

October 2016 Newsletter



DDC Meeting Schedule

DDC Board meetings are open to all members, and members may request to speak on a subject, but can not vote.

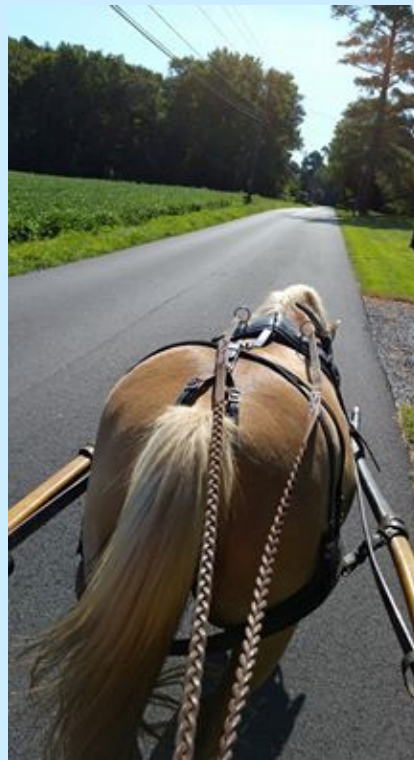
October 6
Conference Call
7:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555
Password 290535#

November 3
Conference Call
7:00pm
Call in 877-216-1555
Password 290535#

December 10 General
Meeting Tuckahoe
Equestrian Center

Announce yourself when
prompted and be a part
of your club!

UPCOMING DDC Events



Linda Thomas and her beautiful Halflinger on a 'hard working' Monday

OCT 1 COMEGY CREEK FARM CHESTERTOWN DRIVE
(410) 708-0290 Please RSVP Attending

DEC 10 DDC HOLIDAY PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING

August Newsletter Contributors

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MINUTES FROM SEPT 2016 BOD Meeting

Cancelled

**Treasurers Report
Submitted by Betty Donovan**

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,337.77
Ad in My Ladys Manor Driving Club Show brochure	25.00
Conference Call	23.21
Duplicate Title for Trailer	50.00
Ending Balance as of 9/21/16	\$ 11,239.56

Results of Mail Vote regarding Trailer Purchase

A written vote was held by the membership based upon the Board’s decision to recommend the purchase of a new DDC travel trailer. The anticipated amount sought which required approval from the membership was \$5,000.00. There are sufficient funds in our reserve. Additionally, It was determined that no long term expenditure is foreseen and that there is and was an urgent need to replace the existing trailer ASAP. Our hope is to return to our previous experience of utilizing all our club assets to the fullest extent. Note: old trailer was immobile for more than 6 years.

Ballots were mailed to all members and as of 9-9-2016; the final vote was 44 in favor and 3 opposed. The Board voted unanimously to accept the decision of the membership. We will be selling the old trailer as soon as possible for the best price and purchasing a new trailer.

The proposed plan is for a simple 7 x 14 (approx.) bumper pull type box trailer to move from farm to farm or event and event, in advance or the day of each event. It will be filled with new chairs, new tables, signage for events, cones, obstacles and whatever is deemed useful by the club to conduct meaningful events. It will be registered in Delaware. It will be stored at various members homes/farms throughout the region but always available to club members with Board Approval.

Thank you for all your support
Sincerely,
DDC Board of Directors.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2017

Hello DDC Members... Are you as shocked as I am that we are 2/3rd of the way through 2016!!! AMAZING. As your Board of Directors, we are looking at planning for 2017. Some possible things on the horizon are:

- * Anniversary of Furnace Town Park and joint Delmarva Driving Club Drive in the Spring of 2017**
- * DDC Spring Pleasure Show May 13 (Tentative)**
- * Pleasure Drives at various local parks like Redden and Fair Hill**
- * Pleasure Drives at members farms**

DO YOU WANT MORE? WANT CLINICS? WANT ANOTHER ADT/HDT COMPETITION? HOW ABOUT AN EVENT WHICH IS NEW LIKE ENDURANCE DRIVING? STEP ON IN AND VOLUNTEER TO ORGANIZE AND LEAD THE EVENT!!.

CALL ANY BOARD MEMBER OR CALL IN AND VOLUNTEER YOUR IDEAS!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Grassymeade Farm Drive and Lunch

A beautiful day was the first clue that this was going to be a great pleasure drive. Roughly 10 carriages arrived to enjoy the manicured grounds of Michael Lawrence's farm in Chestertown.

New members Elizabeth Buda and Anne Pomeroy were joined by experienced members of the club, Sherry Harris, Diane Savage and George Parris.

Some members drove pairs of equines, including Jane and Chris Bailey and Michael Lawrence and his groom Melissa. Pao Lin Hatch and Kim Baklarz had two pretty equines in tow for a great safe drive.

Afterwards, Michael served Steak to his guests. Members brought lovely delicious side dishes to accompany the main course. Michael's friends Jeffrey and Melissa worked hard to make things perfect and of course, Bill Hatch served as 'Grill Meister'. Board Members Carol Seiler and Michelle Novack came to enjoy the camaraderie without horses.

DDC Trailer Update

As some of you may know, the DDC trailer has not been drivable for several years. In fact, when it was finally moved in 2014 from Donna Hurst's farm to Jane Bailey's Farm, it was untagged and very scary but we felt we could move it down the road since the distance. Well, we tried to repair it ourselves, (too difficult).

We got several estimates to repair it professionally (too expensive) and given that its not being used, we discussed at length the various options of storage in a commercial storage unit or a Storage unit on a willing members' farm . Both were explored but the reality is why/how would we ever use the items in the trailer if they were permanently stored on a members farm. Neither was a good option. The only option is to determine what kind of trailer would suffice for our purposes and get it back into frequent use by our membership for our events or even related events.

The Board voted unanimously to sell the existing trailer for the highest bid. A bid of \$500 was received and the trailer ownership will be transferred as soon as a new vessel is procured. The Ballot you all received was to approve the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to purchase a new trailer.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Wagonette For Sale, Forced hubby to admit he is not using his wagonette and he should sell it to someone who will! So, here we go, lovely wagonette purchased from Shady Lane in PA. Taking a loss and only asking \$3500.000 Located in Ridgely, MD Not sure of size range but have used with average horse up to warmblood size. Two sets of shafts to choose from.

Mini 2 Wheel Metal Cart for Sale Brand new cute marine blue 2 wheel metal mini cart. Seat is black 34" wide, shafts are 46-48" long and bike type wheels are 20". Narrowest part of shafts are 14.5" No pictures at this time. If you have any other questions just ask. Asking \$475. Ridgely,MD Pictures provided upon request. Call Sandra at (410) 634-0182 or 410- 200-3127

Sandra.gumz@yahoo.com



Calling all Club members

Anna Klumpp writes:

"I hope to set up a Driving trails passport and need the names of public places, such as Fair Hill, Turner's Creek, and Redden Forest

These places should be on the Delmarva I will be putting together a "passport book" with these places, and dates that they were driven.

Club members who wish to participate will get a book, and will enter the dates that they have been there. These dates could either be on

your own, or during club sponsored events These will be stamped from time to time When the book is full there will be a posting in

the newsletter, and Delmarva Driving Club item to commemorate the achievement Participation will be voluntary, and on an

honor system!" Got some input? Want to assist? Email Anna today!

montalmax@hotmail.com

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
October 1 Saturday	Comege Creek “Hewes” Fun Drive	Come one and all to the fabulous Hewes’ farm for a fun day of driving at one of the most beautiful farms on the upper Eastern Shore and Chester Rive. The Hewes have trails and trails, usually a challenging cones course set as well as a dressage ring to spin your equines around! This will be a covered dish event. Details to follow. Contact Darby or Donald for Details. 410778-6409 or 410-708-0290 Fjord@hewes3d.com	Chestertown, MD
November 10, 2016	RETURN DAY CARRIAGE PARADE	Annual Return Day Parade (the day after fall elections!) Its a fun day, very patriotic and well supported. Be a part of history.. check it out at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69wesRFBL4Y Contact info provided when available.	Georgetown, DE
December 10	DDC Holiday Party and General Annual Meeting	Come see friends, discuss club goals and business, vote for new Board and officers and BE MERRY :-). If the weather looks good, we will schedule a skills clinic/drive on the TEC Grounds. This Elections and general business meeting is mandatory for our club. Please join us and be apart of its success. If you want it to go in a specific direction, be a part of the organization and don’t sit on the sidelines! If you would like to take this party on as chairperson, please contact any board member !	Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Tuckahoe State Park RIDGELEY, MD

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A written vote was mailed to the membership by USPS 1st Class Mail, return address envelope included. The vote topic was upon the Board's decision to recommend the purchase of a new DDC travel trailer. The anticipated amount sought which required approval from the membership was \$5,000.00. There are sufficient funds in our reserve. Additionally, It was determined that no long term expenditure is foreseen and that there is and was an urgent need to replace the existing trailer ASAP. Our hope is to return to our previous experience of utilizing all our club assets to the fullest extent. Note: old trailer was immobile for more than 6 years.

Ballots were mailed to all currently paid members of the DDC and as of 9-12-2016; the final vote was 44 in favor and 2 opposed and 1 abstain. Per the Bylaws, a simple majority is permitted to approve such an action. The Board voted unanimously to accept the decision of the membership. We will be selling the old trailer as soon as possible for the best price and purchasing a new trailer.

The proposed plan is for the purchase of a simple 7 x 14 (approx.) double axel, ramp and side door bumper pull type box trailer. Additionally it is hoped that with a new road worth trailer, this new vessel will:

- * be able to store and easily move from farm to farm or event to event, in advance of each event.
- * It will be maintained by a designated caretaker, filled with new chairs, new tables, signage for events, cones, obstacles and whatever else is deemed useful by the club to conduct meaningful events.
- * It will be registered in the State of Delaware.
- * It will be stored at various members homes/farms throughout the region but always available to club members with Board Approval.
- * It will be winterized by the designated caretaker with a report to the Board at the end of the year on the inventory and status of the trailer.

Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

DDC Board of Directors.



Comegys Creek Farm

Carriage Driving Event

October 1, 2016

The day will include:

*Pleasure Driving along various Trails through Fields & Woods.
Also a timed Cones Course will be set-up for competition and practice.*

Property open 10-3

Drive at will

Please bring potluck food items to share for Lunch.

*Please contact the Hewes Family to let them know what type of trailer
you will be bringing so they can reserve enough space for everyone to park.*

410-778-6409

RSVP

Directions: *From Chestertown, follow Cross Street to Quaker Neck Road 5 miles to Pomona Store. Go 4 miles past Pomona Store through the S turn past Johnsontown Road on the left, the next left is Comegy's Bight Lane. Go along the lane past the barn and follow sign to parking.*

Out and About by Pao Lin Hatch

We received this news DDC member Michele Novack (Maryland) ...

"I am excited to announce that I am retiring from federal civilian service with the US Navy at the end of this week. I was part of the recruited era of female engineers that started back during the later part of the Carter Administration. It was tough going in those early years, but I have worked with some of the most dedicated professionals in federal service and with our private shipbuilding partners. I'm looking forward to having time to more thoroughly enjoy my horses, carriages, and driving."

Sad news from Founding DDC Member Ed Evans that his loving wife and other founding member of DDC, Ms. Lois Evans, is not doing well. Sunshine will be sent to Ed and if you know them, please reach out to Ed and say, "HOWDY".

Frances Baker and her team took the coveted Four In Hand Coeur D'Elegance award at the Labor Day's Ludwig's Corner Horse Show. Well done Baker team!

Several DDC members had a busy weekend at the Garden State CT (Combined Test) and CDE (Combined Driving Event) held at the Horse Park in New Jersey. Yvette Harris and Suki placed 3rd in cones and 4th in Training Single Pony which gave her 3rd place in the CT and she got 4th place in the CDE. Joan Smith placed 1st in the Preliminary Level of the CDE for Single VSE (Very Small Equine) and Anna Klumpp placed 1st in the Preliminary Pair VSE CDE. Congratulations to all and Drive On!

Pao Lin Hatch and Kim Baklarz had fun at the My Lady's Manor Driving Club Show. Looking good and having fun.. What more in life is there?



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