

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

One of the most simple DIY projects is making a grain scoop. Cut the bottom off of a sturdy juice jug with a handle and you have a quick grain scoop. Keep one handy for cleaning out automatic waterers too. Square jugs work better than round ones for this use. Bottles can be



used to store small quantities of supplements and other bits and pieces.

Use old tennis balls to cover the pointy end on electric fence stakes, or t-posts. Just cut a slit in the ball large enough to slip it over the end of the post. You can also use them to cover the end of gate hinges. Thread tennis balls on your cross ties so your horse can't grab the tie

and pull on it as easily. A couple of tennis balls thrown into the dryer with your down riding coat will help fluff it up as it dries. Tennis balls can be used as a massage tool on your horse too. Ground up tennis balls can be used to add 'bounce' to arena footing, however this is probably beyond the abilities of a DIYer. Be careful a curious horse doesn't try to eat a tennis ball!

Upcoming Events

- 10/14/17 @ 11:00 a.m. Pleasure Drive at Furnace Town Living Heritage Village—3816 Old Furnace Rd Snow Hill, MD; Most of the drive will be off road. Bring a chair and a picnic lunch to enjoy following the drive. Raindate is October 15th. If you have additional questions, please call George Parris at 302-846-2189 or 302-236-7357
- 10/20 & 10/21/17 Martin's Fall Carriage Auction—Lebanon Fairgrounds 80 Rocherty Rd Lebanon, PA 17042 (Not a DDC sponsored event)
- 10/26-10/29/17 MARD—Mid Atlantic Regional Drive Fair Hill, Elkton, MD 21921 (requires pre-registration) (Not a DDC sponsored event)
- 11/12-11/13/2017 Wilson's 27th Annual Fall Carriage Drive & Auction—1 pm Carriage Parade and Drive on 11/12/17 at 10120 Dupont Blvd (Route 113) Lincoln, DE; Carriage begins at 4 pm on 11/13 (Not a DDC sponsored event)
- 12/2/17 DDC General Membership Meeting and Annual Holiday Party—watch for details in upcoming newsletters



WHO WE ARE AND OUR HISTORY

One July weekend in 1983, several friends got together for a pleasure drive and an overnight camp out from Salisbury, to Furnace Town, near Snow Hill, Maryland. As a result of that fun and fellowship, the Delmarva Driving Club was established. From seven Charter Members, the Club has now grown immensely. We are a group of members with diverse interests and backgrounds. *Would you fit in? Why of course!*

Some members are Combined Driving enthusiasts (CDE), some use their equine friends in farm activities, some prefer pleasure drives in the country, some are into 4-in-Hand Coaching and Tandem-Driving, some have a commercial interest with their equine. Some members are young...others are not. Some equines have long ears, and others have little bitty ears that fit in your hand. Some are green, and some are polished veterans, and some are famous with magazine covers!

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