

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

# October 2010



## DDC Meeting Schedule

Oct 6th—BOD mtg conference call 6:00 pm  
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. Special Meeting October 18th—Volunteer Mounted Patrol will speak at the Americl nn in Harrington at 7:00 pm. <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan 302-684-3966

## Important Information

### Upcoming DDC Events:

- 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
- **Note that Dave Wilson's Carriage Drive & Auction has been moved from October 24-25th to November 14-15th.**

## 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.



## Clinic Ideas for 2011

Would you like to see any of the following events next year? Would you attend?

- **Beginner's safety clinic**
- **Beginner's ground driving clinic**
- Getting started—driving horse suitability
- Beginner/intermediate—road safety
- Intermediate—getting better at cones courses

## October 2010 Newsletter Contributors

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**Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors Meeting**

Via conference call September 1, 2010

Time: 6:01 pm to 7:00 pm

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

The following reflects the subjects discussed:

1. Minutes of August 4, 2010 BOD Meeting – The minutes were approved as written in the September newsletter
2. Treasurer's Report – The 9/1/2010 report was approved reflecting a checking balance of \$1880.90 and CD balance of \$245.65 and 7550.00 for a total balance of \$11,626.57
3. Liability Insurance – A discussion was held on what could be done to reduce the cost of our insurance. Since the policy is most affected by the number of members, Jane and Pao Lin will look at other club membership categories to see if that will help reduce cost (i.e. social members vs. driving members).
4. Second Quarter Budget Summary – A question came up on the high donations this year. John will check the records and report next meeting.
5. 2011 Fun Day – Martha MacDonald and Pao Lin Hatch are planning a Fun Day Event for April 10, 2011 at Tuckahoe Equestrian Ctr.
6. 2011 Dues – A discussion was held whether we should follow the by-laws and raise the dues in 2011 or hold at the present rate since the treasury is still looking good. The membership will vote on this at the Christmas Party. Board members will look for information on the amount of dues in other clubs.
7. BOD Volunteers – John Bolinski will write an article soliciting volunteers to run for office or director on the board. Since we are doing meetings by free conference calls, more folks may be able to serve. Board members will also be calling members to encourage volunteering.
8. October 31, 2010 Halloween Drive – Drive off at Hollyville Farms is 12 noon; food to follow. Volunteers who are not driving are needed to help set up the food operation.

**Delmarva Driving Club Treasurer's Report**

October 1, 2010

Submitted by John Bolinski, treasurer

Beginning Balance (checking)	\$1,880.90
Deposits	
Sweatshirt raffle at Blackbird drive	12.00
Payments	
Postage	5.56
Sunshine	50.00
Newsletter printing (Sep and Oct)	55.00
Ending Balance (checking)	\$1,782.36
CD # 1	\$2,245.65
CD # 2	\$7,500.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,528.00</b>

DDC 2010 Budget Summary	<b>REVISED</b> <b>09/05/2010</b>		
<b>Projected Income</b>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u> <u>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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>2,487.00</b>	<b>14,421.05</b>
<b>Projected Expenses</b>			
Liability Insurance	1,000.00	128.75	128.75
Newsletters	400.00	84.00	139.00
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
Mis. 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	0.00	0.00
Donations	400.00	250.00	250.00
Clinics	200.00		150.00
Draft Horse/Fun Show	200.00		100.00
Website	100.00		0.00
Postage	350.00	112.48	157.87
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	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,350.00</b>	<b>1,590.79</b>	<b>4,290.46</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-750</b>	<b>896.51</b>	<b>10,130.59</b>

## Sunshine:



There is \$90.95 in the Sunshine Fund.

Cards were sent to Otis Marine, illness; Elinor Taylor and Donald Rogers; Carriage accident injuries; Jim and Phyllis Spies illness and hospitalization; and Martha Duchnowski, loss of her wonderful mini, Stormy.

Please remember to contact Lois Evans if you know of any sunshine items.

### Out and About—Members' News

#### Grassymeade Drive

*Paula Rodin*

Saturday: Roger and I made the trip to Grassymeade into a four-day vacation. We had spent several days there at last **year's drive and enjoyed it very much. This year, Michael Lawrence** was kind enough to provide bed and barn for a very reasonable rate. Turning down that long driveway, we could feel the peace of the Eastern Shore roll over us. There is something **magical about Michael's place on the Chester River and we feel blessed** that he is willing to share it with us. When we arrived, we found Michael putting the finishing touches on the grounds and carriage trails. He was a one-armed wonder! He had to perform all of this preparatory work with one arm due to a severe shoulder injury. A lesser person would have cancelled the drive and been forgiven for it! We said our hellos then proceeded to unload the carriage, tack and settle in the pony while Michael took off on his ATV to finish up the drive preparations. **Michael's nephew and his college buddies then helped us unload our bags at Windsor Cottage.** The afternoon was so sultry hot that we gave up the idea of an evening pony drive **around the farm for a dip in Michael's pool. Later, we returned to the cottage where we spent an hour sitting by the water enjoying the late evening river breeze before retiring for the night.**

Sunday: Morning coffee at the picnic table by the river. I could have stayed there for hours but my pony needed to be fed, the stall cleaned and the cart and harness readied for the **day's driving. While I attended to this, Roger went into town to pick up breakfast. By 11 o'clock, I decided that I had better harness up and start driving or I might lose my will as the temperature and humidity were fast becoming oppressive. So, off I went with my little Knick Knack to the ring for some work and then down the long driveway and back again. There I came upon Samea Baker and asked her if she would like to drive Knick out on the trail. She took up the offer and, upon her return stated emphatically "I want A PONY!". I THINK SHE HAD A GOOD TIME. I GAVE Knick a bath then headed to the pool. We drivers, we hardy few, were joined later that afternoon by other invitees at Michaels' annual After Drive Party around the pool. Good food, good drink, good friends and when the skies opened up, Michael opened his house to us all!! What a great host.**

#### Virginia 4H State Championship Show

*Martha Duchnowski*

Jimmy Duchnowski won the pleasure driving horse division for the 7th time, the overall horse and pony championship for the

6th time. This year the show committee put in horse and pony cones class and he did a very nice job in that class, being the first winners of the new perpetual trophy donated by Silk Purse Farm.

Moonmist Dustbuster was owned and trained by Linda Kalman of northern VA. He was a very successful pleasure driving and combined driving horse, reaching intermediate level in dressage at age 14 but started having lameness issues. Despite that, Linda could have gone on to advanced with him but decided to retire Dusty from the sport at age 16. I had always loved watching him and asked if I could buy him for my 11 yr. old son, Jimmy. Jimmy was small for his age, weighing only about 60 pounds. Linda spent some time mulling over her decision and decided to sell after setting up a meeting with Muffy Seaton to let Jimmy and Dusty meet.

**I have to say that I was criticized for buying a "hot" CDE horse for this little kid, but Dusty fell in love with his "kid" and was very kind to him from the start. Dusty has been the best kids' horse.** He was always a safe horse but not an easy horse.

Jimmy wanted to ride western and they butted heads many times. Dusty eventually learned to be an OK western pleasure horse, however, he was always a beautiful driving horse and that was the pride of his kid. Wanting to preserve his legs, Jimmy only drove him 2 months out of the year and practiced driving with the miniature horses in between.

**In the beginning, Jimmy was so small that he needed a 'booster seat (padded in black vinyl to match Dusty's wooden easy entry seat) and a foot stool that was screwed into the bottom on his cart. He didn't do very well at his first VA 4H State Championship show, but the next year he won the perpetual pleasure horse driving trophy by the skin of his teeth and has been winning ever since. Dusty turned 23 this year and Jimmy turned 18 and they gave the performance of their lives with the crowd oohing and ahing over Dusty's extended floating trot. They received compliments for the rest of the show.**



The Virginia 4H State Championship is the largest children's show in VA, with usually about 500-600 competitors ranging from 10 to 19 years, only allowing to show one qualified horse

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The show supports all breeds and disciplines from miniatures to hunters to dressage.

Tuckahoe Outlaw Days

*Pao Lin Hatch -*

Lois and Nobel Cahall made a name for themselves by bringing the best blueberry shortcake to share with other DDC and Mid-Atlantic Haflinger members at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center's annual Outlaw Days event. DDC was well represented by a booth with literature to hand out and applications to be filled out for membership. Pao Lin Hatch brought her Gig carriage to entice visitors to wander by and ask questions.

*Martie Bolinski*

John and I were able to get away this year and participate in Outlaw Days for the 2nd time. This time we had only one day to spare, so we came on Saturday and set up for wool carding and spinning demonstrations.

We were fortunate to be able to set up next to the Alpacas and see (and feel) the wonderful texture of their spun yarns. The Alpacas, owned by Marianne Jackson and Ben Anders of Sugar Magnolia Farm in Queen Anne MD, were so cute and fuzzy. I just love their 'bangs'.

John and I concentrated on 'rough, home-spun' wool work while another spinner, Trish, spun some wonderful black Romney and actually knitted a sweater as she went along. What a treat to see the wool actually taking on the shape of a soft beautiful piece of wearable art.

John handled the carding wheel and showed lots of folks how to use it. I demonstrated the spinning and scieing and, between the two of us, we explained the process from sheep to finished project.

We saw several of our DDC friends helping out and showing their horses. Donna Hurst and Ann Curl drove Moose in the Draft Horse Exhibition while Pao Lin Hatch rode Rascal. Karen Mack was also in the riding a spotted draft. Martha MacDonald was there with the Australian Shepherd Rescue and gave me some tips on 'training'



Photos from Tuckahoe Outlaw Days



my new little Jack Russell Terr(i)or puppy. Nobel and Lois Cahall helped out with Dave Wilson's booth and Pao Lin in the announcer's booth. We saw Jim and Phyllis Spies enjoying the day.

It is a shame we were unable to spend both days and have a little time to talk to more of the DDC folks who were wandering around.

Blackbird State Forest Drive

*Jane Bailey*

The weather bugs all went into hibernation on Saturday, September 18th at Blackbird State Forest. DDC members gathered under brilliant blue skies and a light breeze at a gorgeous location, coordinated by Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris. Special thanks to them both for a job very well done.

Several members met early under the pavilion for snacks and sodas then off to harness up for the drive. The trails, turns, gates and such were all well marked with the familiar red & white markers—and the drive meandered through a mature stand of hardwoods and pine out to a grass path around a corn field, then winding through a shaded pine forest. The five mile trail was designed specially for DDC by Forester, Jim Dodson by combining existing trails WITH ACCESS ROADS. All participants were provided with maps and numbered gate instructions and no one got lost!

Frances and Wayne brought their four-in-hand, the Bailey's drove a pair of black Hackneys, Anna Klumpp drove a pair of her minis and single turnouts ranged from Donna and Moose, Deb Dawkins, and more. Some folks even opted to ride rather than drive. Twelve turnouts participated. Many more friends wither rode along or stayed back at the pavilion to socialize. Sherry acted as 'gate keeper' and sent folks out in 5-10 minute intervals so there was little or no 'line drive' feel to the trail. Some folks even drove it twice.

Members gathered again under the pavilion to munch on light fair and catch up on all the 'horsey stuff' from the long hot summer. There was a keen interest in doing a repeat drive at this location and smiles were plentiful.

A very special thank you to Donna and Sherry for their hospitality and work—and to State Forester, Jim Dodson for designing such a nice drive for members.

*Frances Baker*

My husband, Wayne, friend Pat Roth and groom extraordinaire, Hanna Beck took our team to the Blackbird State Forest on Saturday, September 18th. Blackbird is about 5 miles north of the Smyrna Rest Stop, about a one hour and 15 minute drive for us from Lewes, DE. What a fabulous drive. First of all, the weather was perfect; crisp, clear and cool in the morning—warming up to almost hot by the time we started to drive, then the shade in the forest made the temperatures



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**Letters to the Editor**

From Kim Stover from the 2010 World Singles Championships in Italy:

“It was truly an experience of a lifetime for me and I have learned to much both getting to this point and while abroad. Lucky and I will take a short break and then be back in action in 2011. The kind support you have shown has helped make this dream come true. Thank you, Team Laughlin USA Thank you for the nice note and cheers of encouragement!

Much Appreciated  
Kim



Note: Kim Stover finished 4th in cones and nineteenth overall. Kim and Lucky had a great run with only one ball down. The U.S.A. finished 11th out of 19 teams.

Dear Carriage Owners/Participants:

The Return Day Committee would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the 2010 Return Day Parade.

As you are well aware, the participation of horse and carriage is a major part of what Return Day is truly about. Volunteering your time and carriage to carry dignitaries thru the parade is a large request. Without your participation, the tradition of the parade would change immensely.

We would like to keep the tradition going with as many carriages and horses available as possible. This can be accomplished with your participation.

Return Day is on Thursday, November 4, 2010. All carriages need to be on site by 10:30 a.m. We will begin loading at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Carriages will be escorted to and from the parade route courtesy of the Georgetown Police Department. I know last year we did have some issues and concerns and they have been addressed and hopefully corrected.

Unloading will take place in the parking lot behind the courthouse as well as on Pine St. After unloading you will turn left at South Bedford St. (in front of the fire hall) and return to Marvel Museum for a luncheon and the presentation of the Nutter D. Marvel Award.

If you can participate, please complete the attached form and return to me at the Return Day Office either by mail or fax. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you!

The Sussex County Return Day Committee  
Cathy Pepper, Chair

302-745-5056 (cell)

**Carriage Information Sheet**

Please fax to the Return Day Committee –302-835-9088 by October 4, 2010 or mail to PO Box 55 Georgetown DE 19947.

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: Street—\_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver (whip) \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed of Horse(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Carriage Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Carriage Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS \_\_\_\_\_ (not including whip and groom)

Point(s) of interest/awards \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ who will attend the Return Day Luncheon at the Marvel Museum immediately following the discharge of dignitaries.

## 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 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@americandrivingsociety.org.
- **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.**

### 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 Bunny Fun Ride & Drive at TEC. Pao Lin Hatch at 240-274-6180 .**
- **First weekend in May—date tba—DDC Pleasure Drive Show—date to be announced.**

### Helpful Horse Hints and Tid-Bits

#### Jane Ramsey

The Tear Drop on the bridle was used to cover up the horse's face markings (star or blaze).

If you soak your hay for even just one hour, this will help reduce the sugar level of the hay and will especially help an older or Cushings horse.

#### Pao Lin Hatch

For those ladies who feel safer driving in a helmet rather than a fashion hat but would like to be a little more stylish try the following website: <http://www.hideahelmet.com/blackfleecepurplefelt.htm>

#### *Out and About—Members News Continued from page 4)*

just perfect.

I had made several phone calls to Donna Hurst about the parking for our 35 foot horse and carriage trailer and Donna had called me several times as we were both concerned about me being able to get in with the trailer and then drive the narrow trails with a team of four. It was a little tight for the truck and trailer getting in, but there was plenty of room to park. Even when other trailers parked close to us, it wasn't a problem. The minis around us didn't seem to mind us at all.

Donna had us go first with the ranger's map and Sherry's detailed directions. The trails were so well marked...we did spend a fair amount of time looking for the turns the first time around, so we did the whole route again at a trot which was easier for everyone. The trail did get narrow at one point as we had been well warned, but it was easy enough to negotiate at a walk. We only saw the other drivers briefly in the woods. Pao Lin did have to back up a few steps at one intersection, but hopefully we didn't bother any of the other drivers. I believe there were 13 carriages and several riders. It's the biggest drive I have seen in a long time. My hat is off to Donna and Sherry for all the hard work they did planning the drive, talking it up, marking it so well. Donna led a group with our faithful Moose and Sherry generously agreed to stay back with her cell phone and everyone else's cell phone numbers in case she was needed.

As a member of the board of the DDC, we have discussed many times how to provide drives and get members out to drive. First of all, it really helped to have had a picture perfect day weather-wise and just about perfect footing in the forest. Secondly, Blackbird was as perfect as the weather. Donna and Sherry kept talking it up and Donna kept driving it and reporting back how nice it was. Donna also reported how helpful ranger, Jim Dobson, had been in helping her select a suitable trail and then he even did some mowing to make it even better.

It doesn't get any better than that. If there are members out there who missed or wished they had gone ... get out there next time!!

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### 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:** Nice synthetic harness, draft horse size. Great shape. Asking \$550 OBO or would trade for same in warmblood 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v_6tTVKU-PcyY) He will be sold with everyday harness (show harness available separately) and meadowbrook for \$2000 OBO. dlrj4@comcast.net , attn. Laurie

**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:** Vis-à-vis carriage—excellent condition; includes window covers, lamps, pole and shafts. \$3500. See photo below. More info Betty Donovan 410-634-2579.



**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.

More photos from Blackbird Drive



Please have items for the November 2010 Delmarva Driving Lines to Martie Bolinski, 410-398-0257; [bolinsj@myshorelink.com](mailto:bolinsj@myshorelink.com) before Oct 26th

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Delmarva Driving Club

## HALLOWEEN DRIVE

At Wayne & Frances Baker's Hollyville Farm



GPS address is  
23430 Hollyville Road  
Harbeson, DE 19951  
(directions at the bottom of the flyer)



Noon (12 PM) on

### Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2010

- \* Present yourself in front of the barn in your Halloween Costume by noon for judging.
  - \* We'll give you a chance to remove your costume before the drive if you wish.
  - \* We'll drive the wooded trails as a group...we'll stop for catch ups and pictures
  - \* If you want a shorter route stay in the open fields around the barn please as the wooded trails are one way.
- \* Trails have been improved since our last Hollyville drive 3 years ago. Footing is sandy and firm unless mother nature gives us something else in the meantime.
- \* When the horses are cooled off and put up we'll be having a fried chicken dinner following the drive. Costume winners announced at the dinner.

Please bring a dish to share.

RSVP

Call Frances Baker 302-381-2979

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NO RAIN DATE



#### Directions From the north...

route 1 south to Lewes 5 points intersection. Turn right on route 9 toward Georgetown. At the Harbeson light turn left At the Harbeson Deli. Go to the blinking light And turn right on Hollyville Road. Go 9/10 of a Mile and the farm is on the right. You will see

Brown 3 rail horse fencing before the entry.

#### Directions from the south

Take 113 north, at Millsboro turn right on Route 24. Go through town, over the bridge, And turn left on Hollyville Road. After the Zoar Road intersection farm will be on the left. Look for brown fencing.



More photos from Blackbird State Forest Drive

**How Do I Find a Good Driving Horse?**  
*Submitted by Pao Lin Hatch—found on “COTH” by Thomas*

Look, observe and take advice before making any decisions.

Think carefully about the breed.

Remember to make haste slowly—even if your ultimate aim is to drive Hackneys in the show ring or a Sport Horse in CDE's these are not the horses to start with. It would be like driving a Ferrari or a formula ! Before you'd mastered the technique of steering.

Your first driving horse might be plain, but it's fact that a flashy, showy one is ALWAYS harder to drive than a plainer, more even-tempered one. It's the very high-spirited nature that dictates this and you will find the more spirited and able to think for himself that your horse is that the faster, surer and more automatic YOUR reactions need to be. Something that ONLY comes with miles on the clock and testing yourself properly over time and with good help and lessons.

If starting with a family pony, get someone experienced to put it to harness for you.

For anyone not genuinely experienced with putting a horse to harness and brining on a youngster, I'd say never less than 7 years old.

If buying a new horse or pony, think CAREFULLY what you want to do with it. I.e. will it be ridden as well as driving?

Be honest and use a liberal dose of self-awareness when it comes to assessing your own ability and competence. Remember experience is just time spent. Competence is entirely different!

As a novice, buy a horse that has been well trained and tested as a carriage horse and that REALLY knows it's job. It should be 100% traffic proof. It should want to stand forever unless it's been told to go forward and it should know how to look after itself at all costs.

The overall turnout of horse, vehicle, driver and passenger should look balanced and in harmony. Be neither under nor over horsed. Not in size, type no ability.

Ensure you have public liability insurance before driving out on roads.

Two novices are NEVER a good mix.

You and your horse can't "learn the job together". Most frequently that will end in disaster. And, yes, you'll hear people telling you it can be done—but in my considerable experience, it can't!

Remember, **Green + Green = Black and Blue.**

*Out and About—Members' News*  
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Kudos to Our Whip Challenge Winners

*Jane Bailey*

I think that the 1st place winner, Deborah Camplone, was mentioned in an earlier newsletter when she won this year's series Whip Challenge and custom driving whip for 2010, but another DDC member was also in the top 6 placements (out of 120 turnouts) which is nothing to sneeze at! Pao Lin Hatch and Morning Rascal took 6th place. Congratulations Pao Lin! Sorry we missed you in previous issues.

**Back Country Horsemen of America Supports USDA's Public Access Program**

**Excerpts by Sarah Wynne Jackson**

Back Country Horsemen of America, the leading organization in saving public lands and trails for equestrian use, strongly supports the USDA's new program called "Open Fields" or Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP)

USDA Secretary, Tom Vilsack, recently announced this effort to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch and forest land to voluntarily provide access for recreation under programs implemented by state or tribal governments. This will offer new opportunities for enjoying open spaces through a variety of activities such as hunting, fishing, mountain biking, hiking, bird-watching and, of course, horseback riding.

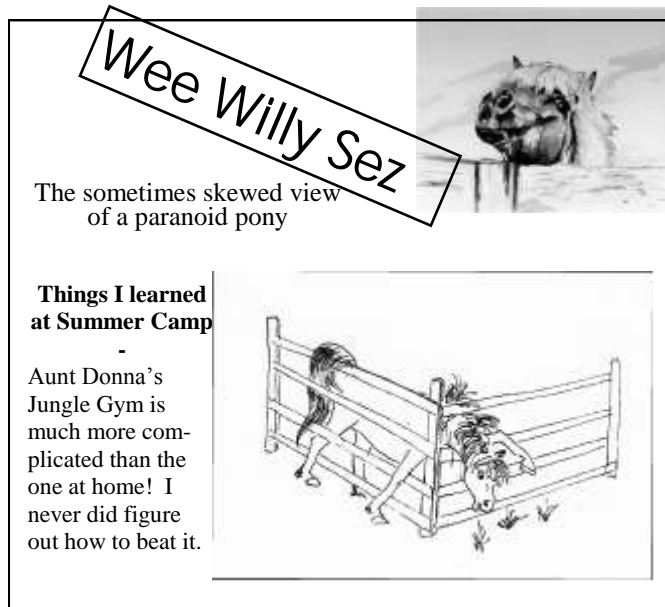
Open Fields is the first federal incentive program designed to encourage best management practices and sportsman access to undeveloped land. Instead of creating new federal programs, it relies on existing and new state programs to protect landowners from liability and reward them for doing the right thing with their land.

Realizing that the majority of existing programs have limited scope and budgets under a million dollars, Open Fields will provide up to \$50 million through fiscal year 2012. This funding will help states and tribal governments address many issues that can greatly increase access and recreational experiences. Funding priority will be given to proposals that line up with the program's objectives, such as maximizing participation by landowner, ensuring that land enrolled in the program has appropriate wildlife habitat and providing information to the public about the location of public access land. Sharing and Caring

BCCA notes that the benefits of the Open Fields plan are numerous. In these time, undeveloped land is becoming harder to come by and public lands managers are working with increasingly small budgets that cannot cover the maintenance costs to keep trail open.

For a variety of reasons, horses are now being banned from more and more trails, properties and whole wildernesses. BCHA feels that, as a nation, we are in danger of losing our heritage as a people who traveled by horseback, who depended on the sturdy backs and generous nature of their pack and saddle stock.

If you want to know more about the BCHA or become a member, visit their website [www.backcountryhorse.com](http://www.backcountryhorse.com) or call 888.893-5161. The future of horse use on public lands is in our hands.



**Wee Willy Sez**

The sometimes skewed view of a paranoid pony

**Things I learned at Summer Camp**

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Aunt Donna's Jungle Gym is much more complicated than the one at home! I never did figure out how to beat it.

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