

# DDC Driving Lines January 2014



## 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.

**Jan 2**

**Conference Call  
6:00pm**

**Call in 877-216-  
1555**

**Password  
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**February 6**

**Conference Call  
6:00pm**

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## Upcoming DDC EVENTS

**Jan 25 Saturday -New Driver Talk and Covered Dish in  
Chestertown, MD 10-1. 22988 Fairgale Farm Lane, Ches-  
tertown, MD 21620 (240) 274 6180**

**paoball2000@yahoo.com**

**Feb 8 Sunday- Fair Hill Valentine Drive, see more info  
on page 5. Contact Pao Lin 240-274-6180**



Long time DDC member Dave Wilson at the Wilson Carriage Auction 11/2013

## January 2013 Newsletter Contributors

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## December Annual General Members Meeting December 7, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8pm Saturday

Sixteen members present

There was group discussion about the southern states SHOW program. The program pays contributing non-profits when they submit proof of purchase stamps from select Southern States products. When we get enough feed proofs for approximately \$700 worth of credit, we will submit the proofs and the disbursement application requesting a check.

Note, each POP is worth either ten cents or twenty five cents)

Retiring Treasurer, Jackie McCann, talked about our full budget and our current finances. Jane Ramsey made a motion to keep dues the same amount of money. Noble Cahall seconded that motion.

Called to a vote, motion passed. Dues will not be raised for 2014.

Elections were held and the announced slate was elected. There were no new nominations from the floor. All officers ran unopposed. Your Officers for 2014 are: President: Pao Lin Hatch ,Vice President: Donna Hurst, Secretary: Martha McDonald ,Treasurer: Anna Klumpp Your Board of Directors consist of Jane Ramsey, Sherry Harris, Joan Smith (re-elected) and Nobel Cahall and Carol Seiler (continuation of their term and thus no need to be re-elected)

Bylaws changes were discussed and a motion to approve the changes was made by Pamela Grey, and seconded by John Bolinski. Called to a vote, the motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully presented

Donna Hurst



### DDC's Treasurer's Report

None submitted in time for this newsletter

## DDC 2014 Officers and BOD

* <b>Welcome your new Officers and BOD</b>	<b>elected:</b>
* Pao Lin Hatch- President	* Jane Ramsey
* Donna Hurst- Vice President	* Joan Smith
* Martha MacDonald- Secretary	* Sherry Harris
* Anna Klumpp- Treasurer	* Carol Seiler
* <b>Board Members who were re-</b>	* Nobel Cahall

## President's Thoughts for 2014 by Pao Lin Hatch

**A**s the new elections are over, I want to thank you all for this opportunity to serve as the President of the Delmarva Driving Club. I recently have been reflecting upon my past 12 years spent driving and my past 6 years of serious involvement with the Delmarva Driving Club. I really **like** this organization. If I didn't why be involved?

**I** start this dialogue with you because I believe there is a need for evolution and change in the DDC. As an organization, we have grown in numbers tremendously over that past 6 years, we have broadened

our membership base, increased our geographical presence across the entire Delmarva Peninsula (and then beyond) enlightened our members to all kinds of equine activities and skills, (*what the heck is this D.R.E.S.S.A.G.E. thing?? Some kind of French pasty?*) Reminded others about our agricultural past, logging, mowing and plowing fields is a big part of some of our members' daily use of their animals.

**So** what do I recommend for 2014?

- Another *Games* event, where our members can come out, have fun, play against themselves and just plain improve!
- A Holiday Brunch rather than a Holiday Dinner Party since we are all so busy before Christmas and a dinner thing just stops many of our older members from joining us at night time.
- More support for our educational talks where possible, more General Meetings held at these gatherings.
- More diverse membership involvement.

## Out and About News

*Any news to share with your DDC members? Email or call Pao Lin, DDC Newsletter Editor*

Jane Ramsey and Dave Adams tied the knot in a quiet service in Smyrna.. Our huge congratulations to the newlyweds and great wishes for their happiness!

Bad weather cancelled the Mount Harmon Yuletide event.

Long time BVDC member-Anne "Mimi" Thorinton of Malvern, PA passed in December of a brief illness.

DDC members Michele Novack and Darlene Logan decided to trek all over the country during the Christmas/New Year holiday with the stated purpose of picking up a new trailer for Michele out west.. Details of their adventure in another story.



## DDC Holiday Party and General Meeting by Sherry Harris

A small but cheerful group attended the Holiday Party and General Meeting held at the Nutter Marvel Museum on Dec 7 in Georgetown, DE. After club business was conducted, Jane Ramsey was presented a lovely watercolor picture of her and one of her favorite horses, done by Martie Bolinski, as thanks for her years of hard work as DDC Horse Show Manager. Also deep appreciation was given to Jackie McCann for her two years of free bookkeeping service to the club. Most people did not know she was not a driver, but was doing it as a friend to Donna Hurst. She gained many friends with her great professional and friendly personality service.

A sincere thanks to Terry Johnson for his informative talk about the history of the Carriage Museum.

Big thanks to all the helpers

for the party, including Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris for organizing the Christmas party/ meeting; Sherry's husband Jeff and daughter Ann for helping set it up and take down; Francis and Wayne Baker for donating two baskets of greenery and the hot fried chicken; Jane Ramsey for donating a spiral ham; and John and Martie Bolinski for preparing and donating the roast beef, gravy, famous potatoes and rolls.

Once again, thanks to all the members that came and helped us celebrate the holidays, helped us enjoy another year together and helped us make complete our business year end responsibilities of election of officers, passing bylaws and voting on important issues.



# COMING DDC EVENTS

**January  
25**

**Saturday**

*By Miss Samea Baker*

**New Drivers Talk and  
Safety Issues**

**22988 Fairgale Farm Ln  
Chestertown, MD**

**10:00-1:00**

Talk begins at 10:30;  
covered dish lunch  
afterwards.

This is intended for new drivers or potential drivers and is DDC's main tool to recruit new members to the wonderful world of driving. **Members..Bring a friend and come on!** Existing members warmly welcomed to lend your wisdom!

**Pao Lin 240-274-6180  
or Samea at  
610-310-0962**

**February 8  
Sunday**

Knock the icicles off and attach that harness and cart and let's get driving with your true love....

No.. not that one...



*your equine love!!!*

Gather around 10, drive off around 11. Plan on a 3-5 mile drive if you wish to follow. Otherwise, gather back at the trailers around 1pm for a tail gate covered dish of hot chili and cornbread.

**Where:** Fair Hill Natural Management Resource area, Galaher Parking lot

Remember to bring \$4 for the day parking fee and a reminder that path footing on can be sometimes rocky

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## MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE AND SEND YOUR PROOFS OF PURCHASE FOR ALL TRIPLE CROWN LEGEND PRODUCTS.. DDC earns \$.25 for each proof of purchase submitted!.. For more information about this great fundraiser.. Check out



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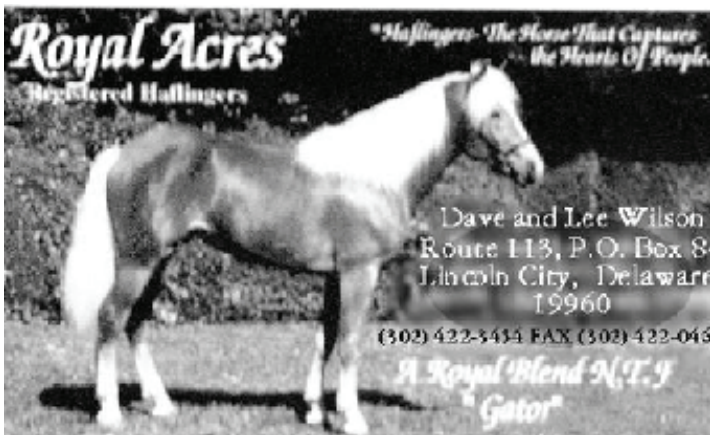


## NEW DRIVERS RESOURCE

The American Driving Society has compiled a great resource of helpful articles, handouts and other media that is essential information for all carriage drivers. These items can be used for newsletters, driving clinics, 4-H clinics and other driving events. Many volunteers have put countless hours into the production of these materials. We ask that you respect their work and leave all copyright information on the items or credit the author in any re-prints. Visit : [http://  
www.americandrivingsociety.org/  
new\\_drivers\\_index.asp](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/new_drivers_index.asp)

## Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in **Bold**

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
Jan 25	<b>New Driver's Talk</b>	<b>Safety Talk and Covered dish Lunch. Speaker: Samea Baker. 10-1:30; Talk begins at 1030. Lunch following.</b>	<b>Chestertown, MD</b>
Jan 17,18,19	Maryland Horse Expo	MLMDC/ADS/CAA BOOTH #426/427	Timonium, MD
8 Feb	MLMDC Intro to Driving	Anne Councill and Dana Bright. Open to non-members, \$50, Baltimore County Agricultural Resource Center, 1114 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Contact Kathy Schmitt, 717- 235-7061, <a href="mailto:kawschmitt@att.net">kawschmitt@att.net</a> or Margie Richmond, <a href="mailto:marjorie.b.richmond@gmail.com">marjorie.b.richmond@gmail.com</a> , 443-934-3673, <a href="http://www.mlmdc.org">www.mlmdc.org</a>	Cockeysville, MD
8 Feb	<b>Fair Hill Valentine's Day Drive</b>	<b>Gallaher Parking Lot, Drive off at 11am, tailgate afterwards around 130pm. \$4 parking fee, No rain date, Pao Lin 240 274 6180. Picnic items to share</b>	<b>Fair Hill, MD</b>
Feb	CAA Carriage Symposium	Visit CAA's website at <a href="http://caaonline.com">http://caaonline.com</a> or call 859-231-0971	Williamsburg, VA
March		<b>Would you like to sponsor a drive? Contact any DDC BOD member!</b>	
March	<b>Cair Paravelle HDT Continuous Drive</b>	<b>Anna Klumpp, details to follow</b>	<b>Still Pond, MD</b>
16 March	Morven Park ADT	Www. Morvenpark.org, Laura Doyle 703-777-2890 or <a href="mailto:Idoyle@morvenpark.org">Idoyle@morvenpark.org</a>	Leesburg, VA
5 Apr	Chapter I ADT	Www. Chapteronefarms.com, Helene Paxton H 856-299-5124/C 443-253-4135	Pedricktown, NJ
6 Apr	Driving Games at Taylor Made Farms	Susan Kary 301-401-7115 <a href="mailto:sankary@hotmail.com">sankary@hotmail.com</a>	Mt. Airy, MD
3 May	<b>DDC Spring Pleasure</b>	<b>Caroline County 4H Park,</b>	<b>Denton, MD</b>
July	<b>Starkey Pleasure Drive</b>	<b>Barbara Belden– details to follow</b>	
August			
Sept	MLMDC Pleasure Show		York, PA
October	<b>Chris and Jane Bailey's Drive</b>		<b>Sudlersville, MD</b>
November	<b>Hewes Comege Farm Drive</b>		<b>Chestertown, MD</b>



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**EVENT COORDINATORS AND HOSTS**

Have you been keeping track of those hours for those fabulous volunteers who have been helping you this year? Many folks had volunteers in 2014 but never submitted these to our coordinator! Please submit this 2014 information to Martha MacDonald, our DDC Secretary at [armadale98@comcast.net](mailto:armadale98@comcast.net) Or call 609-510-7465

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- The Creation of a Volunteer Chairman who can help raise volunteers to support our activities, giving structure to the who process.
- New venues for DDC Drives
- New Drive sponsors for 2014
- More ideas!

Hope to hear from you all this year :-)

**Hey DDC MEMBERS**

*If you would like to host a DDC event, with or without horses, please contact any DDC Board member. Reimbursement for some of your expenses is very doable! We have reimbursed members for all sorts of things.. Please ask before you spend!!*

*We can orchestrate the entire event, all you have to do is choose the date and open your home to the club!*

*See the calendar on page 6.. We are looking for fun events throughout the year.. They can involve structured fun or just a casual drive..*

*Whatever you want!*

*Contact any Board Member to let them know your interest*

# DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2014 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)

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THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS INFORMATION  
\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

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



At all DDC events, Whips/Drivers shall 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 Code of Conduct, please ask any DDC BOD member

#### **Safety when hitching and unhitching**

**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.

**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.<sup>20</sup>

**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.

#### **Safety for drivers**

**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.

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