

DDC Driving Lines May 2014



DDC Meeting Schedule

DDC Board meetings are open to all members! However Board business is conducted without interruption and members may comment or ask questions at the end of the Board Meeting. Just send a BOD member a note/ email to let them know you plan to call in, what you would like to speak about and remember to announce yourself when requested by the system.

May 1

**Conference Call
6:00pm**

Call in 877-216-1555

**Password
290535#**

June 5

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6:00pm**

Call in 877-216-1555

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Upcoming DDC EVENTS

Spring Pleasure Show- May 3 Denton, MD

Caroline County 4H Park, Detour Road

Equine Chiropractic Talk-May 17 Goldsboro, MD-flyer pg. 8



Frances Baker working her new horse with the team on a cold April day in Harbeson, DE

May Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Bill Venditta, Joan Smith, Martha MacDonald, Anna Klumpp, Frances Baker. Carol Seiler, Martie Bolinski

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April 3, 2014 BOD meeting

Present: Donna Hurst, Carol Seiler, Nobel Cahall,
 Joan Smith, Anna Klumpp, Martha MacDonald,
 John and Martie Bolinski

Treasurer's report was not present. Anna has asked
 for a tutorial from John on how the books are kept.
 Secretary's report was accepted as printed

Old Business: The horse show is progressing. 4 ads
 have been received. Donna will approach Farm
 Credit again this year and is also working on the
 Silent Auction. John Bolinski is now the cones
 judge. The Cahall's and Joan Smith have offered
 sponsorships and donations. Volunteers are still
 needed in many positions. Jane Ramsey is storing
 the new PA system for future use.

New Business:

1. The club will order 24 DDC caps for sale at vari-
 ous club events.
2. Carol Seiler will track the Volunteer Bucks pro-
 gram.
3. Members of the BOD would like to institute quar-
 terly general membership meetings to obtain greater
 input from members. Anna reminded the BOD that
 adding additional members to the conference call
 increases our costs. One proposal was to include
 the meetings with pleasure drives. Another sugges-
 tion was to have them before or after clinic/
 educational events. It was decided to poll the mem-
 bership by email and snail mail for those not receiv-
 ing emails. Donna will work up the poll with input

from BOD members to send to Pao Lin Hatch.

4. John Bolinski asks that the invitation to members to
 join the conference call be rewritten as he feels the cur-
 rent wording will discourage members from speaking
 up.
5. It was requested that hard copies of the roster be
 mailed to members not receiving emails.
6. The Redden Forest Drive on April 6 is sponsored by
 the Vonaseks and Pao Lin Hatch. Drive off at noon.
7. The storage trailer has a leaking roof. Donna and
 Sherry will clear out the trailer and attempt to clean
 moldy goods. They are gathering estimates for a new
 roof. John Bolinski offered to help due to his experience
 with RV's and feels there may be good alternatives to
 be considered.
8. The BOD is considering amending the by-laws to
 state that the membership roster may only be used for
 DDC club business and that all postings must be re-
 spectful of all members. John will offer a write-up.

Respectfully submitted
 Martha MacDonald

DDC's Treasurer's Report

*NONE SUBMITTED IN TIME FOR THIS
 NEWSLETTER*

After Show Pickup Drive at Wye Island, NRMA May 4 Sunday

It has been suggested by a few folks to have a pleasure drive, no sponsor at the Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area on May 4 Sunday after the DDC Show on Saturday. Some folks are coming from quite a distance and enjoy the leisurely pressure free time with their equines. Some folks don't show and just want to drive

Details:

Location: Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area.

<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Publiclands/Pages/eastern/wyeisland.aspx>

*Time: Drive off at 10

*Type of drive: Easy going line drive

*Footing: Small pebbles, park roads, some traffic from park visitors (walkers, joggers, birdwatchers). Bring your slow moving vehicle sign.

*Tailgate afterwards

If you are interested, please contact Pao Lin at 240 274 6180/call or text or email at paoball2000@yahoo.com

Directions: From Bay Bridge (East bound):

Travel 12.5 miles eastbound on Route 50 and turn right onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge and on to Wye Island. Travel all the way on Wye Island Road until you reach Lodge Lane. Turn Left and park at the Equestrian Parking Lot or on firm unplanted ground nearby.

From Easton (West bound):

Travel westbound on Route 50 to the Maryland Route 213 traffic light. Continue west on Route 50 for three miles and look for sign (Wye Island NRMA). Turn left onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge and on to Wye Island.

Cair Paraveille Continuous Drive by Pao Lin Hatch

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experience a mini horse-lead line trail course. What fun! Judged by Mickie Bowen. Volunteers included: Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Martie and John Bolinski, and Michael Lawrence. THANK YOU ANNA

Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

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

At a recent meeting of the Four-in-Hand Club of Philadelphia held at the Union League in Philadelphia, Frances Baker was formally inducted as a member of the Club. The Four-in-Hand club of Philadelphia was established in 1890 to bring together a body of men and women interested in the art of driving four horses to a coach. The object of the Club is to collect, preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of Coaching in the Philadelphia area, and the art of four-in-hand driving, as well as to promote the sport to its highest standards. There are currently fourteen members in the Four-in-Hand Club of Philadelphia.

The Carriage Association of America has just informed Bill Venditta that he has met all the requirements for Level 3 of the CAA Driver Proficiency Program. Bill tells us that he started working on the program in 2009 at the Grand Oaks Resort in Florida, worked on the four-in-hand driving section at John Parker's Swin-gletree Farm in the UK, and completed my Level 3 in March of 2014 at the Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown, KY. My evaluators

for the program included Marsoe LaRose, Gloria Austin, Muffy Seaton, Susan Townsend and John Parker. (Note: this is a big deal!)

DDC member Pao Lin Hatch has just satisfied all the requirements for Level 2 of the CAA Program as well.

DDC Board Member Joan Smith took blues in an overall Division win at the Chapter One HDT in New Jersey, winning the dressage in Small Pony/VSE division and never looking back! Way to go Joan.

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 <http://www.southernstates.com/Offers/Rewards-Programs/show-program.aspx>

Why YOU should come to the DDC Annual Spring Pleasure Show

Did you know that this is the 13th year we have held a formal pleasure show (under ADS guidelines)? It's a fun and lucrative event for the club coffers. By having as many participants, ad sponsors, donors, fans and friends as possible come and support this event in many ways, we manage to raise money enough to pay for our newsletters, pay our insurance, subsidize our clinics, put on a nice holiday party and more! At the show, we will have DDC items for sale as well as a silent auction. In the past, the silent auction has raised as much as \$300! **So come on down, volunteer or just cheer on your friends at the Caroline County 40-H Park on May 3**

COMING DDC DRIVING EVENTS

May 3

SATURDAY

SPRING
PLEASURE
SHOW

Caroline County
4H Park,
Denton MD

The annual Spring Pleasure show is scheduled for the 1st Saturday of May. Our Judges will be William Venditta in the main ring and John Bolinski as our Cones Judge. our Day of Show Manager, Jessica Morton of Chestertown, MD

REMEMBER TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT!

We always need a few extra hands to manage gates, set cones, deliver ribbons!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

May 17

SATURDAY

EQUINE CHIROPRACTIC TALK & SWAP MEET

See flyer on page 8

June 15

SUNDAY

FUN AND GAMES DAY

<<CANCELLED>>

July 19

Building a Carriage Barn and Antique Carriage Talk and Luncheon

This will be a talk and tour of the home and antiques of Harry and Anne Hassan in Easton, MD. It will be for Members and guests only. You MUST RSVP to accommodate our Host/Hostess in their planning. A flyer will be in the June Newsletter. Please RSVP to Harry/Anne at 215-480-3118 or heh313@yahoo.com

Artwork by Martie Bolinski
Linda Thomas and Blossom

Sunshine Fund

Sunshine was sent to Martie and John Bolinski for the loss of their buddy of many years, Wee Willie



Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold			
DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
3 May	DDC Spring Pleasure Show	Caroline County 4H Park, Show committee POC: Jane Ramsey (302) 540-4683	Denton, MD
17 May	DDC Equine Chiropractic Talk and Luncheon	Veterinarians Dayton and Abranowicz will give a talk and demo on the benefits of Equine Chiropractic work at the Farm of Carol Seiler. Covered Dish. Free to DDC members. Contact Carol for more details at (443) 466-5043	Goldsboro, MD
8 June	Pleasure Driving in the Park, Bucks County Horse Park	2nd event in the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge. Contact Beccky Merritt at 610-847-8597	Bucks County, PA
15 June	Fun and Games Day	Horse Games and Challenges at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center—****CANCELLED****	Ridgely, MD
28 June	Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels Pleasure Show	3rd event in the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge. Contact Jackie Zaloga 570-458-6966	Lycoming, PA
July	Camp Colwell Support your Troops Drive	A fun event to support the children of active soldiers serving in combat. Contact Jane Ramsey for more details (302) 540-4683	Henlopen, DE
19 July	Hassan Barn Tour and Luncheon	Harry and Anne Hassan graciously invites members of the DDC to tour their garden and barn, talk about classic carriage houses and enjoy lunch. Please RSVP to Harry/Anne at 215-480-3118 or heh313@yahoo.com	Easton, MD
2 August	Hollyville Farm Drive and Luncheon	Frances and Wayne Baker will host DDC members and friends to a free drive on their farm and luncheon. Covered dish sides would be nice. Our speaker will be T. Johnson on the Return Day Parade(302) 381-2979 details to follow	Harbeson, DE
21 Sept	My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show	Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA, Contact organizer Anne Councill, acbirchhollow442@gmail.com, 717-993-8956 or secretary Pam Schneider, 717-776-9748, pjschn@aol.com	York County, PA
18 Oct	Grassymeade Pleasure Drive and Picnic	Pleasure Drive and covered dish picnic at Grassymeade Farm. Please RSVP to Michael at (410) 810 2997 or email lawrencecompanyinc@gmail.com	Chestertown, MD
9 Nov	Chris and Jane Bailey Drive and Tailgate party	Fabulous fun at the great farm of the Baileys. If you missed this last year ..you'd better not miss it again. Contact Jane for details (443)988-1395 andovermeadow@gmail.com	Marydel, MD
6 November	Return Day Parade	Georgetown Historical Society, Election Return Day Parade, details to follow	Georgetown, DE
December	Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch	(CHANGE FROM PAST!!) This will be a daytime event! Contact Carol Seiler (443) 466-5043 for details or to volunteer to help!	Location TBD



Center pic: Frances & Wayne Baker, Betty & Daryl Donovan, Pao Lin Hatch, Michael Lawrence, Carol Seiler, Elizabeth & George Parris, Pat Casselbury, John Whitehouse and Stan Vonesek. Also not pictured but participating was Hannah Beck, the Baker's groom and Annie & Peter Renzetti

A Perfect Weather Drive by Frances Baker

A perfect drive was held at noon on Sunday April 5, 2014 at The Headquarters side of The Redden Forest. Participants included a Four In Hand, Two Pairs and Six Single Horses.

Wayne and I decided this would be just the right size drive for our young leader, Dundee. So we took the team of four and Hannah Beck, our groom to give it a try.

We bought Dundee in October and this was only his fourth time in the team and his second trip to a DDC Drive at Redden (that time he was in the pair).

Also out with their young horse in a pair were Annie and Peter Renzetti from Smyrna. (Middletown)

We spooked a few riders along the way. Don't know why riding horses are so afraid of carriages, but Dundee didn't seem to mind. We even

crossed a fairly deep and large puddle of water. But other than that the sandy trails were clear and dry. The frogs were singing loudly and the nice warm sun just was the perfect touch to a gloriously beautiful day.

Pao Lin also brought a pair and all together there were 6 singles. Wow, what a nice turn out!

We definitely outnumbered the riding horses scattered here and there. We definitely took up most of the parking area, which worked out really well for us at the end of the day when we picnicked the afternoon away.

We led the drive with our four followed by Annie & Peter's pair. Pao Lin and the others followed. Jr. Webb, the ranger, was nice enough to unlock the gates. Wayne had the job of opening the gates and then Stan V. followed up at the end by closing all the

gates back. At one point there was a small herd of deer running in the woods beside us, but again our horses were not bothered in the least.

We got back first, which was a good thing since we had four times the horses to unhar-ness. We pulled out our picnic table and our chairs one by one, until we had every chair we owned out of the trailer. We all made a big circle and joined food until Wayne asked me if we were going to stay all day? Good food, good fellowship, we could have easily stayed all afternoon but we didn't.

Until the next nice day when we can do it again. THANK YOU EVERYONE. What a great start for our new young leader, Dundee. Wayne and I really appreciated it.

Delmarva Driving Club presents a lunch and talk

"Helping your animal be their best through Chiropractic and Acupuncture" Talk and Luncheon

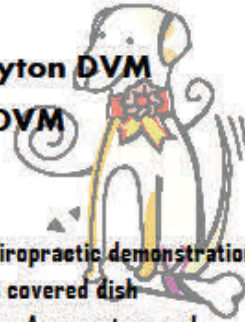
Date: May 17, no rain date

**Cost: DDC Members in good standing FREE; all other \$5 donation
recommended**

**Location: Home of David and Carol Seiler
14471 Spruce St. Goldsboro, MD 21636**

(443) 466-5043

**Our speakers will be Dr. Christina Dayton DVM
and Dr. Christina Abramowicz DVM**



Time: **Swap/Sale begins at 10:30 am

***First Talk by Dr. Dayton begins at 11:00 am and will be an equine chiropractic demonstration**

***Our hosts will be grilling meats and would like attendees to bring a covered dish**

***Second presentation by Dr. Abramowicz begins after lunch will be on Acupuncture and other forms of alternative medicine, such as massage therapy and herbal medicines will be discussed, as time permits.**

***50/50 cash contest offered**

***Please do not bring horses to this event. Horses for demonstrations are already provided.**

***RSVP is a must!**

***A swap sale will be going on simultaneously with the talk. Feel free to bring equine or farm related items**

EVENT COORDINATORS AND HOSTS

Have you been keeping track of those hours for those fabulous volunteers who have been helping you this year? Please submit this information to

Carol Seiler (443) 466-5043 Carol.Seiler@live.net

Memorial to Wee Willie by Martie Bolinski

Born on Mothers' Day, 26 years ago, Wee Willy was quite a surprise. Our vet had assured us several times over the winter that there was NO way 28 yr. old, blind Pixie, our long-retired driving pony could be expecting.

Weighing in at 24 lbs. Wee was an ugly duckling at first. Of course, the vet rushed right over to see the 'miracle' baby; as did the neighbors, friends and family.

Never blessed with the robust health of his dam, he was still a wonderful little driving pony and the friendliest equine we ever had. He was used by a young therapist who lived nearby, and he provided hugs and kisses to anyone who would let him.

Although Wee was retired for several years, he provided company to



other horses and ponies here and a heart-companion to our Norwegian Fjord mare when she lost her foal. Most recently, he adopted our lonely old goose. They could be seen together in the pasture nuzzling each other and the goose would pull the tufts of itchy, shedding hair off Wee's legs and belly. About the same age, Gumbo the goose preceded Wee Willy over the rainbow bridge by only 2 weeks. A double loss to us.

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> Or phone Stan Vonasek at 302-684-3966

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