

January 2016 Newsletter



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

February 4
Conference Call
7:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555
Password 290535#

Announce yourself when prompted and be a part of your club!

UPCOMING DDC Events

**Jan 16 Baker Talk—
History of the Brewster
Coach— Lewes
DE**

**February 20 Horse
Hoof Health— Easton,
MD**



George Parris and Lisa N. with her beautiful Halflinger mare enjoying a Jingle Bell drive at Redden Forest Dec. 2015. You may remember this mare when she was driven by another member, Butch Marshall who sadly passed away a short time ago.

December Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Deb Dawkins, Donna Hurst, Betty Donovan, Linda Thomas, Martha MacDonald

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December DDC Board and General Membership meeting 12/5/2015

In attendance:

- George Paris
- Jane Bailey
- Pao Lin Hatch
- Michelle Novak
- Joan Smith
- Anna Klumpp
- Carol Seiler

Absent: Linda Thomas

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 pm

Old Business:

DDC Fun Show planning is underway with a committee in charge. Date will be May 14. Volunteers always welcome, needed and appreciated! See Jane Bailey to volunteer or even step up to be our volunteer coordinator!!!

New Business:

Vote to approve Slate of Officers and Board Members. No Nominations from the floor. Slate was unanimously approved.

More drives planned for Lums Pond State Park, Blackbird Forest Park and Redden State Park.

Kim Baklartz offered her home for a summer august clinic/talk (without horses) due to the limitations of her property.

Deb Van Lunen inquired about when we will do another Nutter Marvel Museum Luncheon since she would love to get a tour of the museum.

Harry Hassan suggested a new Club Motto ... **COME DRIVE WITH ME** and explained his recent success of driving with friends who thought that why even bother with only an 1 1/2 drive but at the end couldn't believe it was over and wanted to go again! Didn't we all feel that way once?!

Meeting Adjourned 1:30pm

TREASURER’S REPORT by Betty Donovan

Balance per bank when I was handed bank accounts on 12/10

	\$10,224.65
Deposit from dues 12/10	\$320.00
Check to Tuckahoe for clubhouse	\$100.00
Deposit from dues 12/23	\$215.00
Ending balance	\$ 10,659.65

DDC DUES FOR 2016 ARE NOW DUE

Please get your renewal forms, signature release and checks to our new ddc membership chair-

Deb dawkins at 25460 Dodd Lane Denton, MD 21629

410 310 9569 pulling4umris.com

MARCH 2016
TENTATIVE BLACKBIRD FOREST
SMYRNA DE DRIVE
BEING PLANNED.
KNOW BLACKBIRD WELL?
CONTACT PAO LIN 240 274 6180
TO LEAD THIS DRIVE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN 2016

Are you interested in helping where and when you can? Events are always welcomed by our members but rarely successful without help. Organizers can have all sorts of great ideas but without volunteers, the events just don't happen.

If you are willing to give a hand at any DDC event, please reach out to any member of the DDC board (Back page of the newsletter for contact information) or contact the event organizer.

We can always find the perfect position for you! Whether it be an active position (e.g. setting cones) or a more stationary one (registration secretary or announcer). The DDC board is planning its 2016 schedule of drives, clinics and 2016 Spring Show and we will need everyone's help if these events are going to be safe and fun for all.

Some volunteer positions include:

Show Manager

Show Secretary

Show Announcer

Cones Setters/obstacle help

Gate Keepers

Scribe

Ribbon runners & Silent Auction Manager



OUT AND ABOUT NEWS

by Pao Lin Hatch

Donna Hurst shared with us: "Recently I traveled south with Anna Klumpp to assist when she and her mighty miniatures competed at the Monster Mini Competition in Windsor, (Aiken) South Carolina. The weather was warm, inviting and only rained a little at night. We were able to visit with Martha MacDonald (former Board Member of DDC) who now lives in Johnston. Joan Smith was there with her beautiful and talented miniature, Penelope to tackle the Preliminary Singles Division. All horses made the trip comfortably and were able to stay on the property in large paddocks, close to our trailers. It was great to not have to trailer to and from the site.

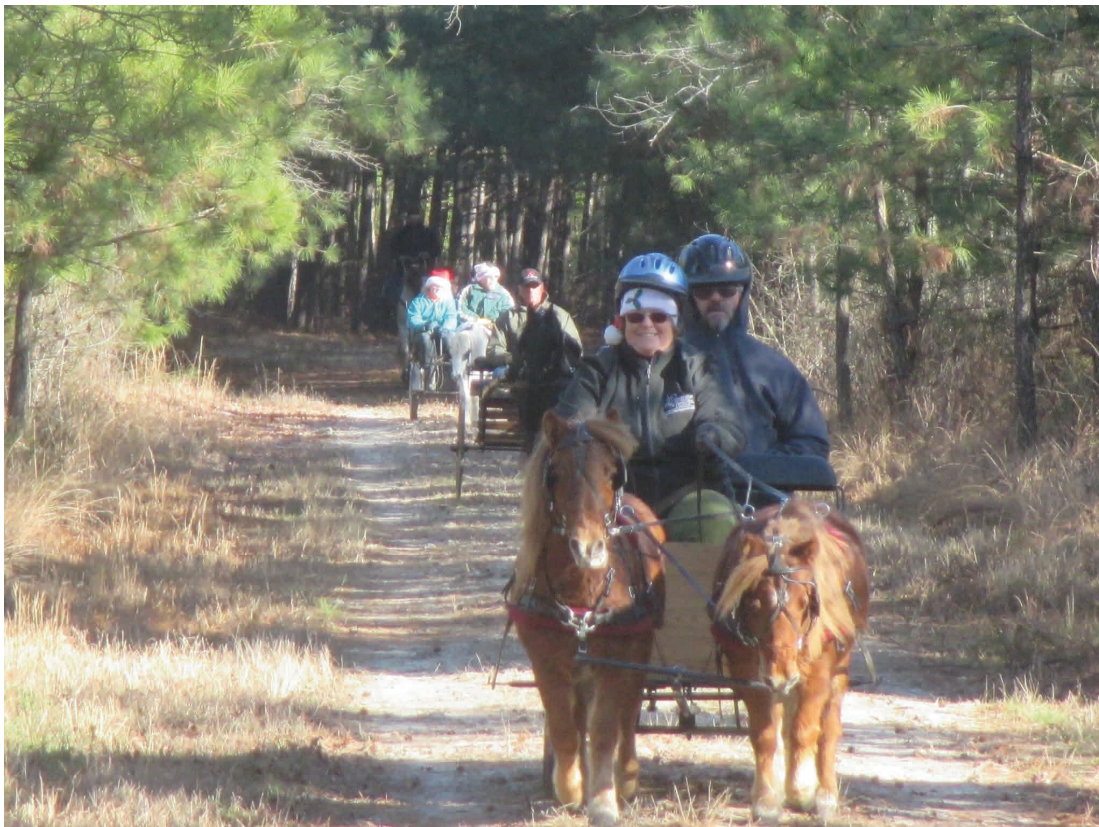
In our spare time while we were down south, we worked on some of the new furniture going into Anna's future permanent residence in Windsor, AKA "Some assembly required". It was all fun, albeit challenging at times! The house is now ready for guests and very comfortable. I'm looking forward to visiting again in February to enjoy some more of that Southern Hospitality

CLASSIFIEDS

Modern Barn 8 stall-located in
Royal Oak, M. D. , Shower Stall,
14 foot center aisle, Bathroom,
Hay Storage, Good Pastures for
Turnout, contact John Howard at
410 745 2423.

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
Jan 16, 2016	Brewster Carriage Talk and Luncheon	Frances Baker and a team of experts will be talking classic carriages. Noon. Chicken Salad luncheon hosted by the Bakers. RSVP to Frances at 302-381-2979. This is a non-horse event.	2340 Hollyville Rd Harbeson, DE 19951
Jan 22-24	MD HORSE EXPO	20th Anniversary Event! Maryland Horse World Expo <i>horseworldexpo.com/DMmain.shtml</i>	Timonium, MD
Feb 20 Saturday	HOOF BOOTS AND YOUR HORSE'S HEALTHY HOOF	Carey Miller Details to follow.	Easton, MD
March 3-6	PA HORSE EXPO	14 Annual Event <i>www.horseworldexpo.com/PAmain.shtml. Visit the ADS/MLMCD Booth!</i>	Harrisburg, PA
March	BLACKBIRD FUN DRIVE	Details to follow. Need a volunteer to coordinate with Ranger, open gates, etc. Help with any logistics. Maps, directions.	Blackbird State Forest
April 16	FAIR HILL EASTER BUNNY DRIVE	Come out with your DDC Friends and drive at the most beautiful driving local in the Mid Atlantic. Free Drive and tail gate afterwards at 3pm. paoball2000@yahoo.com. April 17 rain date.	Fair hill, MD
May 14 , 2016	DDC Pleasure and Fun Show	A traditional pleasure show PLUS a fun show in the PM; what fun! A little of everything for all! Details to follow. Please consider volunteering if you do not plan to show!	Caroline County 4H Park, Denton, MD



Mark and Deb Van Lunen excitedly driving their new mini pair at the Jingle Bell 2016 Drive– Redden Forest, DE



CHRISTMAS PARADE SEASON PICS



From top to bottom: Deb Dawkins and her beautiful mare Abby, Linda Thomas and her Halflingers Harry and Anne Hassan and their Friesian Gelding leading the Easton Parade. Abby giving Deb Dawkins the 'evil eye' after working at the Easton Christmas Parade! Well done girls!



DDC Operating Budget for 2016 (Approved)

Bases: Operating expenses, insurance, newsletters, etc.

Income: Family & individual memberships

Projected Income:

Membership - Individual (37) \$ 740

Membership – Family (29) \$ 870

Pleasure Fun Show- \$1,800

Total Projected Revenue: \$3,400

Projected Expenses:

Liability Insurance \$1,200

Newsletter printing (printing will be done at no charge) 0

Dues –ADS 60

Dues – CAA 65

Dues – DEC 20

Website 150

Postage 100

Conference Calls 250

Board Meetings 200

Banking fees 30

2016 Pleasure Show \$1800

Total Projected Expenses: 3,875

Net Profit/Loss -\$475

Proposal to

Pull deficit from the reserve funds.

2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB

Pao Lin Hatch	President	George Parris	Director
Anna Klumpp	Vice President	Myra Street-Nelson	Director
Jane Bailey	Secretary	Carol Seiler	Director
Betty Donovan	Treasurer	Michelle Novack	Director

DDC Jingle Bell Fun Drive

Seven carriages with equines of all sizes came out to enjoy an unseasonably warm December day at the Redden Forest HQ tract in Delaware. Thanks to the early work of George Parris and DDC friend Jay K. and his son Jake... DDC had the gates open for all their horses and carriages to enjoy (and scare all the riding horses... what fun!@).

Well... we did warn the horse community that the carriages were coming! LOL.

Best of all we got new drivers to experience the lovely flat easily navigable trails of Redden Forest. That is our new 2016 motto,

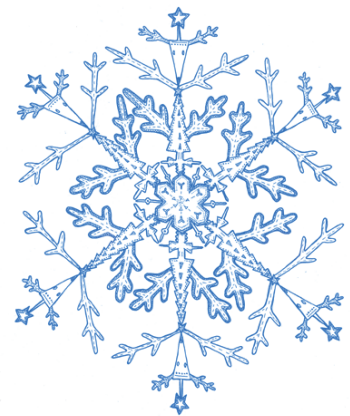
COME DRIVE WITH US

Got extra space in your carriage?
Invite a friend! He or She will think it was the most magical day

they've ever experienced!

Some things to remember:

- ◇ Don't do it when its really hot or cold... how can they enjoy themselves with such extreme weather.
- ◇ Don't do it when your horses are too frisky for you! Scaring potential new members is not such a good idea!
- ◇ Remember to have a good time.. Its infectious!
- ◇ Turn them onto our website and give them a copy of our newsletter.
- ◇ Get them involved with the process but always remember to do your own safety check.. Its YOUR responsibility to make sure everything is hooked properly.
- ◇ SMILE



ON THE BACK STEP

By Martha MacDonald

Anna Klumpp and her mighty mini's the Mighty Aphrodite and Mungo Jerry came to the Monster Mini in November to tackle the Preliminary Pairs competition. They had competed last Winter in this event and I looked forward to seeing their progress.

As the groom for a pairs competition like this, you must sit quietly through the dressage and cones competition, which gave me time to observe the progress they have made in about 9 months while working with Lisa Singer. The progress was visible. While Ditty and Jerry aren't in love with dressage, they worked together as a team with Jerry actually doing his job this time where as last year he let Ditty do all the work. They were smooth, obedient, did much better bending on the curves and showed clear transitions in the extended trot.

Once on the way to the cones, you could see the change in the ponies...ears up, very forward trot and an eagerness to trot....fast...through the cones. They obviously love that part and for once, bending in the correct direction was easily done. Needless to say, we were fast, clear and within the time allowed.

After tucking the ponies in, Anna and I walked the hazards. There were 5 and at Prelim, Anna had to pass through 4 gates in each. We reviewed potential routes and I tried to memorize where all the gates were. In the midst of the competition it is easy to forget which direction you planned to take to make the smoothest route to the next gate without getting yourself eliminated.

Sunday dawned threatening rain but by the time we set off, the skies were clearing and it was warming up. Again, the little ones clearly love traveling cross-country, boldly trotting forward down roads they've never seen (at least going this direction). Three of the five hazards were driven flawlessly in good time. Sadly, we got a bit confused in one and had to circle around to find that pesky third gate. And times for VSE's must be changed as even though we took a long walk in the back side of the course, we were dangerously close to coming in too early. We spent a little too long in the final hazard and the end gate was too close to be able to properly kill time so we took some penalty points. But it was a great competition. Competitors come from as far away as Canada and there were singles, pairs, 4's and even a

pair of miniature paint mules! Too cute for words.

Donna Hurst came along with Anna as groom-extraordinaire, scrubbing carriages, grooming, harnessing, heading and feeding the little ones, then going home with Anna to assemble furniture, hang drapes and decorate Anna's new house. It looks wonderful and anyone lucky enough to be offered a bed at her place would be foolish to say no. It was so great to see old friends and to catch up with Joan Smith who also competed with Penelope. All y'all mini folks need to make the trip down for this event. To see 30 or more little one's, showing their talents is a wonderful event. Food is good, volunteers friendly and knowledgeable and the odds are good the weather will be great. Footing is sand and grass with no hills...just good, fun driving.

Unfortunately, no pictures arrived in time for publication :-)



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