

Newsletter of the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc.
Martie Bolinski, editor

November 2010



DDC Meeting Schedule

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

Dec 11th—General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party—6:00 pm social/7:00 pm mtg

If you would like to participate in a BOD mtg, 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. <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan 302-684-3966
Elections will be held at the November meeting.



Important Information

Upcoming DDC Events:

- October 31st Halloween Carriage Drive at Hollyville
- November 28th Carriage Drive at Redden Forest
- November 4th Return Day Parade in Georgetown.
- December 11th DDC Christmas Party at Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum. Pot luck, DDC will provide meats and drinks.
- **Note that Dave Wilson's Carriage Drive & Auction has been moved from October 24-25th to November 14-15th.**
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Please remember to contact the host for any DDC event—
it's important to have an approximate head-count.

DDC Dues

The DDC membership will vote on whether or not we need to raise our dues to cover normal operating costs at the annual Christmas Party. A packet of information with the data from this year (through the 3rd qtr) was mailed to all individuals. Costs the 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.

Clinic Ideas for 2011

And the winners of our poll are:

- Intermediate—getting better at cones courses
- Intermediate—improving your dressage
- Intermediate—bending the driving horse

Additional clinics are also being tentatively planned.

2011 Elections

Elections will be held, as usual, at the DDC Christmas party. Now that we have tested the conference-call BOD meetings, there is no need for officers or board members to drive long distances to attend the meetings. The conference calls are free to members.

So—if you'd like to volunteer to become a member of the board, or sit in (via phone call) on our meetings, please contact Donna Hurst at 302-492-3932 and let her know to put you on the ballot. Anyone over 18 yoa with one year of membership can run for office.

DDC Christmas Party—December 11th at the Nutter Marvel Museum in Georgetown DE.

Don't forget—bring a covered dish to share; we'll supply the meats and drinks (roast turkey and beef). Free to DDC members. Guests only \$5. Brief membership meeting to discuss dues and to elect 2011 BOD. Bring a small, fun gift if you wish to take part in the Bandits' Gift Exchange—always lots of laughs.

November 2010 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Out And About—Michelle Novack, Martha Duchnowski, John Gumz, Frances Baker, Jane Bailey; Sunshine—Lois Evans; Clinic Poll—Pao Lin Hatch, Meeting Minutes—John Bolinski; Treasurer's Report—John Bolinski; Photos—Sherry Harris (Blackbird Drive), Martha Duchnowski (wedding photo), Jane Bailey (Teddy Bear).

DDC Treasurer's Report

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November 1, 2010
 Submitted by John Bolinski

Beginning Balance (checking)	\$1,782.36
Deposits	
Newsletter Advertisement	\$50.00
Dues	\$50.00
Pleasure Show	\$101.48
Payments	
Postage	\$88.00
Fliers/copies	\$19.80
4H Show Ground Deposit	\$100.00
Ending Balance	\$1,776.00
CD#1	\$2,245.65
CD#2	\$7,500.00
Grand Total	\$11,521.69

Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors' Meeting

Via conference call October 6, 2010
 Time: 6:05 pm to 7:05 pm

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

The following reflects the subjects discussed:

Minutes of September 1, 2010 BOD Meeting - The minutes were approved as written in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - The October 1, 2010 treasurer's report was approved reflecting a checking balance of \$1,782.32, CD balances of \$2,245.65 and \$7,500 for a total of \$11,528.00.

Blackbird State Forest Drive - Donna Hurst & Sherry Harris gave a report on the drive. We had 12 carriages, no incidents or injuries and lots of quality driving and social time together. The club sent Jim Dobson, Ranger, a copy of the article written on the drive and a personal thank-you note for his help in laying out the course.

2011 Pleasure Driving Show - Jane Ramsey has set a tentative date of May 14, 2011 for our show. A firm date and information will appear in the newsletter after she makes sure that the 4H park will be available.

2011 Club Dues - Pao Lin Hatch presented the board with a table of dues paid by other clubs in our area. After some discussion,

it was decided to send out a letter to the membership explaining the situation and making a recommendation for the members to vote on at the annual meeting.

Clinic Series for 2011 - Pao Lin Hatch proposed a 4-part clinic series to be conducted by various members at various locations as follows:
 January 15th - "Selecting The Suitable Driving Horse"
 February (?) - "So You Want to do Multiples, Tandems or Teams? - Different Types of Harness and Carriages"
 March 5th - "Ground Driving the Driving Horse"
 April (?) - "Learning Dressage/Bending The Driving Horse"
 More details to follow.

Website Change - The board voted to pay an additional \$2.00/month so that Pao Lin can add pages to the website and post unlimited articles.

Christmas Party - Martie Bolinski will send out a flier for the December 11th Christmas Party and membership meeting. It will be a covered dish dinner with the club supplying the meats. Members will be free - guests \$5.00 each.

DEC - Our Delaware Equine Council representatives reminded the board of the October 18th meeting at the AmericInn at 7:00 pm with speakers about Mounted Patrols.



Sunshine:



There is \$90.95 in the Sunshine Fund.

Cards were sent to Bettie Evans, former DDC vice president for cataract surgery. Please remember to contact Lois Evans if you know of any sunshine items. Input is important. 302-875-4971

Out and About— Members' News

Martha Duchnowski

We had to leave the VA State Horseshow early on Saturday night so I could



drive in friend Kelly's wedding. We used a pair of Haflingers pulling a Victoria, which while a bit smaller than a vis-à-vis is just as elegant. The carriage in the photo is for sale since the owners have sold the

business and were keeping the carriage for sentimental reasons which are proving to be impractical at this point in time. Kelly, the bride, is a fellow driver and the carriage rides were given to her as a wedding gift. She is so much fun to work with—always so sunny and chatty.

This was the most fun wedding ever!

Michele Novack

I showed at the new, Upperville VA driving show last Sunday. Martha Duchnowski was there with a VSE. The show was very NICE—I would say well worth the travel to get there but there are no real overnight lodging option so be prepared to camp out.

John & Sandra Gumz

I am the proud new owner of a 6 month old black and white Mini colt. Betty thought it was just the thing to lift my spirits after my surgery. And she was right! I have laughed and laughed at his antics that only a baby can do!

Frances Baker

My husband, Wayne and friend Pat Roth and I attended **Martin's Auction this year, an especially good auction** for us as there were lots of coaching appointments -Top hats and stuff. There were lots of other four-in-hand drivers there for the same reason. The DDC was well represented as well—we saw Chris & Jane Bailey, Carl

Zimmerman and Laura, Pao Lin Hatch, Cheri Phillips, Martha MacDonald, Pete and Lynda Bigelo, Michael Lawrence, Darby and Donald Hewes.

Although carriage prices in general were low, there was a horse-driven fire ladder wagon that brought **\$83,000! It was supposed to be the only one of it's kind.** The vendors seemed to be especially busy. Heidi at DDRapps was selling hats like crazy and you could hardly **get into Jill Ryder's table at the CAA.** Many people had come from the WEG straight to the auction. We had met four-in-hand coaching driver, Ted Swendson this summer **in Calgary, Canada and he was at Martin's, having gone** directly from the WEG. The driving world is very small and many were at this auction.

Frances Baker

I represented the DDC at the Delaware Trail Summit on October. Peggy Koster, Paula Barto and Stan Vonasek were there to represent the DEC and Brenda Bover represented the Wicomico Hunt Club. There were a fair number of mountain bikers as well but the majority of those attending were state and government workers.

The opening session was entertaining, but my concerns over the shrinking use by horse owners in all of the parks, but mostly Cape Henlopen were never addressed. Nor was there any time scheduled for our input.

Peggy did an excellent job on the panel about mixed trail use. She answered questions from mountain bikers, including educating them about the nature of a horse when approached by a fast-moving biker. The Equine Council also had an educational booth that made a great showing.

The best part was the reading of the recent trail survey—which showed 43-46% of those people responding to the survey were horse owners!

Although we did great on the surveys, the mountain bikers have us outnumbered big time. I attended a session on Trail Maintenance with Volunteers where Bob Gaston of the Delaware Trail Spinners (mountain bikers) talked about the 200-300 volunteer hours he puts in each year and how he trains and organized other volunteers and how this time enables the state to get matching grants! The mountain bikers got out and attended this summit and they get out and volunteer.

We, as horse owners, need to get out there and

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More photos from the Blackbird Forest Drive courtesy of Sherry Harris



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.

- **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 14 & 15th—Dave Wilson's Fall Carriage Drive & Auction. Drive on Sunday; sale on Monday evening. Lincoln DE. 302-422-3454.
 - **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.**
- Contact John Bolinski 410-398-0257 bolinsj@myshorelink.com**
- 2011 events**
- **January 15—(tentative) Selecting the Suitable Driving Horse Talk. 11-1 Hartly DE DDC members only.**
 - January 20-23—Horse World Expo, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD
www.horseworldexpo.com, 301-916-0852
 - **February ? - tentative—no date set—So..You want to do multiples, tandems and teams? Different kinds of harnesses and carriages. DDC or non members, no horses**
 - February 24-27th—Horse World Expo, PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA.
Www.horseworldexpo.com , 301-916-0852
 - **March 5—tentative—Ground Driving the New Driving Horse, Chestertown MD. Rain date March 6th. DDC members only.**
 - **April ? - tentative—date to be determined. Learning Dressage/Bending the Driving Horse. Free to DDC/\$35 for others. Limited number of horses; auditors free.**
 - April 2nd—rain date April 9th; Mt. Hermon Plow Days, Salisbury MD.
Contact Oren Perdue 410-749-1723
 - April 2nd—Chapter One Farms Spring ADT, Pedricktown, NJ, 222.chapteronefarms.com.
Helene Paxton 856-299-5124,
hpaxton@chapteronefarms.com
 - **April 10th— Continuous Driving Event at Cair Paravelle—DDC members only . Info to follow.**
 - **April 16/17th— Continuous Driving Event at Anna Klumpp's Cair Paravelle. Tentatively max 10 entries each day—one day for horses (over 14 h) and the other day for ponies and minis.**
 - May 1st—Gladstone Driving Trials—more info to come.
Www.gladstonedriving.org.
 - **May 7th—DDC Pleasure Drive Show—more details to follow.**
 - May 15th—My Lady's Manor Driving Club Show. Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. Contact Dana Bright 717-246-2351 cdeponyz@comcast.net or Anne Council, 717-993-3956, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net.
 - June 4-5—Elk Creek CDE, Fair Hill MD. Wwww.fairhillinternational.com. Training, prelim, intermediate. Diane Trefry 410-755-6785 dtrefry@equestriare.com
 - July 12th—Brandywine Carriage Driving Show at Fair Hill MD. Contact margaretrillet@yahoo.com
 - August 6—Southern MD Plantation Carriage Show, PG Equestrian Ctr. Upper Marlboro MD
www.showplacearena.com .
 - August 18-21—Mid Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend at Fair Hill. Contact margaretrillet@yahoo.com
 - Aug 21st—MLMDC Schooling Driving Trial, Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA, open to non-members. Contact Anne Council, 717-993-8956, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net

Helpful Horse Hints and Tid-Bits

Pamper your horse with disposable baby diapers. They make great shipping bandages. With the plastic side against the horse's skin, they hold in moisture and body heat for poultices. You can soak the diapers in Epsom salts or any medication and wrap them with the absorbent side to the leg. They can be cut, fitted and taped under saddle pads, girths and bridles as protective padding so your horse doesn't get tack sores. Keep a box of disposable diapers in your tack room (the cheapest ones will do fine). You will probably find even more uses for them.

DDC Classified

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: TexTan 16 inch western saddle in great shape, used under a dozen times \$750.00 or would possibly trade for anything a Mini could use. Contact Sandra Gumz 410-634-0182 or gumzx2@toad.net

Sale: If you are interested in hay or straw,

Steward Farm is the place to call. 302-284-0514. Leave a message on the answering machine—or you may email gentleman-dancer1@yahoo.com.

Sale: 3 marathon vehicles priced for immediate sale. Located in Earlsville MD. EC Pair's—\$4400 net; ECC Single \$3800 neg; Dressage/presentation type carriage \$3800 neg. These have been stored indoors with all the 'extras'. Due to health, owner has not done any pairs driving in several years and very little single driving. Items were imported—are older models. Pictures on request. Contact Sharon 302-270-1995

Sale: AMHR eligible mini. Sadie is 4 mos old, a beautiful silver dun. 4Gs Little Kings Alfalfa Pleasure (aka Hawk) bloodlines. Will be a class B mini - between 34 and 38 inches and will make a great driving horse. A steal at \$500 to see her in a great home. Email at minihee-haw@gmail.com or phone 302-387-2500


for more info.


Sale: 1998 Valley Four Horse Stock Trailer—bumper pull, dark blue, mint condition, tires recently replaced, kept indoors, low mileage, just inspected. Front door, middle partition, step up, back door with emergency exit used for pony stallions, mares and foals and youngsters. \$4500 neg. Contact Kinco Hackney 410-329-6438 ahackney@qis.net.

Auctions: 20th Fall Carriage Drive & Auction 10/14-15-2010 in Lincoln DE. Public Auction of furniture, glassware, collectibles, jewelry etc October 30th 10:00am. Estate Auction October 30 10:00 am 798 "E Loockerman St., Dover DE—signs will be posted. Public Auction of tractors, farm & construction equipment etc. November 6, 10:00 am at 33553 Ellis Grove Rd., Laurel DE signs will be posted. Multi-estate Auction; antiques, furniture, lawn & garden, tools, etc. Nov 13th 10:00 am at Wilson's Auction Sales Inc. in Lincoln DE. More info at Wilson's Auction Sales, Inc 302-422-3454; www.wilsonauction.com

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





Wee Willy Sez

I'm really
starting to
HATE
Halloween!

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Out and About

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be heard as well. My own beloved Cape Henlopen State Park has limited horses to winter-only riding November 1-April 30; one parking lot and a few feet of ocean front to ride. I used to ride all over the park and go from Lewes to Rehoboth. This ruling was imposed with no notice some 8 years ago after one person made the rangers mad.

I think we all love our parks and the precious time we can spend there. The DDC has a lot of history at **The Redden Forest and we are going to be driving there in late November. Let's all work together and not get shut out of our parks!**

Jane Bailey

Fair Hill granted drivers an absolutely fabulous weather-day for the BVDC's annual **Teddy Bear's Picnic** on October 24th. Stuffed Teddy bears decorated entrances, ring decorations, tree ornaments and just about every nook and cranny you can imagine, including acting as a groom aboard a carriage or two and a few well-known drivers in bear costumes! Entry options included Combined Test (dressage and cones) Bear Trot (dressage, cones and cross country drive with tasks), and Horse Trial (dressage, cones and marathon).

Although the water hazard was certainly more like a mud hazard—most of the cross country/marathon course was in excellent shape consisting of grass fields, wooded trails, dirt pathways, and five of the famous Fair Hill Hazards. Pao Lin and groom, Martha MacDonald reported the Bear Trot course was really fun and this writer noticed them furiously trying to count the number of Teddy Bears strategically placed and hidden.

This was the first marathon for Chris and myself and, wow, what a learning experience it was. We wondered on the way home how many penalty pints we picked up for hysterical laughter at some of the funnier things **that happened to us along the way!** Some of those included **Chris's stopwatch reset about 100 meters into the start, throwing our timing efforts out the window. Chris forgot to wipe his glasses clean before the countdown to begin and noted in a loud voice when I asked where the next directional marker was "I can't see a thing with these glasses on, just so you know!"...Oh great, my navigator can't keep time or see! Terrific! And, I might comment to anyone else out there thinking of trying this for the first time...those BIG black letters, A, B, C seem so obvious and simple when you are standing on the ground or walking the course when you come flying in on a carriage you wonder "where the heck did they hide C?" We had our moments, but my gosh we had fun!**

I am quite sure that all of us wished we had done better in dressage, but from what I could see we all went home fully intact with the passengers and horses we arrived with. To anyone thinking of jumping into combined driving, I would recommend this venue. It is a schooling event held in a picnic format with such a great facility within driving distance, with friendly volunteers working at every corner—a great place to get your feet wet without being too overwhelmed.



Martha Duchnowski

The Upperville Show was really nice. I never saw such a wonderful pleasure drive! It took me 20 minutes to do it and I came in 2 minutes early. It was as much fun as the Teddy Bear Trot this weekend.

Upperville had the cones and pleasure drive in the morning for the novice horses and multiples while the pony/vse and open horses competed in a very nice ring. Then after lunch, it was reversed. Pony/vse and open horses did the scurry cones and marathon while the novice horses and multiples did the ring classes.

The weather was beautiful and the venue fantastic! We had some very well known drivers: Paul Maye & Susie Buchanan.

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