

DDC Driving Lines

March 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.

March 5 pm
Conference Call
7:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555
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April 2
Conference Call
7:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555
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UPCOMING DDC Events

March 28 Beginner Driver Clinic– Part 2 –Sharon and Larry Little Farm, Harrington, DE. DDC members only \$10 per participants, Auditors free. Brown bag lunch

April 12 Fair Hill Pleasure Drive– Gallagher Parking lot at Big Elk Road. Meet at 10; drive at will or can follow; Leaving parking area around 11; back at trailers by 2; tail gate picnic. Very casual event.

March Newsletter Contributors

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February minutes not submitted in time for this newsletter

DDC Treasurer's Report 1/26/15-2/26/15

Opening Balance 4049.56

Deposits 210.00

Payments

Gift cards for Bolinskis 50.00

Notary Fee 4.00

C. Seiler reimburse- 6.79

Total 64.79

**Checking Account
Balance**

4,194.77

**CD (07/28/2014) ma-
tures 7/23/15 8,011.56**

Grand Total 12,206.33

BEGINNER DRIVER CLINIC Part I

by Myra Nelson

Many braved the bitter cold weather to learn essential skills for driving from our very own Instructor, Mr. George Parris...at the part 1 beginner driving clinic was held on Saturday February 21, 2015. Demonstrations of proper harnessing, ground driving, handling the lines and carting were giving. Everyone was all ears when carriage safety was discussed.

We were very fortunate in

winter to enjoy the indoor arena and luncheon hospitality of delicious hot soups and sweets provided for us by the SOAR in the Saddle therapeutic riding club.

Carol Seiler shared her beloved Mokie with all the beginners. Mokie's great patience, calm and gentle nature was appreciated by all. He was the perfect gentleman for Mr. Parris's demonstrations in proper harnessing and carting. The goals of all attendees were to im-

prove skills in driving horsemanship and to master the correct techniques of proper harnessing our horses.

Heartfelt thank you go out to our instructor, Mr George Parris for making the art of driving look so easy, Mrs. Carol Seiler, our generous host Mrs. Charlene Thomas and SOAR in the Saddle.

Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

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

Pao Lin Hatch and Martha MacDonald were able to play in the South Carolina warmth with their horses for a little vacation.

Linda Thomas, Frances Baker and Michele Novack explored the wilds of New Jersey and attended a CAA Educational event. Details on page 6.

DDC membership is now at 50+; do you have your DDC roster? Do you have you DDC By-laws? Do you need anything from the Board? Do you have time to help? Contact your friendly DDC Board member to volunteer!

Keep smiling.. Spring is less than 20 days away! Darn that groundhog!

DDC Spring Pleasure Drive is planned for April 12 at Fair Hill Natural Management Area. It will be a drive at will with a tailgate party afterwards at the parking lot. If you are thinking of coming, please rsvp so we can contact you in case of change/cancellation of the event due to weather or other circumstances.

Paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240 274 6180

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

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
March 28	Beginner Driver Clinic <i>Part 2</i>	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. <u>This is a members only event</u> with a fee of \$10 to defray expenses. You will not be hooking up to your carriage at this event. A Neg Coggins required. Auditors free. Brown Bag lunch. Flyer on p 7	4978 Park Brown Rd. Harrington, DE
April 12	Fair Hill Pleasure Drive	Come join Pao Lin and her pair at one of the prettiest places around the mid-Atlantic. Not a line drive but you can follow others and see Fair Hill Natural Management Resource Area. Park at Big Elk Road and Gallagher. Parking is limited. Meet at 10; Drive off at 11, gather back at the trailers around 2:30 for tailgate picnic. (240) 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com.	Fair Hill, MD
April 18	Arena Driving Trial	Cair Paravelle Farm and Anna Klumpp are hosting this fun event. Details to follow	Still Pond, MD
April 24-25	Martin's Auction	Semi Annual Carriage and Appointment Auction (717) 354-6671. Auction in different location than Martin's Auction House Office	Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon, PA
May TBD	DDC Fun Show	Once again after a several year hiatus returns the DDC Fun Show at the beautiful Nutter Marvel Museum show grounds. Family fun, reasonable fees and a good time for all levels. Details to come. Contact: George Parris	Georgetown DE
May 24	Devon Horse Marathon	Oldest Horse Show in America and established Driving Event	Devon PA
June 7	Elk Creek CDE	Established and nationally recognized Combined Driving Event	Fair Hill, MD
June 28	Fair Hill Pleasure Drive	Come join Pao Lin and her pair at one of the prettiest places around the mid-Atlantic.. Fair Hill Natural Management Resource Area. Drive off around 11, gather back at the trailers around 2:00 for tailgate picnic. (240) 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com	Fair Hill, MD
July 12	Hassan Carriage Collection Talk and Luncheon	This is a repeat event at the beautiful Hassan Farm in Easton, MD. Harry and Anne will host DDC members and invited guests to an informative and entertaining talk about their collection of carriages, followed by a hosted lunch.	Easton, MD
August	Talk and Social Event	Diane and Rick Savage have graciously offered their house for a DDC Talk and Social. This will also be a scheduled general meeting for members to attend and participate in this great club! Details to follow	Berlin, MD
Sept tbd	Arena Driving Trial	Cair Paravelle Farm and Anna Klumpp are hosting this fun event. Details to follow	Still Pond, MD
Oct 17	Darby and Donald Hewes Comegy Farm Drive	What a great place to drive! Put this date on your calendar for sure!	Chestertown, MD
Dec 5	DDC Annual Party and General Meeting	Our Annual General Meeting, election of Officers and Holiday Party	Tuckahoe Equestrian Cntr

Beginner Driver Clinic Part 2

Beginner Clinic Part 2

*This clinic will focus on the use of long lining as a training tool. Part 1 of the beginner clinic series is a good start, but is not required in order to attend part 2. Part two will focus on gaining some knowledge and experience of long lining.

*This clinic will have two parts. The am part will involve a talk with "hands on horseless" exercises for participants. There will also be a demonstration of a horse long lining and the progressive steps in teaching the horse to transition from lunging to long lining

*The afternoon will be individual hands on with oversight by the clinician to help address individual questions or issues that might arise with each horse/driver pair.

*Participants should bring their own horse, a harness with saddle, girth, back strap and crupper (breast collar and breaching is not needed at this time), a bridle, either open or closed.

If a participant has matching lunge lines, and a lunge whip, it would be helpful, but there will be some available for the afternoon.

⇒ **Brownbag Lunch**

⇒ **Dress appropriate**

⇒ **4978 Park Brown Road, Harrington, DE 19952**

⇒ **10:00am..... Saturday March 28**

⇒ **Contact Anna Klumpp (410) 709-3588**

⇒ **Day of event contact is Sharon at 302-270-1995**

DDC Member's Trip to Historical New Jersey Horse Country *by Michele Novack*

This is a story about a fabulous weekend experience shared by three DDC members. I'm writing this as I'm watching yet another wintry storm deposit snow and icy mayhem outside.

On the last weekend in January, Frances Baker, Linda Thomas, and I braved the beginning of the bitter cold winter weather and travelled up to northern New Jersey to participate in the Annual Learning Weekend hosted by the New England Region Chapter of the CAA. That is the oldest such group in the country. None of us had ever attended this event before, and it was simply by chance that I happened to see a promotional notice about it on the CAA's weekly e-news email that had been sent out in mid January. What caught my attention about it was that, aside from several excellent speakers, the program included tours of 5 historic stables and carriage houses. That is a big bucket list item for me. This was the same group that did a similar event two years ago in/around the old horsey estates along the Hudson River north of NYC....and included not only the Rockefeller's place, but also Martha Stewart's stables near Bedford NY. I missed out on that and was determined not to miss out again!

So, all it took was a phone call to the Weekend's organizer, Carol VanShaik, who lives up in New Hampshire (and who Frances happened to know), to verify that space was available for us to participate. It was easy and we were made very welcome. The organizer was assisted by Trish and Barbara Haertlein, who I had met before at the Williamsburg conferences. Trish and Barbara are the local NJ horse country experts, having grown up there among all the famous horsemen and storied equestrian culture. They are very down to earth and are a wealth of historical knowledge. Trish and Barbara are also the authors of the CAA book on Carriage Driving Games, which is what we are using to plan out our Fun Show for this coming spring. They have a brother who lives in Easton MD.

You all know how organized Frances is; she graciously offered to do the driving so we could be comfortable in her big SUV. I met up with Frances and Linda at the Christiana Mall on Friday morning, January 30. The first destination was Tucker Johnson's farm in Oldwick, NJ. With Frances navigating with the use of WAYZ on her smartphone, and Linda at the wheel, we made excellent time. Being able to visit Tucker Johnson's farm was a big deal because it is normally not open to visitors. It was on the outskirts of Oldwick; we were delighted to find that it is a large working gentleman's farm, complete with an operational dairy business, in addition to being the home base for the family's show horses and foxhunters. (At first, we were not quite sure if we were at the right place.) The equine buildings are all historic structures that have been modified/repurposed. They were all beautifully painted in a tasteful uniform color scheme and still had holiday decorations in place. We met up with the NER/CAA group in the recently completed, one story carriage house, which contained a nice variety of vehicles, including the coach which Tucker has been using in recent years. Melissa Warner is the head of Equine Operations there; she made us feel very welcome and then allowed us to poke around the nearby stables on our own. It was fabulous. Everything was tidy and workmanlike. I loved that it was not an ostentatious showplace. It was an authentic working stable, with cleverly interconnected buildings and outfitted with innovative features that were either vintage or modern. Very, very cool.



EQUINE HEALTH TALK AND GENERAL MEETING

by Pao Lin Hatch

A small but enthusiastic group of members attended an informative talk on equine health, vaccinations and emergency care put on by Dr. Annie Renzetti. Dr. Renzetti used her pliable giant gelding, Moose, as her model to demonstrate the correct way to give intramuscular injections, apply oral paste medicines and supplements and explain the necessary parasite schedules for a mid-Atlantic equine. After a chilly talk in the barn, the group moved indoors to finish the talk, ask questions and enjoy a lovely covered dish meal, highlighted with a spiral ham, offered by our hostess. Despite the snow squall which came

just as we were finishing up, we all stayed until the very end. We had a quorum of DDC members and held a General Membership meeting. It was called to order at 1:02 pm and the meeting focused on the Board's decision to repair the DDC Trailer. The anticipated expenses will be far less than \$1,000 as originally quoted. Other issues discussed were DDC plans for the remainder of 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

THANK YOU ANNIE RENZETTI!!

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Delaware Equine Council

Meets on the 3rd Monday of each month

The Delaware Equine Council's monthly meetings will now be held at the Harrington Fire Department conference room located at 20 Clark Street (Rt 14), just west of Route 13 in Harrington, DE.

This is a great location with plenty of parking. The conference room has its own exterior entrance next to the community hall entrance. We will have a sign at the entrance to the conference room which will be visible from the main parking lot. For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com>

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