

September 2010



DDC Meeting Schedule

Sep 1st—BOD mtg conference call 6:00 pm

Oct 6th—BOD mtg. conference call 6:00 pm

Nov 3rd—BOD mtg. conference call 6:00 pm

If you would like to participate in a BOD meeting, please contact Jane Ramsey 302-659-2827 / Jane.B.Ramsey@usa.dupont.com

Delaware Equine Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Harrington, DE Public Library. Special meeting locations may vary. For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan 302-684-3966

Important Information

Upcoming DDC Events:

- September 18th Carriage Drive at Blackbird State Forest.
- October 31st Halloween Carriage Drive at Hollyville
- November 28th Carriage Drive at Redden Forest
- December 11th DDC Christmas Party at Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum. Pot luck, DDC will provide meats and drinks.
- Check for details on times and contacts on page 7

A BIG THANK YOU

To Pao Lin Hatch for taking the reins as editor in chief during my extended vacation out west. She has also graciously offered to take over the newsletter starting with the January 2011 issue next year. AND a big thank you to Donna Hurst, who looked after the rascally Wee Willy and his furry companion, Kilar while we were away.

DDC Dues

The DDC bylaws say that the membership should vote on whether or not we need to raise our dues in order to cover our normal operating costs. The vote will be held at the annual Christmas Party. A packet of information with the data from this year (through the 3rd qtr) will be mailed to all individuals around the middle-end of October. Costs this past two years have risen dramatically, especially insurance costs. Your thoughts about the issues would be appreciated before the meeting but discussion will be held before a vote.

September 2010 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Out And About—Frances Baker, Michele Novack, Sharon Little, Pao Lin Hatch, and Martha MacDonald. Sunshine—Lois Evans. Wee Willy Sez suggestion—Nobel Cahall. Mtg minutes and Treasurers' reports—Donna Hurst and John Bolinski. Photos—Frances Baker (ADS tests), Michele Novack (4-H Clinic), Martie Bolinski—(Grassymeade Drive).

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Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors'
Meeting Minutes August 4, 2010

Time: 6:15 pm to 6:38 pm

Present: Donna Hurst, Frances Baker, John Bolinski,
Kay Mildon, Martie Bolinski
Absent: Jane Ramsey, Pao Lin Hatch, Sherry Harris

The following reflects the conference call meet-
ing on August 4th

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report by acting
treasurer, Donna Hurst, reflects a July ending
checking balance of \$1,400.18 and CD balance
of \$9,745.65 for a total of \$11,153.83. The re-
port was accepted as reported.

2nd Quarter Budget Report - John Bolinski reported the
2nd quarter YTD cash-flow in as \$14,421.05 and
out as \$12,504.29 for a net positive cash flow of
plus \$1,916.76, which was mostly from the
Pleasure Show proceeds.

Halloween Drive - Frances Baker reported that due to
safety, this drive will mainly be a line-drive, but
will also have an open area for those wishing to
use it. Details on the drive will appear in our
newsletter.

Blackbird Forest Drive - Donna Hurst reported all is set
for the drive although we have only 1 RSVP at
this time.

Return Day - Frances Baker reported there is still need
for volunteers to help with the Georgetown DE
Return-Day parade. Both drivers and volunteers
to help with horse handling are needed, so even
if you do not have a horse in the event, your
help is needed. Some safety concerns were
mentioned regarding crowd control and actions
by the Federal Secret Service.

2010 Delmarva Driving Club	
Pleasure Driving Show Financial Summary	
Cash Received:	
Class Fees	2,197.00
Sponsors	781.00
Donations	200.00
Silent Auction	78.00
Show Ground Deposit Return	100.00
Total	3,556.00
Cash Paid Out:	
Show Ground Deposit	100.00
Refunds	50.00
Emergency Med Tech	180.00
Volunteer Meals	69.50
Judges (2)	700.00
Show Books	253.00
Show Ground Rental	400.00
Radio Rental	82.42
Misc. Show Expenses	596.08
Total	2,431.00
Net Profit	1,125.00

July Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$11,761.04
Checking act	9,515.39
Deposits	20.00
Expenses	8,107.21
Checking Act total	1,408.18
CDS	9,745.65
Ending Balance	\$11,173.83

Sunshine:

There is \$40.95 remaining in the Sunshine fund. This includes the purchase of stamps. Card were sent to: Eleanor Taylor and Donald Rogers - driving related accident; George Parris, minor surgery; Michael Lawrence, farm injury;.



Out and About—Members' News

—NOT AN ORDINARY DAY ON THE FARM

By Frances Baker

—The DDC Hosts a Driver Proficiency Testing Program with Muffy Seaton at Wayne & Frances Baker's Hollyville Farm in Lewes DE on August 6-8, 2010 .

When Jane Ramsey came up with the idea for this clinic, I agreed it was a great idea. I quickly offered to host the clinician and the event at our farm. It seemed to be a great way to take the next level (2) myself, having taken the first level at the Carriage Association Learning Weekend at Gloria Austin's in FL using a rented horse. A nice, but brief experience. With the date set, arrangements made with Muffy Seaton, Jane and I began to wonder how we could fill the whole weekend. We each made a few phone calls to other drivers we thought would be interested and the clinic quickly filled, with a waiting list to spare. Then I ordered the level 2 book for myself and got my first surprise, as this level had 9 units. I was advised to pick one or two as the whole level would take forever.

Next, the scheduling began with Jane making many phone calls to Jill Ryder at the CAA and emails to Muffy. I think they offered something like "good luck". Somehow, Jane came up with a schedule for 8 participants covering 15 individual units. The weather offered an additional challenge with very little rain and above average temperatures. I decided to do as much of the testing as we could in our wooded trails out of the hot mid-day sun. But first we had to drive under our working irrigation system which is 10-12 ft high with drop spouts reaching down to just over the average driver's head. The spouts deliver a refreshing sprinkle of ice cold water but it is always a surprise none the less. The drivers all survived the challenge. Much was learned in the process of testing. My strongest part was pair driving through our wooded trails. My weakest part was the single horse dressage test 1— as I mostly drive pairs and fours.

Muffy cautioned me that my team of four was only as "as good as the worst horse—a good reason to do more single horse dressage in the future.

Thanks to Jane Ramsey and all of her hard work putting this plan into action and Thank You to everyone who participated and to the DDC for supporting it. See photos on page 4

DDC Member, Michele Novack, Does Driving Demo for MD State 4-H Youth Camp—Michele Novack

In the late afternoon on Thursday, July 8, in the searing heat, Michele and her nine-year old part-bred Cleveland Bay mare, Liberty (Libby), gave a carriage driving demo to over 150 junior and senior 4-H's at the annual Jamboree, an educational camp for those who participate in the Horse and Pony Project. The event was held at Patuxent River Park in Queen Anne, Prince George's Cty, near Upper Marlboro, MD.

I was told in advance that the kids were excited and curious about driving, then I show up and unload this HUGE horse with big ears — 'A Cleveland What?' So I gave a brief history lesson on the breed and all the efforts underway to help bring the breed back. This was all a bonus—the kids had all kinds of good questions. Then I let the kids hold Libby under a big shade tree while I got the carriage and harness unloaded. My helpers and I figured that the kids should also see how much of an effort it is to move all the gear around. Libby was very patient while I explained about how the carriage and harness parts work together. I then harnessed and hitched to the marathon cart while making sure I did everything to ADS standards. I then climbed onto the box seat, gloves on—and off we went. Due to the heat, we only did some basic maneuvers at walk and a little trot work. A nice breeze came up and Lib did her best road trot this year, thundering across the parched field and then an obedient halt and stand for the last round of questions. As the kids headed off to the dining hall for dinner, I loaded the moms up on the cart for an easy ride around the demo field. None had ever had that experience before and they loved it. As we packed up and prepared to load for the trip home, I was presented with a handmade thank-you note signed by all of the kids with a question at the bottom — can you please come back next year? "Of Course"

Libby is a graduate of the Bill Long Driving Center in Southern Pines, NC where she spend the summer in

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2008 before going to Kentucky for the ADS National Drive, which was **Michele's first time solo**. They did their first schooling shows this year at the SMHA series at the Prince **George's Equestrian Ctr.** Michele and Libby are members of three driving clubs in MD, and it was through the Plantation Driving Club in Southern MD that the request for the 4- demo was received.

Photos on p 5



NEWS FLASH! By Sharon Little
DDC members, Claudia and Christie Little attended the Delaware State Fair 4H horseshow on July 30th. Quarter horses and Paints may dominate our state, but **Claudia's Welsh Pony, Cinderella**, made a big impression—placing 2nd in Showmanship AND Equitation! The pair also received 3rd in a very difficult trail course! Cinderella also carried Kassiday Kohland to a first in lead-line.

Christie showed her Hackney Cross pony, Miss Liz. They placed first in showmanship, equitation and in pleasure driving! The judge was very complimentary, praising Christie for showing her hackney like a Hackney instead of trying to do it the Quarter Horse way. The judge also gave her extra points for using correct appointments in the driving class. Sadly, this will be their last opportunity to do under saddle classes. Next year, Christie will be riding a Morgan Horse (but insists she will continue driving Miss Liz. Thank you again **GEORGE** for Miss Liss, aka Missy.



Grassymeade Photos

FATE! Submitted by Pao Lin Hatch
I just wanted to pass on some great news to all members and remind everyone about the **concept of 'FATE'**.

Two of our members were suffering (mostly in silence) with **ill-fitted equipment which didn't prop-**

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Photos from ADS Testing at Hollyville Farm

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erly fit their equines. One had a cart too large for their pony and the other had a cart which was too small for their pony. See where I am going with this?

The swap of meadowbrooks was just completed and **they are, as they say, "happy as pigs in mud".**

Morale of the story? Use the Yahoo Groups, DDC website or DDC newsletter to put your wants and for sales out there to the driving community and their friends.

Drive at Cair Paravelle—Martha MacDonald

Don and Darby Hewes with Nora, the Fjord, Pao Lin Hatch with her young horse Trudy and Martha MacDonald, who borrowed The Mighty Aphrodite, joined Anna Klumpp at Cair Paravelle for a mid-day drive on August 14th, one of **the really nicest August days we've seen in a long time** After exploring some of the trails and fields (one completely alive with the most beautiful butterflies and moths) we headed out through the woods to Betterton, returning by a state highway with wide, paved shoulders. At one point, we had to turn left across the road and while Anna with her small mini, Robin and I with a slightly larger mini got across the road before traffic arrived, I thought the others would have to wait. Instead, the drivers in cars halted to let Nora and Trudy cross. As Anna said, we probably made their day, seeing a small parade of ever larger horses. We finished the day with a potluck lunch. Horse people really know how to eat! Thanks Anna for inviting us to join you on a very lovely day.

A man from Idaho breezed into a Kentucky racetrack with an unraced six-year-old horse. The horse won his maiden race easily and paid a whopping price.
The racing stewards didn't like the look of the thing and questioned the owner "Is this horse unsound?" they asked.
"Not a bit", said the owner.
"In that case", asked one of the stewards, "why haven't you ever raced him before?"
"Mister", said the man from Idaho, "we couldn't even catch the critter until he was five years old"
- Joe Palmer



Michele Novack and Libby at 4-H Demo

Increase seen in instances of Potomac Horse Fever

Forwarded via email by Pao Lin Hatch

There has been a MAJOR increase in the instance of Potomac Horse Fever in the area—so much so that New Bolton and the American Association of Equine Practitioners have both separately sent warnings to vets about it.

Although we don't usually think of it as being on Delmarva, possible cases around the Mid-Atlantic region in general have not been confirmed pending test results.

DDC 2010 Budget Summary

Projected Income

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr YTD</u>	<u>2nd Q YTD</u>
Membership	1,860.00	1,330.00	1,360.00
Newsletter Ads	300.00	150.00	150.00
Calendar Sales	200.00	155.00	155.00
Pleasure Driving Show	2,500.00	745.00	3,356.00
Shirts/Hat Sales	100.00		
Draft Horse/Fun Show	600.00		
Christmas Party	40.00		
Donations	0.00	82.00	127.00
Refunds	0.00	25.00	25.00
CD	0.00	0.00	9,248.05
Total	5,600.00	2,387.00	14,421.05

Projected Expenses

Liability Insurance	1,000.00	128.75	128.75
Newsletters	400.00	153.00	190.01
Dues - ADS	60.00	60.00	60.00
Dues - CAA	55.00		
Dues - DEC	20.00	20.00	20.00
Advertising DEC	90.00	90.00	90.00
Misc. Printing (Flyers/Business Cards)	100.00	17.60	17.60
Christmas Party	275.00		
Pleasure Driving Show	1,600.00		2,348.58
Education Fund	200.00		
Benevolent Fund (includes Sunshine)	200.00	50.00	50.00
Drives	200.00		
Trailer Tags/Maintenance	300.00	250.00	250.00
Donations	400.00	50.00	727.40
Clinics	200.00		
Draft Horse/Fun Show	200.00		
Website	100.00		29.81
Postage	350.00	68.48	122.67
Taxes - DE	100.00	125.00	125.00
Radios	500.00	540.00	540.00
Dues Refunds	0.00	50.00	50.00
Conference Calls	0.00	62.66	62.66
CD	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
Total	6,350.00	1,665.49	12,504.29

Difference	-750	144.43	1,916.76
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Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

More information about activities will be available in future issues. Check for changes and additions. If you plan to attend a DDC sponsored event, PLEASE contact the host before the event.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly BOD meetings, but we would appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so that we can phone in case of any change in time or location.

- September 11 & 12th—Tuckahoe Outlaw Days. Themed event, old west shows, arena demos, training techniques. Contact Pao Lin Hatch, paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240-274-6180.
- September 11th, James River Driving Assoc. 1st Annual Arena Driving Trial. Training/prelim for horse and mini/pony & multiples division. Macy Hill will judge. ADS rules apply. Cutoff date for entries is Sep 5th. Info contact Sally Sutherland 804-784-3168 or ssutherland.ppp@juno.com or www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com
- **September 18th—Blackbird State Forest Drive; contact Donna Hurst 302-492-3932 or Sherry Harris 410-482-2402. Approx. 5 miles. Start at 1:00 pm; bring a picnic lunch and beverages will be provided.**
- October 7-9th—ADS Annual Members' Mtg. Gayla Driving Center, KY.
- October 15-16 Martin's Carriage Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA
- October 8th—ADS Membership meeting at the Gayla Driving Center, near the Kentucky Horse Park. 608-237-382, info@americandrivingsocietyt.org.
- October 24-25 Wilson's Carriage Drive & Auction. Drive on Sunday, sale on Monday evening. Lincoln DE. 302-422-3454
- **October 31st—DDC Halloween Pleasure Drive sponsored by Frances and Wayne Baker at Hollyville Farm in Lewes, DE. More details to follow. Phone 302-645-6164 / franbak@aol.com**
- November 4th—Return Day, Georgetown DE. Volunteers please contact Rosalie Walls 302-855-9660
- November 11-14th—Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield MA. Clinics, Seminar, Demos, Trade show Breed Pavilion. Info—www.equineaffaire.com.
- **November 28th DDC pleasure drive at Redden State Forest. Details to follow. Sponsored by**

Pao Lin Hatch and Karen Mack. Contact Pao Lin—240-274-6180 / paoball2000@yahoo.com

- **December 11th—DDC Christmas Party at Nutter Marvel.**

2011 events

- January 20-23—Horse World Expo, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD www.horseworldexpo.com, 301-916-0852
- February 24-27th—Horse World Expo, PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. Www.horseworldexpo.com, 301-916-0852
- April 2nd—rain date April 9th; Mt. Hermon Plow Days, Salisbury MD. Contact Oren Perdue 410-749-1723
- **April 10th (tentative)—Bunny Fun Ride & Drive at TEC. Pao Lin Hatch at 240-274-6180.**
- **May DDC Pleasure Drive Show—date to be announced.**

Helpful Horse Hints

From the Delaware Equine News August 2010 edition:
(Just substitute 'drive' for 'ride')

When is it TOO HOT to ride?
Air Temperature + Relative Humidity—
Wind Speed = Answer
To evaluate your answer:
180 or above—**Don't Ride!**
130-170—Use Caution
130 or below—Ride



10 Signs That Your Dressage Test Needs Some Work

1. Under judge's remarks, the only comment is: "Nice Plaits"
2. Your horse confuses the dressage arena boards for a cavaletti and exits over them.
3. Your 20 meter circle reminds the judge to buy eggs on her way home.
4. Your serpentine was perfect, except that it was supposed to be a straight entry on the center line.
5. Slow trot would have been more acceptable at the Harrington Race Track
6. Your horse believes that "free walk" means grazing along the arena boards.
7. You work harder than your horse to maintain a 'working trot'.
8. During the salute, you inadvertently use your ship hand and your horse thinks the horseflies are biting.
9. Your horse's walk seems to be more 'rare' than 'medium'.
10. Impulsion in improved only after the horse sees monsters in the decorative conifers near the letter marking the dressage arena.

Please have items for the October 2010 Delmarva Driving Lines to Martie Bolinski, 410-398-0257; bolinsj@myshorelink.com before Sept 26th

DDC Classified

Sale: 1984 2-horse tagalong trailer. New frame & floor. Needs bodywork. Have been using as-is. Contact Jim or Peggy @ 302-238-7235

Free Lease: 4 yr old Belgian XTB. Green broke to ride; not trained to drive. Good home only. Contact Anna Klumpp montalmax@hotmail.com

Sale: 1995 Colt Mini horse trailer \$2000 but very negotiable. Call Elaine @ 302-387-2500 or MiniHee-Haw@aol.com

To Approved Home Only: 13 yr old 14.1 h Standardbred mare; rides and drives. All black. Also 12 yr old 16.2 h TB gelding;

drives; all black. Dick Posey 410-673-2073

Sale: Harness for above horses; custom made for large TB \$300. Leather harness for small horse/large pony \$250 obo. Dick Posey 410-673-2073 or Sherry Harris 410-482-2402

Sale: Large pony/small horse pairs' 4-wheel sporting trappe. Really elegant; too small for my pair. Asking \$3,500. Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180.

Sale: Nice synthetic harness, draft horse size. Great shape. Asking \$550 OBO or would trade for same in warm-blood size. Contact Sandra Gumz 410-634-0182 or gumzx2@toad.net

Sale: Novice-safe pony for sale. Has been driven by 12 yr old at Brandywine. See the pony on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v_6tTVKU-PcyY He will be sold with everyday harness (show harness available separately) and meadowbrook for \$2000 OBO. dlj4@comcast.net , attn. Laurie

Sale: Cob sized Meadowbrook in terrific condition. All new bolts hydraulic brakes, fenders and front dash. Kept save and out of the weather. contact Val 410-822-9778 or 508-325-2011 (cell)

Note: Classified items will run for two months unless requested otherwise. Please let us know if your article has sold or if you want to continue the ad after 2 months.



The sometimes skewed view of a paranoid pony

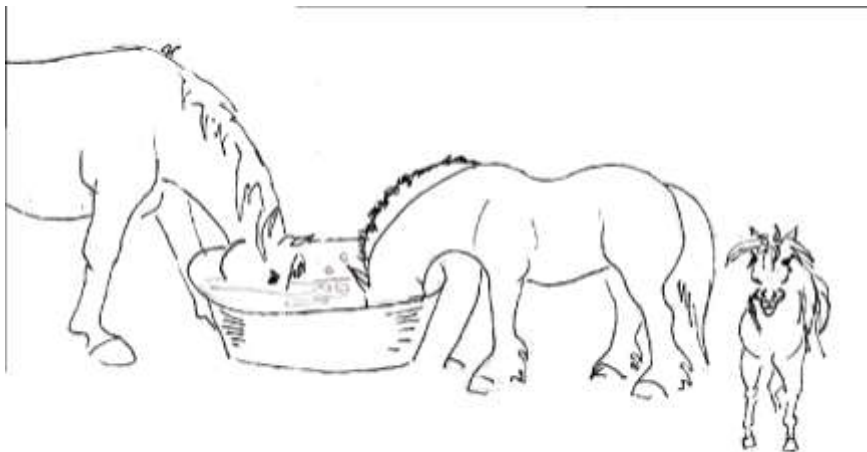


From the Maryland Horse Council

Things I learned at Summer Camp -

“Kilar is not the only horse who likes to get his water from the **bottom** of the full bucket **Maybe I'M the odd one?**”

(thank you to Nobel Cahall for the WWS this month)



Does YOUR county government know that the MD General Assembly passed a law in 2009 confirming that what we do on our horse farms is ‘agriculture’ and should therefore be treated as agriculture?

Do you know YOUR county government have zoning ordinances s that unfairly apply to horse farms?

The MD Horse Council needs people from every county in our state to help as we sift through county ordinances and unfair practices that property owners have confronted as they attempt to keep our state rural and green with horse farms.

Data will be compiled from across the state, make policy recommendations for all counties and help each county in its battle for reform. We MUST know how EVERY county treats horse farms for this critical effort.

Questions about the Save The Horse Farms Campaign??

Visit the website at: MDhorsecouncil.org

Or contact Steuart Pittman dodonfarm@verizon.net; Amy Sampan aks@fdalaw.com.

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