

DDC Driving Lines September 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.

September 5

Conference Call
6:00pm

Call in 877-216-1555

Password 290535#

October 3

Conference Call
6:00pm

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November 7

Conference Call
6:00pm

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Upcoming DDC EVENTS

- ◆ **Grassymeade Casual Continuous Drive- Sept 8 Sunday -Chestertown, MD- -Contact Michael Lawrence (410) 810-2997**
- ◆ **Let's Get Driving Clinic- October 19 Saturday- Denton, MD- Contact Pao Lin Hatch, Our instructor: George Parris (302) 846-2189**
- ◆ **Donald and Darby Hewes Drive- October 27 Sunday - Chestertown, MD- Contact Darby Hewes**
- ◆ **Chris and Jane Bailey (Canvasback Farm) Drive- November 9 Saturday (rain date Sunday November 10th)- Sudlersville, MD- Details to follow**
- ◆ **Mt. Harmon Plantation Drive- Dec 7- Cecilton, MD Contact: Anna Klumpp Details to follow**
- ◆ **DDC Holiday Party December 14 Saturday evening Georgetown, DE- Details to follow**

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Redden Forest Headquarters on Sept 29. There will be a catered lunch and members are invited to bring their horses for a drive/ride. The event is free to DEC members and \$10 for non-members. DDC is invited to set up a table to hand out information about DDC and sell club items. We need a volunteer to staff the table and answer questions about driving.

New Business: Anna Klumpp will host a Yule Tide event at Mt. Harmon Plantation. The BOD approved the drive and Jackie will confirm insurance coverage.

September 8, Michael Lawrence is sponsoring a continuous drive and games. Please bring side dishes and a small donation to cover the main course and beverages.

October 30, Barb Belden will be working at the MidAtlantic Regional Drive (MARD) at Fair Hill. Volunteers are needed to help with the TREC portion.

November 9 with a rain date of Nov. 10, Jane Bailey will be hosting a drive at her farm. Details to follow.

Respectfully Submitted.
 Martha MacDonald

8/1/2013 BOD Meeting

Present: Donna Hurst, Jackie McCann, Sherry Harris, Joan Smith, Carol Seiler, Noble Cahall, Martha MacDonald. Secretary's minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Old Business: The Camp Pendleton drive was a success. 6 turnouts plus 2 wagonettes allowed our members to take more than 183 young people for a drive. Some children opted for a second ride. The Colonel personally thanked DDC members for bringing something new and different to their camp.

There will be no DDC calendar this year due to costs and Marti Bolinski's time constraints. Darlene Logan has accepted the position as Sunshine Chair. Her contact information is on the back of this newsletter. Please notify her by email (preferable) or by phone and leave the information for any event we should celebrate or note. The BOD approved an advance of \$40 to the fund for use for cards and postage. John and Marti Bolinski and Jackie McCann have some blank DDC cards and envelopes that they'll give to Darlene.

The August Turn Out and Swap meet is prepared and will be sponsored by Diane Savage and Bonnie Forgacs.

The by-law revisions will be sent to the BOD during August for review. At this time, Membership Chair Pao Lin Hatch sends new members the by-laws, code of conduct and membership list electronically. The purchase of a sound system was put on hold for another month. Sherry Harris sent her research information to Jane Ramsey for review.

A show chairperson is still needed. Jane Ramsey was again thanked for her 5 years of hard work to make our show a success.

The Christmas Party will be December 14 at the Nutter Marvel Museum beginning at 6PM. Donna Hurst will chair with the help of Sherry Harris and Carol Seiler. Jackie will send the deposit for the room. The balance will be paid the night of the event. New officers are needed for the positions of President and Treasurer. Nominations are being sought and members are encouraged to indicate their interest. All BOD members are encouraged to reach out to people they know to recruit volunteers for these positions.

The DEC is offering a 'show our appreciation' drive and lunch at

DDC's Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance – 07/22/2013	\$1,820.17
Deposits:	
Membership Dues	<u>30.00</u>
Total Income	<u>30.00</u>
Expenses:	
Sunshine Fund	50.00
Deposit for Christmas party	125.00
Newsletter Printing	21.54
Postage	<u>7.36</u>
Total Expenses	<u>203.90</u>
Ending Balance – 08/26/2013	1,646.27
Savings Account	1,299.74
CD Balance	<u>7,871.46</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>\$10,817.47</u>

FABULOUS TURNOUT TALK and SWAP IN BERLIN

Approximately 15 DDC members and guests gathered at the historically accurate and lovely waterfront home of Rick and Diane Savage. Wow! What a location. The interesting discussion by our speaker, Bonnie Forgacs and her assistant, Sharon Little was informative and lively, punctuated by an occasional relevant question or comment from the group. Bonnie covered all aspects of proper turnout, her favorite class in a pleasure show. She managed to address some of the often overlooked areas of turnout and presentation and didn't even forget to cover the guys. We had at least 5 men in attendance and I'm

sure they enjoyed the discussion regarding men's turnout. The one hour discussion was followed by a great seasonal summer luncheon, grilled by Rick Savage and Wayne Baker and accented by lovely goodies brought by the other club members. A wonderful tour of the Savage property wouldn't have been complete without a visit to her lovely barn and spectacular beach/boathouse cabin, right on the water. The weather was cooperative and never went into the 80's the entire day. A swap event was presented where members brought hats, scarves and

driving magazines to sell/trade. A brisk trade of hats and Frances Baker, Michele Novack, Sherry Harris and Donna Hurst all walked off with new hat treasures.

All in all, it was a fabulous day in Berlin, MD and a great opportunity to visit the farm of a newer DDC member.

**Desperately NEEDED
TREASURER FOR 2014**

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**Nominations for Officers
and the Board of Directors
for Delmarva Driving Club**



Out and About News

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

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Martha MacDonald had an opportunity to learn about tandem driving with Jane Simmons' mini's, Cash and Riggsie. The she had the opportunity to actually drive an experienced pair tandem.. In the words of Martha.."not as easy as it looks! LOL" .

DDC members have received national recognition in the August WHIP Magazine which presents a feature article on our own Frances Baker and her Hackney/Clydesdale horses on pages 18 & 19. Quotes are given by Pao Lin Hatch and Joan Smith talking about how Frances helps other drivers and offers wonderful events at her Hollyville Farm.

On pages 48 & 49, in an article about the Elk Creek event at Fair Hill, Joan Smith is shown while driving cones with her mighty mini Penelope where she came in second in the VSE division.

Chrissy Little and her mom, Sharon Little have been very busy last week at the DE state Fair. Some pics of their success!

Darby Hewe's Fjord, Super pong Skogen was a rock star this weekend- He earned top premium in 4 classes today, including scores up to 90%. Way to go Skogen!

Bill Venditta proudly reports that the leaders of their Gelderlander coaching team won the Horse Pair Championship at Walnut Hill Farm Driving Competition 2013. His pair, Zach and Beau, were driven to the Championship by one of his

coaching grooms, Tim Zimicki. Congrats Bill.

Great article about Amanda Compton regarding equine dentistry in the Whip Magazine.

## 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>



Left to right: Darby Hewe's Skogen, Martha MacDonald's Tandem adventures, Christy Little and Cash.



## Delaware Equine Council

meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Harrington, Moose Lodge. Special meeting locations may vary.

For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com>

Or phone Stan 302-684-3966

# Grassymeade Casual Fun Day Drive Sunday September 8

*COMING  
DDC  
EVENTS*

This year's Grassymeade drive plans to be a ton of fun!

This will be a variation of an event known as a continuous drive. It is the most fun type of carriage activity and very low key! How about giving it a try?

Grassymeade will host a fun Day with carriages.

We will have drivers enter an arena and asked to perform several easy to memorize maneuvers, e.g. 40 meter circle to the right. 40 meter circle to the Left. Halt. Back up. You will receive a score on how proficiently you performed that test.

Then there will be a double jeopardy cones course which will require accuracy and speed and a groom. Drivers will be asked to take a cones course 1-10 and then his/her passenger will drive the same course in reverse

An easy country drive will conclude the fun day.

Silly prizes will be awarded and attire will be very casual (no aprons required, gloves and whip in hand required for safety reasons). Helmets always a good idea!

Come on out and have some fun!

Drivers can sign up anytime between 9-12; Afterwards, plan to eat lunch around 1:00 pm. We are accepting donations to the club to help defray from the cost of our "Judge" but the amount is up to you!. Plan on bringing a covered dish to share.

We could use a **few volunteers**, so if you are horseless for the day, please consider helping out!

**Call Pao Lin for details about the event (240) 274-6180 or Michael on venue or direction questions (410) 810-0997**

## **Oct 27 Sunday**

**Donald and Darby Hewes open their fabulous farm to DDC drivers. Its hard not to enjoy the great trail system, dressage course and cones challenge which the Hewes manicure and make ready for their friends to enjoy. Please consider coming along and having fun with your driving friends on this Sunday. Details to follow.**

## **November 9 Saturday**

**Jane and Chris Bailey are welcoming DDC members to their vast farm in Sudlersville to enjoy the varied terrain on their property. Drivers can take a challenging x-country course, with water hazards and woods or enjoy an leisurely grassland trail, short or long, drive at will.**

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**Mark the dates and look for**

## Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in **Bold**

| DATE           | EVENT NAME                                                                                                                       | CONTACT/RSVP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | WHERE                                      |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sept 8</b>  | <b>Grassymead Farm<br/>Pleasure Drive</b>                                                                                        | <b>Michael Lawrence (410) 810-2997 or <a href="mailto:Pao Lin Hatch paoball2000@yahoo.com">Pao Lin Hatch paoball2000@yahoo.com</a></b>                                                                                                                     | <b>Chestertown,<br/>MD</b>                 |
| 8 Sept         | Glen Willow CDE                                                                                                                  | <a href="http://www.glenwillowcde.com/glenwillowcde/Home.html">http://www.glenwillowcde.com/glenwillowcde/Home.html</a>                                                                                                                                    | Avondale, PA                               |
| 22-Sept        | MLMDC Fall Pleasure<br>Driving Show                                                                                              | Anne Councill, <a href="mailto:achbirchhollow442@gmail.com">achbirchhollow442@gmail.com</a><br>(717) 993-8956                                                                                                                                              | Spring Valley<br>Park, Winter-<br>town, PA |
| 8-13 Oct       | National Drive & Ride                                                                                                            | <a href="http://www.nationaldrive.net/">http://www.nationaldrive.net/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lexington, KY                              |
| 13-Oct         | Chapter One HDT                                                                                                                  | Chapter One Farm, <a href="mailto:Hpaton@chapteronefarms.com">Hpaton@chapteronefarms.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/06_omnilistings/10ChapterOne.asp">http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/06_omnilistings/10ChapterOne.asp</a> | Pedricktown, NJ                            |
| 11-13-<br>Oct  | Carriage Assoc. of America's<br>–Visit Long Island Museum<br>of American Art Carriage<br>Tour and Tour of Historic NY<br>Stables | This is CAA event and a non-DDC event; Visit <a href="http://CAA">CAA</a> website to see details of this fabulous event. Cost \$225 (includes many meals and admission and tour bus excursion, excludes travel to and hotel costs)                         | Stonybrook, NY                             |
| <b>19– Oct</b> | <b>Let's Get Driving Clinic</b>                                                                                                  | <b>Intro to Driving Clinic –Part I by George Paris. All Day or Part Day, Lunch included with all Day rate. Pao Lin Hatch 240 274 6180 paoball2000@yahoo.com to reserve your</b>                                                                            | <b>Denton, MD</b>                          |
| <b>26 Oct</b>  | <b>Hewes Drive</b>                                                                                                               | <b>Contact Darby Hewes (410) 708-0290</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Chestertown,<br/>MD</b>                 |
| 26-27<br>Oct   | BVDC Teddy Bear Trot<br>and HDT                                                                                                  | Visit BVDC Website for most current details;<br><a href="http://bvdc.shutterfly.com/">http://bvdc.shutterfly.com/</a>                                                                                                                                      | Fair Hill, MD                              |
| 30-Oct         | Mid-Atlantic Recreational<br>Driving Weekend                                                                                     | Visit ADS Website for most up to date details;<br><a href="mailto:midatlantic@americandrivingsociety.org">midatlantic@americandrivingsociety.org</a>                                                                                                       | Fair Hill, MD                              |
| <b>9 Nov</b>   | <b>DDC Drive at Canvas-<br/>back Farm</b>                                                                                        | <b>Jane Bailey (410) 443-988-1395</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Sudlersville,<br/>MD</b>                |
| <b>7 Dec</b>   | <b>Mt. Harmon Plantation<br/>Drive</b>                                                                                           | <b>Anna Klumpp</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Cecilton, MD</b>                        |
| <b>14 Dec</b>  | <b>Holiday Party and Elec-<br/>tions</b>                                                                                         | <b>Nutter Marvel Carriage Museum, Donna Hurst &amp; Sherry Harris (410) 482-2402 Chair-<br/>person</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Georgetown,<br/>DE</b>                  |

## Let's Get Driving Clinic for GREEN or New Drivers -Oct 19

**WHAT IS THIS CLINIC ABOUT?** This clinic is intended for new carriage drivers or folks wanting to get into the sport of driving or working with their equines.

**WHO?** Established clinician/instructor Mr. George Parris of Delmar, Delaware; Assisted by members of the Delmarva Driving Club.

**WHEN IS THIS CLINIC?** Oct 19 Saturday (Rain Date -Oct 20, 2013)

**TIME?** All day-Starts at 9am; breaks for lunch and continues in the afternoon

**COST?** FOR DDC Members: \$30 for AM Session; \$30 for the PM; All day DDC discounted rate \$50; Non Member \$40 AM; \$40 PM session; All day non-DDC member discounted rate: \$70

**WHERE?** Forgacs Farm- 8814 Fisher Rd. Denton, MD 21629

**WHAT WILL I LEARN AT THIS CLINIC?** AM session will be an opportunity to listen, learn and apply what you've learned to your own equine. A safety talk, followed by a proper harness fit to your equine session and then you get a chance to drive with an instructor using an experienced driving pony. (be sure your pony can stand at the trailer quietly or have a friend on hand to watch them while you are involved in this participatory portion of the Session.

**WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT NOT TO BRING:** Comfortable clothings and shoes, your horse, your harness, gloves, chair, sunscreen, a helper if your horse cannot be left unattended at the horse trailer or a haybag to distract your green horse while you are working with the experienced ponies during the later part of the morning. You will be occupied all morning.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Lunch included if you are staying for both sessions.

Liability Releases must be signed to participate, negative coggins and reservations to participate are required.

Space is limited for participants.

Auditors free.

Please do not bring small children or dogs for safety reasons.

**WHO TO CONTACT:** Pao Lin Hatch (240) 274 6180 information and

RSVP; Day of event: Bonnie F. (410) 463-1966

**PLEASE SHARE WITH OTHERS YOU KNOW!**





## “HORSE OF THE YEAR ESSAY CONTEST”

Chrissy Little submitted this to the 4H Morgan Association of America and Won!! Her prize was the fabulous Morgan gelding, “Cash”

I timidly approach the pony before me. I was scared of how she would react to my approach. However, she walked right up to me and placed her head in the halter I was holding, showing me I had nothing to fear. This is one of my first memories of my pony Missy. She was the horse that I found my confidence on and so much more. She was my best friend and was always there for me when I needed her. She was my drama queen, my diva, my sister. Missy taught me the ups and downs of horseback riding, leading me when needed and pushing me when ready. She was truly the best pony I could ever dream of having.

When my mom’s friend told us he had a pony for us to look at, we went just to make him happy. It was love at first sight! We originally purchased her to be my little sister’s walk-trot pony. Although I was older, I had been thrown and was now a very cautious rider. I was perfectly happy being in lead line. However, one day, my mom asked me if I wanted to hop on Missy. Wary, I decided to give it a try. I ended up not wanting to get off! She was a grade hackney pony and her personality instantly matched mine. I ended up stealing that little dynamo from my sister. I loved the high-stepping energetic pony, while my sister preferred the slower, more relaxed western horses.

Although I loved Missy to pieces, I was still not a very confident rider and had difficulty being the leader. Thankfully, Missy did not take advantage of that, or I would not be the equestrian I am today. One day, my mom decided she wanted to try to have me take some lessons from a new trainer. I was slightly nervous, but I consented. When we got there, rain was pouring, lightning was cracking, and thunder was grumbling like there was no tomorrow. Luckily, there was an indoor arena. The instructor, Ms. Jody, began to ask if we were sure that we wanted to take the lesson when she was interrupted by a huge blast of lightning. Missy did not even bat an eye. “Nope, you’re fine,” she said without waiting for an answer. We went on with the lesson and it was quite obvious I was nervous and not overly sure of myself. Missy was veering off the rail every time we began to trot and it was frustrating me. Ms. Jody wanted me to let Missy know I was in charge so she asked me to growl. It came out more like a questioning purr. That alone showed Ms. Jody how unconfident I was in my own riding ability.

I continued to take lessons on Missy. Our relationship was as strong as always but she was beginning to respect me more. In fact, I was beginning to re-

spect me more. I became the leader of our partnership and my confidence began to grow, not just in the ring, but also in the classroom. I got over my shyness and became more outgoing. My entire self-image did a 180 because of one special pony. I no longer had trouble raising my hand in class or reading aloud. It is amazing how my teacher from the barn helped with my teacher in the school.

That newfound confidence just kept growing when I started cantering. I could not believe that just a year before I was doing *leadline*, and now I was practicing my *leads*. Around this time, I was at my weekly lesson with Ms. Jody. Missy was once again being stubborn and testing me, refusing to be on the rail for the trot. Just like last time, Ms. Jody asked to hear my growl. This time, I sounded like a mighty lioness in mid-hunt. My instructor began clapping. It was then that I realized just how far I had come from that cautious, timid girl who was afraid to even halter a beautiful, gentle mare.

Missy and I went on to have many more successful years together. The moment my legs outgrew her, I drove her instead. She and I were still very close but it was getting harder and harder to do stuff with her. Then, my mom’s friend and her 8-year-old daughter came to visit. Just watching Olivia and Missy meet for the first time was like déjà-vu. In that moment, I knew that Missy had found herself another girl to teach and love.

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