

DDC Driving Lines January 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.

January 3
DDC Board Meeting, location tbd

Feb 5
BOD
Conference Call
6:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555

Password
290535#

Feb 14
General Membership Meeting at
Dr. and Peter Renzetti's farm, Smyrna, DE after the talk.

UPCOMING DDC Events

Jan 10

Carriage Safety, public road driving and Parades Panel Talk

Bakers Home in Lewes DE (members and invitees only please)

This panel talk is intended for the experienced driver members and will focus on what it requires to have a fun yet safe day at public events. Covered dish luncheon will be sandwiches and hot soup. Details to follow in separate flyer. (302) 381-2979

Jan 17

New Driver Safety Talk

3048 Hartly Road, Hartly, DE

Get your friends to this informative talk.. Its our leading recruitment tool for new members and new drivers! Call George (302) 846-2189 to see if they need a helping hand, bring cookies to share!

Feb 14

Equine Health Talk- Dr. Anne Renzetti

General Membership Meeting and covered dish luncheon- Info on page 7, Smyrna, DE (302) 893-5654

Feb 21 Beginner Driver Clinic- Part 1 Greensboro, Free to DDC members, \$10 for all others. Details to follow. Pao Lin (240)274-6180 (Extreme weather alternate date Feb 22 Sunday) Lunch available for purchase.

Part II scheduled for March 28 Harrington, DE (Indoor)

Jan Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Linda Thomas, John Bolinski, Myra and Randy

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Deborah Van Lunen were approved and warmly welcomed into the club

*Anna Klumpp moved to accept the proposed operating budget, it was seconded by Annie Renzetti; It was unanimously approved by the membership by oral vote.

A proposed bylaw change was presented by John Bolinski. Some discussion from the floor pro and con about the need for the change and or whether the proposed change does indeed reflect those desired changes. There was a reminder that other provisions of the Bylaws prevents bad behavior from members and that this change is not needed. Jane Bailey spoke against the change, Deb Dawkins spoke on possible inadvertent ramifications of such a change.

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DDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES DEC 6, 2014

Donna Hurst, DDC President called the meeting to order at 11:05 on December 6, 2014

*Members in attendance in separate attachment to these minutes

*DDC Board Membership on hand: Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, John Bolinski, Anna Klumpp, Carol Seiler, Nobel Cahall, Joan Smith.

*minutes from previous Board Meeting approved per motion by Darby Hewes and second from the floor from Diane Savage

*Dec Treasurer's report approved from the floor per motion by George Parris, Seconded by Anna Klumpp

*Proposed Operating Budget sheet, expenditure sheet and full 2015 Budget explained by John Bolinski. John briefed the membership on the various budgets and expenses report documents he distributed and the need for a vote by membership to either raise dues for 2015 or to not to raise its dues. A vote was deferred until later in the meeting to allow members to review the various financial handouts.

*New proposed member applications voted upon, Myra Nelson and Randy Watkins and Mark and



UPDATE FROM THE ELECTION CHAIRPERSON

DDC's Slate of Officers and Board for 2015 as elected on Dec 6 2014 is:

Officers: Pao Lin Hatch- President; Anna Klumpp- Vice President; Carol Seiler-Treasurer; Secretary- Jane Bailey

Board of Directors: George Parris, Nobel Cahall, Michele Novack and Joan Smith (middle of her 2-year term at this time)

Anna Klumpp's Jingle Bell/Greenie Drive by Myra Nelson and

Randy Watson

A big thank you goes out to our one and only Anna Klumpp. The Jingle Bell Drive was a wonderful time. The weather was perfect for driving and horses and drivers were able to experience the hills, valleys, trails, pond and a world of glorious nature that Anna's farm has to offer. You could smell Anna's Virginia ham coming up the driveway, beckoning all to come in and savor the warm hospitality.

Everyone's horses was enjoying the experience. Annie brought horse bells (next year we use them) and several of us wore holiday hats, just in case

Santa came by and we could pass on our gift lists.

To the left see Anna and her beautiful mini pair Ditty and Jerri giving Sierra her first driving experience and Pao Lin and Ava out

roaming the pastures. Below see

Annie and Peter Renzettis' pair out exploring all that Anna's farm, Cair Paraveille has to offer.



Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

Any news to share with your DDC members? Email or call Pao Lin, DDC Newsletter Editor. paoball2000@yahoo.com

Sunshine needed? Contact Darlene Logan at maneship@yahoo.com or (410)-200-0960



Linda Thomas and her halflingers, are parade fiends.. They've been seen at the Delmar Delaware Christmas Parade and here pictured having much fun and transporting Santa in the 2014 Easton Christmas Parade.

Effective in March 2015, our new Membership chair will be taking over... Deb Dawkins has kindly offered to fill this roll. Any changes to your mailing or email or phone numbers should be directed to Deb at pulling4u@mis.com (410) 310-9569

Bill and Liz Venditta have been having a blast lately with their gelderlander team. Here they are showing their team at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada. On the box seat are Liz and Bill Venditta. Their passengers are Paul Bennett of Lockport, NY and John Sheridan of Cochranville, PA. Joining his experienced team is Bill's new horse, SOLO in the off-side wheeler position. SOLO 'speaks' with a British accent, having just arrived from the UK. Wonder if the others understand him?

2nd photo Tim Zimicki driving Zach and Beau to

first place (red is the first place ribbon in Canada) in the Pair Class at the Royal. Zach and Beau are generally the leaders in Bill and Liz Venditta's four-in-hand team. This is the second year in a row that they have won this class at the Royal

Photos are courtesy of Schatzburg Photography



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 lunch 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 it will be in an unheated horse arena.

13359 Greensboro Rd Greensboro, MD

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There was a motion to vote on the change the bylaws by ballot. 25 NO votes/ opposed to the change with 2 in favor. Then there was group discussion that the ballot was written backwards and that the 2 in favor should have been in the negative. Regardless, the change did not pass.

The motion to vote on club dues was made and the written vote was 17 against changing dues for another year; 9 in favor of raising dues.

American Driving Society's Mid Atlantic Director, Heidi Ferguson, a guest of attended the DDC meeting, introducing herself, her organization and its role in the advancement of driving.

The DDC President's had previously appointed a 'Trailer Committee' and a report was given via written report from its chair, Frances Baker to Donna. The committee (Frances Baker, Nobel Cahall, Sherry Harris, Diane Savage) recommended repairs of the trailer be performed up to the estimate provided b Sherry Harris (approximately \$1,200); The trailer would be moved as soon as possible, at her request, from the property of Donna Hurst. Jane Bailey has agreed to take the newly repaired trailer on her property. Delicate and or electronic items shall be stored elsewhere due to humidity and moisture concerns in the trailer. The membership held a vote on whether to repair or to replace the trailer based on the information provided. 15 voted in favor of repair (up to the estimate provided) and 8 opposed (recommending replacement or other option). The new board will review the recommendations of the committee and the wishes of the membership.

The Nomination Chair, Pao Lin Hatch reported that although there were members who had expressed interest in serving on the 2015 Board, they did not want their names published in advance and wished to be nominated from the floor.

Thus, per the Bylaws, the following names were nominated from the floor:

Officers:

Carol Seiler was nominated as Treasurer
Jane Bailey was nominated as Secretary
Anna Klumpp was nominated as Vice President
Pao Lin Hatch was nominated as President

Board of Directors:

George Parris
Nobel Cahall
Michele Novack
Joan Smith- continuing year 2 of her position

Asking for and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion to approve the slate was made by Darby Hewes and seconded by Barbara Belden. The vote was unanimous to approve the slate.

A 50/50 drawing was held with a pot of \$90 split equally between DDC and Pat Casselberry. Thanks to all members who participated.

The membership congratulated the new Board and Directors and the Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

**SUNSHINE NEWS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
SUNSHINE CHAIR
DARLENE LOGAN**

WHAT OUR PLANS FOR 2015 ARE

- ⇒ a Fun Show, spearheaded by George Parris. The date and location tbd but it will be very inclusive and very casual and with an emphasis on safety and fun.
- ⇒ a Carriage Tour and Talk at the Hassan home in Easton in July, we all can't wait for that!!
- ⇒ There are plans for impromptu casual pickup drives all year. Unlike our more structured events, these drives will be semi-coordinated by members who live close by the various suitable venues. **Please note that these drives are not official DDC drives and you will be driving at your own risk**, and some may have only a few days notice. Many may be held mid-week but will be at our various regional parks and state resource area. Our regional 'points of contacts' are as follows:

South: Stan Vonasek/Frances Baker- Let Frances or Stan know of your interest to join impromptu drives at Redden Forest in Redden, DE (Frances @ (302) 381-2979 or Stan (302) 684-3966)

Central: Donna Hurst/Carol Seiler (Let Donna or Carol know of your interest to join impromptu drives at Blackbird Forest or around Goldsboro's lovely dirt roads. (Carol at 443-466-5043)

North: Pao Lin/ (will schedule some impromptu drives around Fair Hill NMRA or Sassafrass NMRA in Kent County or Cecil County, MD)

HOW ABOUT A WESTERN SHORE or KENT ISLAND CONTACT? VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold			
DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
January 10	Carriage and Parade Safety Panel Talk	Frances Baker, George Parris, Linda Thomas will be offering their thoughts and comments on a panel talk about carriage safety and participating in parades. This will be a soup and sandwich covered dish event. Members will be asked to bring 2-3 sandwiches to share and Frances will provide a hearty soup to accompany the meal.	Lewes, DE
January 17, 2015	DDC's Annual New Driver/Potential Driver Talk	This annual event has always been a success and we hope for no less this year! Know of folks interested in driving? Have a good pony but don't know where to begin? Have donated harness but don't know if its useable or not? Spread the word and bring a friend. Speaker is George Parris. This is a FREE event. We need members to help spread the word for this event to be a success. Call (240) 274 6180 for more info. Starts at 11	Hartly, DE
February 14	DDC's Equine Health Talk and General Meeting	Come listed to Veterinarian Dr. Annie Renzetti on the topics of routine and Emergency Equine Health and DDC Starts at 1030. General Membership meeting; covered dish lunch following talk. Extreme weather alternate date: Feb 15 Sun	Smyrna, DE
February 21 (Tentative)	Beginner's Driver Clinic Part 1	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 properly, handle reins, and ask about carriage and safety concerns. Please leave yours at home for this event. 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.	13359 Greensboro Rd Greensboro MD
March 28 (Tentative)	Beginner Driver Clinic Part 2	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. This is a members only event with a fee of \$10 to defray expenses. You will not be hooking up to your carriage at this event. A Neg Coggins required. Auditor free.	4978 Park Brown Rd. Harrington, DE
April TBD (Tentative)	Driver's Clinic	This will be a clinic, with private lessons offered to members. This is intended for the driver who has already hooked their equine to a cart at home with an experienced clinician. This is an open event and there will be a fee for participants. Details and Clinician TBD	Location TBD
May	Spring Pleasure Show	Details tentative	Carolina County 4-H
Date TBD	DDC Fun Show	Details Tentative	
Oct 17	Hewes Farm Drive	Details to follow but this is a drive not to be missed!	Chestertown, MD

Beginner Driver Clinic Part 2

Starts at 10:00 am..... 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. If you missed part 1, you can still participate in this clinic.

- ⇒ **You will learn the proper way to harness your equine properly**
- ⇒ **Proper way to ground drive your equine for better contact between hands and mouth.**
- ⇒ **Proper way to handle reins**
- ⇒ **Review general carriage and driving safety concerns**
- ⇒ **Please leave your carriage at home. (Note: we will focus on ground driving and rein boarding skills, this clinic is not suited for initial acts of putting your horse to a carriage).**
- ⇒ **Please leave your dogs and small children at home for this event.**
- ⇒ **This is a members only clinic to all current DDC members Releases are required by all participants in the clinic. Cost is \$10. Auditors free**
- ⇒ **Contact Sharon for directions (302) 398-9518 or salger1@hughes.net or email paoball2000@yahoo.com (240) 274-6180 for more info and to save your spot.**
- ⇒ **Brownbag Lunch on your own**
- ⇒ **Dress appropriate since although inside it will be in an unheated horse arena.**
- ⇒ **Wear comfortable sturdy shoes, bring your harness (if you have one), matching length lunge lines or driving reins, surcingle saddle or English riding saddle if you don't have a driving harness and gloves).**

Sharon and Larry Little's Farm

4978 Park Brown Road,

Harrington, DE 19952

DDC 2014 Budget Summary - 1/1/14 to 12/21/14

Projected Income	Budget	1Q ytd	2Q ytd	3Q ytd	4Q ytd
Membership	1,610.00	\$1,058.00	\$1,078.00	\$1,138.00	\$1,838.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ -			\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Pleasure Driving Show	\$2,800.00		\$2,831.00	\$2,831.00	\$2,831.00
Shirt/Hat Sales	\$200.00				\$112.00
Christmas Party	\$250.00				
Donations	\$300.00	\$20.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00
Clinics	\$500.00				
SoutherStates Rewards	\$550.00				
Calendar Sales				\$90.00	\$90.00
Misc. Deposits				\$70.00	\$115.00
Total	\$ 6,210.00	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 4,129.00	\$ 4,359.00	\$ 5,216.00
Expenses					
Liability Insurance	\$1,200.00			\$876.79	\$876.79
Newsletters	\$0.00				
Dues - ADS	\$60.00				
Dues - CAA	\$65.00				
Dues - DEC	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Christmas Party	\$200.00	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$147.00	\$222.00
Pleasure Show	\$2,500.00	\$100.00	\$537.51	\$627.51	
Benevolent Fund	\$150.00				
Drives	\$100.00				\$100.00
Trailer Tags/maintenance	\$0.00				
Donations	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Clinics	\$1,350.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Website	\$150.00				
Postage	\$200.00	\$7.82	\$7.82	\$7.82	\$7.82
Advertisement	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Stationary	\$10.00				
Checking Acct.	\$30.00				
Meetings	\$200.00				
Conference Calls	\$250.00	\$197.49	\$197.49	\$197.49	\$197.49
PA System	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00	\$ 1,491.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Hats	\$0.00		\$198.75	\$198.75	\$198.75
Sunshine	\$0.00			\$9.80	\$9.80
Total	\$8,385.00	\$2,193.31	\$2,879.57	\$4,006.16	\$4,230.16
Deficit /Profit	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 1,115.31	\$ 1,249.43	\$ 352.84	\$ 985.84

Parade Safety

A Soup and Sandwich Panel Discussion On
Parade Safety for DDC Members



WHO: Experienced DDC Members will lead a discussion on all aspects of parade participation

WHAT: Bring yourself and a sandwich (cut in 4 sections to share)

WHEN: Saturday, January 10, 2015 - Arrive at 11:30

WHERE: Frances & Wayne Baker's Home
17420 Minos Conaway Road
Lewes, DE 19958

Please RSVP at: Francesbaker65@gmail.com or 302-381-2979

Big beige house and barns surrounded by brown three rail fencing. Please park in the driveway

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