

# DDC Driving Lines May 2012

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## DDC Meeting Schedule

May 4  
Caroline County 4H  
Park, after setup  
1pm

June 6  
conference call  
6:00 pm  
Call in #  
877-216-1555  
Pw # 290535

July 4  
conference call  
6:00 pm  
Call in #  
877-216-1555  
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*Upcoming DDC Events:*

***May 5 DDC's Spring Pleasure Show: GET YOUR ENTRIES IN TODAY! Contact Jane Ramsey at 302 659-2827 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR ENTRY FORMS.***

*May 20 Starkey Farm Drive, Galena, MD. Barb Belden 410 708-4654. Drive off at 10, tailgate afterwards. Please RSVP that you are coming to Barbara B.*

*June 24 Grassymeade Drive, Chestertown, MD Please RSVP with Michael 410 810 2997*



RIP Pat and Arthur Anthony (Tony) Markl, (DDC member, note this picture shows Pat and her Michael)

## May 2012 Newsletter Contributors

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**Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors'  
April 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Jane Ramsey, Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Jackie McCain, Pao Lin Hatch, Martha MacDonald, Michelle Novack

The minutes were accepted as published. The treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

At this date there were 4 entries for the May show and \$690 in sponsorships. For the Town and Country Class, Jane R would like to build a bridge out of marine plywood, with 2"x10" supports. The plywood would be covered with some kind of grit to prevent slipping hooves and it will be transportable to other venues. Up to \$300 was approved for expenses to add this to our collection of obstacles.

One CD was cleared and \$1000 put in the general checking account and the balance in a money market account where we can have access to it. This decision was made as the interest on the CD's was no longer worth leaving the money where it couldn't be used to promote the goals of the club. The larger CD will come to maturity in 2013 when a separate decision will be made about what to do with it. The board approved the distribution of the funds.

In a review of the events of the previous month, the C&D canal drive was a great success with 13 combinations heading out. Sherry H made certain the liability forms were signed. Many photos were taken and some will be in the next newsletter. Marti Bolinski will be asked to load the rest of the photos into a public album. Anna Klumpp's continuous drive attracted her largest number of entries, though several didn't actually make it to the event. Again a well organized and successful event. The Fun Bunny drive at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center drew an equal number of riders and drivers and everyone enjoyed the companionship. We were asked to consider the event again next year. There have been no responses to the Youth Clinic but we will promote

it again in the next newsletter.

The picnic and tour of the Nutter Marvel museum in August will be promoted in the newsletter and there will be handouts at the May show. It will be opened to other clubs and the public but reservations are a must as the women's auxiliary will be preparing lunches for the attendees.

The next board meeting will be on May 4 during the set-up time for the show. Members are invited to help with set up starting at 9AM and participate in the board meeting.

New members were approved. Pao Lin will place a link on the front page of the DDC website for joining as some people have expressed concern at not being able to find the link. A question was raised about the by-laws which require 1/10th of the membership to create a quorum for meetings. Further research showed that that amount is for the general membership meetings and doesn't affect the work of the BOD.

Respectfully submitted.

Martha MacDonald

DDC’s Treasurer’s Report	
Beginning Balance – 03/22/12	\$2,640.40
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Show Advertising	100.00
Show Sponsorship	145.00
Dues	150.00
Newsletter Advertising	25.00
Contributions	
Sales	40.00
Fun Bunny Show	107.00
Bank reconciliation carry forward	5.10
Total Income:	\$572.10
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Newsletter	40.64
Postage	21.70
Christmas Party Deposit	
Club Expense	45.00
Show Expenses:	
Supplies	89.43
Postage	90.00
Ribbons	
Advertising	
Total Show Expenses	<u>179.43</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$286.77</u>
Ending Balance – 04/25/12	\$2,925.73
Savings Account	1,298.01
CD Balance	<u>7,717.11</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>\$11,940.85</u>



## Starkey Farm Pleasure Drive

May 20th Sunday

The beautiful Starkey Farm in Galena Maryland is the host of our May 20th DDC drive. DDC member, Barbara Belden will guide us around the rolling magnificent farm, located along the Sassafrass river, just off SR 213.

We will probably run two groups off from the trailers—a slow group (e.g. VSEs) and a faster group and then gather back at the trailers for a tailgate party afterwards. This will allow a appropriate pace for small and slower equines to enjoy the scenic farm lands, graciously opened to us by the Starkey Family. If any members of the club have space in their carriages for Stark-e-y family members to ride along, this would be an incredible gesture to our hosts!

Details: \*Riders and Drivers welcome! \*Drive off by 10 am. \*Park out of the road, along the main lane into the farm, drive past the business office approx. 1/2 mile to farm crossroads inside the property. \*Tailgate afterwards!

### *Sunshine report*

Condolence card and flowers were sent to the Markl family on the tragic death of Pat and Tony Markl.

Condolence cards were also sent to Carol Seiler and

John Bolinski

## Out and About News

Martin's Carriage Auction was held on April 27-28 up in Lebanon, PA. Lots of familiar faces were having a good time at this semi-annual event. Prices were somewhat depressed and bargains could be had.

DDC's President Donna Hurst gave a talk at the DE Equine Council monthly meeting. April Murray reports that the group found Donna's presentation to be "eye opening" on topics such as club liability, and its focus on teaching

outsiders about carriage safety and awareness. Not only at official club events, but awareness on the trails as well.

Some sad news for DDC and the local driving community, on April 11, 2012, Patricia and Anthony Markl were involved in a fatal automobile accident in Marydel, MD. A memorial service will be held in May by the family. Pat was one of our newer drivers and wholly embraced the sport of carriage driving with a encouraging

and uplifting zest. She will be missed! A memorial celebration party is being held on May 5 at the Marydel home of the family. Please drop by anytime after 1pm to pay your respects. Address is 27550 River Bridge Road, Marydel, MD

Got news to share with the DDC? Call or email Pao Lin 240 274 6180  
paoball2000@yahoo.com

## Safe Driving Column by Martha MacDonald

### Reining In

Those of us who drive regularly, fall into a rhythm, a series of well developed habits of safely hitching our horses. We remember the sequence of what is attached first, safely attaching reins before putting to, etc. But do we look at each piece of our harness as we go, especially those bits that connect the horse to the cart and the reins to the driver?

Picture this true story. A driver is happily hitched and driving down the road when suddenly the driver finds one rein floating loose in hand....the stitching or the buckle

has failed and the rein has fallen from the bit.

There the driver is....heading down the road with only one rein to control the horse.

This is a disaster waiting to happen. What to do?

Hopefully your horse is voice trained to halt. If you do nothing else this year, teach your horse to halt at the word WHOA. Halt means stop all forward motion, stand quietly. Practice, practice, practice until your horse will halt without the rein aids. Meanwhile, check all the stitching and buckles on your harness. If you

have beta harness this problem is less likely but not impossible. If, like me, you like the feel of leather reins, care for them, check the stitching and the condition of the buckles EVERY time you hitch up. One moment of inattention can lead you to the same heart stopping moment of my story. A minute or two of close attention to details can save you from a life threatening situation.

Safely in your corner  
Martha MacDonald

## 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.

### **Deadline for next's newsletter is May 27**

- **May 5 Delmarva Driving Club's Spring Pleasure Show , Denton, MD. Jane Ramsey at 302 659-2827**
- ~~May 19 Jameswood Spring Pleasure Show, Upperville, VA Heather Briggs (540) 592-3462 admin@bellegreyfarm.com CANCELLED~~
- **May 20 Starkey Farm Drive, Galena, MD. Barb Belden 410 708- 4654.**
- May 27 Sunday BVDC Continuous Drive at Canvasback Farm, Northeast MD.
- **May 20-27 Devon Horse Show**
- June 2-3 Elk Creek CDE Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area. [dtrefry@equestriaire.com](mailto:dtrefry@equestriaire.com) 410 755 6785 / 443 553 1453 cell
- June 10 Upperville Horse shown added Driving Classes, 540-687-5784 or [uuchs@crosslink.net](mailto:uuchs@crosslink.net)
- June 10 Roll and Clop Obstacle Challenge (see Flyer p. 7)..RSVP's would be appreciated to 410-739-1327 or [krmack@dmv.com](mailto:krmack@dmv.com)"
- June 16 Upperville, VA. Ground Works Basic, My Lady Manor Driving Club event with M. Richmond. Contact Marjorie.b.richmond@gmail.com 443 934 3573
- June 23 Susquehanna Whips and Wheels Pleasure Driving Show Tina Cornell 570-784-4793 [andytylertoo@hotmail.com](mailto:andytylertoo@hotmail.com)
- June 24 Susquehanna Whips and Wheels Driving Trial, Lycoming Fairgrounds. See above for contact info.
- **June 24 Grassymeade Farm Drive, Chestertown, MD, no rain date Michael @ 410-810-2997**
- July 7-8 Gladstone Driving Trial [www.gladstonedriving.com](http://www.gladstonedriving.com)
- **July 22 Fair Hill Drive, Drive off 10am Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com. Rain date July 29**
- August 2-5 ADS Mid-Atlantic Regional Pleasure Driving Weekend at Fairhill, MD
- August 8-12 Walnut Hill Driving Competition [www.walnuthillfarm.org](http://www.walnuthillfarm.org)
- **August 18 Carriage Museum Tour and Luncheon at the Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum. Georgetown, DE cost \$7 for members; \$10 for non members, RSVP REQUIRED to Frances Baker @ 302 381-2979**
- Sept 7-9 Willow Glen CDE
- Sept 16 My Lady's Manor Driving Club Pleasure Show (new date!)
- **Sept 23 Grassymeade Farm Drive, Chestertown, MD, rain date Sept 30. Michael @ 410-810-2997**
- **Oct Hollyville Drive, Harbeson, DE. Date tbd**
- **Dec 8 DDC Holiday Party— Ruthsburg Community Center, Queen Anne, MD. Details to follow!!**



Joan and her favorite Easter Bunny (aka Penelope)

## Grassymeade Farm Drive June 24, 2012 Sunday

A fun drive is scheduled for June 24 at the beautiful Grassymeade Farm. Arrive anytime after 11, not a line drive. Supper at 4. Please bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Once again Michael will provide the meats and beverages! Trails, quiet roads, possible cones course set up. Pao Lin plans to organize an optional "Murder Mystery Scavenger Game"... Winner gets a substantial donation made to the charity of your choice in your name.

Please RSVP with Michael at 410 810-2997. No scheduled rain date.

## Classifieds

Russet leather pairs harness, beautiful custom brass hames and fittings, asking \$1500 obo. Will fit 15 hand horse. Pao Lin 240 274 6180

Back to Back Pony Trap - Oak back to back trap with two sets of shafts. One set fits a small pony, the other a large pony - and a pole for driving pairs. Black cloth seats and drivers wedge. Brass whip holder and pole/shaft ends. Black pin striping. Excellent condition, made by Mill Run Carriage shop in Honey Brook (now extinct). \$3,400 I have photos of this trap being used in both single and double. [janebailey@hughes.net](mailto:janebailey@hughes.net). Located in Sudlersville, MD.



## Delmarva Spring Pleasure Driving Show May 5, 2012

The Delmarva Spring Pleasure Driving show is here!!! Scheduled for Saturday, May 5th at the 4H Horse Park in Denton, Maryland. Please download off the website the show brochure and mail asap to Jane Ramsey, our show manager for member's discount

Jane Ramsey  
ramseyjb@yahoo.com or 302-659-2827.

[Http://delmarvadrivingclub.com](http://delmarvadrivingclub.com)

### **ELK CREEK COMBINED DRIVING EVENT, Fair Hill NMRA June 2-3, 2012**

Have you ever seen a driving marathon event? Have you ever checked out the best drivers on the east coast doing their stuff in dressage and cones? Here's a great opportunity to see the best and also help out.. A message from Mary Mott..

Seeking volunteers for the Elk Creek Combined Driving Event. This year Elk Creek is being held on Saturday, June 2nd, (Dressage/cones) and June 3rd, (marathon) and we always need lots and lots of volunteers! Responding early helps ensure you get the job you want! Therefore, if you can help out, please let me know! You can call me at 908-996-7265 if that is easier then email.

## Mt. Herman Plow Days by Emma West

Amid the backdrop of teams of work horses and the farm implements of yesteryear, a group of elder farmers gathered before the crowd at Mt. Hermon Plow Days for recognition. Dubbed a celebration of "Honored Farmers," the midday ceremony brought together farmers from all over Delmarva and some from across the Chesapeake Bay who had begun farming when horses were the only horsepower on the farm and kept on farming through all the modern changes.

"The men before us are bridge builders," Oren Perdue, president of Mt. Hermon Plow Days, told the crowd. "They built a lot of bridges for us. They built the bridges with no tractors and no electricity." The criteria for being an honored farmer was simple: Seventy-five years old or older, and still farming or keeping a garden. More than 50 such farmers came out to the Plow Days on April 7 at Adkins Farm Market outside Salisbury, MD, along with about 2,100 other attendees to see teams of horses, mules and oxen go to work. DDC members in attendance included the West family, the Langfords, the Wilkins, the Connors, the

Bolinskis and the Evans, and all took an active part in the proceedings.

The Wests, the Langfords, the Wilkins and the Connors all participated in the plowing demonstration with their horses, plowing all through the morning and into the afternoon along with 15 other teams. Many acres of ground were turned that day before an attentive public, all of whom were excited to witness the experience of true horsepower at its finest. Many of the spectators had attended Plow Days in years past, and many of them enjoyed the experience so much that they return to the event year after year. Many of the people who attended plow day have never seen real horses before, let alone watched them work in harness as they did in years of old. In an age of enormous machines, tractors and high-tech farming gadgets, most people cannot even imagine what it would be like to work a field with nothing more than a piece of iron and two large drafts. It is a fascinating and wonderful experience for them, one they are extremely eager to experience for themselves.

In fact, there was such an interest in and demand for

this experience that the coordinators of Plow Days introduced Guest Plowing, giving attendees the opportunity to try farm work for themselves. The West family and the Connors, along with other teamsters, volunteered both their horses and their own plowing expertise to instruct and assist the participants as they took the plow handles and went a couple rounds themselves. The participants soon found out that it was harder than it looked, and left the furrow with a new respect for their farming forefathers. Yet it also gave them a glimpse of the simplicity, harmony and contentment that can be found in old-fashioned work and a partnership with nature. Most said it was something they would never forget, and for many it is a highlight they will cherish forever. From toddlers who had never seen farming done with anything other than the tractor to the honored farmers who started out their careers behind a team of horses, Plow Days spanned the generations and allowed everyone a chance to experience the tradition of farm life, the heritage from which America is built.

See pics next page

### **SILENT AUCTION DONATED ITEMS NEEDED FOR MAY 5 DDC PLEASURE SHOW**

*Hey DDC members!! Have any lovely items you wish to donate to our annual Silent Auction? Held simultaneously as the DDC Pleasure Show at Caroline County, 4H Park on May 5. This fund raiser organized by Sherry Harris, is one of our best and we have great fun swapping our treasures with other members. It does not have to be horsey in nature but please ensure it is something new, nearly new or a collectable, no junk please :-)*



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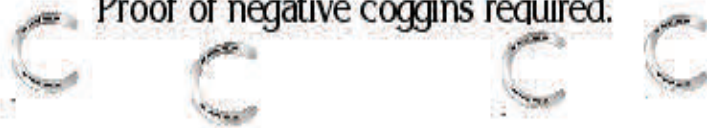
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\$10 Mini Course

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Proof of negative coggins required.



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\*\* Special Note: DO NOT TURN on Route 561 toward Still Pond (at Chestertown Animal Hospital).

FMI: Karen 410-739-1327

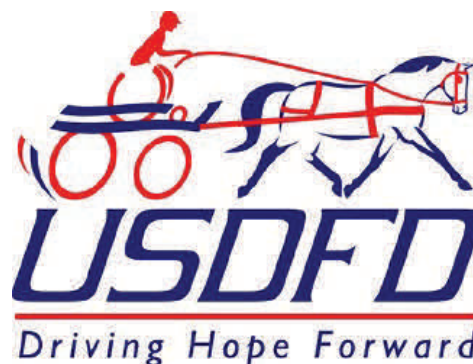


## United States Driving for the Disabled

United States Driving for Disabled, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, seeks to improve the lives of physically challenged individuals by providing the experience of driving horses in a safe and challenging environment throughout the United States and Canada.

"Many disabled drivers aren't able to walk a mile, let alone walk a marathon."

*Active Driver Mary Gray* "A horse lover who can't work with horses doesn't quite live. Driving gave me my life and my love back."



"I'm sorry but your life with horses and the sport of driving is over." Imagine what that statement would mean to you personally and to those of your driving friends. Accidents happen, people get sick and their lives change forever. The good news is the part of our lives that includes our horses and the sport of driving does not have to change. United States Driving for the Disabled is working to make sure this message is received by physically challenged people, a message of hope that with the right horse, the right adaptive equipment, and trained instructors, you CAN keep driving and even competing! We are actively working to provide adaptive equipment information, education, and experienced instruction to drivers of all ages who face physical challenges. We invite you to join us in pursuit of this mission by visiting our new website [www.usdfd.org](http://www.usdfd.org) and reading our Hoofbeats and Heartbeats newsletter, by passing this information to your friends and family, and if you like what you see, by becoming a member of USDfD. Help us make sure the message that the sport of driving is open to all gets spread across the United States! We need your help to get the message out! Come Join Us. 32450 S. Wright Rd. Molalla OR 97038 tel:503-550-9384 President: [usdfdpresident@gmail.com](mailto:usdfdpresident@gmail.com) Office: [usdfd.org@gmail.com](mailto:usdfd.org@gmail.com)

### A note from Pansy and Joe Plummer by Lois Evans

Lois Evans, our Sunshine Chair, reports that she received a call from Pansy Plummer to say that they were resigning from the DDC. Apparently, Joe's health has deteriorated and he is now requiring 24-hour care. Pansy is being assisted by her two daughters in their home in Laurel, DE.

Pansy does want the membership to know that she and Joe cherish the years spent with the DDC and participating at our various events and

the Fall Harvest. Unfortunately, they are no longer able to participate. She especially wants us to stop spending the money to mail newsletters to them and utilize the savings elsewhere.

We will miss their friendship.

If you would like to write a sunny or cheerful note to the Plummers and you do not have their address, please feel free to contact any of the board members or this editor.





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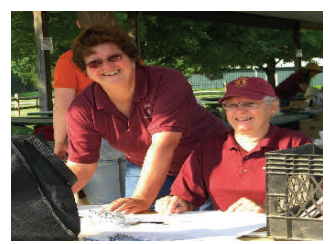
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