

DDC Driving Lines

June 2013



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 :-)

June 6

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in 877-216-1555

Password #290535

July 11

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in 877-216-1555

Password #290535

August 1

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in 877-216-1555

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- ◆ **DDC Newbie Long Lining Clinic with Anne Councill -July 20, 9-11:30 am- Chestertown, MD Pao Lin (240) 274-6180**
- ◆ **In Support your Military Drive- Thursday July 25, Bethany Beach. Contact Jane Ramsey (302) 659-2827**
- ◆ **DDC's Turnout Talk & Hat/Apron/Accoutrement Swap Diane Savage (410) 641-1837 Berlin, MD**

Pao Lin Hatch and Barbara Belden with their draft crosses next to Martha Duchnowski's tiny VSE.. All equines shine at DDC's Spring Pleasure Show!

May 2013 Newsletter Contributors

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May 2, 2013 BOD Minutes

Present: Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Jane Ramsey, Jackie McCann, Carol Seiler, Pao Lin Hatch, Martha MacDonald, John and Marti Bolinski

The treasurer's report and secretary's minutes were accepted as printed.

Old Business: The show has 18 pre-entries and at least 6 additional entries were expected on the day of the show. A letter acknowledging our 30th anniversary was inadvertently omitted from the program. It was decided to copy the letter and insert in the show programs. One disheartening issue was that an entry was received with an apparently altered date on the Coggins. The competitor has been asked to bring the original or a certificate from the vet who performed the test. If not acceptable, the competitor will not be permitted to compete. Set up would begin at 10AM. Marti and John Bolinski will be on the grounds to welcome drivers from 7:30 onward.

The Ann Council clinic is not a DDC event. Lessons will be \$50 each and auditors are welcome. Bring your own lunch.

The Starkey Drive, Redden Forest Drive and Turnout Clinic are approved on the calendar.

The DDC calendar was strongly supported in the recent poll but sales were much lower than in previous years. The \$50 given to DDC was actually a donation from Marti Bolinski. Marti reviewed a different format with picture and calendar on one page, reducing the size and production cost of the calendar. She will prepare a quote with suggestions to the BOD.

John Bolinski reviewed the Delaware Summer Camp for children of

the military. Donna Hurst volunteered her horse and carriage. A message will be sent out to all members, inviting them to help out on one day during the week of July 20-27. Donna and Jane Ramsey will coordinate.

New Business: New members Jane Osborne and Deborah Spaulding were approved.

A discussion was held concerning ways to show appreciation to all the volunteers who help make DDC events a success. Among the possibilities are a picnic, certificates of appreciation or volunteer bucks to be applied to anything from DDC items, memberships or reduced fees at DDC clinics and show. Martha MacDonald will coordinate counting the hours and will present a proposal next month for the BOD to consider. Meanwhile, coordinators of events from January 1, 2013 will submit the hours their volunteers put in for inclusion in the accumulation of hours for this calendar year.

All BOD members and general members are asked to review the By-laws and submit corrections or updates before we print them again. Several motions were approved previously this year regarding day of meeting and number of board members so a reprint is needed. Any changes will have to be approved by the general membership. Respectfully submitted: Martha MacDonald

DDC's Treasurer's Report June 2013

Beginning Balance – 04/24/13	\$1,641.89
Deposits:	
2013 Membership Dues	40.00
Show Adv/Sponsorship	985.00
Show Fees	1,401.00
Stall Fees	25.00
Total Income	<u>2,451.00</u>
Expenses:	
Pleasure Show Expenses	
Ribbons	366.80
Judge Fees/Travel Costs	650.00
Food for Volunteers	110.00
EMT Services	140.00
Cake for 30 Year Celebration	75.00
Newsletter Printing	28.27
Postage	<u>9.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,379.07</u>
Ending Balance – 05/20/2013	2,713.82
Savings Account	1,299.42
CD Balance	<u>7,871.46</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>\$11,884.70</u>

**Event Name: Delmarva Driving Club Spring
Pleasure Driving Show 2013**

**DDC
Member**

Event Date: May 4, 2013

Judges: Danute Bright & Anne Council

Technical Delegate: n/a

Total Number of Entries:	24
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OVERALL HIGH SCORE:

7	Lisa Tossey	Big Kahuna	y
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DDC HIGH SCORE:

6	Amanda Compton	Louie Louie AA	y
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YOUTH HIGH SCORE:

25	Alexandrea Ash	Schona
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IN-HAND CHAMPION:

7	Lisa Tossey	Big Kahuna	y
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Division Championship: Pony

17	Marcella Wozniak	Outcrop's Merlin the Wizard	y
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Division Reserve Championship: Pony

18	Samea Baker	Karson	y
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Division Championship: Horse

8	Linda Kalman	Fancy That
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Division Reserve Championship: Horse

2	Pam Kister	Stormy Voyage
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Division Championship: Draft

5	Paul Ganter	CWF Jokers Wild
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Division Reserve Championship: Draft

7	Lisa Tossey	Big Kahuna
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Division Championship: VSE

9	Martha Duchnowski	Sparkle
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Division Reserve Championship: VSE

24	Rita Mihalenko	HCM War Paints Chocolate Chip
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Top: Jane Bailey and her hackney pony

Middle: Barbara Belden and her Percheron Morgan X, Sherman

Bottom: Joan Smith and her VSE Penelope

THANK YOU

Just to write a small note of thanks to the club and its members who were kind enough to send a card or visit me at the funeral home after my father's death in early April. I have been busy with his estate and there are many good memories of the past eight years in QAC. I look forward to getting out to drive again soon.

Sincerely, Michele Novack

Out and About News

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

On May ninth, members Stan Vonasek and Carol Seiler spent the day at Trappe Pond's "Healthy Kids Day" teaching area fourth graders about the care and needs of horses. Carol's horses, Mochy and Muffy attended and spent the day being brushed by many enthusiastic kids.

Martha MacDonald and Cara explored part of the Hitchcock Woods with the Aiken Driving Club. A suitable trail was chosen for the mini's and small ponies lined with mountain laurel in full, fragrant bloom. A tailgate lunch followed the drive.

Pao Lin Hatch lead a small group of DDC members on Sunday May 4 for a friendly post-DDC Pleasure Show drive at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. What a lovely drive it was!.. Perhaps a new tradition?

Several DDC members have volunteered to help at Elk Creek Combined Driving Event at Fairhill NMRA.

Devon Horse Show, the oldest continuously run horse show in America and held in Devon, PA saw participation by several DDC members, loudly cheered on by even more DDC members.

Brandywine Driving Club hosting a Continuous Drive at the Riddle Farm in Northeast MD and several DDC members who hold BVDC membership as well competed at this friendly event.



WAGON TRAIN DRIVE

Former DDC Member Louise Johnson writes the Newsletter editor the following question:

The DDC use to do a Wagon Train Drive from Cape Charles VA to Salisbury, MD, averaging 20 miles a day. They camped out at pre-arranged farms . Louise wants to know when DDC will do it again! Anyone interested? Contact the DDC Board.



Left: Marcie Wozniak and her amazing pony, Merlin,

Right: Samea Baker with Karsen the Fjord,

Below Right: Pam Kister and her new Morgan gelding, Stormy,

Below Left: Anna Klump and her pretty VSE, 'Ditti'

More photos can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Delmarva-Driving-Club/>



HELP NEEDED
Holiday Party Chairperson needed!
Contact any Board Member if you are interested in this position!

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold			
DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
1-2 June	Elk Creek CDE	Diane Trefry dtrefry@equestriane.com 410-755-6785	Fair Hill, MD
1-2 June	Mount Harmon Drive and Colonial Day Picnic	Barbara Belden (410) 708-4654 or Samea Baker (610) 310-0962	Old Tobacco Plantation, Mt. Harmon, MD
8-June	Long Lining and Driving Horse Suitability Assessment	Kathy Schmitt (717) 880-8482 kawschmitt@att.net.	Cockeysville, MD
9-June	Bucks County Pleasure Driving Show	http://www.buckscountyhorsepark.org/driving.html <i>* Part of the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge</i>	Revere, PA
21-23 June	Heritage Driving Center	HDT for Ponies and Equines 13.2 hands and under, Mickie Bowen –Judge. More info to follow—	
29- June	Redden Forest HQ Tract Pleasure Drive, Picnic Lunch and General Meeting	Stan & Laurie Vonasek (302) 684-3966	Headquarters Tract, Redden Forest, DE
29-30 June	Susquehanna Whips and Wheels Pleasure Show & HDT	Contact Tina Connell (570) 204-5536 andtylertwo@hotmail.com <i>* Part of the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge</i>	Lycoming, PA
6-July	MLMDC Continuous Drive	Pam Kister (717) 779-4542 greyhorsestable@hotmail.com	Spring Valley Park, PA
13-July	Starkey Farm Drive	Barbara Belden (410) 708- 4654	Galena MD
20-July	Long Lining Clinic and Private Lessons with Anne Councill	Pao Lin (240) 274-6180	Chestertown, MD
17-Aug	General Meeting, Turnout Talk & Hat/Apron/ Accoutrement Swap Meet	Diane Savage (410) 641-1837 Pao Lin Hatch (240) 274-6180	Berlin, MD
Sept 7	Pam Kister Lessons	Private Lessons with Pam Kister at Grassymeade Farm, stay overs may be pre-arranged for drive the next day!	Chestertown, MD
Sept 8	Grassymeade Farm Pleasure Drive	Michael Lawrence (410) 810-2997	Chestertown, MD
8 Sept	Glen Willow CDE	Bobbi Hagar Bobbi@DSFGroup.org	Landhope, PA
22-Sept	MLMDC Fall Pleasure Driving Show	Anne Councill achbirchollow442@gmail.com (717) 993-8956; <i>* Part of the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge</i>	Spring Valley Park, Wintertown, PA
13-Oct	Chapter One HDT	Chapter One Farm, Hpxaton@chapteronefarms.com	Pedrickson, NJ
27-Oct	BVDC's Teddy Bear TROT and HDT	Bobbi Hagar Bobbi@DSFGroup.org (members only)	Fair Hill, PA
30-Oct- Nov 2	ADS- Mid-Atlantic Drive	ADS Mid Atlantic Director H. Ferguson midatlantic@americandrivingsociety.org (302) 422-5126	Fair Hill, PA

**"BETWEEN THE EARS"
Photo of the month**

Jane Bailey and her halflinger, at the Brandywine Valley Continuous Drive



STARKEY FARM DRIVE July 13 Saturday

(Rescheduled due to bad footing)

Despite some respite from an all night drenching rainstorm, the footing at the Starkey Farm proved to be too dicey and so the May 11th Drive has been re-scheduled to **July 13** at the request of the Starkey Family.

We surely hope to have a glorious day for our drive but due to the fact that we will be smack in the middle of summer, have decided to move the drive to earlier in the morning hours.

We now plan to gather at 9 and drive off by 10; we should be finished by 1130 and allow a nice tail gate party back at the trailers afterwards. Please rsvp if you plan to drive with us with Barbara Belden at 410 708 4654

REDDEN FOREST DRIVE- JUNE 29 Saturday

Ready for a new adventure? Haven't been to a fabulous south Delaware location in many a moon? Come drive with friends at the Redden Forest HQ Tract.

Our host and hostess will be Stan and Laurie Vonasek. Try to gather and meet around 9 because the plan is to drive off around 10am, Lunch at noon where a short General Meeting will be conducted and then afterwards, those who want to hitch up in the afternoon and drive some more can go at it!

Some directions:

Directions: From the North/North West -

From the intersection of Routes 16 and 113, proceed South on Route 113 for 5 miles, turn left at the light at East Redden Road, proceed 1/2 mile to Redden HQ on the right.

From the South/South West - From the intersection of Routes 18/404 and 113 in Georgetown, proceed North on Route 113 for 3 miles, turn right on East Redden Road, proceed 1/2 mile to Redden HQ on the right.

Questions? Call or email Stan at stan22146@hotmail.com

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Support your Military Drive, by John Bolinski

For many years, a large group of volunteers, headed by retired Sergeant Ernie Colwell, have put together a one-week camp for children of Delaware National Guard members, many of whom are serving their country on active duty.

The purpose of the camp is to foster a sense of well-being while bonding with other youth of various ages, communities and backgrounds. Together they attend classes, excursions, arts and craft activi-

ties, recreational events and team building activities.

Our Delmarva Driving Club executive committee would like to contribute to this effort by offering carriage rides for those youth at the Bethany Beach Military Site on July 25, 2013 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for 85 to 130 individuals. If you can break away from your busy schedules, your help on this effort would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can only take one passenger on

your vehicle, it would really help to put a big smile on the faces of these deserving youth.

To volunteer, please call Jane Ramsey on 302-659-2827 or email at ramseyjb@yahoo.com. This would be a great way for the DDC to show support to these military families. Please let me know by July 5th of your interest.

An Approach to Combined Driving, by Anna Klumpp

So we have the driver, who is interested in learning about, and eventually competing in the sport of combined driving. For this series of articles, I am assuming that this person has some driving skills already, and is familiar with the basic language and skill of driving, so that they are coming in with some familiarity of driving in general. This person might pick up the ADS rule book on combined driving, but at this early stage, might be totally confused as the rules seem dauntingly overwhelming.

Perhaps the best place to start is with volunteering. Most events give on the job training, and a briefing for your particular phase of the event. The organizer or the person appointed by the organizer, will gather every one up in a small group, prior to the start of that phase, and explain what you are to do. Organizers are delighted to get fresh people in to help. With the exception of a few jobs that need some more experience (like chief hazard judge, or cones steward, or sometimes even scoring) most positions are easily learned, and the volunteer gets a ring side seat on

the action.

I would recommend volunteering for all possible phases, and jobs, which will include jobs on all three phases. Each job gives the volunteer a chance to observe different competitors at different levels, teaches the basics about the expectation for that particular phase of the event and often shows the volunteer the basics of approaching that particular phase of the event. Dressage scribing, working at the vet box, in an obstacle,

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“pushing cones”, or even running scores can give some one an opportunity to watch competitors at all levels. Locally, we have some higher level events, such as Glen Willow, where professional drivers compete. It can be very exciting and humbling to watch a four in hand with a world class driver negotiate dressage, cones or obstacles with such ease as to make driving look effortless.

Next time, we will focus on the benefits of clinics as auditor and participant.

Long Lining Clinic and Private Lessons

You asked for it and we deliver! DDC is offering a Long Lining Clinic for all drivers but specifically tailored to that Novice Driver on Sat-July 20 in Chestertown, MD with well respected dressage and driving clinician, Miss Anne Council.

Clinic will run from 9am-1130 and participants can bring their equines and tack and work with Anne in an enclosed area.

Cost is \$20/DDC member; \$30 non-DDC member.

BYOL and join us at noon. In the afternoon, Anne will offer private 50 minute lessons for \$50 per turnout. As always.. Auditors are free!

Please pre-register with payment in advance to

Delmarva Driving Club/o Pao Lin Hatch
22988 Fairgale Farm Chestertown, MD 21620

Contact Pao Lin at (240) 274-6180
paoball2000@yahoo.com

Volunteer Appreciation

By Martha MacDonald

The BOD has been considering this simple fact: without volunteers, there will be no pleasure drives, no clinics, no shows, no games days, no anything. So we ask ourselves, how can we make volunteering a worthwhile activity? Sure, we hope people who volunteer do it from the depths of their feelings for the sport but is just a thank you, a hug, a hand shake sufficient? What do you think?

The BOD is considering certificates of appreciation for every event worked. Another idea is to offer 'volunteer bucks', certificates to be accumulated that could be used to 'pay' for membership, applied to the cost of clinics or shows or even ap-

plied to the purchase of DDC clothing and giftware. What do you think? Please send me an email at armadale98@comcast.net or call me at 609-510-7465 and give me your thoughts. Your BOD wants to know what would encourage all our members to step up to volunteer at our events. Right now we have a dozen or so constant volunteers and we thank them for their dedication. Now how can we draw more people in and how can we celebrate the ones who do so much now and in the future? We want to know your ideas.



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