

DDC Driving Lines November 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.

November 7

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in 877-216-1555

Password 290535#

December 5

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in 877-216-1555

Password 290535#

December 14

General Meeting and
Election of Officers
DDC Holiday Party

Upcoming DDC EVENTS



- ◆ **Chris and Jane Bailey (Canvasback Farm) Drive– November 9 Saturday (rain date Sunday November 10th)- Sudlersville, MD– Contact Jane Bailey c 443-988-1395**
- ◆ **Mt. Harmon Plantation Drive– Dec 7– Cecilton, MD Contact: Anna Klumpp 410-708-3588 Montalmax@hotmail.com**

Chris Bailey giving Donald Hewes and Michael Lawrence their first pairs driving lesson-what fun!

November 2013 Newsletter Contributors

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gested as possible judges.

The following new members were approved: Laurel Purrel (Brittany), Jeanette Eby, Rose Perkins, Elaine Morris (Dakota), Patricia Casselberry, Phyllis, David, and Dennis Halton

Corrected by-laws will be sent to the BOD for review before publishing in the newsletter.

Noble Cahall reported there will be a Haflinger Fun show at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center on October 20. He was encouraged to send the information to Pao Lin for an e-blast to members.

Respectfully submitted.

Martha MacDonald

October 3, 2013 BOD Meeting

Present: Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Jane Ramsey, Carol Seiler, Joan Smith, Noble Cahall, Martha MacDonald, John Bolinski. Absent: Pao Lin Hatch, Jackie McCann

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

Old Business: Michael Lawrence's pleasure drive was well received though the biting flies were an annoyance. Annie Renzetti won the 50-50. The Newbie Clinic has one slot remaining open at Bonnie Forgacs' farm. Lunch will cost the club about \$50. For the Christmas Party, members are encouraged to bring small, horse themed ornaments to share. Terry Johnson will talk about some of the items in the museum. Bolinski's will bring their mashed potatoes plus some turkey, Jane Ramsey will bring ham and Donna Hurst will bring beef. The Nutter Marvel Museum will be decorated by the museum volunteers. Jane Ramsey is still waiting for a reply from Anchor Sound regarding a new sound system with 2 microphones.

Anna Klump and Samea Baker are working on the January Newbie Clinic. They are looking for an indoor arena and will be in touch with Martha Duchnowski about the possibility of using her mini's for hands-on training. The May horse show will be held at the Denton 4H Park as in previous years. The committee is still looking for a day manager and judges. Bill Venditti and Audrey Bostwick were sug-

DDC's Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance – 09/27/2013	\$1,450.68
Deposits:	
2014 Membership Dues	<u>140.00</u>
Total Income	<u>140.00</u>
Expenses:	
Total Expenses	<u>.00</u>
Ending Balance – 10/23/2013	1,590.68
Savings Account	1,299.74
CD Balance	<u>7,871.46</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>\$10,761.88</u>

***I recorded the membership dues received for the last quarter of 2013 & 2014 as 2014 membership dues.

DDC 2014 Slate of Officers and BOD

TREASURER NEEDED!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS POSITION

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members for General Membership Vote and Approval at the DDC Holiday Party on December 14 are:

- * Pao Lin Hatch– President
- * Donna Hurst- Vice President
- * Martha MacDonald– Secretary

* **Board Members seeking re-election:**

- * Jane Ramsey
- * Joan Smith
- * Sherry Harris

* **Board Members recently appointed and not running until 2015**

- * Carol Seiler
- * Noble Cahall

2013 HOLIDAY PARTY NEWS!

This year our annual event will be back at the Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum in Georgetown, DE

December 14 Saturday

6pm cocktails; 7pm covered dish dinner

AGENDA FOR THE EVENING

- ◇ Election of new Officers 2014—If you are interested in running for any office, please advise any board member to ensure your name is on the ballot. We are seeking nominations for a new Treasurer!~
- ◇ Approval of the 2014 Operating Budget
- ◇ Bylaw changes/updates
- ◇ Short General Members Meeting
- ◇ Extraordinary Member Recognition

Our event coordinator will be Ms. Sherry Harris. Sherry needs help! If you would like to volunteer and assist Sherry in the planning and coordination of this fun event, please call her at 410 482-2402

Out and About News

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

DDC members Pao Lin Hatch and Michele Novack attended the Carriage Association of America's Tour of the Long Island Carriage Museum, Castle Gould (Vanderbilt) Carriage House and Stables, The Huntington Historical Society Barn, Old Field Farm Showgrounds, and finally the Knox School and its Octagonal Barn. On Sunday, Pao Lin and her husband Bill toured the private fantastic carriage and classic car collection of Jeff and Denise Day in Asbury, NJ.

The Ramsey Farm (Jane Ramsey) has just received **Governors Conservation Award for Farm Family of 2013** **Award for New Castle County Farm Bureau (State of Delaware)**. The Ramsey family worked with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency to implement best practices on his northern Delaware farm, which features some of the steepest slopes in New Castle County. Ramsey

plants pumpkins on contour strips across these slopes. After the pumpkin harvest, he plants cover crops to use surplus



Right: Martha MacDonald driving the mini donkey belonging to her 'student'

nutrients and protect the slopes from erosion.

Martha MacDonald had the opportunity to help mentor a new driver and she is having a blast! Here's a pic of her driving the mini donkey in South Carolina.

Several DDC members were seen enjoying the fun and festivities at the semi-annual Martin's Carriage Auction in Lebanon, PA. We even saw former DDC member, Carl and Laurie Zimmerman looking fabulous and thoroughly enjoying life in upstate NY.

MEMBERS

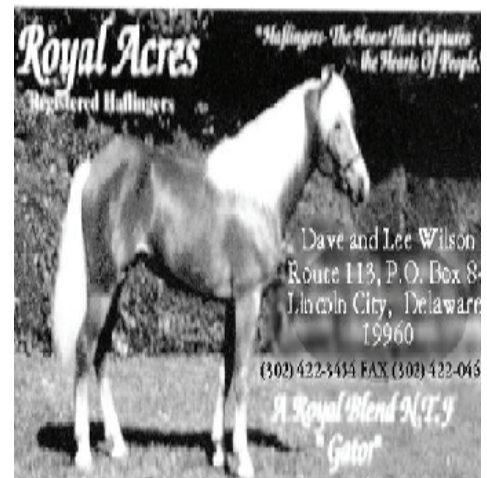
DON'T FORGET TO SAVE AND SEND YOUR PROOFS OF PURCHASE FOR ALL TRIPLE CROWN LEGEND PRODUCTS.. DDC earns \$.25 for each proof of purchase submitted!.. For more information about this great fundraiser.. Check out <http://www.southernstates.com/Offers/Rewards-Programs/show-program.aspx>

We enjoyed the company of Kay Mildem, long time DDC member and her mother at the George Parris Clinic held on Oct 19, 2013 in Denton, MD. See more in this newsletter.

A small but enthusiastic group turned out for the lovely Hewes' farm drive on October 27.. Full story too late to include in this issue.

ADS Mid Atlantic Regional Drive

A Reminder.. The ADS Mid-Atlantic Weekend is going on from October 31-Nov 3 at the Fair Hill Natural Management Resource Area. DDC members, Barbara Belden and others are working to feed ADS members in attendance at the event. If you are a DDC and ADS member, why not consider lending a hand?

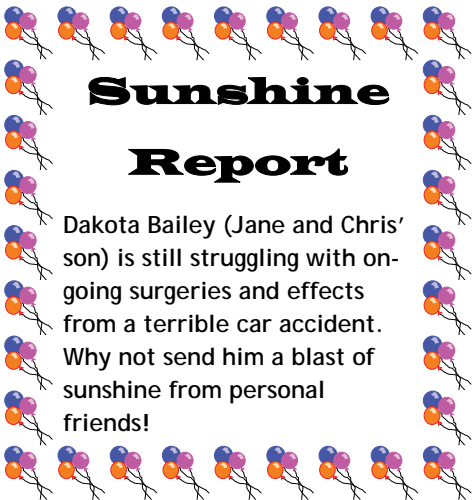


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COMING DDC DRIVING EVENTS



Sunshine Report

Dakota Bailey (Jane and Chris' son) is still struggling with ongoing surgeries and effects from a terrible car accident. Why not send him a blast of sunshine from personal friends!

If you would like to host a DDC event, with or without horses, please contact any DDC Board member. Reimbursement for some of your expenses is very doable!

We can orchestrate the entire event, all you have to do is choose the date and open your home to the club!

December 7 Saturday
Mount Harmon Plantation
Earlville, MD
CECIL COUNTY
(Rain Date Sunday 8th)
*Drive off time: 11am
*Drive length: about 3 miles
*Lunch after the drive
This is the Mount Harmon Plantation Yule Tide celebration and the General Public will be present, but not on drive. Please remember to dress neatly and appropriately as we are representing Carriage Driving and DDC to the public. Aprons are not required.
Any safe vehicle and horse is welcome.
Anna will be providing cider and main course. Any Covered dish for veg, desserts and appetizers will be appreciated. I would recommend last name A-G bring desserts, h to N sides, and o to z bring appetizers
Contact Anna for more information 410-708-3588
montalmax@hotmail.com

December 14 Saturday
DDC Holiday Party
Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum
Georgetown, DE
Cocktails at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Please bring something to share
BE KIND.. RSVP YOUR INTENTION TO COME TO THIS EVENT TO OUR HOSTESS, SHERRY HARRIS 410-482-2402



NEW DRIVERS RESOURCE
The American Driving Society has compiled a great resource of helpful articles, handouts and other media that is essential information for all carriage drivers. These items can be used for newsletters, driving clinics, 4-H clinics and other driving events. Many volunteers have put countless hours into the production of these materials. We ask that you respect their work and leave all copyright information on the items or credit the author in any re-prints. Visit : http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/new_drivers_index.asp

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold			
DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
31 Oct	Mid-Atlantic Recreational Driving Weekend	Visit ADS Website for most up to date details; midatlantic@americandrivingsociety.org	Fair Hill, MD
2-Nov	Cones Challenge Series	3rd and final installment of the Cones Challenge Series	Fair Hill, MD
1-Nov	DDC Mid-Atlantic Drive Breakfast	DDC is hosting the Mid-Atlantic Drive Weekend Breakfast on Friday am; Coordinator is Barbara Belden. If you would like to volunteer and assist Barbara, call her at 410-708-4654	Fair Hill, MD
9 Nov	DDC Drive at Canvasback Farm	Jane Bailey 443-988-1395	Sudlersville, MD
10, 11 Nov	Wilson's Carriage Auction and Pleasure Drive	Kay Wilson 302-422-3454 http://www.wilsonsauktion.com/	Lincoln, DE
7 Dec	Mt. Harmon Plantation Drive	Drive off time: 11am*Drive length: about 3 miles *Lunch after the drive. Organizer: Anna Klumpp see info on page 5	Cecilton, MD
14 Dec	Holiday Party, General Meeting and and Elections	Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum, Donna Hurst & Sherry Harris 410-482-2402 Chairperson	Georgetown, DE
Jan	New Driver's Clinic	Organizer: Samea Baker. Details to follow	TBD
15 Feb	Fair Hill Valentine's Day Drive	Gallaher Parking Lot, Drive off at 11am, tailgate afterwards around 130pm. \$4 parking fee, No rain date, Pao Lin 240 274 6180. Picnic items to share	Fair Hill, MD
Feb	CAA Carriage Symposium	Visit CAA's website at http://caaonline.com or call 859-231-0971	Williamsburg, VA
March		Would you like to sponsor a drive? Contact any DDC BOD member!	
3 May	DDC Spring Pleasure Show	Caroline County 4H Park,	Denton, MD
July	Starkey Drive	Details to follow, Contact Barbara Belden 410-708-4654	Galena, MD

CANVASBACK FARM DRIVE

This upcoming November 9, the Bailey family are welcoming DDC members to their fabulous farm in Sudlersville, Maryland. The format for the drive will be at will (where club members can enjoy the varied terrain at their own pace)

Drivers can take a challenging x-country course, with water hazards and woods or enjoy a leisurely grassland trail, short or long.

Drive off between 11-12, drive at will. Please bring a Covered Dish to share and



plan on eating around 1:30 p.m.

Contact Jane at (410) 443-988-1395

(Raindate is Sunday- Nov 10)

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 Martha MacDonald, our DDC Secretary

at armadale98@comcast.net
Or call 609-510-7465

American Driving Society Annual Meeting by Pao Lin Hatch

The ADS held its annual Members Meeting this year in Aiken, South Carolina on September 26-29, hosted by the Aiken Driving Club. The agenda for the event was chock full of fun and educational events. On behalf of Delmarva Driving Club, Martha MacDonald and Pao Lin Hatch were in attendance and our Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, Heidi Ferguson was representing the region as well. Several clinics were held during the day on Friday and Sat by well respected clinicians, (e.g. Muffy Seaton, Marcie Quist, Nancy Tomlinson, Jeff Morse & Shelly Temple). Large organized drives were held with at least 20+ turnouts consisting of Teams, Pairs and Singles at the famed Hitchcock Woods and the Audubon Sanctuary in Silver Bluffs, SC. A well organized series of reports were given at the actual Annual Members Meeting which outlined the future plans for the organization to continue to grow and thrive in a tough economic environment. Unlike some national organization, ADS is doing well and adding members and partnering with other equine breed organizations to make a 'better' ADS. Consider joining.. ADS.. the benefits are great! <http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/>

Cash at Beginning of Year \$1,134.85

2013 Full Budget

	1st Qtr			2nd Qtr			3rd Qtr			Total		(Over) Under	
	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	YTD	Budget	Actual	
Projected Income													
Membership Dues	\$1,920.00	\$1,300.00	\$170.00	\$50.00	\$400.00								
Advertising	\$0.00	\$150.00											
Calendar Sales	\$100.00												
Pleasure Driving Show	\$2,800.00	\$2,721.00											
Sales of Club Items	\$200.00	\$140.00											
Christmas Party	\$250.00	\$0.00											
Donations	\$300.00	\$89.00											
Clinics	\$500.00	\$0.00											
Fund Raising Program - Show Program with Southern States	\$550.00	\$0.00											
Silent Auctions	\$0.00	\$225.00											
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00											
Total Proposed Income	\$6,620.00	\$1,679.00	\$2,891.00	\$275.00	\$4,845.00	\$1,775.00							
Projected Expenses													
Liability Insurance	\$1,300.00	\$99.45	\$33.15	\$951.66	\$215.74								
Newletters	\$300.00	\$80.64	\$84.67	\$44.07	\$90.62								
Dues - ADS	\$60.00	\$60.00			\$0.00								
Dues - CAA	\$65.00	\$65.00			\$0.00								
Dues - DEC	\$20.00	\$20.00			\$0.00								
Miscellaneous Painting	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Christmas Party	\$500.00	\$0.00			\$125.00								
Pleasure Driving Show	\$2,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,578.65	\$29.75	\$1,908.40								
Education/Clinic Fund	\$1,350.00	\$250.00			\$250.00								
Advertisement	\$0.00	\$100.00			\$100.00								
Benevolent/Sunshine Fund	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$18.17	\$68.17								
Drives	\$100.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Purchase of Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00			\$100.00								
Donations	\$300.00	\$29.98			\$29.98								
Website	\$50.00	\$26.32			\$23.34								
Postage	\$200.00	\$48.56			\$207.77								
Conference Calls	\$150.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Stationary	\$10.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Checking Account Expenses	\$30.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Miscellaneous	\$10.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Board Meetings	\$200.00	\$97.99	\$75.00		\$172.99								
Calendars	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00								
Total Expenses	\$8,295.00	\$1,151.64	\$1,977.77	\$1,399.76	\$4,529.17	\$3,765.83							
Deficit	(\$1,675.00)	\$527.36	\$913.23	(\$1,124.76)	\$315.83								

Cash End of Year \$1,450.68

\$4,529.17

RAIN OR REIN? (Let's Get Driving Clinic for New Drivers and Green Horses) by Bonnie Forgacs

Oct 19 dawned with questionable skies but the weather held for the New Driver's clinic held at my High Hopes Farm in Denton, MD. After a three year absence from driving club activities, due to several broken bones, I had looked forward to this day for weeks.

From 8:30 –9 am, an assortment of equines, drivers and auditors, some 25 strong, arrived with high expectations.

George Parris, assisted by Pao Lin Hatch, Kevin Watkins and me led an information packed day.

During the morning session, George discussed safety, harnessing and harness parts, carriage tapes and correct fitting of harness and cart.

My sainted pony, Bernie Mac, agreed to be the harness model and stood quietly while being harnessed and photographed by his admirers. Bernie then gave mini-lessons to new drivers while George, Pao Lin and Kevin helped other participants to harness and prepare their animals.

Frequent comments on the pro-

ceedings were heard from my two pigs, Hamlet and Bayley, and Tyler the Jack Russell, who appointed himself official lap warmer.

We broke for lunch at 12:30pm. Subs, coffee, chips, soda and water and a delicious cake from Liz Parris, (thank you Liz!) fortified us as we began the afternoon session.

George worked with each new driver. Improvement and encouragement were the catch words of the day.

At 4 o'clock, it was time to call it a day. I believe that everyone went home filled with new ideas, new enthusiasm for driving, as well as many having made new friends and or renewed old acquaintances. My thanks to everyone who made this such a great day for me.

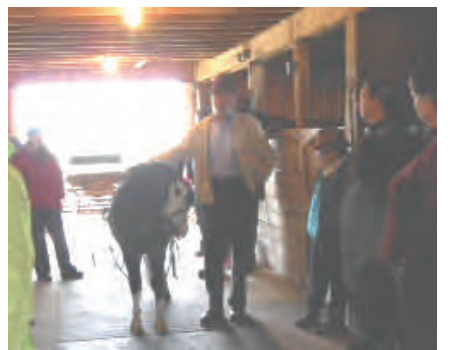
It's good to be back.

Left Top photo: Pam Gray and her Belgian mare Ellie

Middle photos: New DDC member Pat Casselberry and her mini

Lisa Nylan and her Donkey

George and Bernie teaching class



DDC BYLAW REVISIONS PROPOSED CHANGES

Below, please find excerpts from DDC Bylaws which will be voted on at the upcoming Dec's General Membership Meeting

Article II- Purpose and Objectives

The purpose and objectives of this Club are:

- A) to promote interest in and knowledge of horse-drawn vehicles and equines;
- B) to organize drives and other activities relating to horse-drawn vehicles;
- C) to assist members in gaining knowledge of driving techniques, **safety** and **skills at all levels**, as well as good equine care and training;
- D) to create, foster, promote and maintain cordial relations, cooperation, and exchange of ideas among all Club members and the public.

Article III- Members

A) Adults (18 years of age and above) may be considered for voting membership. Each member is accorded one vote. Family membership can have two adults vote. Members under 18 will not have a vote. Annual dues must be paid directly to the treasurer (**Delete**) by January 31 of each year to remain an active member and receive Club privileges. The treasurer is to give or send a receipt for these (**Delete**) **cash** payments.

B) Applications for membership should follow the prescribed procedures:

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1. A completed and signed application accompanied by annual dues amount should be submitted to the treasurer (**Delete**) **to the membership chairperson**. The secretary will notify applicant upon acceptance.
2. Voting on applications presented will be done as a routine part of the Board of Directors monthly agenda.
3. Until formally accepted into membership, the applicant may receive a newsletter, attend meetings, participate in events and drives and borrow club reference materials. No vote entitlement will be conferred until officially accepted into B) Budgets
 - I. Prior to the December meeting, the outgoing Board will prepare a proposed budget for the upcoming year. At minimum, the budget will include all anticipated operational expenses, such as insurance costs, newsletter expenses, etc., and the estimated income from membership dues. The proposed budget will be presented at the December meeting and must be approved by the incoming Board.
 2. Prior to the February meeting, the new Board will prepare a revised budget to reflect the estimated costs for non-routine activities and events for the year, and the amount and sources of income needed to pay those costs. The revised budget will be presented at the February meeting after being approved by the Board.
 3. A budget will be prepared for all activities or events not included in the approved annual budget where the estimated cost exceeds \$200.00. All activity budgets require approval by the Board prior to the expenditure of funds.

4) F) Should any member act in an objectionable, offensive

manner deemed damaging to the Club and its stated objectives, such behavior will cause those offended members to submit four (Delete) letters of protest written by four (Delete) concerned members to any Board member.

A review of the incident will be conducted by the Board, with disciplinary action taken where it is felt necessary. If disciplinary action is deemed appropriate, a written notification

will be sent to the offending member. A copy of the notification will remain in the Club's records.

Article V - Officers

The officers of the Club are: President, vice-president, secretary,

treasurer and five directors. Together this is considered the Board. A) Each officer will serve a one-year term and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination.

B) Each director is elected for a two-year term, and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination.

C) Elections will be held during each December meeting. In preparations for this elections,

2. Vice-president: Presides at business meetings in the absence of the president. In addition, shall perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.

3. Secretary: Shall keep and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the Club, maintain an accurate and complete record of the membership roster, **this responsibility may be delegated to a membership chair person**: respond to correspondence as directed and notify new members of their acceptance.

Article VI- Meetings

General meetings shall be held with the focus of education, demonstrations and socialization with minimum time spent on official club business. **Board** meetings shall be scheduled for the first Thursday of each month or as close to that day as possible.

The date, time and locations of the meetings shall be announced in the newsletter. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance to the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.

A) A quorum equal to 1/10th of the paid membership as of January 31 each year shall be required to conduct official business. B) Monthly Board meetings shall include the reading and approval of minutes from the preceding meeting only if not published in the newsletter beforehand.

Standing Rules: Members may borrow Club-owned reference materials and tapes, but must first sign them out through **the club librarian**, or any member of the club so designated by the president, who is in charge of and responsible for Club media and literary assets

Archives shall be stored in the trailer, except for those items that are heat or cold sensitive, such as video tapes and photographs. **One volunteer, approved by the Board, shall keep the trailer and be responsible for the contents**

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