

DDC Driving Lines

February 2013



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! Its simple :-)

February 7

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in (877) 216-1555

Password #290535

March 7

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in (877) 216-1555

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April 4

Conference Call
6:00pm

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2013 Dues are now due. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

February 2 Saturday "Elevate your Turnout Talk"- Lewes, DE (no horses please) RSVP requested! Contact Frances Baker (302) 381-2979. More details in last January newsletter

March 23 MarkI Memorial Drive, Chesapeake City, MD C&D Canal. Contact: Joan Smith (610) 692 6089 rydonips@comcast.net

April 13 BlackBird Forest Drive, Smyrna DE Sherry Harris, (410) 482-2402 or Donna Hurst (302) 492-3932

April 20 Cair Paravelle Continuous Drive, Still Pond, MD Anna Klumpp (410) 708-3588 or email montalmax@hotmail.com

April 21 Cones Clinic at Cair Paravelle Farm, Still Pond, MD with Samea Baker. Cost: Anna Klumpp (610) 310-0962 or (410) 708-3588 or email montalmax@hotmail.com

NOTE TO ALL ADVERTISERS: Don't see your advertisement in this issue? All advertisements in the DDC newsletter and on the website run from Jan-December. Please consider supporting your club and advertising in 2013! Business card size adds are only \$50!

February 2013 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Carol Seiler, Sherry Harris, Frances Baker, Martha MacDonald, Joan Smith, Jackie McCann

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1/3/2013 Board of Director's Meeting:

Present: Pao Lin Hatch, Donna Hurst, Jane Ramsey, Sherry Harris, Carol Seiler, Joan Smith, Jackie McCann, John and Marti Bolinski. The secretary's minutes were corrected by deleting Item 4 regarding asking for a donation from people requesting a hard copy of the newsletter. Then the minutes were accepted as published. The Treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

Old Business: The Christmas party was a success and the location was appreciated. In the future, reservations will need to be accepted with a deposit. The club had to pay for all the meals reserved even though a number of people did not come due to the foggy weather.

It was discussed and decided that it would be more correct to send every member the budget, by-law changes and slate of officers. Jane Ramsey will oversee the mailing and a SASE will be included to assure greater responses.

In 2012, 24 hard copy newsletters were mailed. Sherry Harris reports that some people changed their request regarding newsletter as either eNewsletter or hard copy. She will forward that information to the editor. John Bolinski felt it was against the by-laws to make people pay for the newsletter and is part of the membership fee. The Newbie Clinic in January is confirmed and George Parris will speak. Jane Ramsey will provide her sound system for the event. Attendees will be asked to sign a release. George will review with Donna which horse/pony will be used for the

event.

New Business: DDC is considering purchasing our own sound system due to the increased number of clinics and educational programs. Various options will be reviewed to find a system appropriate for using outdoors as well as indoors.

Marti Bolinski reports only 24 calendars were sold this year. The profit will be approximately \$45 plus a donation. The cost of postage has risen and it will be necessary to increase the cost of the calendars. She reminds us that photos from professionals require a release for her to be able to use them. Members will be polled to see if they want to continue the calendar and if they are willing to pay a higher cost for it. On March 9, 2013, the Hoofpicks Youth Club, a club for junior members of Tuckahoe Equestrian Center will be offering a clinic on parade safety. DDC member, Deb Dawkins will be one of the panel speakers. Any DDC members who'd like to participate will be invited to join in a drive through the park after the event. This is not a DDC event but interested drivers should contact Pao Lin Hatch.

2013 is the 30th anniversary of the Delmarva Driving Club. Suggestions to celebrate the event include a BBQ or drive in the southern part of the Delmarva with a special invitation to founding members to attend. With a good location, there could also be a drive. It would be a potluck event. Another option is a drive/meal at either Tuckahoe Equestrian Center or at Blackbird. Donna and Sherry will research options for dates in September.

Martha MacDonald will bring the club history information up to date. Club equipment will be gathered up, including a rein board, measuring tool and stop watches that have been donated to the club, and stored in the club trailer. John Bolinski reported that the Animal Control plans proposed for Cecil County have been approved despite the reservations expressed by horsemen at the public meetings. John will send a copy of the regulation but a summary says that horses going to Cecil County (think Fair Hill) will have to have a vet certificate within 100 days and riders/walkers must clean up after their animals. There are fines for people who fail to clean up after their animals.

A revised budget will be reviewed at the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Martha MacDonald

Markl Memorial C&D Drive -March 23

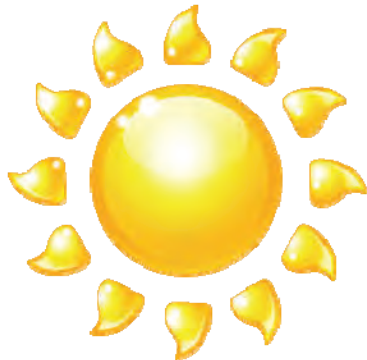
Next month DDC Board member, Joan Smith is hosting a memorial drive in honor of DDC member, Pat Markl at the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal on March 23, Saturday. Although Pat was only a member of the DDC for

less than 2 years, she completely threw her energy and enthusiasm into the sport of driving. Her passion was contagious and for all those who knew her, we were inspired by her genuine zest for life. This will be a

'drive as you will' event since it's virtually impossible to get lost on the canal! Drive off at 11, picnic lunch afterwards. Look for a removable flyer in the March newsletter.

Sunshine by Sherry Harris

SUNSHINE! Sunshine for our club is not just in the sky but something we try to spread a little of all around when needed. Our long time Sunshine person is Lois Evans. She sends out cards and notes to club members acknowledging their various positive and not so positive equine driving experiences. Also, If a member past or present has had a mishap or injury to themselves or a loved one both human or equine. Now that you know, we need YOUR help. She needs your eyes and ears to spread the Sunshine. Please call Lois Evan at 302-875-4971. Helper- Sherry Harris at 410-482-2402 or other board members. Help us shine.



WHERE DO DDC MEMBERS LIVE?

by Pao Lin Hatch

I created a google map of where DDC members live. Boy was I surprised!! We live as far north as northern New Jersey and as far south as Eastern shore Virginia; as far west as Northwestern Maryland, as far North as Lancaster County, PA and as far East as the Atlantic Ocean. The vast bulk of our membership is mid-shore.



Out and About News

*Anna Klumpp and her mighty minis received the Brandywine Valley Driving Club **Hours to Drive Award**— achieving the 1000 hours award level. Congratulations Anna!

*Deb Dawkins of DDC and Barbara Dixon of Dusty Boots and Tuckahoe Equestrian Center will give a panel discussion on how to safely participate in parades with your equine at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center on March 9 Saturday. DDC Friends plan to gather after the talk and drive on the Caroline County dirt roads afterwards.

*DDC is looking for a Holiday Party Chairperson for 2013. This position would include organizing the 2013 party, its entertainment, location and food options. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding position.

*Diane Savage is working with Jane Ramsey on whether DDC should create a resource guide for its members. This would include vendors, harness makers, hay sellers, etc.

*A bunch of DDC friends gathered impromptu & drove the dirt roads of Goldsboro, MD on an unusually warm January day.

*The James River Driving Association is having a **Carriage Driving Winter Seminar** in Richmond, VA on Feb 9-10, speakers include S. Temple, R. Forfa, Paul Maye and Tim Wright. Cost is \$50 includes lunch and snacks. Call Paula (757) 619-6566 for details

*DDC's Spring Pleasure Show Manager, Jane Ramsey, is proud to announce that our judges this year will be Dana Bright and Anne Councill, both highly respected ADS rated Judges. Great job Jane!

*Our own Barbara Belden has been hunting up a storm with the Wicomico Hunt Club. Her she is riding her driving horse, Sherman 'aka' Tank.



DDC Dues for 2013 are now DUE. Please complete the renewal form in the January newsletter and return with a check payable to DDC to Pao Lin Hatch

22988 Fairgale Farm Lane Chestertown, MD 21620!

CLASSIFIEDS

EAST WILLISTON PONY SIZE EASY ENTRY ROAD CART. USED IT FOR MY PONY BUT IT IS TOO SMALL, PROBABLY BEST SUITED TO A 12 HAND PONY. It's IN VERY GOOD CONDITION, HAS NEW RUBBER, NATURAL FINISH. ASKING \$750. CONTACT DIANE 410 641 1837

SANDRA GUMZ IS SELLING HER DRAFT SIZED SYNTHETIC HARNESS, HARDLY USED FOR \$500 OBO CONTACT SANDRA (410-634-0182) GUMZX2@TOAD.NET

A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

Jane Ramsey is looking for a few good people to assist her as volunteers at our 2013 DDC Spring Pleasure Show. This rewarding experience is part of virtually every DDC members' past. Where else can learn so much and give so much at the same time! Contact Jane to volunteer at (302) 540-4683 or ramseyjb@yahoo.com

FREE..FREE..FREE... By Martha MacDonald

FREE...one of our favorite words in the world of carriage driving where everything costs something, from the purchase of a horse to harness, cart/carriage, whip, clothing, vet and farrier...the list goes on. So with winter coming on and many retiring to the warmth of their homes, there are a couple of websites with fascinating newsletters/magazines that you can read on-line or print The Carriage Association of America,

dedicated to the preservation of carriages and the driving experience is available at www.caaonline.com. In addition to preserving antique vehicles, the CAA offers Driving Proficiency levels and information on the Traditional Day of Driving event. DDC has offered testing for the Proficiency level one and Frances Baker offered our first experience at a Traditional Day of Driving. While sadly they don't let you open the Carriage

Journal, if you'd like to browse a collection of photos and the history of many, many different types of vehicles, including sleighs, this is your go-to site. Great opportunity to see the difference between a Gig and Brougham, etc.

The American Driving Society is focused on active drivers, from pleasure to International CDE and more. Their monthly magazine The Wheelhorse, is available on-line for free

and a fun magazine to read. You'll learn about international competitions and pleasure drives around the USA in the same magazine. Some training articles are included occasionally and seeing some of the pleasure drives, or drives around the world will fascinate you and make you dream of making a trip of your own. If you are interested in competition, the rules are available for free. Dressage tests are there and lots of other interesting information.

Andy Marcoux, a driver, competitor, clinician and judge maintains a website at www.coachmansdelight.com where there are many training articles, from starting your horse to driving with pairs or more. If you're interested in learning from a very experienced and recognized driver, this is a fun site to explore. His story of sleigh driving/racing in Canada is wonderful.

I hope these websites will help you learn even more about this wonderful sport we enjoy with our driving animals.

Martha MacDonald

DDC's New Driver Safety Talk Jan 26

By Pao Lin Hatch with input from S. Harris

A friendly crowd of approximately 14 folks (members and prospective members) gathered at Donna Hurst's friendly and convenient *Gardner* Farm in Hartly, DE to listen to an informative presentation and question and answer session by George Parris on Driving Safety.

DDC member Stephanie Knutsen volunteered her pony, Freddie to be our 'model'

for tips on safe harnessing, good fit and general discussion about safely getting involved and started in the sport of driving. George P. is a long time and well respected DDC member who has helped many members get started or train their horses to drive.

The clinic was advertised in local Equine oriented publications (e.g. Horse Force Mag-

azine and online with Craigslist. DDC items were on hand for purchase and several club members took the opportunity to hand their renewal forms to our treasurer Jackie McCann. Donna worked hard to make the farm neat and tidy and offered hot beverages and muffins in addition to the snacks brought by others to share. A BIG THANKS to DONNA for hosting this great event.

**DON'T FORGET OUR FEB-
DDC TALK
ELEVATING YOUR TURN-
OUT
FEBRUARY 2 LEWES DEL-
AWARE.
SEE JAN NEWSLETTER for
DIRECTIONS
CONTACT FRANCES
BAKER TO RSVP**

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
2-Feb	Elevate your Turnout	Frances Baker (302) 381-2979 francesbaker65@gmail.com, see flyer	Lewes, DE
9-Mar	"Safe Participation in Parades with your equine" Panel Talk-Deb Dawkins	Pao Lin Hatch (240 274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com	TEC/Ridgely, MD
17-Mar	Morven Park ADT-an ADS event	Laura Doyle Morven Park Equestrian & Events Manager 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176 Office: (703) 777-2890 x 6614; Fax: (703) 779-1368 lidoyle@morvenpark.org	Leesburg, VA
23-Mar	Markl Memorial C&D Canal Drive	Joan Smith (610) 299-1191 rydonjps@comcast.net (rain date mar 24)	Chesapeake City, MD
6-7 April	Delaware Horse Expo	http://www.dehorseexpo.com/Home_Page.php	Harrington, DE
6-Apr	Chapter 1 Farms ADT	http://chapteronefarms.com/Helen P hpaxton@chapteronefarms.com	Pedricktown, NJ
13-Apr	Blackbird Forest Drive	Donna Hurst (302) 492-3932/ Sherry Harris (410) 482-2402	Smyrna, DE
20-Apr	Cair Paravelle Continuous Drive	Anna Klumpp (410) 708-3588	Still Pond, MD
21-Apr	Private Lessons/Clinic	Anna Klumpp (410) 708-3588, details to follow	Still Pond, MD
21-Apr	Going the Distance Endurance Drive	Brandywine Valley RSVP & Info: debby.donovan@comcast.net (856) 981-1868	Fair Hill, MD
4 May	Gladstone CDE	Gayle Stinson; H: (908) 453-3332; C: (908)752-2653;	Gladstone, NJ
4-May	DDC Spring Pleasure Show	Jane Ramsey (302) 540 4683 ramseyjb@yahoo.com	Denton, MD
11-May	My Lady's Manor Driving Club Schooling Day	Anne Councill achbirchhollow442@gmail.com (717) 993-8956	Spring Valley Park, Wintertown, PA
12-May	Lessons with Bill Lower	Anne Councill achbirchhollow442@gmail.com (717) 993-8956	Spring Valley Park, Wintertown, PA
8-June	Long Lining and Driving Horse Suitability Assessment	Kathy Schmitt (717) 880-8482 kawschmitt@att.net .	Cockeysville, MD
6-July	MLMDC Continuous Drive	Pam Kister (717) 779-4542 greyhorsestable@hotmail.com	Spring Valley Park

CECIL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY UPDATE

by John Bolinski

A new policy, chapter 209 Animal Care and Control, has been put into effect for Cecil County, MD. The definitions of "Domestic Animal" in this 37 page document indicate that all equines will come under this document. The full document can be found on www.ccgov.org.

The following reflects the major issues that affect equine owners.

"A Buddy for Life, Inc." has been selected to become the animal care and control authority (ACCA) for Cecil County, MD, and will be re-

"BETWEEN THE EARS"

Photo of the month



Carol Sellar's Moki in watercolor painting by Martie Bolinski

sponsible for implementing and enforcing the new policy. Any animal impounded becomes the property of the ACCA and may be sold, placed or euthanized after 8 days and a failed notification effort, or 8 days after notification.

Animals required to have rabies vaccine need proof of vaccination within 48 hours. Failure to provide proof is \$50 fine. An unvaccinated animal bit will result in a \$500 fine.

The original requirement to have a Veterinary Health Certificate with any animal crossing the state line into Cecil County, has been withdrawn.

Coggins Tests less than 12 month old are still required. The state requirement of a health certificate still stands for animals "Imported into the State". State law also does not require health certificate for shows, exhibits and events for equines entering Maryland from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

All animals must have proper shelter to allow the animal to stand, turn and stretch to its full length and height. This raises concerns about "pull-in stalls" and "horse trailers".

Animal owners are responsible to remove all "excreta" on public and private property except the owner's property or working farms. Fines are up to \$100. This raises concerns about Fairhill and other locations presently open to equine use.

Housing of animals overnight is considered "Kennels" and require a County License in addition to the state and business licenses.

Cruelty and neglect of animals are listed in the "Annotated Code of Maryland – Criminal Law Title 10 – Section 10-604 with fines up to \$5000.00 Even though each violation in the policy has a designated fine, section 10 paragraph 209 -1011 gives the ACCA the right to levy fines up to \$2500.

For questions or clarification, please contact John Bolinski at 410-398-0257 or email bolinsj@myshorelink.com.

2012 Full Budget

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	(Over) Under	
	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul -Sep	Oct - Dec	YTD	Budget	
Projected Income							
Membership Dues	\$1,880.00	\$1,220.00	\$190.00	\$40.00	\$90.00	\$1,540.00	\$340.00
Newsletter Ads	\$350.00		\$25.00			\$25.00	\$325.00
Calendar Sales	\$300.00			\$100.50		\$100.50	\$199.50
Pleasure Driving Show	\$2,600.00	\$545.00	\$2,297.00	\$0.00		\$2,842.00	(\$242.00)
Sales of Club Items	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$110.00	\$5.00	\$215.00	\$340.00	(\$140.00)
Christmas Party	\$25.00				\$380.00	\$380.00	(\$355.00)
Donations/50/50 Raffle	\$200.00	\$65.00	\$160.00		\$70.00	\$295.00	(\$95.00)
Clinics	\$100.00		\$107.00		\$355.00	\$462.00	(\$362.00)
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Income	\$5,655.00	\$1,840.00	\$2,889.00	\$45.00	\$1,210.50	\$5,984.50	(\$329.50)
Projected Expenses							
Liability Insurance	\$1,120.00	\$100.44	\$1,087.52			\$1,187.96	(\$67.96)
Newletters	\$400.00	\$127.70	\$104.01	\$91.74	\$102.26	\$425.71	(\$25.71)
Dues - ADS	\$60.00					\$0.00	\$60.00
Dues - CAA	\$55.00	\$65.00				\$65.00	(\$10.00)
Dues - DEC	\$20.00					\$0.00	\$20.00
Miscellaneous Painting	\$50.00					\$0.00	\$50.00
Christmas Party	\$300.00	\$100.00			\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	(\$800.00)
Pleasure Driving Show	\$2,500.00	\$596.19	\$1,291.43	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,987.62	\$512.38
Educational Fund	\$100.00					\$0.00	\$100.00
Benevolent Fund	\$100.00		\$75.00			\$75.00	\$25.00
Drives	\$200.00		\$45.00			\$45.00	\$155.00
Trailer tags/maintenance	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$75.00		\$350.00	(\$100.00)
Clinics	\$200.00				\$685.00	\$685.00	(\$485.00)
Website	\$200.00		\$160.04			\$160.04	\$39.96
Postage	\$350.00	\$60.64	\$33.60	\$34.00	\$32.56	\$160.80	\$189.20
Conference Calls	\$230.00		\$72.67		\$135.32	\$207.99	\$22.01
Stationary	\$10.00					\$0.00	\$10.00
Checking Account Expenses	\$30.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	\$10.00					\$0.00	\$10.00
Calendars	\$70.00					\$0.00	\$70.00
Meetings	\$0.00			\$270.00		\$270.00	(\$270.00)
Total Expenses	\$6,255.00	\$1,299.97	\$2,894.27	\$570.74	\$1,955.14	\$6,720.12	(\$465.12)
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DDC's Treasurer's Report

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Beginning Balance – 01/05/13 \$1,205.85

Deposits:

Event income (Traditional Day of Driving)	90.00
Clothing/Pin Sales	125.00
Deposit return Xmas Room Rental	100.00
2013 Membership Dues	100.00

Total Income 415.00

Expenses:

Newsletter printing (Nov & Jan)	\$ 60.96
Supplies for Board Mailing	97.99
Telephone Conference	183.88
Show Location Deposit Fee	300.00
Postage (Nov & Jan)	<u>24.00</u>

Total Expenses 666.83

Ending Balance – 01/21/2013 954.02

Savings Account 1,298.77

CD Balance 7,717.11

Total Cash Available \$9,969.90

NEVER take the bridle off while the horse is still attached to the vehicle-not even when he has a halter under the bridle.

NEVER leave a nervous horse tied to the side of a trailer.

NEVER start to unhitch a horse in unfamiliar surrounding without a capable person at his head.

NEVER allow anyone to sit in the carriage before the driver has taken his/her place. NEVER when you are the driver, leave the carriage before all the passengers have gotten out.

NEVER leave a horse alone while hitched to the carriage.

ALWAYS signal to other traffic before stopping or turning.

ALWAYS take great care when passing another carriage, and do so only when you can see sufficient clear road in front.

ALWAYS be watchful of your horse(s), especially his ears, which may give warning of his alarm at something he has heard or seen.

ALWAYS have a capable person with you when driving a green horse.

ALWAYS carry your whip or have it ready at hand to reach.

ALWAYS carry a spare trace, leather punch or knife, cord and duct tape.

NEVER allow your attention to be distracted.

NEVER take a completely green horse to a show or event. Find out how he/she behaves in public in a casual environment first.

NEVER drive too close to the carriage in front. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in making all DDC events safe and fun events to drive!

Drivers' Code of Conduct

At all DDC events, Whips/Drivers should adhere to the following *Code of Conduct* when it comes to safety! Why are we emphasizing this? Unsafe practices endanger everyone (not just you and your equines). Please take a minute and read the following carefully. If you have any question about the following *Safety Code of Conduct*, please ask any DDC BOD member.

NEVER try to put a bridle on a horse when away from his home stable without first securing him with a rope around his neck.

NEVER start to hitch the horse to the vehicle without having the reins fastened to the bridle.

NEVER try to back a horse between shafts lying on the ground.

NEVER leave the ends of the reins unbuckled in case one should be dropped when you are getting into the carriage or while driving.

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