

# July 2010

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DRIVING CLUB INC.

## DDC Meeting Schedule

July 7th—BOD meeting  
Aug 4-BOD meeting

Sept 1-BOD meeting

**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

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**Don't forget our DDC Pleasure Drive and Coverdish on July 25 at Michael Lawrence's Grassymeade Farm, Chestertown, MD. You must RSVP at 240 274-6180**

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**Carriage Association of America Practitioner Certification testing and lessons at Hollyville Farm in Lewes, DE on August 6-8**

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**The newbie is officially a novice... from the Diary of Martha MacDonald**

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**What should we do for the remainder of 2010? A short note from Pao Lin Hatch**

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All DDC BOD meetings can be joined by teleconference; just call ahead to get the dial-in number from

Jane Ramsey—302-659-2827 [Jane.B.Ramsey@usa.dupont.com](mailto:Jane.B.Ramsey@usa.dupont.com)

All members of DDC are invited to join the DDC Yahoo Group Chat site. Just visit and click on the link or email [paoball2000@yahoo.com](mailto:paoball2000@yahoo.com) and ask to be invited.

## May 2010 Newsletter Contributors

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**Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes June 7, 2010**

Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2010 Time: 2:00 pm to 2:50 pm Present: Donna Hurst, Frances Baker, John Bolinski, Sherry Harris, Jane Ramsey, Visitors: Martie Bolinski The following reflects the subjects discussed: 1) Minutes of 5/7/2010 meeting at the Denton MD 4H Park - The board approved the minutes as published in the May Delmarva Driving Lines 2) April 2010 Treasurer's Report - The board approved the report as published in the May Delmarva Driving Lines. 3) Dues Renewal - With renewals and new members, we are up to 40 families and 29 individual s for a total of 117 members. 4) May 8th Driving Show - profit of \$1,200 approx. 5) May 23 Draft and Mini Fun Show-Pao Lin Hatch reported DDC and TEC each netted 99.23, a good time was had by all but a rider came off in the last class and was airlifted to the Hospital in Baltimore. After extensive testing, nothing was broken and she was released for home rest. 6) Driver Proficiency Testing - Jane Ramsey reported the driver proficiency event will be held August 6-8, 2010 at Hollyville Farm in Lewes DE. Ms. Muffy Seaton will conduct the test as a representative of the CAA. The board approved the cost of airfare for the clinician.

**Delmarva Driving Club Treasurer’s Report**

<b>May-Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,706.50</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>&lt;1,482.50&gt;</b>
<b>May Newsletter</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Deposit-Cash-Showground</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Refund-Entry Show fees</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>EMT fee</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Food Show Staff</b>	<b>69.50</b>
<b>Judge- Show</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Judge-Show</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Show Program printing</b>	<b>253.00</b>
<b>Judge- Fun Show</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Deposits- Continuous Drive</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Silent Auction- Show</b>	<b>78.00</b>
<b>Donation- Show</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	
<b>June 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$447.34</b>

**Wee Willy Sez**



The sometimes skewed view of a paranoid pony

*Six weeks with my big horsey friends in Hartley. Can't wait to tell my mommy and daddy all my adventures .They must be going IT-NUTS since they can't get on line and talk to me .*

*Drat :-(*

### Sunshine:

There is \$36.00 remaining in the Sunshine fund.

No cards were sent this month

Please remember to contact Lois Evans if you know of any sunshine items.

Input is important. 302-875-4971



### REMINDER TO ALL DDC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Delmarva Driving Club is organizing a weekend with Muffy Seaton for CAA evaluation and individual instruction. All driving enthusiasts are invited to participate. Non members of the Delmarva Driving Club will be asked to join the club at a fee of \$20. Private lesson with Muffy is \$75 per hour. Please contact Jane Ramsey at [ramseyjb@yahoo.com](mailto:ramseyjb@yahoo.com) 302-645 6164 or Frances Baker at [franbak@aol.com](mailto:franbak@aol.com) for more information.

#### Level Descriptions

##### Level I

The basic level (but not for complete beginners) is for those ready to drive away from home. This is a competence evaluation and will confirm that you know how to do things safely. This level covers harness knowledge, harnessing and putting to, practical driving, horse care and general knowledge of a single turnout.

##### Level II

This level is suited to the more experienced driver who participates in some form of competitive driving and it may include pair driving. The prerequisites for this level are successful completion of Level I and the Road Driving assessment followed by additional driving instruction/experience. Typical drivers at this level must be able to drive an unfamiliar single horse, work competently in a driving environment with some responsibility, drive competently in company and perhaps in competition, and look after a group of horse/ponies competitively and maintain them over a period of time both in work and at rest. **If interested, you MUST confirm availability with Jane or Francis. See above!**



### Out and About—Members' News

DDC members Jane Ramsey, Debbie Camplone, Dawn Kohland, Martha MacDonald, Christie, Claudia and Sharon Little, Jane Bailey, Martha Duchowski and Pao Lin Hatch had success at Brandywine Driving Club's Pleasure Driving Show

DDC members Debbie Camplone, Martha MacDonald, Anna Klumpp, Dawn Kohland, Pam Kister & Pao Lin Hatch competed at the Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheel Pleasure Show and Traditional Day of Driving in Hughesville, PA. Tina Cornell the show organizer reported that it was their best showing ever! The tailgate grilling was superb and the traditional day of carriage driving was just the most fun ever! See you next year :-)

DDC member Elaine Morris reports that she is still 'in the clouds' over the success of her daughter at the DDC Spring show. In the proud words of Elaine, " My daughter became a young lady. At all her previous events, she was such a tomboy! She won almost all her classes and only lost the 1st one because she didn't realize she needed an apron. See picture on p. 5

### 2011 DDC CALENDAR NEWS

**All DDC members....** Martie Bolinski is currently working on sketches and paintings for the 2011 DDC calendar while on the roadtrip. If you have special photos you would like her to try to do for the calendar, please email them to: [bolinsm@myshorelink.com](mailto:bolinsm@myshorelink.com) with info about the subject matter. For new members who have not seen the calendars, Martie paints or sketches at least 14 pieces for the calendar - mostly from event photos during the calendar year. Calendars are 8.5 x 11 on heavy card stock and paintings are a full page for each month. All profits from the sale of the calendar go to the DDC. A few paintings and sketches have already been loaded to the webshots album: <http://www.webshots.com/user/bolinsj>.

The scanner involved is not particularly good, making shadows and blurs on the pictures but all paintings will be rescanned after the long trip west and made available online before the calendar is finalized.

**Martha MacDonald's Diary**

*The newbie is now a novice... the saga continues..*

It's official. I can no longer call myself a newbie. I competed in my first ADS show at the Brandywine Valley Driving Club with Martha Duchnowski's wonderful mini Sparkle. It was far too hot and humid for woman nor beast but we soldiered on. There were only 2 of us in the Novice VSE group and I asked that we be tossed in with the Open VSE drivers. I felt that if we lost, we were beaten by greater, more experienced drivers. If we placed and beat other Open drivers, then we'd have something to really celebrate.

Alas the other driver didn't agree so I competed against one. Rats....I hate that. But Sparkie and I have an understanding and I had 5 goals.....3 clear trots, clear transitions and make it look easy. I'd worked with Sparkie on soft voice commands so I wouldn't have to use my whip. I'd worked on making turns by rotating at my waist so there was no great hand motion to be seen by the judge. And it worked.

We took First in Working and Reinsmanship. After my disasters last year in the cones, I chose to have a forward trot but clear round. We accomplished that but were slower than the other driver so took second. Hey...for those of you who remember my many close encounters with cones and tennis balls, you will appreciate that we had a 100% clear round, even if we were a bit slower and took second place.

The day got hotter and more humid. The timing and scoring of classes drew questions on everyone's part so our Fault and Out Class fell well after 2:30 and my 'competitor' had gone home. With only one in the class...all I had to do was not be disqualified. Sparkle did her job brilliantly if quietly and a bit slower than she might have in the morning but a clear round was completed and another First place. We apparently took Champion of the Day.....if they offer it for a 'division of 2 competitors'. However, I'd waited for nearly 2 hours for the posting of the class and was informed that they wouldn't announce it until all the ring classes were finished. Since the VSE's had all their classes in the morning but for the Fault and Out, not placing/announcing it was, I think, a disgrace!

Of course, lingering for 2 hours caused me to give in and buy a killer new hat for the Sunday Country Drive at the Susquehanna Whips and Wheels event at the end of June. And I had time to visit with a great number of DDC members like the Bailey's, Pao Lin Hatch, Sharon Little and her family, Jane Ramsey and friends of DDC like Paul Gantner, Jaye Ventresca and of course, my mentor Martha Duchnowski, who though she felt really ill, drove in all her classes to school her mini who'd had too much fun with the 4H'ers and had forgotten how to be a pleasure driving horse.

So that's it. I'm officially a Novice. It is a scary thought as the Novice Pony class had at least 12 drivers and the Novice driver class had a similar huge number of entries. Even the Ladies's to Drive had 13 entries though only 8 stepped into the arena. Did I mention how hot and humid it was? But it was a great day and all our buddies maintained a positive attitude, great sportsmanship and sympathy that we were all melting with clothing sticking to every body part. It was a fierce day but a great deal of fun. Now to scrub off the dust, the poison ivy oils and moisturize the sunburn.

*Martha MacDonald....the new Novice*

DDC's equine members, both big and little Equines compete at Brandywine Driving Show 2010!



**DDC Event-Grassymeade Drive  
July 25 2010**

**Michael Lawrence cordially invites all DDC members and friends to his BBQ and covered dish event and drive at Grassymeade  
5240 Johnstontown Road, Chestertown MD  
(240) 274- 6180 or Mike @ 410 810 2997  
\*\*Not a line drive\*\***

**A cones course will be set and private lessons will be offered by Ms. Samea Baker \$50/hr reserved in advance. Contact Samea directly (610.310.0962)**

**Time 11-6. Eat at 4**

**Directions: Entering Chestertown from the south on MD 213, cross the Chester River bridge and turn left on N. Cross Street. Proceed .8 miles and continue on MD 289 for approx 5.5 miles, turn left on Johnstontown Rd, drive approx 1.5 miles, turn right into farm driveway (Grassymeade). Proceed slowly, please note the low hanging branches on the old trees lining the drive. Park along the drive or where indicated by the helpers or signs. Lessons will be held in the grass arena.**

**Please ensure you have negative coggins for your horses**

**What to Bring??**

**Guests with last names ending in  
A-H Please bring an appetizer  
And I-O Please bring a Salad  
And P-Z Please bring a Dessert**



**Eden Bergeron at her very  
1st DDC show-Congratulations!**

**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.
- July 4th—4th of July Parade in Smyrna, DE. A salute to our military; dressing in camo or military type outfit. Need a horse with backward boots for some soldiers and a horse with an American flag. PLEASE contact Elaine at MiniHeeHaw@aol.com.
- July 10th—SMHA Driving Show. Contact Mickie Bowen
- July 17– Buggies and Banquet Georgetown Historical Society Fund Raiser, starts at 4 pm at the Museum. Contact Rosalee Walls @ 302-855-9660 or Francis Baker at franbak@aol.com or 302-645 6164 for more information or to volunteer,
- **July 25th—Drive and coverdish at Grassymeade hosted by Michael Lawrence. Not a line drive (rain date August 8th) Chestertown MD. Dinner @ 4 pm. Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com. RSVP! Or Michael directly @ 410 810 2997**
- **August 6-8—CAA Driver Proficiency Testing for Level 1 & II; driving lessons with Muffy Seaton. The DDC will be hosting Muffy Seaton at Hollyville Farm in Lewis DE for testing and lessons. Space is limited! Please contact either Jane Ramsey, ramseyjb@yahoo.com**

**or Frances Baker, franbak@aol.com 302-645 6164 for more information.**

- August Adult Driving Camp, days of intensive driving and fun. Contact Samea Baker to register and for more details (610) 310-0962
- August 22nd—MLM Schooling Driving Trial: Spring Valley Park, Wintertown PA; open to non-members. Anne Councill, 717-993-8956, birchhollow\_anne@verizon.net
- Sept 11-JRDA first Annual ADT The James River Driving Association is hosting its first annual Arena Driving Trial. Doswell Virginia. Training and Preliminary level for horse and mini/pony/multiples. Cutoff date for entries is September 5, 2010. Camping/stabling available. For more information contact Sally Sutherland 804-784-3168 [ssutherland.ppp@juno.com](mailto:ssutherland.ppp@juno.com) or [www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com](http://www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com)
- September 11 & 12th—Tuckahoe Outlaw Days. Themed event, old west shows, arena demos, training techniques. Equestrian vendors wanted! Contact Pao Lin Hatch, paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240-274-6180.
- **Sept 18– DDC Pleasure Drive at Blackbird State Park sponsored by Donna Hurst and Sherry Harris. More details to follow.**
- October 7-9th—ADS Annual Members' Mtg. Gayla Driving Center, KY.
- **Oct 16 DDC-TEC Carriage Games Day- sponsored by Martha MacDonald. More details to follow.**
- Oct 15-16 Martin's Carriage Auction, Lebanon Fairgrounds,

Lebanon, PA

- **Oct 31 DDC Halloween Pleasure Drive sponsored by Francis and Wayne Baker at Hollyville Farm in Lewes, DE. More details and flyer to follow.**
- Nov 4– Return Day, Georgetown, DE. Interested volunteers please Rosalee Walls @ 302-855-9660
- **Nov 28 DDC Drive at Redden, details to follow**
- Dec 11– DDC Holiday Party– Nutter

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**DDC Classified**

**Sale:** 1984 2-horse tagalong trailer. New frame & floor. Needs body-work. Have been using as is. Contact Jim or Peggy @ 302-238-7235  
**Sale:** Convertible Top Surrey with Shafts. 4-person, fits horse 15-16 h. Good condition \$3000. Email Frances Baker franbak@aol.com of phone 302-381-2979.

**Sale:** Amish made synthetic harness, fits 12.2 pony on tightest hole so will fit larger pony also. Like new, used 3 times, extremely well made, complete \$247.00. Contact Betty Donovan at 410-634-2579 or oleoacres@earthlink.net.

**Free Lease:** 4 yr old Belgian TB Green broke to ride, not trained to

drive, good home only. Contact Anna Klumpp montalmax@hotmail.com

**Sale:** 8 yr old dark bay Hackney Pony 13H. Anyone can drive. Two white rear socks; stands for farrier, holds hard in carriage. Pretty action, traffic broke. \$300. Contact Jane Bailey 410-438-2629 or janebailey@hughes.net.  
**Sale:** Like new Parade Draft Harness for 16+ 1800 lb draft. Contact Brianna 302 448-9060 or briana6@hotmail.com

**Sale:** 1995 Colt Mini horse trailer in great condition for sale. \$2000. But very negotiable. Call Elaine @ 3023872500 or email

MiniHeeHaw@aol.com  
**Free to good approved home only!** 13 yr old 14.1 hand Standardbred mare, rides and Drives, color: all black. Little rusty; 12 yr old 16.2 hand TB gelding-drives, color: all black. Dick Posey 410 673-2073

**Sale:** Harness for above horses for sale, custom made for large TB \$300; Leather harness for small horse, large pony \$250 obo Dick Posey 410 673 2073; or Sherry Harris at 410 482 2402

**Wanted:** Mini Cart/carriage for 34 inch mini. Easy Entry preferred. 410-708-9087 Beth @ bethfrancis@wildblue.net

***Some suggestions about what DDC should offer for***

***the remainder of the year?***

- Well here we are halfway through 2010 and I thought it a great opportunity to thank all our members for their volunteerism, participation and spirit towards the growth and success of our humble affiliation of driving friends. We all really do diverse things with our horses and I thought we could and should review and offer up some alternative fun things for the fall, winter and Spring of 2011.
- If anything in this lists intrigues you or makes you think of another fun event, please give any of the BOD a jingle or email us! Suggested things like:
  - a poker drive (where you pick up poker cards at designated spots and the driver who makes the best hand wins! (Maybe our November drive at Redden Forest?)
  - antique carriage show and tell (where you bring your antique carriage and a cover dish to show off and talk about. No horses necessary for this one!
  - Farm Days (where one of our members offers up farm and fields to plow in the spring demonstrate and or show us all how it's done and we do a cover dish afterwards :-). We could do this in the spring for plowing or in the summer if its mowing time or anytime if there are logs to pull!

**Note:** Classified items will run for two months unless requested otherwise. Please let us know if your article has sold or if you want to continue the ad after 2 months.

***NEW EVENT—James River Driving Association is hosting its 1st annual Arena Driving Trial –Sept 11***

Doswell Virginia. There will be Training and Preliminary level for horse and mini/pony and a multiples division. Best Dressage and Fastest Cones Course will be awarded. Macy Hill of Amelia, Virginia is the judge. ADS rules apply. The entry fee is \$50 for JRDA members and \$65 for non members. The non membership fee includes JRDA membership. Cutoff date for entries is September 5, 2010. Camping is available and stabling is limited. For lots more information contact Sally Sutherland 804-784-3168 [ssutherland.ppp@juno.com](mailto:ssutherland.ppp@juno.com) or [www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com](http://www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com)

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