

DDC Driving Lines

April 2012

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DDC Meeting Schedule

April 4
conference call
6:00 pm
Call in #
877-216-1555
Pw # 290535

May 4

General Mem-
bership meeting
and BOD meet-
ing @ 2 PM

Caroline County
4H Park (subject
to change at the
time of printing)

June 6
conference call
6:00 pm
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Upcoming DDC Events:

April 1 Fun Bunny Games Drive and Ride, sponsored by Pao Lin Hatch at Tuckahoe State Park, Ridgley, MD 240 274 6180

April 7 Mt. Herman Plow Days, Salisbury, MD, Sponsored by Oren Perdue 410 726 6540

April 21 Blackbird DDC Drive, sponsored by Sherry Harris 410 482 2402 and Donna Hurst 302 492 3932

May 4 General Meeting and BOD meeting at Caroline County 4H Park (call a BOD member to confirm time if coming!)

May 5 Delmarva Driving Club's Spring Pleasure Show—Caroline County 4H Park, Denton, MD. Show Manager: Jane Ramsey at 302 659-2827

May 20 Starkey Farm Drive, Galena, MD. Barb Belden 410 708- 4654.

April 2012 Newsletter Contributors

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teers and entries; Pao Lin Hatch and or Donna Hurst will bring releases and do the safety check for Pat Markl's St. Patrick Day's drive on the C&D canal. Pao Lin Hatch reports she has volunteers for the April 1 Fun Bunny Drive at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. A drive at Michael Lawrence's farm and the Fair Hill drive are already on the calendar of events. A lunch and tour of the Nutter Marvel Museum is scheduled for August. Members of BVDC will be invited as well as the general public. Tickets will be sold at \$10 for non-members with the picnic lunch provided by the museum auxiliary. All proceeds will support the museum.

3 new member families were welcomed into DDC membership.

A Photo Permission clause will be added to the show entry form and the 2013 membership form, permitting DDC to use photos to promote the activities of the club.

Respectfully submitted
 Martha MacDonald

DDC's Treasurer's Report

Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors' March 2012 Meeting Minutes

March 7 2012 Pao Lin Hatch, Sherry Harris, Donna Hurst, Jane Ramsey, Joan Smith, Jackie McCann, Martha MacDonald. Minutes and Treasurers report were accepted as posted with the correction of the spelling of Jackie McCann's name.

The Multiples gathering was well supported with more than 20 attendees, several of whom applied for membership with DDC.

The Christmas Party location was discussed and the multiple locations reviewed carefully. After considerable discussion of the pro's and con's of a number of locations including fire houses and restaurants, the decision was made to rent the Ruthsburg hall and hire a known caterer to provide the food. DDC members will decorate the hall. The date for the event will be December 8, 2012. DDC's contribution to the cost of the event will depend on the success of the May Driving Show. Membership cost will be determined in the Autumn.

The prize list for the May show is ready. Members will be asked if they can print from the email, saving DDC considerable expense of mailing hard copies. Ads and sponsorships so far have raised \$495 but costs are at \$400. Volunteers are needed, especially as John and Marti Bolinsky will not be available, meaning we need a secretary for the show. Jane and others are reaching out to 4H groups to see if they'd be willing to help out. Mike Lawrence has offered to sponsor the Junior Whip Challenge.

One CD was cashed out and put in the checking account. The other was rolled into another CD due on 1/13/2013.

Various events are well along in planning. The Blackbird drive is in progress; Anna Klumpp is looking for volun-

Beginning Balance – 03/01/12	\$2,381.52
Deposits:	
Show Advertising	425.00
Show Sponsorship	120.00
Dues	350.00
Contributions	<u>10.00</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$905.00</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter	36.12
Postage	10.56
Christmas Party Deposit	100.00
Show Expenses:	
Supplies	65.99
Postage	45.00
Ribbons	295.75
Advertising	<u>92.70</u>
Total Show Expenses	<u>499.44</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$646.12</u>
Ending Balance – 03/22/12	\$2,640.40
Savings Account	1,297.43
CD Balance	<u>7,717.11</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>\$11,654.94</u>

Classifieds & Sunshine News

Classifieds:

Nice hay for sale, 4x5 round bales of Timothy @ \$60/bale & small horse squares of Tim/ grass @ \$6.50 / bale. All is good clean ,horse quality hay from PA & NY. Phil Liske 24480 Pinetown Road Preston, MD 21655 Phone: 410-673-2002 Cell: 410-829-4492 pvliske@OutstandingDreamsFarm.com

Sunshine:

Feb-March was a sad time, condolence cards were sent to Martie and John Bolinski for the loss of Kilar and Jane Ramsey for the loss of her horse.

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

As a member of the DDC, I do hereby give Delmarva Driving Club, their assigns, licenses, and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my name [or any fictional name], picture, portrait, photograph, image, or voice in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or purpose, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith. I further agree that this releases Delmarva Driving Club and any and all of its representatives from any and all monetary obligations or payments to me or any or all of my authorized representatives for use of video, films, photographs, image and/or voice of myself. I am of full legal age. I have read this release and am fully familiar with its contents.

St. Patrick's Day C&D Canal Drive by Martha MacDonald

St Patrick's Day proved a perfect, very warm and sunny day for Pat Markl's sponsored drive on the C&D canal out of Chesapeake City and DDC drivers and friends turned out...in great numbers. 13 whips drove their steeds for the 6.5 mile drive from the C&D Wildlife center to Chesapeake City and back. The turnouts were amazing....3 pairs and 10 singles. Because of the nature of the facility, drivers could chose to drive along the canal on gravel and some pavement or take the middle level which is sand or the upper level with mixed gravel and pavement. Most drivers chose the canal drive and others took the second level and returned when they felt their horses had worked enough. The variety of horses, from Suffolk Punch to mini's, Morgans, Hackney's, Spotted Draft, a variety of mixes and the hit of the day....a Highland Pony (think mini-Percheron) attracted a lot of attention. Several new members who attended Frances Baker's multiple's talk and others recommended by George Parris, were warmly welcomed into the family of DDC drivers. Of course, there was a fabulous spread of wonderful food, especially Pat's chili (I'm sure she expected a lot chillier day) and no one seemed in a hurry to head home. Eventually we all rolled out around 3, a little sunburned, a lot sweaty, happily fed and

all wondering how soon we can get back to drive along the canal again. Pat reminded us that this is a State property and horses are welcomed at any time. If you can get out to Chesapeake City, take Rt 285 through town, taking the sharp left on Biddle St and drive 3.2 miles. Start looking carefully for the sign on the right as several of us drove past before we realized we'd arrived. Go to the top of the hill where there is a T intersection and park on the grass. Go off to the right and pick your route. Going left towards the Rt. 301 bridge is a 2.5 mile (or so, one way) and going right towards the Rt. 213 bridge is about 3.2 miles. There are good 'turn around' spots at both ends. This is a wonderful and easy drive, with lots of good views, good footing and lots of neighborly folks who came out onto their porches to photograph our parade. People with dogs kept them on leash and greeted us warmly. Drivers (a few pick up trucks) were respectful and gave way to the horses. If you can get there....take the drive...it is wonderful. Thanks to Pat and her daughter Beth and we hope they sponsor another drive, definitely next Spring but what about the Autumn?

Martha MacDonald





Mike Lawrence driving Trudy at Tuckahoe State Park



Betty Donovan and friend enjoying the day with Moki



Trudy and Pao Lin standing square at the halt

Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

A group of friends gathered at Tuckahoe State Park to explore the flat trails and do some cones practice on a nice early March day.

Many of our club members have been taking advantage of an exceptionally mild winter in February and have been driving their horses all over Maryland and Delaware.. Way to go Delmarva drivers!

Amanda Compton has been busy with her young horse, Fin. Only his 2nd time in a carriage. Congratulations Amanda!

Harry Harrison, one of our newer members discovered

Henlopen beach. In his words, "Great day, low tide early afternoon, lots of sun and not too much wind.

Carol Seiler and Jane Bailey had TMF* at Jane's place in Sudlerville, MD. (**too much fun*)

Frances Baker was published in the CAA magazine where she wrote to say she took my whole team of four on the beach and drove along the Atlantic Ocean for several miles in 70+ degree temperatures.

Bill Venditta traveled recently from Pennsylvania to England to visit with and take lessons from

John Parker and Susan Townsend, while he works toward completing Level 3 in the CAA Driver Proficiency Program.

What's happening with you? Please email me or call me and we'll put it here!
paoball2000@yahoo.com
 240 274 6180.

NOTICE!
 Jameswood Spring Pleasure Show May 19 has been cancelled!!

Safe Driving Column by Martha MacDonald

Accidents Happen...

Have you ever been on a line drive where one horse/carriage combination has a severe accident? At a multiples clinic hosted by Frances and Wayne Baker, Frances showed a video of a carriage with 3 or 4 people on board, hitched to a team of 4 took a bad turn into the Brandywine River, throwing all passengers and the driver into the river, flipping the cart on its side and panicking the horses.

This was a clear demonstration of the importance of having ONE designated person per carriage assigned to jump down and help other people or you if you are having a

problem. When you are driving, if you have passengers with you, designate one to be the groom to help your horses or the person with the problem. The real issue is that in a moment of crisis, you don't need a bunch of people rushing to the scene but rather a few, experienced horse people to step up and help.

In the video Frances showed, about 4 coachmen/grooms from 4 other vehicles, jumped to the ground to catch the loose horses, upright the carriage and get things organized so the driver and his passengers could be safely reunited and all ended well if bruised and wet. But make a note to yourself. In a crash, a

hundred people standing around are not helpful but 2-3 knowledgeable people can make the difference in keeping you and your horses safe.

Safely in your corner
 Martha MacDonald

Donald Hewes and Nora at the Cair Paravelle
 Continuous Drive



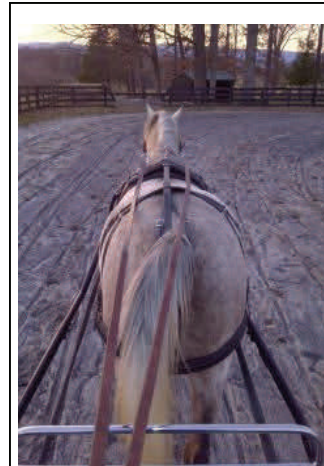
Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

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.

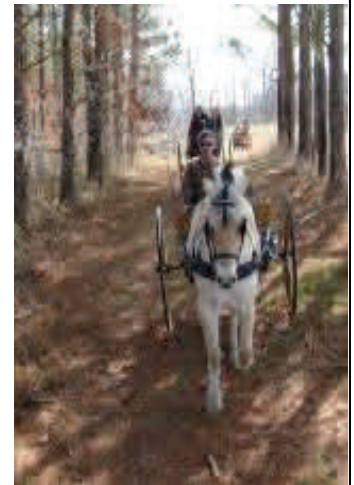
All members are welcome to attend the monthly BOD meetings, but we would appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so that we can phone in case of any change in time or location.

Deadline for next's newsletter is April 27

- **April 1 Fun Bunny Drive & Ride Games, Tuckahoe Equestrian Park, Ridgely, MD. Contact: Pao Lin 240 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com**
- April 14 Chapter 1 Farms Spring ADT www.chapteronefarms.com/
Helen Paxton 856-299-5124
443-253-4135 cell
hpaxton@chapteronefarms.com
- **April 21 Blackbird Forest Drive, Donna Hurst 302 492 3932 or Sherry Harris 410 482 2402**
- April 27, 28 Martin's Carriage Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA
- April 28 BVDC Spring Pleasure Drive, Fair Hill NRMA. Mike Lawlor @ 302-994-8928 mllawlor@verizon.net
- **May 5 Delmarva Driving Club's Spring Pleasure Show , Denton, MD. Jane Ramsey at 302 659-2827**
- ~~May 19 Jameswood Spring Pleasure Show, Upperville, VA Heather Briggs (540) 592-3462 admin@bellegreyfarm.com CANCELLED~~
- **May 20 Starkey Farm Drive, Galena, MD. Barb Belden 410 708-4654.**
- **May 20-27 Devon Horse Show**
- June 2-3 Elk Creek CDE Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area. dtrefry@equestriaire.com 410 755 6785 / 443 553 1453 cell
- Upperville, VA. Contact June 16 Ground Works Basic, My Lady Manor Driving Club event with M. Richmond. Marjorie.b.richmond@gmail.com 443 934 3573
- May 27 Sunday BVDC Continuous Drive at Canvasback Farm, Northeast MD.
- June 10 Upperville Horse showm added Driving Classes, 540-687-5784 or uchs@crosslink.net
- June 23 Susquehanna Whips and Wheels Pleasure Driving Show Tina Cornell 570-784-4793 andtylertoo@hotmail.com
- June 24 Susquehanna Whips and Wheels Driving Trial, Lycoming Fairgrounds. See above for contact info.
- July 7-8 Gladstone Driving Trial www.gladstonedriving.com
- **July 22 Fair Hill Drive, Drive off 10am Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com. Rain date July 29**
- August 2-5 ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend at Fairhill, MD
- August 8-12 Walnut Hill Driving Competition www.walnuthillfarm.org
- **August 18 Carriage Museum Tour and Luncheon at the Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum. Georgetown, DE**
- Sept 16 My Lady's Manor Driving Club Pleasure Show (new date!) **Grassymeade Farm Drive, Chestertown, MD, rain date Sept 30. Michael @ 410-810-2997**
- **Oct Hollyville Drive, Harbeson, DE. Date tbd**
- **Nov Comegy Creek Farm Drive, Chestertown, MD, Date tbd**



Fin and Amanda in Virginia



Donald Hewes and Nora enjoying a warm February day in eastern shore



Henry Harrison enjoying a beautiful Delaware beach day

Delmarva Spring Pleasure Driving Show May 5, 2012

Attention all Junior Members!

The Youth Driving Clinic sponsored by Tanya McKean and Pam Kistler is a recognized event on the DDC calendar. Scholarships to help defray the cost is available to all DDC youth members. Youth members should send a short email to Martha MacDonald at armadale98@comcast.net, explaining what they hope to learn and their willingness to write an article about their experience for the DDC newsletter. Depending on the number of entries, DDC may pay half or more of the entry fee for the event. Don't let the cost make you miss this opportunity to train with these 2 terrific drivers and instructors.

---VOLUNTEERS NEEDED---

The Spring Pleasure Driving Show May 5

Volunteers Needed for May 5th!
Delmarva Spring Pleasure Show is just around the corner. I am still in need of volunteers for the show either for set up on May 4th or during the show on May 5th. I appreciate any time that you have available to help.

Please call
or send Jane an e-mail. ramseyjb@yahoo.com
or 302-659-2827

A Bit of Humor by Carol Seiler

I want to share a mistake I made while driving my mini at Jane Bailey's on March 14th. First I want to thank Jane for sharing her farm with me and Pat Markl. It was such a fun day, especially with the fabulous weather. Now on with the story.

When Jane invited me to drive with her for the day, I decided to take Muffy, my green mini for some off of the farm experience. She did great. She managed to contain herself when the Haflingers were running, bucking and jumping all along the fence as we went by. She never broke gait one time. She responded to the reins well when we drove around the dressage course. I even showed Jane how she will respond to my tapping on the reins by turning appropriately. Then we drove two different trails. She was a bit resistant through the mud, but had no problem maneuvering between and around trees at a trot.

After all of that, we stopped to give them a breather before we headed back to the trailers. While sitting there enjoying the warmth of the sun,

Jane asked me was I driving bitless?

I responded, "no, she has a bit". Jane commented, "not in her mouth. It was right there *under her chin*."

If my little girl can perform that well with such little experience under such strange and unfamiliar conditions, I suspect she is going to go a long way. She won't, however outsmart me like that again. I have learned from my mistake and I hope it gives everybody at least a little chuckle.

Carol Seiler

Editors Note: *This is an example of why DDC is so supportive of a safety check, each time you drive, wherever you with drive, and wherever you drive! Even the best of us can miss something. In this case, there was a happy ending. Big thanks to Carol who was kind enough to share this with us. It could have been catastrophic.'*

Bill Venditti in England working on his CAA Level 3



April 21 Saturday Blackbird Forest DDC Drive, Smyrna DE

Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris are hosting their 3rd annual Blackbird Forest DDC Drive on April 21, 2012. If you are unacquainted with Blackbird Forest, the State of Delaware has done a magnificent job in restoring this state park into a very equine friendly environment with plenty of hoof friendly trails and spacious parking.

Some other things:

*Plan to drive off around noon, eat afterwards.

*Bring a coverdish item to

share and break bread with old friends and new friends.

*Quick safety check and talk to all drivers

Directions: **From Dover:**

Turn West off US-13 N/S Dupont Pkwy, At Rd 471 Blackbird Forest Rd.; go 2.1 miles; Blackbird Forest Road ~ Rd 471 Tybout Tract, Turn left at entrance into park Directions: **From West-HW 301** Turn onto MD 544 E; .2 miles; left onto MD 313 N Millington Rd 2.4 miles; right at Cypress-River Rd continue 5.1

miles; Enter DE and continue on DE-6 2.5 ; left on County Rd 129; 2nd right on Deer Antler Rd 1.5 miles; right at Rd 126 Hollett's Corner Rd .5 mil, continue onto Rd 471 Blackbird Forest Rd 3.5 miles

**Contact persons: 302
492-3932 Donna**

**410 482-2402 Sherry
Harris**

Drive off time: Noon

DDC's Holiday Party is all set to have fun!

By Pao Lin Hatch

DDC's Board of Directors has voted to hold its 2013 Holiday Party on December 8, 2012 at the Ruthsburg Community Center, in Ruthsburg, MD.

This beautiful little community center is centrally located on the Delmarva Peninsula and seems to serve current members' needs.

Located in Queen Anne's County at 105 Damonstown Rd, Queen Anne, MD, here is their website: <http://ruthsburgcc.blogspot.com/>

The cost, party and meal details will be forthcoming in future newsletters. If you would like to be involved in

the planning for this event, please call in at any of our monthly BOD meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6pm at

877-216-1555; password is 290 535



IS DDC on FACEBOOK???

Many of you are already on Facebook on the internet, but for the uninitiated, here's how: to find the DDC. To view and participate, you'll need a facebook account. To sign up: Go to www.facebook.com. Fill in the fields with your name, etc., and click "Sign Up". You'll be asked a few questions about yourself (you can click "skip" if you don't want your info online), and you are off and running. Once on Facebook,

you can type "Delmarva Driving Club" in the search box, or go to <http://www.facebook.com/delmarvadrivingclub>. I'd recommend you click "Like" so you'll receive updates when there is activity on the page.

Pao Lin Hatch

FACEBOOK

ADS Carriage Driving Trails Guide

Thanks to the contributions of many individuals the ADS has begun to build a comprehensive guide to all the carriage accessible trails in the United States.

The following pages are a synopsis of the TrailGuide to-date.

The complete guide is available on

www.americandrivingsociety.org/TG_main.asp. Visit the on-line Trail Guide and contribute your favorite trail to the list.

Never remove your bridle while your horse is hitched to a carriage.

- Do not tie your horse to your trailer if still hitched to a carriage.
- Teach your horse to "whoa" and "stand" before attempting a drive away from home.
- Check if there is drinking water available at the driving facility.
- Before the drive, check for harness wear and vehicle soundness.
- Make sure your breeching is properly adjusted.
- Consider using a gullet strap, or braid your horses mane into your bridle to prevent it's easy removal.
- Law requires a Slow Moving Vehicle sign if driving on public roads. It must be visible and three feet off the ground.
- Consider a safety vest, reflectors, bicycle flag and lights for better visibility.

See next month for more tips

DDC Club pins will be available for purchase at all DDC events for \$5.00.



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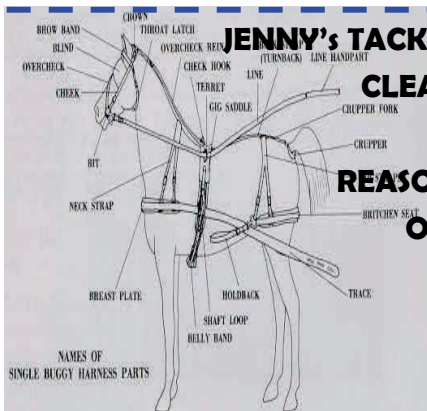
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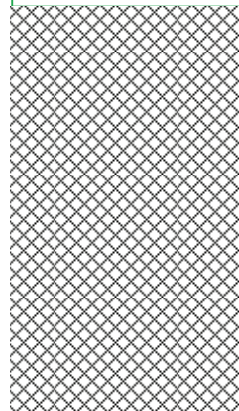
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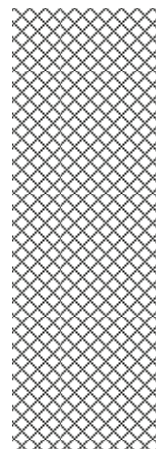
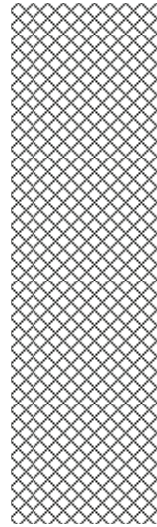
Cair Paravelle's Continuous Drive by Martha MacDonald

Despite an ominous weather forecast, Cair Paravelle Continuous Drive in Still Pond, Maryland ran under overcast and cool weather, perfect for both horses who'd been clipped and those with full winter coats.

Anna Klumpp's new 30 x 60 meter dressage ring was perfect for the many smaller horses and VSE's, the cones course was inviting for really 'stepping out' and the cross country 2.5 km was attractive and fun. The largest turnout ever for Anna's event, despite a few lameness, illness or fatigue dropouts, included welcome members from both DDC and BVDC and we hoped they enjoyed the day.

As always, a warm lunch of soup and croissants helped warm drivers after finishing their drives. Many young horses were exposed to a safe and low pressure event and while the cool wind caused a few to be a bit wound

up, most drivers had a wonderful day and are looking forward to Anna's fourth event next year.



In Memory of Kilar

By Martie Bolinski

It was with great sadness but wonderful memories that we recently said goodbye to our Norwegian Fjord Horse, Kilar. He was never happier than seeing his harness come out of the tack room or hearing the sound of laughter at his silly antics. In spite of his Cushings Disease, he was cheerful and full of life to the end. He has gone on to see the old friends who preceded him over the Rainbow Bridge and is now snitching their feed and telling stories. We will miss him a lot.

Below is a photo our Fjord gelding Kilar at the 4H Driving Demo (I forget which year it was).



Editors note: a huge apology to John and Sandy Gumz for incorrectly announcing a death in their pet/equine family. No death... No rainbow bridge crossing here... All healthy at the farm!

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