

DC Driving Lines

January 2013

DELMARVA



DRIVING CLUB INC.

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 :-)

January 3
(THURSDAY) BOD
Conference Call
6:00pm
Call in (877) 216-1555
Password #290535

February 7
Conference Call
6:00pm
Call in (877) 216-1555
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March 7
Conference Call
6:00pm
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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!!

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**Jan 26 New Driver Safety Talk– Hartley, DE
(no horses please) Contact: Donna Hurst-11-1**

**February 2 Elevate your Turnout Talk, Harbeson, DE
(no horses please) Contact: Frances Baker-11-2**

**March 23 Saturday- Markl Memorial Drive at C&D Canal,
Chesapeake City, MD Contact Joan Smith**

NOTE TO ALL DDC MEMBERS: IF YOU PAID YOUR 2013 DUES AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY (THANK YOU!!), IF YOU DID NOT PAY YET, Please remove page 4 of the newsletter, complete and mail with check to DDC to Pao Lin Hatch 22988 Fairgale Farm Lane, Chestertown, MD 21620.

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 advertising in 2013!

January 2013 Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Barbara Belden, Frances Baker, Martha MacDonald, Jackie McCann, Carol Seiler, Carol Seiler

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- move to offering more and more learning opportunities. Jackie McCann will bring a printed copy of the check register to the Christmas Party for members to review. She noted that the insurance company requires that we list the national organizations the club belongs to.
- 2. The Newbie Clinic in January is already being promoted in Horse Force, Craigslist and members will be receiving a copy of the flyer to share at their favorite tack or feed stores.
- 3. The Pat Markl Memorial drive will be **March 23** with a rain date of the 24th. Larry Langford has suggested a drive in early March. Details to follow. April 13 will be the Valentines drive at Blackbird Forest.
- 4. Members desiring a hard copy of the newsletter will be asked to contribute an extra \$20 to cover the cost of postage which costs the club \$24 a year for each mailed copy.
- 5. Sherry Harris will write a short piece for the newsletter regarding the Sunshine position and the need to let Lois Cahill know if any members have been hospitalized, are ill or have lost pets/horses.
- 6. Martha MacDonald will do a write up of the free magazines and newsletters available to DDC members through the ADS and CAA organizations.

December 2012 BOD Minutes

Present: Pao Lin Hatch, Sherry Harris, Jane Ramsey, Joan Smith, Jackie McCann, Martha MacDonald. Absent: Donna Hurst

The secretary’s minutes were amended to show that Diane Savage is hosting the August meeting and Bonnie Forgacz is presenting. The minutes were then accepted as amended. The treasurer’s report was accepted as printed.

Old Business:

1. After reviewing conflicts on the driving calendar for May, it was decided to keep the DDC show on the first Saturday in May as it has been in the past.
2. The report on Frances Baker’s drive was well accepted but in future, at all DDC events, ALL attendees will sign a release, even if not bringing or driving horses due to the liability of accidents happening around horses.
3. 12 people attended the Working Farm Horse demonstration. Attendees were allowed to handle the plow but not the reins for the West’s well trained pair.
4. The Comegy drive was much appreciated and Donald Hewes’ discussion of maintaining the finish on your cart and doing routine maintenance was welcomed.

New Business:

1. The Christmas party will have a welcome table where 50/50 tickets will be sold. DDC clothing and pins will be available for sale. Name tags will be provided and Pao Lin Hatch will confirm what flatware or dishes need to be supplied. DDC is asked to break down and clean the room at the end of the party. Jane Ramsey will provide her sound system. This system has been used at DDC clinics and found to be very useful and easy to use. The BOD is considering purchasing a similar system as the number of clinics and presentations is increasing as we

Respectfully submitted:
Martha MacDonald

DDC’s Treasurer’s Report	
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Beginning Balance – 11/24/2012	\$1,645.26
Deposits:	
Christmas Party	\$ 350.00
Christmas 50/50	45.00
Contribution	25.00
2013 Membership Dues	<u>260.00</u>
Total Income	<u>680.00</u>
Expenses:	
Christmas Party – Speaker	\$ 160.00
Christmas Party – Caterer	850.00
Newsletter	33.11
Postage	10.00
Equisure – Jan/Feb Clinic	<u>66.30</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,119.41</u>

Results from 2013 General Annual Meeting

DDC's Board has proposed 2 changes to the existing DDC Bylaws via email to DDC members. As of 12/18/2012, 24 DDC members have responded to the motion via email, 100% of votes were **YAY**, 0% were Nay. These changes shall be been approved.

Bylaw Change # 1

Adding 2 Board Members to its Board of Directors. Such board members, like all others, would serve two year terms and be elected by the membership.

Bylaw Change # 2

To allow the Board meeting to be regularly held on the 1st Thursday of each month.

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An opportunity for members to come forward and volunteer for a position on the board has been made by email on 12/17/2013.

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In the event that no additional names are offered, the 2013 slate is as follows:

OFFICERS FOR 2013 (to be reaffirmed)

- Donna Hurst- President
- Pao Lin Hatch- Vice President
- Martha MacDonald- Secretary
- Jack McCann- Treasurer

2013 Board of Directors

- Jane Ramsey —Sherry Harris
- Joan Smith — Noble Cahall*
- Carol Seiler* (*new BOD members)

Frances & Wayne Baker

Invite you to The Delmarva Driving Club's talk on

Elevate Your Turn Out

Something for everyone. Things we have learned like *cleaning harness, horses & carriages, carrying a whip, using colors to compliment your turn out.*



February 2, 2013 from 11 until 2

Lunch break in the middle at our home

17420 Minos Conaway Road, Lewes, DE **19958**

Please RSVP to Frances (for head count for lunch)

(302) 381-2979 or

FrancesBaker65@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS: Coming from the North

Take route one south through Milford, bypass Milton. Just before the intersection for Lewes, you will cross over Red Mill Pond. The development of Mill Pond Acres will then be on your right...take the next Right, which is Minos Conaway Road. Pass several developments. After the sharp curve in the road and beside the development of Mallard Point. Farm will be on the right. Big beige house, sits back off the road with several beige barns behind it. You can turn around at the barns and park along the driveway heading out.

Coming from the East

If you take route 16 east you will be turning right on route 1 and you can follow the directions above.

Coming in on route 9 east. Go through Georgetown. After Gravel Hill and the stop light in Harbeson and after the Hopkins Dairy Farm turn left on Minos Conaway Rd. The development of Lewes Landing will be on the other side of the road. Cross the railroad tracks and farm is the second driveway on the left.

Coming from route 24...go through Millsboro headed east. And take a left on route 30 just out of town. Turn right when you get to route 9 and follow directions above from Gravel Hill.

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To be considered for membership, submit this completed application each year, with a check made payable to The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. or cash in the amount of the current annual membership dues payment to the address shown below. As an applicant, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. You will be notified of your acceptance, at which time you will receive your copy of the by-laws, a membership roster and newsletter. Feel free to join in the Club activities while your membership is being processed. Your signature below shall serve as consent to allow your photographic image taken at any DDC event to be used on any and all DDC publications.

Memberships: _____ (\$20/individual or \$30 family (circle type of membership)

Name of members: _____, _____

All DDC newsletters will arrive via **Email** unless otherwise marked below: _____@_____

(Print Email Please)

_____ **Please send my email via hardcopy and snail mail to the following address;**

Mailing Address _____

The best number to reach me by phone is (____)_____ Yes/No ____ This is an information change from 2012

Taking a hard copy by USPS Mail? Please consider a donation in addition to your annual dues of \$20 help cover the printing and mailing costs for 12 issues. Current annual costs to print and mail a monthly b/w newsletter is \$24.00 per request.

INTEREST: Mark as many items which you are interested in

_____ Driving for fun _____ Collecting and restoring carriages

_____ Combined Driving Competition _____ Pleasure Driving Competition

_____ Commercial activities your horses _____ Parade, public driving

_____ Clinics _____ Driving instruction

_____ Other: What do you hope to gain from the club? _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Make Check payable to Delmarva Driving Club Inc. in the amount of \$20.00 per individual/ \$30 family
c/o Pao Lin Hatch (Membership Chair) 22988 Fairgale Farm Lane Chestertown, MD 21620

DDC's Holiday Party and Annual Membership Meeting

by Darlene Logan with help from Jackie McCann

On an unusually warm and fog drenched evening of December 8th, 2012, the 'elves' (otherwise known as Sherry Harris and her family (chairman); Pao Lin Hatch; Michele Novack; Betty Donovan; Carol Seiler; Jackie McCann; and Darlene Logan) transformed the Ruthsburg Community Center (Maryland) into a hall of decorated tables and lighted trees. One of the trees sat between the shafts of Joan Smith's easy entry mini cart. Thank you Joan! It added a special sparkle.

The appetizer and dessert tables were overflowing with tasty morsels contributed by those in attendance. The beverage table was strategically placed to serve as a 'watering hole.' As scheduled, at the stroke of seven, dinner was announced. Oh, so much food! No one went home wanting for more. The Delmarva Driving Club once again transformed itself into

the Delmarva dining club!

Our speaker was the reknowned driving judge/clinician/instructor Audrey Bostwick of Perkasio, Pennsylvania. Audrey is also a 'professor' of driving at the Delaware Valley Community College. She has a wealth of knowledge. We of 'DDC' were pleased to have shared an evening with her. Encore!

She began her presentation with four (4) handouts: a photograph of two (2) horses in a line up within a show ring; another handout illustrated how to measure/fit horse to cart; another handout dealt with a few Primary Rules of Safety, i.e. the driver (aka 'the Whip') is FIRST in the cart with reins in hand, etc.; and the major handout was titled Centered Driving by Peggy Brown, illustrated by Susan E. Harris.

Audrey used the photograph to show what each turnout was doing correctly or incor-

rectly, and showing how the 'correct' driver showed an understanding of the rules of competition and proper driving techniques. Read the rule book; be aware of the rules; better, be (very) familiar with them; but, best, know them!

In addition to knowing the rules, she stressed the importance on constantly continuing your education, via lessons, clinics, reading, merely observing. Even if you think a particular clinic is beyond your scope, or too basic for your present rung of knowledge, one little tidbit gleaned from that clinic might turn into an 'ah hah' moment when you least expect it and might need it most. Learning never stops...learn something new everyday.

Centered Driving should be put on that list of books to read. She entertained "Q&A" from the members and it seemed

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New DDC Lines Column "BETWEEN THE EARS" Photo of the month



Rascal and Trudy at the C&O canal 2012

Send your photo 'between the ears' and it will be in a future newsletter!

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

SUNSHINE NEWS

DDC members were shocked but relieved to here about Wayne Connor's recent medical condition which sent him to the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery!

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DDC member Irma Marshall is recovery from a bad fall off her horse. Get healed quick, Irma!

DDC Calendar and other activities of interest

All DDC events in **BOLD**

DO YOU LIKE THE NEW
FORMAT FOR THE DDC
CALENDAR?

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
26-Jan	New Driver Safety Talk	Donna Hurst (302) 492-3932 Sherry Harris (410) 482-2402, see flyer	Hartley, DE
2-Feb	Elevate your Turnout	Frances Baker (302) 381-2979 francesbaker65@gmail.com, see flyer	Lewes, DE
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

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB'S annual

FREE

**Introduction to Driving
and Safety Talk**

January 26, 2013 at 11am-1pm

Have you wanted to learn how to drive your horse but don't know how to get started? Wondering what to do with that equine 'pasture potato' in your front yard?



Perhaps you already have decided on learning how to drive but don't know where to start? Where to buy safe equipment? Whether you have the right temperament in your equine to drive? Here's your chance to have an question and answer session with a very knowledgeable and well respected local trainer & clinician, George Parris along with a friendly helpful group of Delmarva Driving Club members

**Location: Garner Farm 3048 Hartley Rd,
Hartley DE 19953 (302) 492-3932**

Contact to **pre-register** or for more info:

Call Donna on day of the event (302) 492-3932

Pao Lin Hatch at (240) 274-6180 or Paoball2000@yahoo.com

DDC Members please post this at your nearby Feed/Tack or Harness shop!!!

Pictures from our three DDC events in December: **Top-** West's Demo/Talk at "Farming with your Equines" Dec 1, Chestertown, MD-Aldo, Sam and Bill **Middle-** DDC members at the Comegy Drive, Dec 2 Chestertown, MD-Donald H. giving his talk and Stan V. and Domino enjoying her first drive away from the farm. **Bottom-**2012 DDC Holiday party, Dec 8 Ruthsburg, MD- Our Speaker Audrey Bostwick, Cecilia U. enjoying her Martie Bolinski painting of her late mare, Minnie Me.



COMEGY CREEK DRIVE AND MAINTENANCE TALK

by Carol Seiler

Anybody that attended the Comegy Creek Farm drive on December 2 will agree that it was one of the best of the whole year. Nearly perfect weather, challenging cones course, well layed -out dressage course and the most fun cross-country course you could imagine. I believe I had more fun on the cross-country than I have in all of my driving experiences combined. It was very large with many many challenging turns and intersections. It was a special treat to see Bill West drive his pair of Suffolk's tandem around the course. I was also quite proud to see Domino, driv-

en by Stan Vonasek, tackle the course. She did a good job especially with it being her first off-farm drive.

Following the drive was, in true DELMARVA DINING CLUB style, lunch was served. So many delicious dishes highlighted by the baked ham provided by the hosts. Immediately following lunch, Donald gave a talk about restoring carts and carriages with many handy tips. Then he gave a tour of some of his restored and soon-to-be restored carriages. Thank you Donald, Darby and Douglas for a wonderful day.

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(to me) as if she were a bit disappointed when the questions stopped.

DDC sweatshirts, polo shirts and pins were available for purchase. A 50/50 fund raiser earned the club \$45.00, with Pam Gray being the lucky winner. 2013 Dues were collected

The evening was festive, fun and highly informative and a special thanks to Jane Ramsey for hosting our speaker and her friend and the Donovans who stayed after the party to help the 'elves' break down and clean up.

WORKING ON THE FARM WITH YOUR EQUINE

DEMO/TALK by Barbara Belden

On December 1 2012 Pao Lin Hatch hosted a demonstration/talk by Bill West on using horses for farm work. His Suffolk team showed how to move large logs, spread manure, plow, harrow and mow. Aldo and Sam, the Suffolks were strong, quiet and competent which seemed essential for this type of work.

It seemed to me that you would need the skill of driving a tandem since the traces attach low on some of the equipment and the addition of sharp blades made me think most of us should not try this at home. His talk on the various types of

hitches and equipment used for farm work was informative and the opportunity he gave us each to plow a furrow was very instructive. He was ably assisted by his wife.

An enjoyable and instructive afternoon. Thanks to Pao Lin and the Wests.



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