

DDC Driving Lines October 2014



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 2

**Conference Call
6:00pm**

**Call in 877-216-
1555**

**Password
290535#**

November 6

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6:00pm**

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1555**

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December 6

**Annual General
Meeting, Social
and Drive**

11am

**Tuckahoe Eques-
trian Center Club-**

Upcoming DDC EVENTS



New member Grace Poe enjoying a fun day at Bonnie Forgacs Play Day in September

October Newsletter Contributors

Contributors: Pao Lin Hatch, Martha MacDonald, John Bolinski, Martie Bolinski, Laurie Vonasek, Cathy Pepper

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call for nominations for officer positions.

MARD at Fair Hill will be at the end of October. The BOD approved a donation of \$50 to Fair Hill to support maintenance of all trails.

Anna was looking for reimbursement for conference calls she paid for from her own money. John will send.

Jane Bailey will include a pig roast at her drive. RSVP's will be important. Information will be included in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted

Martha MacDonald

September BOD Minutes

9/4/14 Present: Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Martha MacDonald, John Bolinski, Joan Smith, Carol Seiler, Anna Klumpp Absent: Noble Cahall

Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's reports approved as printed in the newsletter.

Old Business: the Baker drive was a huge success. Will be reported in the newsletter.

The trailer committee had not yet met so the item was tabled.

New Business: The Forgacs drive is set. Donna and Sherry will be attending.

At the end of September the DEC is having a membership appreciation day at Redden State Forest. Carol will look for a new member to DDC to accompany her to the event.

A volunteer is needed to chair the nominating committee and serve. Pao Lin will be asked to publish the request in the next newsletter. She will also be asked to

**DDC Treasurer's Report
7/22/14 - 8/20/14**

Opening Balance	\$ 3,275.63
 Deposits	
Dues	\$ 30.00
Misc Deposits	\$ =
Calendar Sales	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 120.00
 Payments	
Christmas Party Facility Deposit	\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 75.00
 Checking Account Balance	 \$3,321.02
EB (07/28/2014) matures 7/23/15	\$ 7,977.45
 Grand Total	 \$ 11,298.08

NOMINATING COMMITTEE by Pao Lin Hatch

Pursuant to DDC Bylaws, a Nominating Committee was created by the President of the DDC, Donna Hurst and she nominated me to chair the committee. As of today, I have been contacted by several members who are willing to step up and be a part of the new 2015 Board of Directors. These new and fresh members, many who have never served as Board/Officers will be elected at our General Meeting in December at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Luncheon on Dec 6 at 11am. Won't you be there? We need to ensure we have a quorum of members to elect this COMPLETELY NEW BOARD. It will be an exciting time and I am sure those attending will be pleasantly surprised with the outcome. See page 4 for details.

Bonnie Forgacs Play Date Drive by Laurie Vonasek

Stan and I had a great time at the DDC drive held at Bonnie Forgacs' farm. There were horses that varied in breed and size from large Draft and Haflingers to a fine Hackney pony all the way down to mini's. The best part of the day for me was that my 81 year old mother, who was visiting, had the opportunity to take her first drive in a horse cart. What great fun it was to see her sitting with my husband Stan, being pulled by Domino our Clydesdale/TB cross. We don't get the opportunity too often see each other and for her to have the opportunity to share something like this which

means so much to me was truly a unique experience. Thanks again to the Delmarva Driving Club for arranging this event and for Bonnie, our gracious host for allowing us to have so much fun on her farm.



Pictures: Annie and Peter Renzetti with their pretty pair above; Stan Vonasek with his Mother in Law and Domino in the box with his draft cross, Domino.

Out and About News by Pao Lin Hatch

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

DDC members have been actively competing throughout the region in various equine activities from Combined Driving, Pleasure Shows and riding events; including the My Ladies Manor Driving Club's Spring Pleasure Show (MLMDC) and the Garden State Combined Driving Event. What fun we all had!

Yvette Harris is the unofficial

winner of the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge with a huge lead over other competitors

A group of our members have made the trek to the ADS Meeting and the big drive up to Acadia, ME. We think they owe us a report and photos!

Annie and Peter Renzetti walked 5 miles for the Suicide Prevention Walk in Dover on Sept 15, Hoorah!

Jane Bailey continues to prove

she is the hardest working woman I know by her recent participation in a mid-west tour of a Purina facility. Whew!

Joan Smith moved up to the Preliminary Division and took blue at the Garden State Combined Driving event this past month.

We look forward to a fun fall with three drives planned and our Annual Meeting and Social on December 6 Saturday.

December 6 Saturday

Annual Meeting, Luncheon and Drive

Starts at 10am.....Meeting at 11.....Lunch at 12....

Drive at 1 pm or stay and socialize if weather is unpleasant

This will be our Holiday Party, Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and a casual no-host drive.

This will be an informal DAYTIME EVENT

Club business to be conducted efficiently and expeditiously, will fit everyone's busy holiday schedule and will allow those who need to leave to leave early to do so and everyone else can stay and socialize! After lunch, a drive at will around the grounds and streets of Tuckahoe State Park. Those not driving can relax and socialize with friends at the newly renovated facility at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Clubhouse all afternoon! Our Hosts are Carol Seiler and Pao Lin Hatch. Our 'elves' are Lois Cahall and Debbie and Grace Poe.

Want to help out? Call Carol at (443) 466-5043



COMING DDC EVENTS

October 18
Grassymeade
Farm
Pleasure Drive
and Covered
Dish

This will be a drive at will event followed by a delicious grilled meat and covered dish lunch. Located on the beautiful Chester River, the Grassymeade farm in Chestertown is an event not to be missed. See flyer on page 7 of this newsletter

Nov 9
Baileys' Farm
Drive and Covered
Dish
Bonfire

This will be a drive at will event followed by a delicious grilled meat and covered dish lunch. Located on the heart of Caroline County, MD, this extensive farm with all kinds of driving activities. See flyer in October's newsletter

Pic from last year's Bailey drive: Jane and Elizabeth Bailey and Diane Savage and friend.

Dec 21
JINGLE
BELLS
GREENIES
and
NEWBIE
DRIVE

This drive will be focused on the new drivers in the club. It will be located at Anna Klumpp's farm which is a safe and quiet place to drive. **There will be lots of helpers around to ensure you have a fun and safe event.** Liability Release and Neg. Coggins required. Covered Dish. Location: Cair Paravelle Farm Still Pond, MD



Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold			
DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
1-4 Oct	ADS Mid Atlantic Pleasure Driving Weekend	See American Driving Society Website for more information	Fair Hill, MD
18 Oct	Grassymeade Pleasure Drive and Covered Dish	Pleasure Drive and covered dish 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 Pork BBQ	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	Sudlersville, MD
6 November	Return Day Parade	Georgetown Historical Society, Election Return Day Parade, details to follow	Georgetown, DE
December 6	Annual General Meeting/ Election of New Officers Luncheon and Drive	(CHANGE FROM PAST!!) SAVE THE DATE!! This will be a daytime event! Contact Carol Seiler (443) 466-5043 for details or to volunteer to help! Details to follow!	Tuckahoe Equestrian Center, Ridgely, MD
December 21	Winter NEWBIE/Greenie JINGLE BELLS Drive	Load your cart/carriage with bells and jingle all the way down the road... Hosted by Anna Klumpp and Pao Lin Hatch. (240) 274-6180. There will be experienced folks on hand and a safe place to drive greenies. Other can explore Anna's beautiful farm and established marathon obstacles	Still Pond, MD
January 17, 2015	DDC's Annual New Driver/Potential Driver Talk	This annual event has always been a success and we hope for no less this year! Know of folks interested in driving? Have a good pony but don't know where to begin? Have donated harness but don't know if its useable or not? Spread the word and bring a friend. Speaker TBD but this is a <u>FREE</u> event.	Hartly, DE
January 24	DDC's Equine Health Talk and Coverdish	Come listed to Dr. Annie Renzetti on the topic of Equine Health and participate in an annual DDC members coverdish and short general meeting. Details to follow	Smyrna, DE
February 21	Beginner's Driver Clinic Part 1	This is the 1st part of a 2 part hands on clinic with Anna Klumpp with other DDC members assisting. You will learn how to harness your equine properly, handle reins, determine suitability of your cart/carriage and safety concerns. You will be working with trusty safe equines so leave yours at home for this event. Free to current members of DDC; small fee for non-members.	TBD
February 28	Beginner Driver Clinic Part 2	This is the 2nd part of a 2 part clinic. Continuation but this time, you will be bringing your own equine to the clinic. This is a <u>members only event</u> and the fee will be determined at a later time. (Sharon Little's Farm)	Harrington, DE
April TBD	Intermediate Driver Clinic	This is a cones clinic and is intended for the more experienced driver with the equine more comfortable away from home. This is an open event and the fee will be determined at a later time. Clinician:	TBD

Grassymeade Food Bank Drive



Contact person:
410 810 2997 Michael
Leave message
Or Pao Lin
240 274 6180

Date: 10/18/2014 Saturday

Time: 11:00-3:00

This DDC drive is being hosted by Michael Lawrence at his beautiful Grassymeade Farm in Chestertown, MD

Release and
Neg Coggins
required to
participate.

Participants in the food bank drive are asked to bring a donation of a non-perishable or canned good to donate to the local food bank. Drivers are asked to "send-off" anytime between 11 am and 1pm. This is not a line drive and maps will be provided so guests can do the trails, cones course or road.

After the drive, please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert item to share. The Host will provide grilled meats and soda. Supper will be served at 2:00.

Directions: Entering Chestertown from the south on MD 213, cross the Chester River bridge and turn left on N. Cross Street. Proceed .8 miles and continue on MD 289 for approx 5.5 miles, turn left on Johnstown Rd, drive approx 1.5 miles, turn right into farm driveway (Grassymeade). Proceed slowly, please note the low hanging branches on the old trees lining the drive. Park along the drive or where indicated by the helpers or signs. May be cancelled due to extreme weather. Please call if you are unsure about footing or the weather.

5240 Johnstown Road, Chestertown MD 21620 (410) 810-2997



Sussex County Return Day, Inc.

P.O. Box 55
Georgetown, Del. 19947
(302) 855-0722
(302) 855-9088 (Fax)

September 15, 2014

Dear Carriage Participant:

The Return Day Committee would like to invite you to participate in the **2014 Return Day Parade**. Please complete the enclosed form and either return by mail or fax.

We hope to see you on the morning of **Thursday, November 6**, light refreshments will be provided in the Barrel Barn when you check in. **Carriages need to be on site by 10:30 am**, dignitaries and numbers will be assigned to your carriage. **The horses will need to be hitched by 12:30 pm. Everyone will be lined up on the track by 12:45 pm**, ready to take on passengers. We will **begin to leave for town promptly at 1:00 pm**. As you circle the track use the outside for loading, leaving the inside open for traffic. Carriages will be escorted to and from the parade route courtesy of the Georgetown Police Department.

Unloading will take place in the parking lot behind the courthouse, as well as on Pine Street. After unloading you will turn left at South Bedford Street (in front of the fire hall) and **return to Marvel Museum for a hospitality luncheon and the presentation of the Nutter D. Marvel award.**

To show our appreciation you will be provided with a dash plate and a program.

We hope you enjoy the day and we appreciate your interest in the only function of this kind in the United States.

Thank you!

The Sussex County Return Day Committee

Cathy Pepper, Chair
302.745.5056 (cell phone)

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>

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



Barbara Belden and Sherman at the Camp Colwell event this past Summer.

DDC Members Pleasure Show success

By Pao Lin Hatch

DDC members were in full force at the 31st Annual **My Ladies Manor Club Driving Show** held in York County, PA. In the open pony division, Yvette Harris and Marcie Wozniak competed with high proficiency and dazzled the fans in attendance. Former DDC member Martha Duchowski competed in the miniature horse division. In

the contemporary division, your favorite newsletter editor and her mare, Trudie were competing. This new rarely seen division was a welcome addition to this show. It allowed non-traditional vehicles to show in a division just for them. As such, most of the carriages were marathon or sport type vehicles, commonly used for

everyday driving. Unfortunately a beautiful painted wicker sporting vehicle was entered by a competitor and promptly kicked every ugly duckling down a rung! An enjoyable pleasure drive followed the turnout class and ran throughout the lovely Spring Valley Park for a course of 2.4 Km. Well done, MLMDC!

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