

DDC Driving Lines January 2012

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DDC Meeting Schedule

January 4
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6:00 pm
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Pao Hatch

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Inside This Issue:

Upcoming DDC Events:

Jan 15 Let's get driving! Safe Harnessing Talk. Hartley DE

Open House for all members and prospective members.

Contact Donna Hurst 302 492 3932 or Pao Lin 240 274 8160 for more details.

Feb 11 Multiples Talk with Frances Baker, Harbeson DE

Free to all members and prospective members.



DDC member Phoebe Drury and her bumble bee at Frances and Wayne's Costume Poker Run

January 2012 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Frances and Wayne Baker, Jane Ramsey, Lois Evans, Martha MacDonald, John & Martie Bolinski and Carol Seiler

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**Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors'
Dec 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order with Donna Hurst, Jane Ramsey, Sherry Harris, Frances Baker, John and Marti Bolinsky, Pao Lin Hatch and Martha MacDonald.

The secretary's minutes were approved with the correction that it was Jane Ramsey, not Jane Bailey attending. The treasurer's report was accepted as published. The Christmas party was reviewed. Frances will bring roast beef, Donna the roast turkey, and John the mashed potatoes. Donna will run the Bandit exchange and will recruit someone for the blessing of the meal. Carol Seiler and Sherry Harris have prepared table decorations.

Frances Baker has offered to have another 'multiples' clinic on February 11. This will be a rain/snow or shine event and may be at her home where she's planning on bringing some of her team. Jane Ramsey reported that George Parris will talk with the 4H people about using the grounds for our show and limiting other uses....like the pigs and sheep who were there last year. Jane R will put a question in the newsletter about members wishing any changes/additions to the classes offered at the May 5th Pleasure Show. She will also ask for recommendations for judges. As there is no My Lady's Manor show in the Spring/early Summer, nor Brandywine Valley June show, it is hoped that our participants will increase. My Lady's Manor will be in the Autumn. The Whip Challenge will apparently continue as the Belle Grey farm is considering offering a show to replace the missing shows. The Laurels show has been cancelled.

Donna Hurst has asked a neighbor, an accounting person, to join DDC and serve as treasurer as John Bolinsky is retiring after 10 years as DDC treasurer. As no DDC member has stepped forward to take the position, the board can ask for an

exception to allow someone to take a difficult position to fill. Donna will ask for volunteers at the general membership meeting for a volunteer for the open Director position. All information about the treasurers position will be transferred to the new treasurer at the first opportunity. The secretary will take over the roster and general mailings to new members. Respectfully submitted

Martha MacDonald

**Delmarva Driving Club
Treasurer's Report
1-Jan-12**

Beginning Balance (checking)	\$824.29
Deposits	
Newsletter Advertisements	\$150.00
Dues	\$240.00
Calendars	\$67.00
Christmas Party Guests	\$25.00
Sales - Mugs	\$24.00
Sales - Club Pins	\$100.00
50/50 Raffle	\$100.00
Payments	
Club Pins	\$410.00
Newsletter printing	\$30.00
Postage (stamps)	\$44.00
Christmas Party	\$38.76
DEC - Advertisement	\$50.00
DEC - 2012 Dues	\$20.00
Calendars	\$67.00
Conference Calls (7 months)	\$82.36
Ending Balance (checking)	\$818.57
CD#1 (2/16/2012)	\$2,264.25
CD#2 (1/22/2013)	\$7,565.80
Grand Total	\$10,648.62



The endless farm where the Bakers' fabulous Argentine trip began



Belle Mares of Argentina and other highlights of our trip with the Carriage Association of America by Frances Baker

In early November my husband, Wayne and I flew to Buenos Aires on a prearranged trip with the Carriage Association of America. We toured Hackney horse ranches (called estancias) with a dozen other members of the CAA. Jill Ryder, executive director of the CAA, arranged the trip. Our tour followed Jill father's (Tom Ryder) footsteps from his many trips prior to his death two years ago. Tom Ryer was an internationally known Hackney horse expert and judge. His expertise was in demand around the world, and he traveled to Argentina, Australia, Canada, all over Europe, South Africa, and across the U.S. to judge horse shows, teach, or speak on carriages and driving. He had a lot of influence with these breeders. They spoke of him so affectionally. One of them even flew to Eng-

land and spoke at his memorial service when he died a few years ago. There were photos of his visits (many visits) everywhere. Tom Ryder even spoke to the DDC at their Christmas gathering in the Marvel Museum in 1983, when there were only 20 members. He encouraged members to participate in pleasure drives to increase their knowledge. Although I never knew Mr. Ryder I felt privileged to have ridden on his coat tails, so to speak, and receive such a royal welcome in Argentina. I wish that I had known him. And there were many photos of the estancia owners visiting the USA and all of our many horse events that are so close to us in Delaware and Maryland that we take for granted. The Argentina Hackney Horses were impressive to say the least...very large

compared to Hackneys I have seen in the USA. I could write a whole article on the Hackneys but it was the local cowboys (called Gauchos) and their local horses that impressed me the most. Their Horses are similar to our quarter horses.

As part of our pre-arranged tour we attended a Gaucho Festival and preceding parade. We arrived, again like royalty, in a horse and carriage and were deposited in front of a local hotel/restaurant where we were catered to with food and drink while we watched the parade. The Gaucho Festival is similar to our rodeos. It is a gathering of thousands to celebrate their traditions and events with camping, parades, dancing and feats of horsemanship and ranch, or estancia work.

Continued on p 7 Gaucho

Let's Get Driving— Safe Harnessing Talk by Pao Lin Hatch

This month on January 15, we have our annual newbie talk scheduled once again at the wonderful Garner Farm 3048 Hartley Road in Hartley Delaware. Donna Hurst is gracious enough to have us all over to her place where we can listen to a short talk by George Parris about getting started, harnessing safely and then socialize with new and old members. This informative

gathering is our third annual such event and many a new member has been recruited after attending . I hope all members can bring I friend who is thinking of getting into driving but doesn't know who to ask, where to start and what do buy??? Haven't we all been there! Plan on hot beverages and munchies to share and dress warmly since it will be January in an unheated barn. Call Pao Lin at 240 274

6180 or Donna 302-492-3932 if you are thinking of attending. Do not bring your horse .. This is a people only **FREE** event. Bring friends who are thinking of getting into this event.. Not just for members!



Out and About News



Easton MD Christmas Parade



More pictures from Frances and Wayne Baker's Argentine CAA trip



Deb Dawkins invited Darlene Logan and Martha MacDonald to be her guests/helpers for the Easton MD Christmas parade on Dec. 3. We met up and helped decorate her carriage with greens and battery operated lights. Deb has done more than one parade and was totally ready....including doing a French braid on the top of her Abby's mane with ribbons, greens and berries and then wove in battery operated white lights through the

white Welsh pony's mane. With red lights on the back of the cart, blue lights across the driver's seat and greens on either side and the white light in Abby's mane and tail, we turned the Electric Cowboy to the Electric Horse. The crowds were wowed by the beautiful white pony with all the lights on the horse and carriage.

Frances and Wayne Baker had way too much fun and learned a great deal about

carriages, driving and the beautiful Argentine countryside.

Pao Lin and Bill Hatch took their pair of spotted drafts down to their new farm in Johnston SC. Experiencing the joy of hauling horses 12 hours is quite a wake up!

Carol Seiler, with her mini driving horse is exploring the wild and wonderful world of minis and has a permanent smile attached to her face.

Safe Driving Column by Martha MacDonald

The wheels on the bus go round and round....but what about the wheels on your cart/carriage?

Lately I've talked about bearings...the connection between your wheels and the cart/carriage. But what about the wheels themselves? Now if you have steel wheels with solid rubber tires, there isn't much that can go wrong. But if you have wooden wheels, you are facing the torque, the heat and humidity, the cold and if you have pneumatic tires, the same things apply. So let's look at some of the things to consider.

You have wooden wheels with a hard rubber rim. Good, flat tires are not going to haunt you as you drive. But what about the spokes? Wood expands and contracts with heat and humidity. How do you know what is going on with your wheels? It is fairly easy.....take a heavy screw-

driver and tap the handle lightly against each spoke. The ones firmly attached will give one tone and the loose ones will give another. If you find loose spokes, visit your local wheelman and have him tighten the spoke(s). This is NOT a do-it-yourself task.

You have wire wheels. Again, tap them and the 'odd' sounds tell you there is a problem. Bent wires are a clear indication that something is 'a killer'. Visit your local bicycle shop and ask for help. They are experts with spoke wheels.

You have pneumatic tires. Wow..think about driving a car. In a car, you have a spare in the trunk. In a cart/carriage, you probably don't have space for a spare. One of the best tools is a product from your local auto parts store, that inflates and seals the tire. Please visit your local auto parts store and put a can in

your spares kit. One inexpensive purchase could let you drive home, rather than walk home with the horse and going back to retrieve the cart.

The wheels carry us out and about, having more fun than be imagined for either driver or guest. Plan ahead and be safely home.

Safely in your corner.

Martha MacDonald

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

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 January 27th

- **January 15 Sunday– Safe Harnessing Tips and Newbie Talk, Hartley DE**
- January 20-23 MD Horse Expo, Timonium, MD
- Feb 23-26 PA Horse Expo, Harrisburg, PA
www.horseworldexpo.com
- **February 11 Saturday– Multiple Driving Techniques and Tips, Harbeson DE– see flyer on last page**
- **March Blackbird Drive (Makeup date)-Date tbd**
- **Fair Hill Drive, date tbd**
- **April 1 FUN BUNNY Ride and Drive, Tuckahoe Equestrian Park, Denton, MD**
- April 14 Chapter 1 Farms Spring ADT www.chapteronefarms.com/
- **May 5 Delmarva Driving Club's Spring Pleasure Show , Denton, MD**
- May 19 Jameswood Spring Pleasure Show,
<http://www.bellegreyfarm.com/events-at-belle-grey-farm.html>
- June 2-3 Elk Creek CDE Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area.
dtrefry@equestriare.com



More pictures from Frances and Wayne Baker's Argentine CAA trip
"Bell Mare"



Troppilla of geldings following their lead 'bell' mare in a parade

DDC 2011 HOLIDAY PARTY AND GENERAL MEETING

Called together at 8:35PM, Donna Hurst, President presiding.

Frances Baker is retiring as a Board Member and was presented with a gift of a framed picture of a driving pair. John Bolinski is retiring from 10 years as treasurer and was presented with a funny pen to replace the one he was handing over to the new treasurer. Thanks to Donna for these fun gifts. One of our expenses is the cost of mailing newsletters by snail mail . Mem-

bers accepting emailed newsletters can receive any number of pages plus getting photos in color. Members requiring hard copies are costing the club a minimum of \$.44 per monthly mailing plus printing (only in black and white) and so it was decided to ask those members to voluntarily contribute \$5 or more to their membership to cover these costs. Emailed newsletters cost nothing to mail but newsletters over 5 pages can not be sent without additional postage charges. Currently we have more than 40 members requiring hard copy mailings. Many other clubs charge an extra \$5 so we are asking hard copy people to donate \$5 to their membership renewals or request emailed notifications and newsletters.

Participation by paying dues to CAA and ADS was discussed. The ADS requires drivers receiving International Driving support give 'no cost' seminars to ADS organizations. The offering member will explore how this can be used to support driving clinics for DDC. Frances Baker has volunteered to review what benefits our membership in the CAA offers to regular DDC members. The combined cost of these memberships is about \$120 per year...barely \$1 per member but puts us in their membership lists and acts as referrals for people looking for driving organizations in the Delmarva area.

By the recommendation of the Executive Committee (Board of Directors) dues will remain as they were in 2011 at \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family member.

New member Joan Smith volunteered to serve as a Director and the slate of Donna Hurst, President, Pao Lin Hatch, VP, Martha MacDonald, Sec., Jackie McKean, Treasurer, Sherry Harris, Director were approved as presented. There were no volunteers offering to compete for any of the positions.

Special thanks were given to Carol Seiler and Sherry Harris who spent long hours making the adorable skiing snowmen and sleds with DDC letters as table decorations. Members were encouraged to take one home with them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 for the Bandit Exchange. Thanks to everyone who brought food, wine and happy energy to the annual meeting/Christmas party.

Martha MacDonald
Secretary

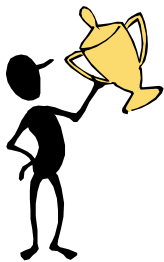
Delmarva Spring Pleasure Driving Show May 5, 2012

The Delmarva Spring Pleasure Driving show is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th at the 4H Horse Park in Denton, Maryland. This show is a great show to start off the year. Very low key and a great learning experience for all. (We promise no pigs this year). We have invited Shelly Temple and Kim Stover to be our judges. The team is planning some changes in our schedule and show program and would welcome any suggestions from our membership. You can e-mail or contact

Jane Ramsey
ramseyjb@yahoo.com or
302-659-2827.

Come and be part of the planning committee. If you are not going to compete in the show, please let us know if you can help out at the set up or during the show, we can always use more help.

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Why are we members of the Carriage Association of America by Frances Baker

To answer the question raised on the club's \$65 membership in the Carriage Association of America, we are a driving club, not a social club though we know our mission is to increase KNOWLEDGE in all the areas of driving, from preservation, pleasure, safety, to competition and all other learning opportunities.

The CAA is our parent organization for KNOWLEDGE and preservation...The ADS governs horse show rules. Their rule book is available now for 2012 for \$25. New members are coming to us everyday hungry for knowledge....I personally have benefited greatly from the knowledge I have gained by my association with the CAA...in the last year and a half I have hosted a Driver Proficiency Program with Muffy Seaton for our club in

Aug of 2010.

Another member and I flew to Florida last March to take more Driver Proficiency Training...again through the CAA and again I acquired more KNOWLEDGE...didn't realize it at the time, but it came back to help me this past fall when I went to my first coaching event in October without professional help. I am one of the few women in America who can drive four horses one handed...BIG horses at that. Many of the other women drive ponies. Long time member Kay Mildon can explain why they prefer ponies. Kay knows what it feels like to drive BIG horses.

Wayne and I just spent 2 weeks touring large Hackney horse farms in Argentina with Jill Ryder, executive director of the CAA. Jill was there following

her father's footsteps. Tom Ryder passed away two years ago at the age of 91 or 92. He was a big international horse show judge and expert. He had lived in New Jersey for 20 years as the coachman for John Seabrook... who founded the CAA. Tom wrote over 1000 publications that are housed with the CAA in Kentucky. Tom spoke to our club in 1983 at our Christmas gathering...there were 20 members at that time. In his talk he advised the club to participate in pleasure drives and shows to increase their KNOWLEDGE. And I personally think KNOWLEDGE is what makes us a driving club and not a "Dining Club".

If you decide to keep the membership I will try and do a better job of keeping you informed as to upcoming events. There is

a symposium in Williamsburg in January...next month. I realize that club money is tight and hard to come by. You might want to look at other parts of the budget as I think the club gives a lot away. The Christmas Party was FREE to members with guests \$5. There was a rental fee for the museum and we had food expenses and we presented to the members that their \$20 single membership was only paying for the newsletter with some left over. A very FEW people do a whole lot of work for the group to benefit. ASK for more donations...everyone else does.

The Delmarva Driving Club's mission is to expand KNOWLEDGE about driving, horses and safety. Being a member of CAA helps us towards meeting that mission.

Sincerely, Frances Baker

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The parade we witnessed in front of the hotel had hundreds of Gauchos in their groups and then there were the groups of horses brought in Tropilla or Troops of 10 to 12 horses, with no bridles, no halters, nothing just following a mare with a large bell. Thus the name BELL MARE. The bell mare was led by a Gaucho riding his horse. I understand these horses (usually geldings) are trained by using the herd's natural instinct to follow and obey the lead or bell mare. The Gauchos can then stake the bell mare out and the herd will not drift out of hearing distance of her bell. This is important, I am sure; as the pastures are so vast you cannot even see the fence line on the horizon. She is usually, though not always, of a distinctly different color than the rest of the group. The groups we saw all matched beautifully and had their tails cut short. Many of the bell mares, had a foal by her side, since it was Argentina's spring season and our fall season at home. These horses were in a very hectic busy, noisy parade. The street was packed with people. When I first saw the loose

horses coming down the street I didn't know whether to run or go deeper in the crowd. Most of our group got closer to take pictures. hardly believing what we were seeing. We were very close to the announcer's stand where the announcer was yelling in Spanish very loud and very fast. We estimated there were 30 or so groups of Gauchos in the parade of at least a dozen per group. Many of the Gaucho groups had children as young looking as 2 years riding ponies...the very young being led, others riding very well. And there had to have been 20 Bell Mare herds. Unlike parades I have done at home with my horses, there

were no gaps or spaces in the parade and no out of control loose horses. Following the parade we went out of town to witness their La Tropillia, an event in which horses from many different estancias are let into a vast fenced arena, and allowed to mill (or canter about) into a single large group. When they are thoroughly blended the gauchos from the various estancias ride in with their bell mares, and, in a gracefully efficient demonstration, all of the individual groups quickly re-form and are led away.

I couldn't help but think of my favorite driving mare, Jam, who died suddenly 3 years ago. Jam was the heart and soul of my four In hand team of mares. Jam would canter to the gate when we called her anytime night or day and stay there whether we offered her a carrot treat or not. She was content with a pat on the neck. She led the mares in harness and out of harness.

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I have a new team of four geldings now, but I still have my three original mares. I was advised by many not to mix the mares and geldings in the four in hand team as the mares, being mares, might hurt or kick the geldings. I took that advice until one of the geldings came up lame before my first four in hand pleasure drive of the season this past spring. I had to choose whether to just stay home or put one of my fit ready to go mares in the team. I put a mare in and was amazed at how the geldings all followed so nicely. No kicking, no marsh behavior just a lead mare doing her job. I learned a lot about horsemanship in Argentina watching the gauchos with their bell mares. Like my team of horses at home it amazes me always how much our horses can teach us if we follow their natural tendencies. Just like those wonderful Bell Mares.

If you ever get a chance to go visit Argentina by all means go. They are on the other side of the equator so their seasons flip flop ours. Our fall is their spring. But you will NEVER see anything like we did unless you go with The Carriage Association of America.

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB's

"LET'S GET DRIVING!"

Safe Harnessing Talk for new drivers and Potential new drivers

~~~COST IS FREE~~~

Speaker: George Parris

Location: Gardner Farm, 3048 Hartley Road, Hartley, DE

Contact to [pre-register](#) or for more info:

Pao Lin at (240) 274- 6180 or [Paoball2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Paoball2000@yahoo.com)

Donna (day of event only) 302-492-3932

**This is a no-horse event. Please come with human friends only!**

Where: Gardner Farm, 3048 Hartley Road, Hartley, DE

When: January 15, 2011 @ 11 am-2 pm

What to bring: Dress warmly and bring pictures of your horse or pony and or existing harness to show our experienced members or clinicians.

**January 15, 2012 Sunday at 11:00AM-2:00PM**

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## Proposed DDC Operating Budget for 2012

Bases: Operating expenses, insurance, newsletters, etc.

Income: Family and individual memberships; Newsletter Ads

Projected Income:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Memberships: Individual (37) | \$ 740.00   |
| Memberships: Family (41)     | \$ 1,230.00 |
| Newsletter Advertisement (7) | \$ 350.00   |

Total Proposed Expenses: \$ 2,320.00

Projected Expenses:

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Liability Insurance    | \$ 1,120.00 |
| Newsletters (printing) | \$ 430.00   |
| Dues - ADS             | \$ 60.00    |
| Dues - CAA             | \$ 55.00    |
| Dues - DEC             | \$ 90.00    |
| Trailer Tags           | \$ -        |
| Postage                | \$ 350.00   |
| Conference Calls       | \$ 230.00   |

Total Proposed Expenses: \$ 2,335.00

Net Profit/Loss \$ (15.00)



### Texting While Driving ... a Carriage (from the Horse.com)

We all know that texting while driving is a dangerous habit and, in some places, against the law. When you have eyes off the wheel, you supposedly lose at least 50% of your concentration while behind the wheel--you never know what might happen in a split second. Going from texting while driving at 55 miles per hour to texting while driving at 5 miles per hour might be a dramatic shift ... especially if the vehicle you're driving at such a slow speed actually only has the horsepower of one--one horse pulling a carriage, that is.

Some Montreal carriage drivers are on the hot seat after a local news cameraman captured them in the act of using their cell phones while maneuvering through the city streets, according to News Canada. The president of the local horsemen's association is against ticketing carriage drivers for being on their phones while driving, insisting that it's different than driving a car because, "the horse can see where it's walking." However an animal rights group says that the horse's safety could be compromised if the driver does not guide it safely. Montreal law considers carriages the same as cyclists and pedestrians in the fact that the "rules of the road" don't apply to them, according to police spokeswoman Melanie Lajoie.

So it makes me think--who's in the right here? I have to admit that I've been known to text while riding my horse in familiar surroundings, and I know Lark will take advantage of me not paying attention and start to do her own thing ... like walk back to the barn. I've never been one to totally allow her to go where she pleases because I do know that her eyesight isn't as good as mine (due to a corneal ulcer scar, for the most part). That being said, I wouldn't do so if we were somewhere else that could lead to danger, like a road or on the trails. But is riding different than driving a carriage?

Should they follow the road rules? A debate to have.

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