

DDC Driving Lines

April 2014



DDC Meeting Schedule

DDC Board meetings are open to all members! Just send a BOD member a note/email to let them know you plan to call in and announce yourself when requested. If you plan to speak on a particular topic on the previously provided agenda, please call any board member to advise.

April 3

**Conference Call
6:00pm**

Call in 877-216-1555

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May 1

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6:00pm**

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June 5

**Conference Call
6:00pm**

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Upcoming DDC EVENTS

Continuous Drive- April 12 Still Pond, MD

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Chris and Jane Bailey with King and Missy..

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BOD minutes 3/6/2014

Present: Anna Klumpp, Carol Seiler, Martha MacDonald, Sherry Harris, Nobel Cahall, Joan Smith, Jane Ramsey, John and Marti Bolinski. Absent: Donna Hurst

The minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were accepted as read. Anna Klumpp has reviewed with the bank the club's various options for bank accounts. Because we write fewer than 50 checks per month, Anna recommended we move the club's account to this plan which allows us to keep a lower average balance of \$500 to avoid bank charges and with a reduction in our banking expenses. A free debit card is available to use for our conference calls which were previously generously paid on Jane Ramsey's account, prior to being refunded to her. The motion passed and Anna will make the changes.

In Old Business: Anna's offer was accepted to be show manager prior the day of the event. There will be a day manager so Anna and other BOD members can compete at the event. Approved clinics include Carol Seiler's on May 17 to focus on chiropractic and acupuncture forms of treatment for our horses. An hour will be spent discussing each and after lunch there will be time for a discussion of massage or herbal supplements if attendees are interested.

There will be a 50/50 fund raiser and tack swap/sale held in conjunction with the event. The March 29th Pat Markl event

is scheduled for the C&D canal where Joan Smith will have available hoagies and cookies. Anna Klumpp's Continuous Drive is set for April 12 with Mickey Bowen as judge. Ms Bowen will then offer a driving clinic on the following day at a cost of approximately \$50-55 per turnout. Anna will prepare a flyer for the newsletter. While not DDC events, DDC members are asked to volunteer to help out if they are not competing. A question was raised about DDC members being allowed to rent the new PA system for their own events. This will be discussed further. Effective March 1, members requiring paper copy newsletters who had not renewed their membership were dropped from the mailing. The BOD agreed this was the correct step to take as mailings are expensive. New Business: New member Judith Ann Hartman has been approved.

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As Pao Lin Hatch has resigned as President, Donna Hurst has automatically become President. The BOD has appointed Sherry Harris to take the VP position vacated by Donna. Jane Ramsey has also resigned and so 2 director positions were vacant. Jane Bailey and John Bolinski will fill those positions until the next election in December. It was requested that future emails, including the newsletter, be sent as blind copies. Newsletter editor Pao Lin Hatch will be asked to make that change. The BOD is considering making a change in the by-laws to confirm the appropriate use of the mailing list by members. John will make a presentation to the BOD in this matter.

Respectfully
 submitted.
 Martha
 MacDonald

Note: Correction added by Jane Ramsey...The secretary report was approved with Nobel making the motion and Sherry seconded the treasure report was approved however there was a \$100 difference that needs to be resolved. Nobel made the motion and sherry seconded it.

DDC's Treasurer's Report

(None submitted in time for this newsletter)

CAA Williamsburg Symposium by Michele Novack

The CAA and Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (CWF) one again hosted the International Carriage Symposium from 19-22 February, and it was the 4th such edition of this gathering of scholars, historians, curators, and those that enjoy hearing about their work. I was one of several people from the local mid-Atlantic area who attended; it was nice to see some familiar faces, but also nice to make new acquaintances among those from elsewhere in the US and beyond. Here is a summary of the talks given:

- Dr. John Ford came from England with two lectures—first on the fine art of Cooper Henderson, who produced many iconic paintings depicting operations of the Royal Mail Coaches, and then on how the Royal Mail system operated its coach fleet—just like FedEx, all of the mail coaches departed the dispatch hubs at 8pm and travelled at night!
- Rick Bischoff (current owner of The Luminary Shoppe) took some time off from ranching in Montana and came with a terrific talk about the evolution of carriage lamps. Rick made me feel a lot better about the lamps I own. I met Rick and his wife, Pat, last October on the CAA trip to Long Island; very nice people.
- Dr. Tom Kinney (a professor with humor and a great speaking voice) gave a business history lesson about how Brewster & Co took a costly risk to exhibit their carriages at the 1878 Paris Exposition, which was a forerunner to a modern World's Fair. This was very radical undertaking at the time since American made vehicles had not been well thought of, but Brewster introduced many design and construction advances which made light, elegant vehicles possible. The gamble paid off, and put American carriage makers on the map.
- Doug Hansen came from South Dakota with an entertaining presentation about the evolution of the American Chuck Wagon during the heyday of the cattle drives, and how they are still being used today.
- Guillermo Gibelli came from Argentina with a lecture about the history of the vast, flat Pampas region and the enormously large freight wagons and draft teams that were used to haul crops to market.

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Road Trip to Colorado by Michele Novack

Some of you may have heard by now that I have bought a new trailer. Well, it is a new-to-me 4 horse gooseneck model which you will see this coming year. Getting it is a story unto itself. The most memorable part has been the adventure of driving out to Colorado, between major weather events in December, and with my faithful travel buddy, Darlene Logan, so I could complete the purchase and bring it back east. I am posting some of the pictures we took on the DDC picture sharing service. We left rainy Maryland early on Monday, Dec 23rd, and headed west (we left rain behind in WV and NEVER saw another drop or even snow!) We took 10 days, which included a splurge night at the historic Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, and a New Year's Eve layover in the Southern Pines, NC area, where I left the trailer (full of beautiful western hay) at the farm where my young mare is in training. Darlene and I had a very memorable road trip—we saw beautiful country, enjoyed the holiday decorations along the way, visited a posh private stable in Paris, KY, visited an awesome carriage museum in Colorado, sampled roadside BBQ from 6 different states, had delicious catfish for breakfast at a sketchy Arkansas truck stop, and bought moonshine in TN. And, yes, we were still talking and on good terms at the end of the journey! This is a good news story. It will be even better once I get that trailer up here and can start using it. Ask me about the backing up part some time!

Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

Any news to share with your DDC members? Email or call Pao Lin, DDC Newsletter Editor

A friendly group of DDC drivers descended upon the George and Liz Parris home in Delmar, DE last month and had a blast! Story on p. 9.

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Georgetown Historical Society is working hard to drum up participants for this year's Return Day parade.

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Phil Liske's Alpaca, Crown Jewel, has won the National Alpaca Competition for 2014.

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Martha Duchnowski received American Morgan Horse Association 2013 high point awards Open Competition - way to go Martha!

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Christie and Claudia made the national finals in the *Odyssey of the Mind Competition*, an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.



*Pics on the right-Top to bottom
Grace Poe and Tide
Pat Casselberry and Bear
Carol Seiler and Muffin*

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

COMING DDC EVENTS

April 12

SATURDAY

CAIR PARAVELLE
Continuous Drive

The lovely Cair Paravelle Farm in Still Pond MD is hosting its third annual

Continuous Drive

event. A continuous drive is a less formal more fun type of Horse Driving Trial. It is an event where the horse and driver are asked to perform a cones challenge, then complete a dressage test and finally take a cross country course with at least one obstacle. Real fun for all!! In hand class too! More details and registration information to follow.

Contact: Anna Klumpp
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email at
montalmax@hotmail.com

May 3

SATURDAY

SPRING
PLEASURE
SHOW

Caroline County
4H Park,
Denton MD

The annual Spring Pleasure show is scheduled for the 1st Saturday of May. Our Judges will be William Venditta in the main ring and Samea Baker as our Cones Judge. our Day of Show Manager, Jessica Morton of Chestertown, MD

**REMEMBER TO COME
OUT AND SUPPORT
THIS EVENT!**

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

May 17

SATURDAY

Veterinarians Dayton and Abranowicz will give a talk and demo on the benefits of Equine Chiropractic work at the Goldsboro, MD Farm of Carol Seiler. Covered Dish. Free to DDC members. Contact Carol for more details at (443) 466-5043

June 15

SUNDAY

FUN AND
GAMES DAY

A low key event at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center which will allow you to bring your young/green horse for a great low key schooling event.

A donation of \$10 is requested for each horse/rider or horse/driver **Volunteers needed to make this event work! Contact: Pao Lin Hatch 240 274-6180 for more details!**

paoball2000@yahoo.com

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in **Bold**

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
5 Apr	Chapter I ADT	www. Chapteronefarms.com, Helene Paxton H 856-299-5124/C 443-253-4135	Pedricktown, NJ
5 Apr	Mount Herman Plow Days	Oren Perdue 410 726 6540	Outside of Salisbury, MD
6 Apr	Driving Games at Taylor Made Farms	Susan Kary 301-401-7115 susankary@hotmail.com	Mt. Airy, MD
12 April	Cair Paravelle Continuous Drive	Anna Klumpp, (410) 708-3588 details to follow, montalmax@hotmail.com	Still Pond, MD
3 May	DDC Spring Pleasure Show	Caroline County 4H Park, Show committee POC: Jane Ramsey (302) 540-4683	Denton, MD
17 May	DDC Equine Chiropractic Talk and Luncheon	Veterinarians Dayton and Abranowicz will give a talk and demo on the benefits of Equine Chiropractic work at the Farm of Carol Seiler. Covered Dish. Free to DDC members. Contact Carol for more details at (443) 466-5043	Goldsboro, MD
15 June	FUN AND GAMES DAY	Pao Lin Hatch 240 274 6180	Ruthsberg, MD
July	Starkey Pleasure Drive	Barbara Belden- details to follow	Galena, MD
July	Camp Colwell Support your Troops Drive	A fun event to support the children of active soldiers serving in combat. Contact Jane Ramsey for more details (302) 540-4683	Henlopen, DE
19 July	Hassan Barn Tour and Luncheon	Harry and Anne Hassan graciously invites members of the DDC to tour their garden and barn, talk about classic carriage houses and enjoy lunch. Please RSVP to Harry/Anne at 215-480-3118 or heh313@yahoo.com	Easton, MD
16 August	Hollyville Farm Drive	Frances and Wayne Baker (302) 381-2979 details to follow	Harbeson, DE
21 Sept	My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show	Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA, Contact organizer Anne Councill, acbirchhollow442@gmail.com, 717-993-8956 or secretary Pam Schneider, 717-776-9748, pjschn@aol.com	York County, PA
18 Oct	Grassymeade Pleasure Drive and Picnic	Pleasure Drive and cover dish picnic at Grassymeade Farm. Please RSVP to Michael at (410) 810 2997 or email lawrencecompanyinc@gmail.com	Chestertown, MD
9 Nov	Chris and Jane Bailey Drive and Tailgate party	Fabulous fun at the great farm of the Baileys. If you missed this last year ..you'd better not miss it again. Contact Jane for details (443)988-1395 andovermeadow@gmail.com	Marydel, MD
6 November	Return Day Parade	Georgetown Historical Society, Election Return Day Parade, details to follow	Georgetown, DE
7 Decem-ber	Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch	(CHANGE FROM PAST!!) This will be a daytime event!	TBD

ARENA CARRIAGE RACING by Jane Bailey

The driving exposition is now over - and, I have to tell you, it was a big hit! I truly believe that it served the concept of the organizers which was to show other horse people (thousands of them under one roof) just how much fun driving can be!

The crowd was rather small on Thursday - but Friday and Saturday it was bumper to bumper people and a rather large crowd in the large arena. In addition to the actual racing time, we each did time at the ADS booth up in the vendor area each day. So many people from other venues (western pleasure - saddle seat - competition trail riding) recognized me and our red colors and stopped to talk about carriage racing - carriage driving - and just how one gets into it as.....'that looked like so much fun'. I noted how many men seemed interested, and picked up on many commenting that it looked like something they could do with their wives and horses vs being the truck driver! There were several young ladies with their mothers,

who, after seeing the carriage racing decided that they might have just found something to do with their now outgrown ponies - so that they didn't have to sell or retire them!

I actually met several folks from our area! One couple from Lewis DE stayed and talked with me for an hour.....and plan on joining DDC. They have a Belgian and are interested in recreational driving and doing some farm work with their horse.

The racing competition itself was four days - two heats each day. The ponies rocketed around the first day, and we had the fastest time of the day, but placed 3rd overall, as a mini out turned us in the obstacles in the first heat putting her in first. We came back for huge win on Friday - and I was very pleased how much the crowd enjoyed my ponies. We ended up with a huge cheering section - including the Amish who are normally quiet during these events, but when the announcer said they were ex Amish road ponies - we had them in the palm of our hands! :) Saturday's course was mini friendly, and although we drove clean and fast,

the mini's with their two wheel carts could shave off tons of time spinning within their own length inside the obstacles that the pairs and big horses had to go out and around costing valuable seconds.....

The best part of all was the overall winner - Hannah, a 14 year old (her birthday was today) in her FIRST year of driving. This sport is lacking youth , and to see a young rookie come in with a borrowed mini and take it all was just awesome.....and a new driver is born !

Unfortunately for the exposition, the big storm moving in, caused many of the demonstrators, vendors, and clinicians to break down and pack out. When we went to race Sunday AM, it was like swimming upstream to get to the arena, and there was hardly a patron in the vendor area. Chris and I literally raced from the arena to the barn area to get unhitched and loaded to get on the road and ahead of the storm. Missy and

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4-H Club Support by Christie Little

Your First-Aid Kit

A barn's first-aid kit, with all the essentials in one place, is a great idea for any horse owner. Stored in a conspicuous spot, it's at your fingertips the moment you discover the latest equine injury. Your kit is stored in an airtight, waterproof container that keeps the materials sterile and ready to use. It is fully stocked with the following items...

- Medical grade Stethoscope - ask Holler-n-Hooves members to teach you basic TPR's
- Safety scissors (rounded ends so not to accidentally cut into your horse if you're stripping off a bandage)
- A rectal veterinary thermometer with plastic case, string & clip
- Reference values on easy access tag
- Laminated tag - fill in Veterinarian's information
- Self-sticking bandages "Vetrap-look alike"
- Gauze squares three inches by three inches
- Medical adhesive tape
- Brown Gauze bandage
- An antiseptic furacin ointment 0.2% Nitrofurazone 1 lb
- An antiseptic scrub Nolvasan (chlorhexidine)
- Latex gloves (all sizes SM, Med & L) multi purpose
- Long exam sleeves good for sheath cleaning
- A flashlight/penlight to help you see wounds in a gloomy stall at midnight.
- A bottle for cleaning out wounds in delicate places like around the eyes.
- Pre-moistened alcohol swabs (individually wrapped)—good for cleaning small wounds or creating a cleaner site for injections.
- Medical grade Forceps/tweezers, for removing splinters, ticks, or other nasties.
- Disposable diapers, for applying direct pressure to a bleeding wound.
- Duct tape—useful in any emergency; good for hoof wraps, as it's water-resistant, moldable, and durable.
- Nolvasan scrub brush for wounds
- Razor to remove hair for more septic care
- Topical antibiotic ointment
- Utility knife to cut cords, wires etc that horses get caught
- Screw drivers - 2 sizes, flat and phillips head
- Zip ties for hanging items and securing items
- Band-aids for you
- Sharpie pen good for everything
- 60 cc Dose syringe for oral medications
- Antihistamines
- Tongue depressors for medicine application
- Fecal sample container - have your horse checked for parasites several times yearly
- Pen/Pencil/Pad to record vitals and history - be prepared!
- Weight tape - best to check your horses weight every few weeks to evaluate for obesity or unthriftiness
- Digital watch to use for evaluating vital signs that indicate severity of colic and other illnesses
- Ibuprofen
- Quick Reference Chart
- Inventory chart



This First Aid Kit is designed to go from barn to trailer! We have included basic care for humans so you are always prepared. It is important to customize this kit to your needs and to utilize things you may already keep in your barn. We recommend you speak with your veterinarian to stock your kit with basic prescription medications. Refer to the Quick Reference in your kit for more information.

With over 240 components, this kit stands up in value and usefulness! Instead of "disposable" items, we have included medical grade

4-H Special Pricing allows us to offer a limited number of kits

for only \$125

Order TODAY

Christie Little
270-2083

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King were still dripping wet when we covered them with coolers and topped with their winter blankets to keep them warm for the 3 hour commute. Continued from page 7

When we pulled in at home, the skies opened up and we ended up looking like drowned rats by the time we got them settled and ourselves in the house. We made it !!!!

I can not thank each and everyone of you enough for your help in making this trip happen. Personally, it was THE biggest adrenaline rush I have ever experienced. The ponies seemed to enjoy themselves, and horse world was introduced to something new and fun to consider. The organizers did a fabulous job, we made lots of new driving friends, and there were no accidents or injuries anywhere!

With the most sincerest gratitude,

Jane and Chris Bailey

Missy and King

A fun day with friends,

by Carol Seiler

On March 16th, a few die-hard drivers got together at George and Liz Parris' for a casual drive around the Parris' property. Attendees included Pat Casselberry with her mini, Bear and Carol with her mini Muffy, Garren Calloway, with Stephen Seiler as passenger, driving Mochy and George and Grace Poe behind Grace's horse Tide. With a bit more excitement than was expected or hoped for, all in all it was a great day which ended with a get-together in the Parris' home for a bit of nourishment and friendly chit chat. Thank you Liz and George for being such wonderful hosts and thank you Mother Nature for waiting until we were on our way home till you let loose yet another snowstorm.

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- Melissa Warner came from New York to explain all of the details that have to be addressed in order for coachmen, footmen, and grooms to be properly turned out. She has worked as a professional coachman for many years and has travelled extensively. I was able to share with her some good photos I had from a trip to England several years ago.
- Richard Nicoll, Director of the Colonial Williamsburg Coach & Livestock Division and co-host, gave an excellent presentation on the historical evolution of whips, the whip making industries that developed here in the US, the various applications for whips, and proper use. Did you know that when a whip cracks, the sound created is actually a sonic boom?
- Fred Hollaender came with a lecture about travelling by carriage and how the practices of picnics and equipping for them came to be. He does coaching in England and France. **Ben MacLeod** (and his Scottish accent) came from London, where he is a master hatter in the prestigious Patey Hat Company. He had a terrific presentation on the history of headwear, which included videos showing many of the crafting techniques used for custom hard-shell headwear, and some of the finishing work. He also brought the archaic-looking device used to measure the contours of one's head. Patey Hats is the last of the custom headgear makers in London, and currently holds a Royal Warrant from The Queen. Ben is a clever and creative young man working to keep this firm relevant in a changing world.
- **Susan Niederberger** came once again from Switzerland with a very detailed presentation about how and when appointments were used on various vehicles; she also gave the banquet presentation on her experiences coaching in Europe-- first working as a groom for several private stables then later as an invited guest. Originally from the US, she went to England to work in the horse business after college.
- Overall, it was a pleasant weekend, and we benefitted from nice, mild weather for a change. The 5th Symposium is currently scheduled for January 2016.

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