

# September 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.

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September 1  
Conference Call  
7:00pm  
Call in 877-216-1555  
Password 290535#

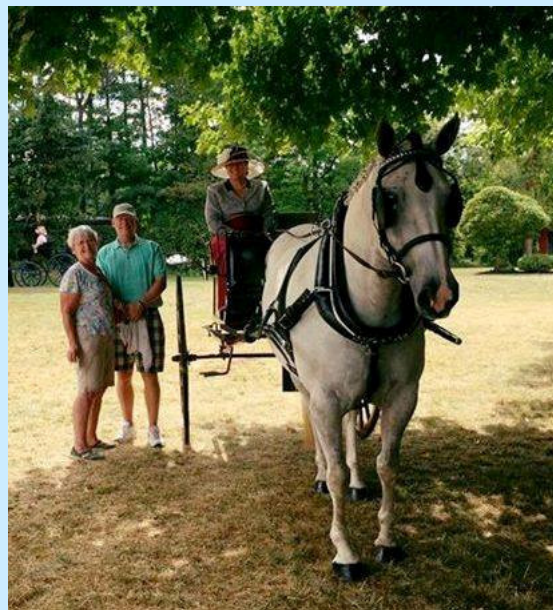
October 6  
Conference Call  
7:00pm  
Call in 877-216-1555  
Password 290535#

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



Pao Lin Hatch with her horse, Sweet Ava Gardner at Walnut Hill Driving Competition and Richard Graves, Martha MacDonald and Kim Baklarz (taking the photo)

**SEPT 17 GRASSYMEADE FARM CHESTERTOWN DRIVE  
(410) 810-2997 Leave a message if you plan to come!**

**OCT 1 COMEGY CREEK FARM CHESTERTOWN DRIVE**

## August Newsletter Contributors

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**MINUTES FROM JULY 2016 BOD Meeting**

**By Myra Nelson-Street**

In attendance: Carol Seiler, Pao Lin Hatch, Anna Klump, Michelle Novack, Myra Street-Nelson

Call to Order:

April Minutes. Approved

June Minutes. Approved

No treasure report available

Treasury report approved for July's newsletter

Old Business:

Starkey Drive- No Accidents and New people came = success!

Non DDC Clinic by Jessica Axelsson went smoothly with all slots filled and auditors in attendance.

August 20th Fun Day at Kim Baklarz still on schedule, it is a no horse event

Note by Michele Novack that our DDC insurance charges the same fee for events, with or without horses in attendance.

September 17th Drive is still on schedule.

October 1st Drive at Comegy Creek Farm hosted by the Hewes family is still on schedule.

**Insurance Policy Renewal :**

Michelle Novack reported on the insurance policy renewal. A new form is easier to understand and more transparent. The new form asks for list of club activities for 12 months. Club calendar is not planned out 12 months.

There are four different activity categories.

- Scheduled club activities
- Demonstrations/Gymkhana
- Driving events
- Fun/Play day
- Clinic
- Exhibit booth /non mounted
- Other practice
- Banquet day

We have submitted for the following events:

- August 20, 2016 general meeting
- September 17, 2016 Drive
- October 1, 2016 Drive
- December general meeting/ holiday

Is club planning additional equine events, return day, fun raisers vs trail ride? Trail ride 1000 more risky. No summer shows planned.

Spring pleasure show anticipated date will be May 13, 2017

New insurance form must have all activities listed

Club has: 5 days A/\$30.

1 day B/\$50.

0 day C/

1 day. D/\$30.

Total = 230 disclosed activities

Price point differential

Plan to build activities calendar and report to insurance.

New insurance more transparent.

Form available for certificate of insurance application.

Club activities will cost \$55/ day to f property owners wish to be included.

Equisure application needs to be completed and returned.

**No need to commit to 2017 events because pricing is the same as last year.**

Equisure request schedule of vents in advance for Approval.

Michelle requests Pao Lin correct membership numbers on website. In the past club membership count was 50-70 members at large. Presently true membership is 40-70. Equisure insurance shows no price break for members or non members.

Michelle reports carriage rides, pony rides, day camp nor horse sales are permitted for coverage as per Equisure.

Agricultural and small towns hold parades that some members attend: Sussex County, Return Day

Club can claim as one activity as long as every member participates. We will be billed for activity if back and forth forecast. Insurance new premium is within club budget. Next meeting she will scan forms and send copies to Pao Lin and Jane. Michele will pay premium with her credit card and give Betty the bill for reimbursement.

Private Lesson clinic Aug 6, 2016 to be held at Anna’s Farm by Lisa Singer. This is a non DDC event. She has requested the DDC speaker system be loaned for the event.

New Business

Discussed the old stereo system. Only criticism heard at our show was we only used one speaker (pointed in one direction). Some could not hear from the Parking lot. Need several speakers that can be pointed in several locations.

**Treasurers Report for August 17, 2016  
Submitted by Betty Donovan**

Beginning Balance	\$12,142.46
Insurance Policy	790.00
Bank Service Charge	2.38
Ending Balance 8/18/16	11,350.08

## Out and About by Pao Lin Hatch

It has been a hellishly hot summer and the Mid-Atlantic region has not been spared. Although unlike other regions where the heat has been relentless without rain, the Mid-Atlantic has been very wet and almost tropical. Several of our DDC members have been active regardless.

Frances and Wayne Baker have been busy with their new horses and Wayne has been driving the Four in Hand.... Yes.... It's true! Linda Thomas has groomed for some of the fabulous rigs in the area and was in attendance at Walnut Hill to cheer on her friends. Kim Baklarz and Richard Graves (with former DDC BOD member Martha MacDonald) were at Pittsford NY's Walnut Hill Driving Competition to enjoy the event and help DDC member, Pao Lin Hatch fulfill another 'Bucket list' item and compete at Walnut Hill. The Little family is still the center of all activity and horse buzz at the State Fair this year. Sharon devotes so much attention to supporting new riders with her 4H group and this year the Morgan Horse Magazine featured Christie E. Little in its magazine. Elizabeth Buda and friends had fun at Fair Hill on a glorious day.



### SAD NEWS

The Mid Atlantic Region Driving communication suffered two blows to its 2016 competition schedule.. It was announced in early 2016 that the **Glen Willow CDE** was taking a break. It has just been announced that the new **Fair Hill CDE** is to be cancelled due to lack of participation/registrants. Let's hope for its return next year.

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## BAKLARZ WALNUT HILL SLIDE SHOW AND BBQ

A small but enthusiastic group of drivers and friends gathered at the lovely home of the Baklarz-Graves family and enjoyed great fellowship, good food and a well done slide show of the 2016 Walnut Hill Carriage Association show. Both Baklarz and Graves enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the event and the numerous photos show as well as the big smiles was evident. Additionally, competitor Pao Lin Hatch really appreciated the help of the pair of friends when getting ready for her classes. Other young friends who came because their grandfather was invited and who could care less about the horsey event, enjoyed the huge swimming pool in Queen Anne Maryland. Who could ask for more?

Continuation of Board Minutes from Page 2

Question about whether the Bailey family will host a drive this fall. Since Jane Bailey did not make the Board meeting, this question will remain unanswered at this time.

Trailer discussion tabled since Jane Bailey is needed.

August board meeting will be held on August 20 prior to the General Meeting

Status Report by Michelle Novack-Piedmont driving club said show held was well attended. People as far away as Florida attended.

Our shows had 25 participants.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Anna K. 2nd Carol. S.

Meeting Adjourned

### Lisa Singer Clinic June 2016 by Anna Klumpp

On August 6, Cair Paravelle Farm hosted Lisa Singer as a clinician. It was a hot day, but a full clinic, and there were two auditors that endured the heat for the entire day. The day started off with driving my first pair, that Lisa called "Awesome" and didn't even feel the need to take over to drive them! Evelyn Burkehouse and Carol Bush arrived as that lesson was beginning. Carol wanted to learn more about pairs and got to ask Lisa her thoughts about a pole for a two wheeled easy entry cart. Lisa in her usual approach said "It's not safe" and that was the end of the discussion. The only other pairs lesson that day, was my second pair at the end of the day. Lisa did take over for a short while. Donald Hewes came with his Karsun and his Highlander pony and each were in a singles lesson. Unfortunately, Donald's other pony that is used in pairs is having some leg issues, and was not up to a lesson this date. Nicole Dupont came with her new pony, and Donna Hurst, Joan Smith, and Sherry Harris also had individual singles lessons. Lisa was impressed with the horses she had to deal with and had good advice for everyone. Later in the day, Elizabeth Buda and Anne Pomeroy came to catch a few of those lessons. The weather was hot, but bearable for everyone. Next year, I plan to invite Lisa back, but will be planning an earlier date to avoid the very hot weather.

## 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](mailto: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!

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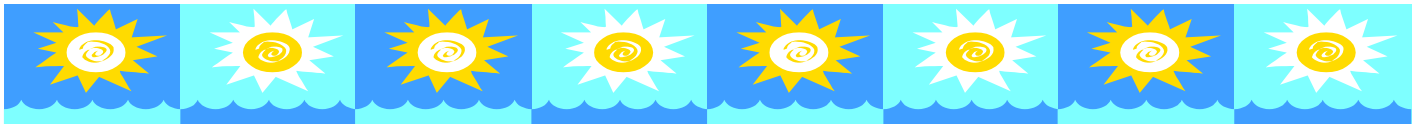


## Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT/RSVP	WHERE
September 10	Nutter Marvel Museum Luncheon and Talk	The DDC have been invited to the Nutter Marvel Museum of Georgetown, DE for a picnic lunch. Terry Johnson will be hosting a discussion on Return Day which will be held on Thursday, November 11th. Return Day is unique to Sussex County Delaware and takes place in Georgetown two days after the Election. Contact Frances if you plan to attend! Flyer on page. 8	Georgetown, DE
September 17	<b>GRASSYMEADE FARM Drive</b>	<b>Michael Lawrence and the beautiful Grassymeade farm invite members of the DDC and their friends to enjoy his hospitality and farm ambiance on the shores of the Chester River. Come and have fun! Lots of quiet road driving or trails. Horseback riding trails everywhere as well. This will be a covered dish event. Flyer on page 9</b>	<b>Chestertown, MD</b>
September 18	My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show	34 <sup>th</sup> MLMDC PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW, Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA, Contact organizer Anne Council, acbirchhollow442@gmail.com, 717-993-8956 or secretary Pam Schneider, 717-776-9748.	Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA
<b>October 1 Saturday</b>	<b>Comege Creek "Hewes" Fun Drive</b>	<b>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</b>	<b>Chestertown, MD</b>
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 <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69wesRFBL4Y">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69wesRFBL4Y</a> Contact info provided when available.	Georgetown, DE
<b>December 3</b>	<b>DDC Holiday Party and General Annual Meeting</b>	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 !	<b>Tuckahoe Equestrian Center</b> <b>Tuckahoe State Park</b> <b>RIDGELEY, MD</b>

## PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR? By Pao Lin Hatch

As I reflect upon my membership years in the DDC (more than 15) I realized something about 8 years ago. The easiest way to make something happen is to be the 'engine'. What do I mean by that? Don't just wish for something to happen. Be the catalyst and make it happen. I personally wanted more casual drives and I think I've made that happen over the years. Others wanted more clinics and have stepped in to help the coordination of these events. If you feel the club spends too much energy in a certain portion of the Peninsula, well... step up and organize a drive in the your area.. Or vice versa. Don't have enough land at your home? Host something at a public venue. Don't be worried about what you don't know, others on the board will help you finalize your plans but someone needs to be the 'driver' and it can't always be your DDC Board of Directors. This is your club. We will be seeking replacement officers for next year as well as some volunteer positions. Get involved!



## VOLUNTEER(S) WANTED FOR 2017

The following positions will be vacant next year:



Newsletter Editor  
Website Editor  
President  
Board Member  
Activity Coordinator



Interested ? Please let any board member know of your wishes.



**Hear Ye, Hear Ye**  
Please join host Terry Johnson on  
***Saturday, September 10, 2016***  
at the Nutter Marvel Museum in Georgetown, DE  
in preparation for:



**What:** Question and Answer session regarding participating in this one of a kind historical event to be held on **Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. “Chew and Chat” Lunch will be served starting at 12:00 p.m. with the group chat following.

**Where:** Nutter Marvel Museum located at:  
**510 S. Bedford St. Georgetown, DE 19947.**

This is a rain or shine event and no equines are necessary

**For more information, contact Terry Johnson at 302-542-1363 or email Frances Baker at [Francesbaker65@gmail.com](mailto:Francesbaker65@gmail.com)**





## **GRASSYMEADE FARM**

### **FUN DRIVE AND END OF SUMMER PARTY**



Once again, Michael Lawrence has offered his farm to the members of the Delmarva Driving Club to enjoy on a September Saturday. There will be a lovely place to practice your dressage, a simple test with copies will be available to practice as well as farm trails. The event should start around 11 with lunch/supper around 1-2pm

Call (410) 810-2997 Leave a message if you plan to come!

lawrencecompanyinc@gmail.com

Members with last names starting A-F bring a dessert

Last names starting with G-R bring a side or salad

Last names starting with S-z bring an appetizer

Our Host will provide grilled meats and beverages! If warm, bring a swimsuit too!



New DDC Member Elizabeth Buda's beautiful halflinger at the Starkey drive in June 2016... surveying the landscape

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