

March 2010

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DRIVING CLUB INC.

DDC Meeting Schedule

March 3rd—BOD meeting via conference call. If you wish to participate, please contact Jane Ramsey 302-659-2827 or jane.b.ramsey@usa.dupont.com

April 7th—BOD meeting; time and place to be announced.

May 5th—BOD meeting; time and place to



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Delmarva Driving Club Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (checking)	\$1,478.17
Receipts:	
Dues	520.00
Newsletter Ad	50.00
Driving Digest Refund	24.00
Payments:	
Liability Insurance	128.75
Postage	6.95
DEC Scholarship Fund	250.00
Dues Refunds	40.00
Jan/Feb/Mar Newsletters	100.00
Ending Balance (checking)	\$1,546.47
CD#1 (5/30/10 exp)	8,839.02
CD#2 (8/b/10 exp)	\$2,183.43
Grand Total	\$12,568.92

Advertisers Needed for DDC Driving Show Brochure

The DDC's 7th annual Spring Pleasure Driving Show will be held on Saturday May 8th at the Caroline County 4-H Park near Denton, MD. We are very pleased to have Mary Lane Wark and J. Samea Baker as our judge's this year. Mary and Samea are ADS recognized pleasure driving judges.

The success of our show as a fundraiser is entirely dependant on our ability to solicit advertisers and sponsors. Just recently, we mailed out order forms to all of last year's advertisers. If you solicited the ads last year, please follow up with your contacts and encourage them to place an ad again this year. There is also a copy of the AD form in this newsletter so every member can help sign up advertisers and sponsors. We won't meet our fundraising goals unless everyone pitches in. All ads should be sent to Jane Ramsey and must arrive no later than April 10th.

This year's show will feature six divisions—pony, VSE, single horse, draft, pairs and novice horse/pony. If you are interested in participating, the show brochure and entry form will be available as of March 15th. Please contact Jane Ramsey at 302-659-2827 to obtain the entry package. If you do not intend to compete, please consider volunteering on the day of the show. The following positions are needed for the day of the show:

- Ring Master –Main Ring
- Assistant Show Secretary
- Carriage Wheel Measurer
- Cones pusher
- Gate keeper

Sunshine:



We have \$28.83 In the Sunshine kitty.
A card was sent to Michael Lawrence on the loss of his older horse.

Please remember to contact Lois Evans if you know of any sunshine items. Input is important.
302-875-4971

Delaware Equine Council News:

2010 DEC Officers:

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March 20th at 6:00 pm—DEC's 5th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Din- ner/Dance/Auction.

NEW location:

Delaware Agricultural Museum
866 N. DuPont Hwy, Dover DE.
Tour inside the museum for free!
Cash bar & hors d'oeuvres
Live and Silent Auctions
Door Prizes, Casual Dress
Music by DJ Robert Bailer
Dinner by Marilyn's Catering.

Tickets: \$30 per person/checks payable to
DECF.

Available at Chick's and Hudson Farm Supply
or contact:

Stan at 302-684-3966 or Pam at 240-994-2220

Sponsors: Please send checks by March 1st to
DEC P.O. Box 158, Harrington, DE 19952.

See the February issue of the DEC Newsletter
for more information about sponsorships or
contact Stan Vonasek 302-684-3966.

Out and About—Members' News

DDC Member Photo Appears in The Whip Magazine

DDC Member, Jimmy Duchnowski's photo, driving at the Brandywine Valley Driving Club's "Teddy Bear Picnic" appeared in the February 2010 issue of The Whip Magazine. The write-up on the Teddy Bear Picnic (by Louisa Emerick) starts on page 32. Jimmy and Angel's photo appear on page 35. Out and About continued on p. 4

2010 Whip Challenge

Samea Baker, Mid Atlantic Region Director for the ADS has an article in The Whip mentioning last year's challenge and posting the dates/locations for the 2010 challenge.

In order to increase awareness of newer shows and strengthen entries, a group of pleasure shows got together under the orchestration of Samea Baker and with Andy Marcoux of Coachman's Delight, created the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge. Cumulative results were posted after each show and the Challenge winner was announced during the awards ceremony of the last show in the series. The award to the winner, Dr. Larry Bason with 'Sunshines Amir', was a custom-made Fleck Whip donated by Andy Marcoux.

This year, the Mid-Atlantic Whip Challenge will once again be lead off with the Delmarva Driving Club Pleasure Driving Show on May 8th and followed by My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show on May 16th, Brandy-

Environmental Protection Legislation—from February issue of Equery Magazine (Equery.com)

FHI—On the federal level, the EPA is currently working on new regulations designed to curb pollution from farms and new development. EPA already regulates large-scale livestock farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, but now wants to expand its oversight to smaller farms and will demand even more stringent controls of polluted runoff from them. However, the agency plans to hold off imposing new rules as long as individual states enact equivalent measures to reduce farm pollution. This is an issue worth watching. To learn how the legislative process works in MD, visit "Archives" on equiry.com.

Delaware Equine Council meets on
the 3rd Monday of each month at the Harrington, DE Public Library. Special meeting locations may
vary. For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan 302-684-

Out and About—Members' News

Spring is on the Way—Yes, Really! Sharon Little

Spring really is right around the corner. The ponies and exhibitors from High Hopes Farm (Bonnie Forgacs) and the Golden Locket Farm (Sharon Little and family) are already planning for the 2010 show year. Bonnie's Alliance Bow Tie and Tails is a fancy 3-year-old Welsh pony that will be starting training in harness. Look for great things from him!

Claudia will begin driving her new pony, "Loafer's Lodge Cinderella", a 13-year-old Welsh Pony with driving experience, including at Devon. Cinderella will be joining "Rocky" and "Conner" as the "Little" Welsh Ponies that can do it all. "Kassidy's Conner" will continue his career as an all-a-round riding and driving pony. Rocky is loving his role as a Western Pleasure Pony and also is going to do some recreational drives, including Fair Hill.

Christie Little will continue to drive her wonderful hackney cross pony, "Miss Liz" (THANK YOU George) as well as start showing her Morgan gelding. "Cash" has been working under saddle, but Christie keeps asking about getting him started in harness. Christie plans to do several driving shows this year. Go Youths in Driving! All the girls continue to fight over who gets to drive Coco.

And the Morgan pair, Thunder & Prince? They are happy and healthy. With the kids getting more skilled and independent, it is hoped that Mom will have the time to start driving and showing the boys again.

Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America Year-end Results—Sharon Little

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society of American year-end results show some familiar DDC names. "Alliance Bernie Mar", shown and owned by Bonnie Forgacs, held his own in the region and on a national level. For the South East Region, Bonnie & "Bernie" were awarded the High-Point Championship in Adult Pleasure Driving 12.2 & Under. They also came away with a Reserve High Point in Carriage Driving. Recognized on the National level, Bonnie and "Bernie" were 3rd in the nation for Pleasure Driving. "Alliance Bow Tie and Tails, Bonnie's newest Welsh Pony driving prospect, came in 4th in the region for Section A geldings 2 years of age & under.

Encouraged and coached by Bonnie Forgacs, DDC members Kassidy Kohland (age 5) and Claudia Little (age 8) have also made an impression on the Welsh world. Both Kassidy and Claudia had a tremendous year. The girls finished in the top 7 for the South East Region and in the top 15 for the nation in the lead-line/walk-trot divisions. Kassiday also ended the year with an awesome 9th placer in the region for Showmanship. "Hollering Hill Rocket", owned by Claudia & Sharon Little came in 4th in the region for Adult Western Pleasure Sec A & B.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Delmarva Driving Club:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to your driving club. My name is Suzy Stafford. I am a successful driving competitor, trainer, instructor and clinician based on the east coast.

I have been in the driving community for the past several years. In this time I have worked with many different breeds of equines in all aspects of the driving sport. Have been a novice driver at one time myself, I enjoy and have experience working with beginners as well as advanced levels of horses and individuals in carriage driving.

I am interested in sharing the knowledge and experience that I have learned through the years to a new group of drivers and their horses and ponies. I have experience competing at the National and International level. My resume and bio can be reviewed on my website at: www.staffordcarriagedriving.com.

My competition schedule for the coming year is light in comparison to previous years. One of my goals for this year is to expand the world of driving to more individuals, especially to those in areas without access to numerous driving competitions and instructors. I would like to take this opportunity to share my training philosophy and apply these principles to training of individual horses and drivers. This includes basics such as safety procedures, harness fit and hitching, which are critical for someone just beginning to start in the sport.

There are many options for organizations of clinics, depending on your club's interests and demands. My current clinic rate per day is \$650. This usually consists of nine 45 min. sessions per day plus a group discussion at lunch break.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions. I look forward to expanding driving knowledge to other areas of the country and meeting a new group of energetic carriage drivers.

I look forward to speaking with you,

Suzy Stafford

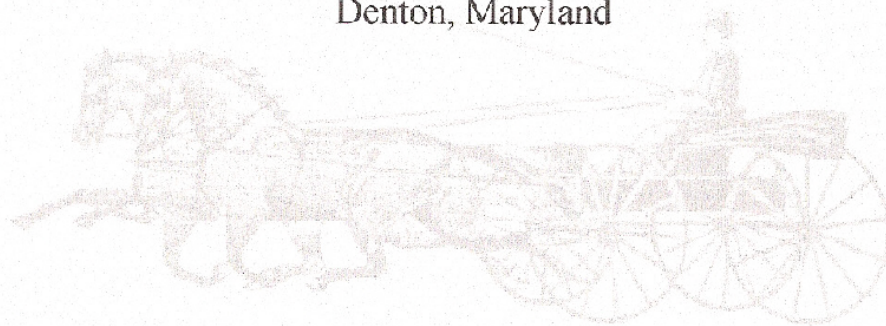
Stafford Carriage Driving 302-540-5162

The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc.

cordially invites you to advertise your business in our 7th Annual

Spring Pleasure Driving Show

Saturday May 8, 2010
Caroline County 4-H Park
Denton, Maryland



The Delmarva Driving Club is hosting its sixth annual Pleasure Driving Show on Saturday, May 8th at the Caroline County 4-H Park located near Denton, Maryland. The Show will feature six divisions - novice horse/pony, pony, VSE, single horse, draft and pairs - and will draw competitors from the Delmarva region and beyond. Each participant will receive a distinctive brochure, providing business owners with the opportunity to reach diverse members of the equine community with their advertising message.

Please consider advertising your business through our Show

Rates:	1/4 Page Ad (~2" x 5")	=	\$25.00
	1/2 Page Ad (~4" x 5")	=	\$50.00
	Full Page Ad (~8" x 5")	=	\$100.00
	Class Sponsorship	=	\$10.00

For more information or to place an Ad, please contact the show organizer:

Jane Ramsey at (302) 659-2827

Advertisement for:

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Name of person placing advertisement _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone number and email address _____

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Please attach ad copy and/or graphics and return with payment to:

Jane B. Ramsey, 1436 Wheatleys Pond Road, Smyrna, DE 19977

ramseyjb@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to: **Delmarva Driving Club**

All Advertisements must be received no later than April 10rd

Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

More information about activities will be available in future issues. Check for changes and additions. If you plan to attend a DDC sponsored event, PLEASE contact the host before the event.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly BOD meetings, but we would appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so that we can phone in case of any change in time or location.

- **March 1st—last date for membership renewals.**
- **February 27th ground driving clinic in the 'south'. Tentative—contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180 or Paoball2000@yahoo.com**
- March 5 & 6th—Carriage Extravaganza at Windy Knoll Farms 474 State Rt. 58, Sullivan Ohio 44880. Open house, demos, clinics on Friday; pancakes, sale of carriages and driving accessories on Sunday. 419-656-9126 or 540-635-4738
- **March 7th—Ground Driving Clinic (with or without your own horse) 10:30-2 at Amanda Church's Farm in Elkton MD. \$15 for participants, \$5 for auditors. Email paoball2000@yahoo.com or phone Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180.**
- March 20th—DE Equine Council Scholarship Fundraiser at the Agriculture Museum Dover, DE. Dancing, dining, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, door prizes. Tickets go on sale in February for \$30 per person. Donations and sponsorships being accepted now. Contact: Stan 302-684-3966 or Pam 240-994-2220
- March 20th—Intro to Driving Part II—My Lady's Manor—continues where part I left off. Members only but new members welcome. \$50; audit \$30. Kathy Schmitt, 717-235-7061, kawschmitt@att.net.
- March 27th—EXPO at the Harrington DE State Fairgrounds. Contact 302398-4630 or www.DelawareHorseExpocom
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- March 27th—Tack and Harness Swap Meet at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center—rain or shine. 10 am to 3 pm. Indoor tables limited and available 1st come-1st served. No reservations needed; \$5 donation. Outdoor space with your own table/tent. Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180 or paoball2000@yahoo.com
- April 3—Mt. Hermon Plow Days; 3149 Mt. Hermon Rd., Salisbury, MD; no admission, starts at 10 am. Oren Perdue 410-749-1723.
- April 16-18th West Virginia Horse Expo at the WV State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV. Extreme Cowboy Race, Parade of Horses, Cook-off, Benefit concert. Www.wvhorseexpo.com
- April 17th—Tack Swap at the Northampton County 4-H Center, 777 Bushkill Center Rd, Nazareth, PA. 11 am—2 pm. 610-837-7294 Indoor tables \$15, pavilion tables \$12, day-of space in open arena \$10 provide your own table. No live animals allowed. Food available. Public welcome.
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- **May 2,3—Spring Carriage Drive/Auction at Wilsons. Contact Michelle 302-422-9760**
- **May 8, 2010—DDC Pleasure Driving Show. More info to follow.—NOTE—this date is changed from the originally planned date of May 1st.**
- **May 23rd—DDC Draft Horse and Mini Show at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. More info to follow. Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180, paoball2000@yahoo.com**
- June 26-27th—Susquehanna Valley Whips & Wheels Pleasure Driving show and Traditional Day of Driving. Lycoming County Fairgrounds, Hughesville, PA. Tina Cornell 570-784-4793 or 570-204-5536
- July 25th—Drive at Grassymeade hosted by Michael Lawrence. Not a line drive (rain date August 8th) Chestertown MD. Details to follow. Contact Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180
- August 22nd—MLM Schooling Driving Trial: Spring Valley Park, Wintertown PA; open to non-members. Anne Council, 717-993-8956, birchhol-low_anne@verizon.net
- October 7-9th—ADS Annual Members' Mtg. Gayla Driving Center, KY.

Please have items for the April 2010 Delmarva Driving Lines to Martie Bolinski, 410-398-0257; bolinsj@myshorelink.com before March 26th

DDC Classified

Wanted—Boarders, enhanced field/stall available if desired) for \$220 per month in Chestertown. Contact Pao Lin Hatch at paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240-274-6180 to forward information.

Wanted: Children's/Guest" horse. A sweet guy/gal who you could safely place a friend on for a short trail ride around the farm. Just to give a non-horsey friend a big smile at the end of the trail ride. If you know of someone trying to find a home for such an equine friend, please contact Pao Lin Hatch to forward information.

Paoball2000@yahoo.com or 240-274-6180.

Sale: New miniature horse carts for sale. Substantial discount if an order is placed for 6 or more, so I can pass this discount on to friends. Frontier mini horse/donkey carts run about \$400-\$420 including shipping to VA. Will pass along as much savings as I can but do not know what shipping will be this year. If you order directly to the manufacturer, the shipping on a single cart would be \$100 or more. Buy more—save more. This is a basic

first-timers cart, training and 4H cart. Martha Duchnowski mmduchnowski@hotmail.com.

Note: Classified items will run for two months unless requested otherwise. Please let us know if your article has sold or if you want to continue the ad after 2 months.



Wee Willy Sez

The sometimes skewed view of a paranoid pony



It's great, Willy—you KNOW spring is coming now that you can actually see over the snow! - submitted this month by Klever Kilar since Willy can't see to find his pencils.

“We are, in fact, a small army composed of slave masters who are in turn enslaved by our slaves.... We bathe, curry, brush, mane-pull, tail-detangle, hoof-pick, daub with salve, apply spray, and take off and put on blankets, fly sheets, leg wraps, bell boots. They stand there and loudly demand their food.

Yet, go into a stall, close the door. Wait a moment. Something will occur to you, something that seems to shift in the air between the two of you. It is the weight of power, the weightlessness of vulnerability, exchanging ions. The horse is there looking at you with eyes the color of chocolate pudding. He cannot escape you, or whatever it is you mean to do with him.” - *Melissa Pierson, “Personals”*

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