

Delmarva Driving Lines

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DDC Meeting Schedule

BOD Meeting - Nov 7th at Redden Carriage House

General Membership Meeting - Dec 15 at the DDC Christmas Party. **Elections**

Pleasure Drive at Carolyn and Jim Fox's Foxhaven Farm

November 25th. Safety check at 1:30, driveoff at 2:00. Meat and drinks available; bring a covered dish to share. Please rsvp to Carolyn 302-855-0657, Fox@ce.net

Out and About - Members News

MD State Fair

The sounds and smells of the State Fair - the cattle, the rides, the games, the crush of people - may have had many of the ponies up on their tiptoes, but Abby was in her "Professional Pony" mode. The thorough bathing she got the night before had put her on notice that she had something important to do today. When she got off her trailer, she looked around and it was as if she said, "Yes, State Fair. Today's agenda 1) hang out in a nice box stall with a fan, 2) get extra food, 3) say 'hi' to the children, 4) put my ears back at the adults, 5) get extra food, 6) pull the carriage around the arena a few times, 7) get pretty ribbons, 8) get a rubdown, 9) go home and 10) get more food." The State Fair is a real challenge for the carriage drivers. Parking is off site, so all the gear has to be unloaded and stored. Fortunately, there are extra stalls to use for tack. There is no area to warm-up, since the riders are using the small warm-up ring for jumping. Crowds of spectators are at their peak in mid to late afternoon when our classes are scheduled, so even walking the carriage around the barns is difficult. "Excuse me folks! Pony & carriage coming through!" Some people just stand there with their mouths open. But Abby is the "professional Pony" from start to finish. Except for a brief time in the arena when she played "The Princess & the Pea" over a small fly on her tummy. I heard the judge say, "poor pony, what a nasty fly!" Nothing like getting the judge's sympathy. Abby won 3 straight blues for her first Championship. Her mother, Gracie & I are proud of her. *Deb Dawkins.*

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Meet Your Fellow DDC Members

This month is the first in our series of DDC member profiles. I hope you will enjoy getting to know more about the other members and that you will participate by sending in your own member profiles. We would especially like anyone who knows older members who are perhaps no longer active in the club but who helped get us started and would be willing to 'interview' them for the club newsletter.

Our first profile is on page 7. Let's all thank Frances Baker for heading up this effort and - Enjoy.

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Delmarva Driving Club Membership Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2007

John Bolinski, secretary

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Pleasure drive at Wayne and Francis Bakers farm in Holliville DE.

The following reflects the subjects discussed:

1) Foxhaven Farm Drive - Carolyn and Jim Fox will host a drive at their farm on November 25, 2007. Safety check at 1:30 pm, drive off at 2:00 pm. Will be followed by a covered dish meal. Carolyn and Jim will provide the chili and drinks. Please RSVP to Carolyn Fox.

2) Christmas Party - Plans are in place for our December 15, 2007 Christmas Party at the Nutter Marvel Museum. Social hour is at 6:00 pm; covered dish dinner at 7:00 pm; club will supply meats, drinks and serving ware. Bring a gift if you want to participate in the Bandit Gift Exchange, which will start immediately after the election of officers for 2008.

3) Clinic - Plans are being made for a January 2008 volunteers' clinic on how to set up and run a cones course. Date, time and location to be determined.

4) Officer Nominations - In preparation for our annual election of officers and directors, Carolyn Fox presented the following list of members who have volunteered to run for office in 2008.

President Donna Hurst (currently treasurer)

Vice President Francis Baker (currently vice president)

Secretary Kay Mildon (currently on BOD)

Treasurer John Bolinski (currently secretary)

Director Sherry Harris (2 year term)

Director Martie Bolinski (2 year term)

Anyone else wishing to get on the ballot for any of these positions can contact Carolyn Fox or Donna Hurst or can nominate from the floor at the December 2007 membership meeting (at the Christmas party)

5) National Drive in KY - Carolyn Fox reported that the spring DDC was well represented at the National Carriage Drive in Kentucky. Members Heidi Ferguson, Mary Pines, Linda Thomas and Kris Penrod attended.

6) Draft Horse Show Proposal - Pao Lin Hatch presented a proposal for a draft horse show for 2008. After input and discussion, a motion was made and passed to add draft classes (a draft horse division) to the spring DDC Pleasure Driving Show in May and to try to do a separate draft horse event in October.

DDC Members Enjoy the National Drive at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Members, Heidi Ferguson, Mary Pines, Linda Thomas and Kris Penrod made the long haul down to the Kentucky Horse Park for the National Drive. I hope some of them will give us a writeup of their experiences for the next newsletter.

Bucks County Horse Park Pleasure Show

Anna Klumpp and Robin received reserve champion novice VSE at the Buck's County Horse Park ADS pleasure show on September 30th. They had a first in cross country pace and second in reinsmanship and a 5th in working and a 3rd in turnout. A great show, really low keyed. The cross country pace was 4.1 K and a real blast.

DDC Competes at the Chapter One Farms HDT

Congratulations to Anna Krumpp and Robin for their 2nd place finish in the VSE training division. Carl Zimmerman was also there as a volunteer. Says Anna "A jolly Huzzah for Carl and all the other volunteers who stood out in the pouring rain to make it a good day".

Delaware Valley Horse Association Carriage Show Series Ringoes, NJ.

Pao Lin Hatch and Michael Lawrence competed at the final show in the DVHA'S pleasure driving series. Another fun, low key show, the friendliness of the members of this club entice you to keep coming back in spite of the heavy sand in the rings. Although generally lightly attended, the large number of draft

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Members Classified:

Please send your classified information to
bolinsj@dol.net
or Martie Bolinski 410-398-0257

Sale: 2003 ADAM Gooseneck horse trailer w/living quarters. All aluminum. 3 horse slant, 20 ft box, inside lights, vents, loading lights, 3-saddle rear tack, insulated, fully matted, loading ramp, walk thru into LQ. Electric jack, decals and stripes; safety stripes on sides and back. LQ has week-ender package w/stove, microwave, 2-way refrigerator, hot water heater, bath/shower. Gas tanks, AC, heater, stereo w/CD with inside and outside speakers, TV cable disc and antenna; also has full awning used very little. Less than 5000 miles. Interior is oak and western motif. Located at Delwood Trailer Sales. Call Paula, 302-284-4487 or 302-629-5233. Price is \$21,000.

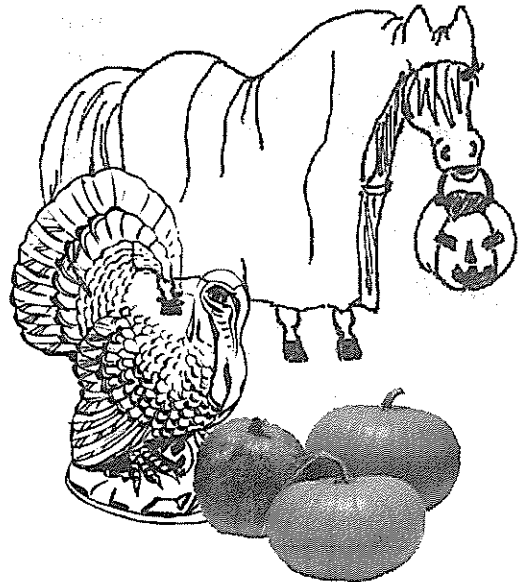
Sale: 2008 Delmarva Driving Club calendars. 13 month calendar with DDC members featured in artwork by Martie Bolinski. Still only \$12 each. (\$2 s&h) Order by phone 410-398-0257 or email bolinsm@dol.net. Profits go to help support the DDC newsletter.

Wanted: Although we have nominations for next year's DDC officers and directors, everyone is running unopposed this year. Put your name on the list. This year, we would also like to solicit a 'volunteer coordinator' to help us find and coordinate volunteers for the horse show and other events.

Wanted: Drives and events suggestions. Where would you like to drive next year? What clinics would you like to attend? Where would you like to go as part of a DDC outing?
let Martie know at bolinsm@dol.net or 410-398-0257

Wee Willy Sez

Happy Halloween?
or Happy Thanksgiving! Can't understand
how I got this far behind, it's already time to
start Christmas shopping!



Out and About Members News

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horses at the show made for great competition and Pao Lin and Misty came home with a variety of ribbons and a good understanding of how to improve their performance for future shows. The show offered divisions for VSE, multiples as well. If you would like to go to one of their shows next year, check out <http://www.dvha.org>.

DDC Members Cheer on the Horses at the Harrington Race Track

Members Peg Koster, Paula Barto, Kay Mildon (and her mom, Mary Bolnak), John and Martie Bolinski and some friends from the DEC attended an evening of racing on October 17th. The DEC presented the winner of one of the races with a cooling sheet. It was a great, fun night out.

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.

* *Please note that all of the 'monthly' club drives will start off at 2:00 pm. and are bring your own picnic unless otherwise noted.*

- November 10 - University of Maryland Horse Conference, Montgomery College- Germantown, MD 8am - 3:45 pm. The U of MD Cooperative Extension will host the 3rd Annual UMD Horse Conference. Keynote speaker, Clint Depew, will speak on Building Confidence in the Horse and Rider. Adult cost \$30, Youth \$20. Late registration \$40/\$25. More information www.equinestudies.umd.edu/extension/horseconference2007.html
- November 11, 12 - Dave Wilson's Ride and Auction. Drive Sunday 11/11, auction Monday night 11/12.
- November 13 - Annual Membership Meeting and Quarterly Meeting of the Board of the MD Horse Council. 6:00 Legislative Reception, 7:00 MHC Annual Meeting. Miller Senate Office Bldg, East I Conference Room, 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401. info call the MHC at 410-489-7826
- November 25 - **Pleasure Drive at Bill and Carolyn Fox's farm.** 1:30 safety check, 2:00 driveoff. please RSVP 302-855-0657, fox@ce.net.
- December 1 - Easton's Olde Tyme Holiday Parade. Victorian theme, costumes available to borrow. Begins at Brewer's Ln., includes Harrison, Dover and Washington Sts. info Resource Center 410-820-8822, mainstreet@goeaston.net.
- December 7,8,9 - Christmas in St.

Michaels. Parade is Saturday Dec 8th at 10:30 am. Rendezvous at 9:30 am at Perry Cabin Field and Rt 33. Please contact Mert Jarboe, parade chairman for more info and to sign up. email captmert@aol.com or 410-886-2307.

• **December 15 - DDC Christmas Dinner at Nutter Marvel Museum. Social hour @ 6:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Details to follow**
2008

- April 5 - Chapter One Farms spring ADT. Pedricktown, NJ. Training, Prelim, Inter. Helene Paxton, 856-299-5124, 410-620-3462, 443-253-4135. email tm@chapteronefarms.com
- May 10 - DDC Pleasure Driving Show, Caroline Cty Fairgrounds. More information to follow.
- May 11 - tentative - DDC Draft horse fun show, Caroline Cty Fairgrounds. More information to follow.
- May 18 - My Lady's Manor 24th annual Pleasure Driving Show; Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. contact Dana Bright 717-246-2351, email cdeponyz@comcast.net or Anne udwig's Corner Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA. Contact Bobbi Hager 973-627-2263, email bobbihag@optonline.net.
- June 14-15 - Elk Creek CDE; Fair Hill, MD. Training, Prelim, Inter. Contact Diane Trefry & Lisa Singer 410-755-45206855, 443-553-1453, email dtrefry@verizon.net or chateaulog@yahoo.com
- **October 18 - DDC Draft Horse Show - tentative**



Sunshine - Lois Evans

Balance in the Sunshine Fund is \$43.95. There was no card activity in October. Cards for November - a get well card to Paula Barto for surgery. Update on Thom Marrion; Tom was released from the hospital after surgery and is convalescing at home. He was at the Chapter One Farms HTD on October 28th.

Frances and Wayne Baker Pleasure Drive October 28th

Wow! 16 horses, 12 carriages, lots of people and bunches of fun. The weather held perfect after the rains of the days before. Although the corn field was 'a little soft' (ok really soft in some spots), the ground was pretty good in most places and the clamshell roads were fine.

Our newest members, the Bailey family were there with their Haflinger pair; Carolyn brought Zipper. There were two older horses, Shirley Mimms' 28 year young and one 30 yrs old! Let's hear it for the old timers. Team Moose came in costume for the season. The Friesians were put to a lovely vis-a-vis.

Thank you to George Parris and Carl Zimmerman who, as usual, were our safety committee. Frances and Wayne provided the venue and some wonderful fried
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Percheron Hitch Joins the Army

Retirement faces all of us, including our horses. However, some retirees have a better, easier and more satisfying time than others. To wit: The famous eight black Percheron hitch, formerly owned by the Heinz Co. and based in Pittsburgh, was recently donated to the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Arlington National Cemetery. The horses, valued at more than \$100,000, will join a stable of more than 50 horses and will be used to pay homage to fallen soldiers in funeral processions of six-horse teams pulling a flag-draped coffin on a caisson at Arlington National Cemetery. There are an average of eight such ceremonies daily.

This special retirement offers enviable advantages: a full-time caretaker, veterinarian, and Michael Mullin, director of global corporate affairs for Heinz has the assurance that they will be well cared for the rest of their lives at Fort Myers, VA. As the Heinz Hitch, they were a crowd favorite at such famous events as Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and the Rose Bowl parade at Pasadena, Baseball's Opening Day for the Pirates as well as being showcased at expositions and fairs in Canada and across the United States.

According to original owner of the hitch operation, John Dryer, who was a former Heinz employee, his family had stabled the horses on his Washington County, PA farm for more than 15 years. The horses enjoyed a bushel of carrots just prior to their departure from the farm in August. Everyone agreed the team couldn't have a better new home.

Submitted by Lois Evans from an article in Pennsylvania Equestrian, by Chriss Swaney, October 2007

Stay Tuned for even More Coming Events

DDC Christmas Party - December 15th at Nutter Marvel Museum. Social hour will start at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00. We will once again have a Bandit's Gift Exchange. Come and join the fun! Remember - re-gifting is acceptable (so long as the gift is in like-new condition) and FUN is the bottom line.

John Bolinski will offer a clinic for 'volunteers' in January, educating potential volunteers about just what is expected for the different jobs. Everyone is welcome. Emphasis will be on horse show volunteers.

Sherry Harris and Donna Hurst are thinking of offering a Starter's Showing Clinic (for those who are thinking of showing but are nervous about getting started). The clinic could be offered with or without a horse. If anyone is interested or has suggestions, contact Sherry Harris (410-482-2402 or Donna Hurst 302-492-3932).

Pao Lin Hatch is putting together some ideas about a Draft Horse Show with DDC sponsorship and possible TEC cooperation. She is thinking about and working toward a fall date, October 18th at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. There will be riding, working and fun classes. Contact Pao Lin Hatch paoball2000@yahoo.com with comments and suggestions.

DDC Pleasure Driving Show - May 17th at the Caroline County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars now. There will be a Draft Horse Division next year if we can get enough participation, in addition to the classes from last year.

Preventing White Line Disease

Careful management of equine stables and the picking of the hooves on a daily basis will reduce the incidence of fungal infections of the hoof responsible for white line disease.

In humans, toenail fungus commonly affects the traumatically stressed toes of runners, and the treatment is focused on the fungal infection rather than the mechanical stresses produced by running. Because a horse depends on the integrity of the hoof wall to stand or move, the focus here is prevention.

Hot seating horseshoes in the application process will eliminate the fungi between the hoof and shoe, thus decreasing the risk of transporting fungal spores into the hoof wall with the horseshoe nail.

The application of shoes on hooves with avulsions or cracks will help protect the affected area by preventing a buildup of debris.

Reducing the use of hoof pours or urethane packing (which create an environment conducive to fungal growth) will reduce fungal activity. Properly placed shoes will protect the hooves from the breaks and splits that provide access for fungal spores.

Soaking laminitic or abscessed feet with chlorine dioxide will prevent serious fungal infections. The use of iodine on the sole will reduce fungal populations. Fungi can consume the insensitive sole, leaving little or no natural protection.

Using a hoof antiseptic with providine iodine will likewise protect the hoof from serious fungal lesions. Activity and movement of the horse improves circulation and the body's defense against fungal and bacterial infections.

Michael Wildenstein, American Farriers Journal, Dec 2003.

Frances Baker Drive continued from page 4 chicken and drinks after the drive. Every one brought a covered dish for the after-drive feast.

John and I rode in Frances' 'gator' at the end of the drive to be sure everyone was ok and offer assistance in case of incidents. (There were no incidents). We took along Donna Hurst's mom who was the photographer for the day (ton's of gratitude there because we all know what a sorry photographer I am, and I am truly sorry I neglected to write down the name.) in the back of the gator and dropped her in a ditch part way along the ride. I hope to have some photos of the drive for the next issue of the newsletter. She took lots of photos, including shots of those brave souls who 'ran the ditch', which was a steep hill down and back up into (or out of) the alfalfa field near the end of the drive.

A great day was had by all.

We want to say a big THANK YOU to Frances and Wayne for letting us use the property. The new barn/apartment is still under construction and Wayne was setting fence posts when we arrived. What a beautiful place to drive.

Last Scheduled Pleasure Drive for 2007

And DON'T FORGET the next and final pleasure drive for this year is scheduled for November 25th at Carolyn Fox's farm. Please rsvp to Carolyn at 302-855-0657 or fox@ce.net.

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Wilson's Auction Sales, Inc. **17th Annual Fall Carriage Drive & Auction** **Weekend.**

November 11th and 12th, 2007.

Location: Wilson's Auction Sales, Inc., Rt 113, one mile south of Lincoln Delaware.

Sunday November 11th

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Open House
Preview of items to be auctioned on Monday
1:00 p.m. - Carriage Parade & Drive - Bring a horse & carriage for an afternoon drive.

Monday November 12th

4:00 p.m. - Harness & horse accessories auction (tack, harness, saddles etc)
6:00 p.m. - Registered Haflingers & grade horse sale - All breeds will be accepted for auction & must have coggins & health papers.
7:00 p.m. - Carriages, sleighs, horse drawn vehicles.

Terms: payment in full day of sale with case, approved check, Debit, Master Card, Visa, Discover or American Express. 5% clerking fee on all sales which will be discounted entirely for customers paying by cash, approved check or debit.

Wanted: consignments - open to everyone

Unlimited parking

No sales tax

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www.wilsonsauktion.com, email auction@dmv.com

Christmas in St. Michaels

The annual "Christmas in Saint Michaels" parade will be held on Saturday December 8th at 10:30 a.m. The time of rendezvous will be 9:30 a.m. at Perry Cabin Field and RT 33. This local parade continues to improve and is fun for both young and old alike with something for everybody. Last year there were 60 groups - the largest parade ever! In the interest of safety, parade participants are asked not to throw candy to children along the route. There will be volunteers who will hand out candy as the parade proceeds.

To participate, call Mert Jarboe, parade chairman at 410-886-2307 or email at captmert@aol.com.

For 21 years, this event has benefited more than 30

local non-profit organizations and raised more than three-quarters of a million dollars. The 2007 beneficiaries from the Christmas in St. Michaels event are: St. Michaels Sports Boosters, St. Michaels Elementary School, St. Michaels Museum at St. Mary's Square, Easton Day Care - St. Michaels Site, Habitat for Humanity.

Easton's Olde Tyme Holiday Parade

Sponsored by Easton Main Street, the St. John Foundation and the Town of Easton, the Olde Tyme Holiday Parade celebrates the season in grand style. All participants are asked to please pre-register.

Theme: Christmas, Victorian if possible.

Costumes are available to borrow.

Date: Saturday December 1, 2007 - no rain date

Formation: 4:45 p.m.

Route: Begins at Brewers Ln, includes Harrison, Dover and Washington Streets.

More Info: Resource Center 410-8200-8822 email mainstreet@goeaston.net

Bruce Berrier 410-819-0657

Marie U'Ren 410-822-5089 email

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Rules state that you cannot throw candy from your float or driven vehicle and participants cannot be loaded or off loaded at any point other than the staging area and commercial entries are not accepted.



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