

DDC Driving Lines February 2015



DDC Meeting Schedule

DDC Board meetings are open to all members, and members may request to speak on a subject, but can not vote.

Feb 5
Conference Call
7:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555
Password
290535#

Feb 14
**General Member-
ship Meeting at**
**Dr. and Peter Ren-
zetti's farm, Smyr-
na, DE after the**
talk.

March 5
Conference Call
7pm
Call in 877-216-1555

UPCOMING DDC Events

Feb 14

Equine Health Talk– Dr. Anne Renzetti

General Membership Meeting and covered dish luncheon– Info on page 7, Smyrna, DE

Feb 21 Beginner Driver Clinic– Part 1 Greensboro, MD. Free to DDC members, \$10 for all others. Details on page..

March 28 Beginner Driver Clinic– Part 2 Harrington, DE. Free to DDC members. Members only.

April Pleasure Drive– Fair Hill NMRA Covered Picnic Drive.

Feb Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Myra Nelson, Carol Seiler, Anna Klumpp, Martha MacDonald,

Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

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

Deb Dawkins has graciously offered to serve as DDC Membership Chair. She will take over maintenance of the DDC roster, ensure current information is correct and report any changes to the BOD. Additionally, she will maintain for 1 year a copy of the signed current releases signed by each member required for event participation.

Changes to your information?

Email Deb directly at

pulling4u@mrisc.com

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(410) 310-9569

DDC Board Member Noble Cahall has resigned from the board due to personal reasons, effective immediately. He remains a member of the club.

DDC BOD members Anna Klumpp and Pao Lin Hatch successfully moved the DDC storage trailer from Donna Hurst's farm to Jane Bailey's farm on January 17. An assessment of damages is being done by Chris Bailey and a determination will be made by the board to either: sell the trailer (as is), repair (limited to stop further damage) restore to operating condition (more major repairs) or replace (with newer trailer/shed) The Board knows that whatever they decide, it will not be necessarily the unanimous choice by the membership but that in its deliberative decision, it will be in the best decision for club at this time. Much of the electronic equipment (speakers and PA) are being stored in a dry environment. Lastly the Board plans to digitize much of the damaged hard media which was being stored in the trailer and disposing of any duplicate and useless material.

DDC's member made the news! The Carriage Association of America's most recent issue featured a short story and 3 nice pics. Way to go folks! See page 8.

The DDC Library of Learning Materials is now being maintained at the home of Carol Seiler, DDC Treasurer in Goldsboro, MD. Looking for something to fill in that gap of knowledge you have? Call Carol at (443) 466-5043

Carol.Seiler@live.com

The DDC Purchasable Logo Items are maintained at the home of Carol Seiler and may be purchased at very reasonable prices! We have sweatshirts (Tan or Maroon) Polo Shirts (Maroon), Baseball caps (Maroon) and Club Pins. Contact Carol if you'd like to purchase anything.

DDC Vice President made the trip to South Carolina to compete successfully at the Monster Mini Competition in Aiken. See the story and photos on page 10.

A Membership Committee is discussing various options such as E-Membership vs. Hard Copy membership, honorary memberships and Lifetime memberships. They will report their recommendations to the board as well as proposed changes to the Bylaws which will need 2/3 of the membership approval for the changes to pass for 2016 implementation.

Huge Thanks for the special help for the Newbie Talk at Donna Hurst's home. Donna offered up her farm, Carol Seiler acted as surrogate hostess and cleaned all day before, offered up the best pony model and George Paris gave the extraordinary beginner safety talk to 8 attentive new or potential new members. Well done! Photos on page 11 courtesy of Myra Nelson.

COMING DDC EVENTS

Equine Health Talk and General Meeting

Starts at 1030am..... Saturday Feb 14

Equine Health and Safety Talk by Dr. Annie Renzetti. Dr. Renzetti will be speaking about equine vaccines and general equine health issues which will help us all be better horse(men) and (women). Followed afterwards by a covered dish luncheon and General Membership meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be what's happening with DDC in 2015. Please plan on coming (w/o your equine!) Bad weather date is Sunday 2/15.

1897 Chance Road Clayton, DE 19938

Call Annie at (302)893-5654 or email annierenzetti@yahoo.com to RSVP attending

Beginner Driver Clinic Part 1

Starts at 1000am..... Saturday Feb 21

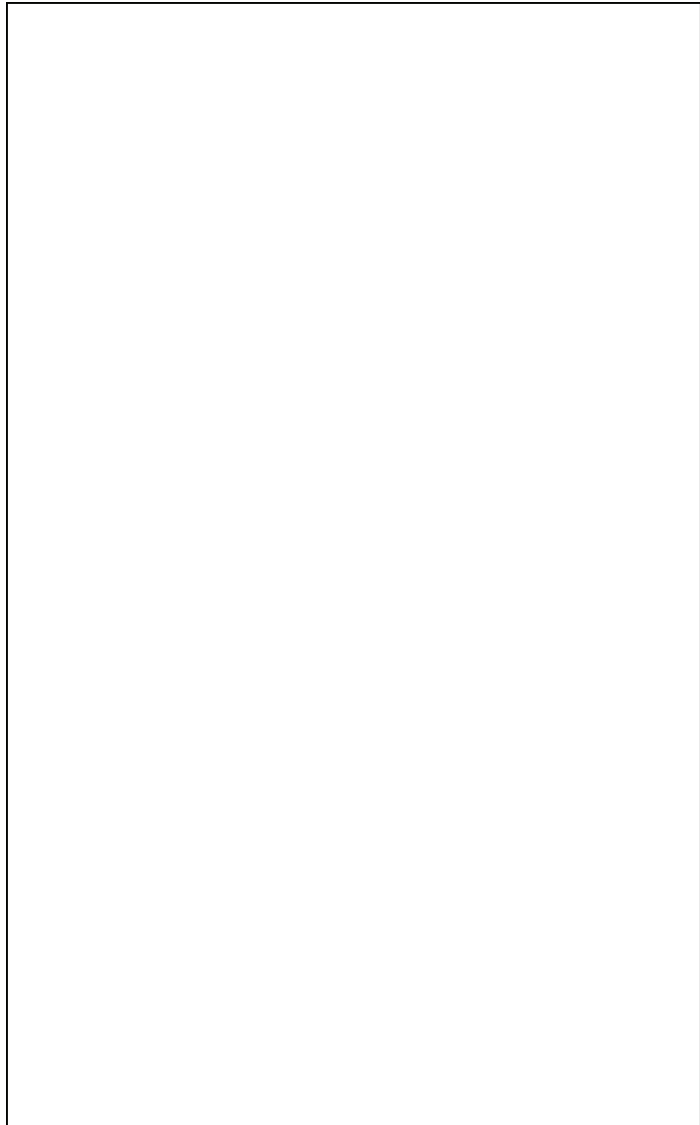
This is the 1 of a 2 part series. The first will be with George Parris. New Drivers will get hands on experience and to ask questions from an experienced trainer.

- ⇒ **You will learn the proper way to harness your equine properly**
- ⇒ **Proper way to handle reins**
- ⇒ **Carriage and general driving safety concerns**
- ⇒ **Please leave equine, dog and small child at home for this event.**
- ⇒ **This is a free clinic to all current DDC members and a \$10 fee for non-members. Releases are required by all participants in the clinic.**
- ⇒ **Contact George Parris (302) 846-2189 or email paoball2000@yahoo.com for more info and to save your spot.**
- ⇒ **Lunch will be available for purchase from our host/SOAR- Therapeutic Riding.**
- ⇒ **Dress appropriate since although inside an arena, it will be still be outside**

⇒ **13359 Greensboro Rd Greensboro, MD**

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DDC Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	3954.02	
<u>Deposits</u>		
Dues	244.22	
Misc Deposits		
<u>Total</u>		<u>244.22</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Xmas Party expenses	48.88	
<u>A plus sanitation</u>		
<u>(drive)</u>	<u>90.00</u>	
<u>USPS Stamps</u>	<u>9.80</u>	
<u>Total</u>		<u>148.68</u>
Checking Account		
Balance		4049.56
CD matures 7/23/15		

NEWBIE TALK

By Pao Lin Hatch

A successful turnout of 8 new or prospective members turned out on an average January day at the lovely Hurst farm in Hartly, DE. Our hostess was not there but DDC Treasurer labored hard to make it neat and tidy for our Clinician, George Parris. Thanks again to both ladies and a special thanks to George.



IMPROMPTU DDC DRIVES

Frances Baker, Linda Thomas and Joan Smith held an impromptu January beach drive at Cape Henlopen Beach on Jan 19. Cold and Blustery.. They all had a blast. If you would like to host or have friends join you for an impromptu drive, why not let the editor or any BOD member of the DDC and we can blast it to the membership via email. Here is a great pic!



Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold			
DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
February 14	DDC's Equine Health Talk and General Meeting	Come listen to Veterinarian Dr. Annie Renzetti on the topics of routine and Emergency Equine Health. Starts at 10:30. General Membership meeting afterwards; covered dish lunch following talk. Extreme weather alternate date: Feb 15 Sun	Smyrna, DE
February 21 (Tentative)	Beginner's Driver Clinic <i>Part 1</i>	This is the 1 of a 2 part series. The first will be with George Parris. New Drivers will get hands on experience! You will learn the proper way to harness your equine, handle reins, and ask about carriage and safety concerns. <u>Please leave yours at home for this event.</u> This is a free clinic to current DDC members; \$10 fee for non-members. Contact George Parris or email paoball2000@yahoo.com for more info. Lunch will be available for purchase from our host/SOAR- Therapeutic Riding. Flyer page 5	13359 Greensboro Rd Greensboro MD
March 28 (Tentative)	Beginner Driver Clinic <i>Part 2</i>	This is the 2nd part of the Beginner's Clinic. A continuation of Part I but this time, you will be bringing your own equine to the clinic. <u>This is a members only event</u> with a fee of \$10 to defray expenses. You will not be hooking up to your carriage at this event. A Neg Coggins required. Auditors free. Brown Bag lunch. Flyer on next page	4978 Park Brown Rd. Harrington, DE
April 12	Fair Hill Pleasure Drive	Come join Pao Lin and her pair at one of the prettiest places around the mid-Atlantic. Not a line drive but you can follow others and see Fair Hill Natural Management Resource Area. Drive off around 11, gather back at the trailers around 2:00 for tailgate picnic. (240) 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com.	Fair Hill, MD
April 18	Arena Driving Trial	Cair Paravelle Farm and Anna Klumpp are hosting this fun event. Details to follow	Still Pond, MD
April 24-25	Martin's Auction	Semi Annual Carriage and Appointment Auction (717) 354-6671. Auction in different location than Martin's Auction House Office	Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA
May 16	DDC Fun Show	Once again after a several year hiatus returns the DDC Fun Show at the beautiful Nutter Marvel Museum show grounds. Family fun, reasonable fees and a good time for all levels. Details to come. Contact: George Parris	Georgetown DE
May 24	Devon Horse Marathon	Oldest Horse Show in America and established Driving Event	Devon PA
June 7	Elk Creek CDE	Established and nationally recognized Combined Driving Event	Fair Hill, MD
June 28	Fair Hill Pleasure Drive	Come join Pao Lin and her pair at one of the prettiest places around the mid-Atlantic.. Fair Hill Natural Management Resource Area. Drive off around 11, gather back at the trailers around 2:00 for tailgate picnic. (240) 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com	Fair Hill, MD
July 12	Hassan Carriage Collection Talk and Luncheon	This is a repeat event at the beautiful Hassan Farm in Easton, MD. Harry and Anne will host DDC members and invited guests to an informative and entertaining talk about their collection of carriages, followed by a hosted lunch.	Easton, MD

Beginner Driver Clinic Part 2

Starts at 1000am..... Saturday March 28

This is the 2 of a 2 part series. This clinic will be with Anna Klumpp. New Drivers will get hands on experience with their own equines.

- ⇒ **You will build on what you learned at the last clinic about harnessing your unique equine. There is no template!**
- ⇒ **You will learn**
 - ⇒ **the proper way to ground drive your equine for better contact between hands and mouth.**
 - ⇒ **Proper way to handle reins**
 - ⇒ **Carriage and general driving safety concerns**
- ⇒ **Please leave your carriage at home. (Note: we will focus on ground driving and rein boarding skills, After this clinic, you should be on the road to starting your horse at home! Please leave your dogs and small children at home for this event.**
- ⇒ **This is a members only clinic, open to all current 2015 DDC members. Releases are required by all participants in the clinic. Cost \$10.**
- ⇒ **Contact Anna Klumpp (410) 709-3588 or email paoball2000@yahoo.com for more info and to save your spot.**
- ⇒ **Brownbag Lunch on your own**
- ⇒ **Dress appropriate**

Sharon and Larry Little's Farm

4978 Park Brown Road,

Harrington, DE 19952

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Two Seat Extension Top Surrey

Elegant carriage hand-crafted with beautiful lines and details. Top will collapse for storing/shipping and a complete open-air ride. Wood wheels with rubber tires, shafts easily detach for storage or shipping. Wonder for carriage drives, weddings, parades, or just casual pleasure driving. Excellent condition. \$2750 firm

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Meadowbrook cart  
Great condition. Ready for your next pleasure drive. Wood wheels with rubber tires (50"). Oak stained with green painted detailing. \$1250

Birds Eye Maple Spider Phaeton - Single or Pair Horse

Will fit 16 hand+ horse. I used this carriage for Dressage, Cones and the Devon Marathon. I always received 10's on presentation. It is at the Advanced Single Horse width. Manufactured by Weavertown Coach and is in Excellent condition. Antique lamps included in price. Photo's upon request. Located in Smyrna, Delaware. \$7500

Jane Ramsey  
302-659-2827

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A 5.25" mullen mouth, all brass, butterfly cheeks bit available for \$40. Purchased in France several years ago. Polished up and gleams like gold. Curb chain and hooks included. Contact Michele at cbhwhip@gmail.com.

MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE AND SEND YOUR PROOFS OF PURCHASE FOR ALL TRIPLE CROWN LEGEND PRODUCTS.. DDC earns \$.25 for each proof of purchase submitted!.. For more information about this great fundraiser.. Check out <http://www.southernstates.com/Offers/Rewards-Programs/show-program.aspx>

Delaware Equine Council

Meets on the 3rd Monday of each month The Delaware Equine Council's monthly meetings will now be held at the Harrington Fire Department conference room located at 20 Clark Street (Rt 14), just west of Route 13 in Harrington, DE. This is a great location with plenty of parking. The conference room has its own exterior entrance next to the community hall entrance. We will have a sign at the entrance to the conference room which will be visible from the main parking lot. For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan Vonasek at 302-684-3966

Activities

Return Day is an old post-election tradition

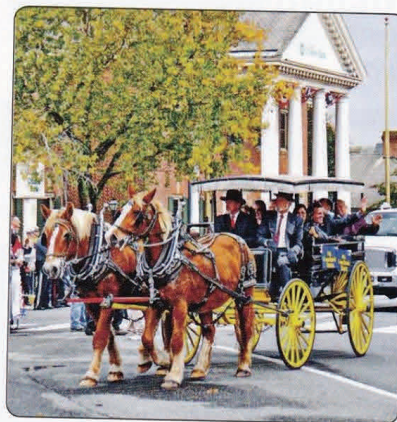
Delmarva Club Helps Politicians 'Bury the Hatchet'

by Linda Thomas, photos courtesy of club members

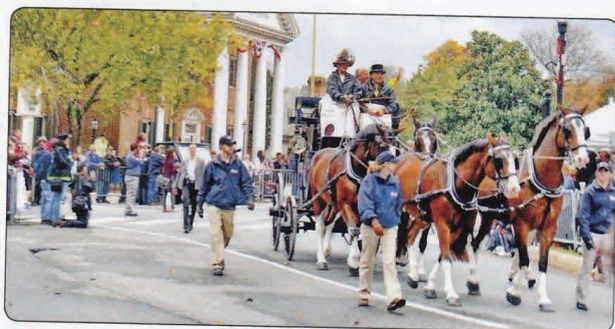
THE DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB HAS OVER 80 MEMBERS FROM MARYLAND, DELAWARE, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. Members get together for organized events as well as 'spur of the moment' pleasure drives. Every two years, club members participate in an event called Return Day, which to my knowledge only happens in Georgetown, Delaware.

Return Day is an old post-election tradition where politicians from throughout Delaware travel to Georgetown to bury the hatchet, bringing an end to political contests. This was a grand event featuring a gala parade, a ceremonial reading of the election returns by the town crier, music, and the roasting of an ox.

Members of the Delmarva Driving Club transported the politicians to the town circle to 'bury the hatchet.' Ω



Jay Klaverweiden and George Parrish drove a Belgian pair, Lady and Bert.



The Governor of Delaware rode with Frances Baker and her four-in-hand team.



Club member Wayne Connor drove his Suffolk Punch, Joe, and was followed by Larnie Johnson and his team of Haflingers.

MINI SURVEY

1. I think the number of Drives offered by the club are:

_____ 1 too little (need more) 10 too much

5 just about right (averaging 1 every 2 months)

2. I would like to see more clinics on the topic of :

3. I would like to offer my farm or host a drive in 2015 or lead a drive at a State Park. Please contact me! _____

4. I would like to donate my time and help where I can. Please call me or email me with details _____

5. What should the new 2015 Board address most urgently?

6. I would like my name included in a club resource guide as a MENTOR _____ Please contact me.

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**Please complete the mini survey and send it to our Club Secretary, Jane Bailey, at 2408 Peters Corner Rd, Marydel, MD 21649 or email to [andovermeadow@gmail.com](mailto:andovermeadow@gmail.com)**

# MONSTER MINI ATTACK by Martha

MacDonald

Anna Klumpp loaded up The Mighty Aphrodite and Mungo Jerri, the marathon carriage and her friend Evelyn for the 12 hour drive to Windsor SC for the 6th annual Monster Mini Event. Just days before leaving, Anna discovered her navigator wouldn't be available so she called me. As I hadn't gotten a response to my offer to volunteer, I grabbed the opportunity to be on the back step for Anna.

Dressage/cones day started chilly but sunny (low 40's). Because Anna is now doing Preliminary Level, she was scheduled for 3PM, giving me lots of time to take care of my critters, stop to pick up a hot lunch for everyone and have plenty of time to help Anna get settled, unload the trailer and harness/hook up. Evelyn's friend Sandy came over so I assigned them camera responsibilities with my camera and they did a great job.

The only real issue with the little ones was excitement and not willing to stand at the halt for more than a second or 2. But after a bit of warm up and reminding the ponies that halt meant 'stop all forward and backward motion', we entered the arena. Overall, the ponies were brilliant, mostly bending correctly, a little fidgety at the halt but in the end terrific. In fact, Anna missed high (or low if you are thinking CDE) score for all equines in the Prelim division: singles, pairs and 4's. Woohoo. The good news is that Anna's PA trainer,

Lisa Singer, watched the test and told Anna it was much better than Anna thought. We were first after the dressage test in our class!

Cones were fun and we had the fastest time. However, in the 4 gate serpentine, we knocked off a ball on the 4th gate so took second place. Now overall placings were dependent on the Sunday Marathon. I can say that on the back of a marathon carriage, it feels like the cones pass right under the cart and yet, when I looked back, all but one ball were still in place! Good job Anna!

When that day's competition was over, Anna and I walked the obstacles. Yikes....what a maze each one



was. Not having the pictures, I couldn't study the routes overnight but Anna sat and crammed for the exam. There was nothing easy about the routes.

Sunday dawned cold, cloudy, threatening rain and a bit of wind. Fantastic volunteers, deeply wrapped in Carhart coveralls, down jackets, woolly caps and such were stationed at the 5 obstacles. On obstacle One, Anna took a sharp, unplanned left and I screamed "Wrong Way". The ponies stopped on a dime and backed out of the spot that could have had us eliminated on the first obstacle. Whew. Obstacle 2 was questionable when both of us forgot where C was. Obstacle 3 (a water hazard) had Jerri convinced he'd die if he stepped in. Anna had warned me so together we screamed like banshees to get him moving. After B, Anna made an executive decision and kept the ponies in the water to get to C and out D. It was our fastest obstacle, despite the time spent stopping, turning, wrestling with Jerri to get him in the water. A UBE...Ugly But Effective! Obstacle 4 wasn't pretty but we got through. By time we reached 5 both Anna and the ponies were tired. The first time I told Anna to go right, she went left. OK, guided her around for the next gate but when I again told her to turn right and she started left, I belted her on the right shoulder, screaming THAT RIGHT. Of course, her PA trainer was there and laughing so hard she almost fell over. Later she suggested I just reach over Anna's shoulder and point the direction I want her to go. Too funny but we were both laughing when it was over.

Ditti and Jerri were brilliant and can really move when out on the course. So much so that we walked the last 500 meters home to let the clock run out a bit. In the end we were only off optimum time by about 30 seconds...not bad for my first time as navigator with Anna and her first trip at the Monster Mini.

Thanks Anna for a great weekend. I'm looking forward to 2016!

Martha MacDonald

More pictures of George Parris from the Newbie Talk January 17 2015 (courtesy of Myra Nelson)



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