



Let's Drive !



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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

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Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#



A General Membership Meeting, Elections, and the annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Ruthsburg Community Center. The minutes of the November 7th Board Meeting were approved as submitted, however the treasurer's books are in the process of being audited. The current balance is \$7,945.40. After some discussion, it was decided the DDC will continue to maintain both our Web Page and Facebook page. The new Board will research, discuss, and decide on the feasibility of offering Lifetime Memberships and payment of multiple years of dues (i.e. three years at a time) and this will be presented to the General Membership. The membership voted to renew their membership in the Delaware Equine Council and the dues will be paid by January 1st. It's once again time for members to renew their DDC membership.

A renewal form is located in this newsletter and Deb Dawkins is our Membership Chair. A 2020 Membership Roster will be distributed to all members by March, 2020. The 2020 Spring Pleasure Show Committee is actively meeting and to date the following has been completed: Caroline County 4-H Park will again be the site of the show. Even though the rental fee has doubled, the location and facilities are what we need. The Judge will be Mary Harrison from New Jersey and several new classes will be added to the Prize List. New classes include Green as Grass for beginner drivers and a Super Reinsmanship Challenge. Forms for advertising and sponsorship of classes will be distributed to all members in the near future. We encourage all members to promote this show by either volunteering, participating, and selling advertising. Again this

year we will have a Vendor area. The Show Committee is still seeking a Food Vendor. If you have any suggestions, please contact Sherry Harris at 410-482-2402. Any other comments or concerns, please contact Pam Gray, Show Chairman, at 410-819-6113. Members—Here is a question to consider for the next General Membership meeting. In this day and time, does the club need a new Board position for 'Social Media'? Or would this position be better held by a regular member? The Board Member option would require a change of the By-Laws. Let the Board know your thoughts. The DDC Membership present voted to elect the entire Slate of Officers as presented. (See the Welcome to the 2020 Officers on the next page.) The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm and the members present enjoyed a wonderful luncheon!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!

Welcome 2020 Officers

Following the Elections on December 7th, the DDC welcomes the following Officers and Directors for 2020:

President - **Anna Klumpp**,

Vice President - **Sherry Harris**,

Secretary- **Kim Baklarz**,

Treasurer- **George Parris**,

Board of Directors:

Michele Brauning and Charlie Purnell are new Directors and will serve a two year term.

Diane Savage. Frances Baker and Harry Hassan are the Board of Directors members returning to complete the second year of their terms.

Special thanks go to our outgoing Officer and Director: Carol Bush (Treasurer) and Nancy Offen (Board Member) for their service.

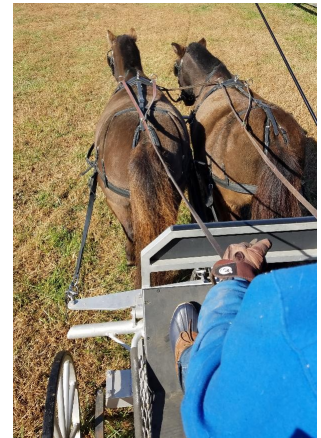
Thank you all for volunteering to serve our club in this important way!

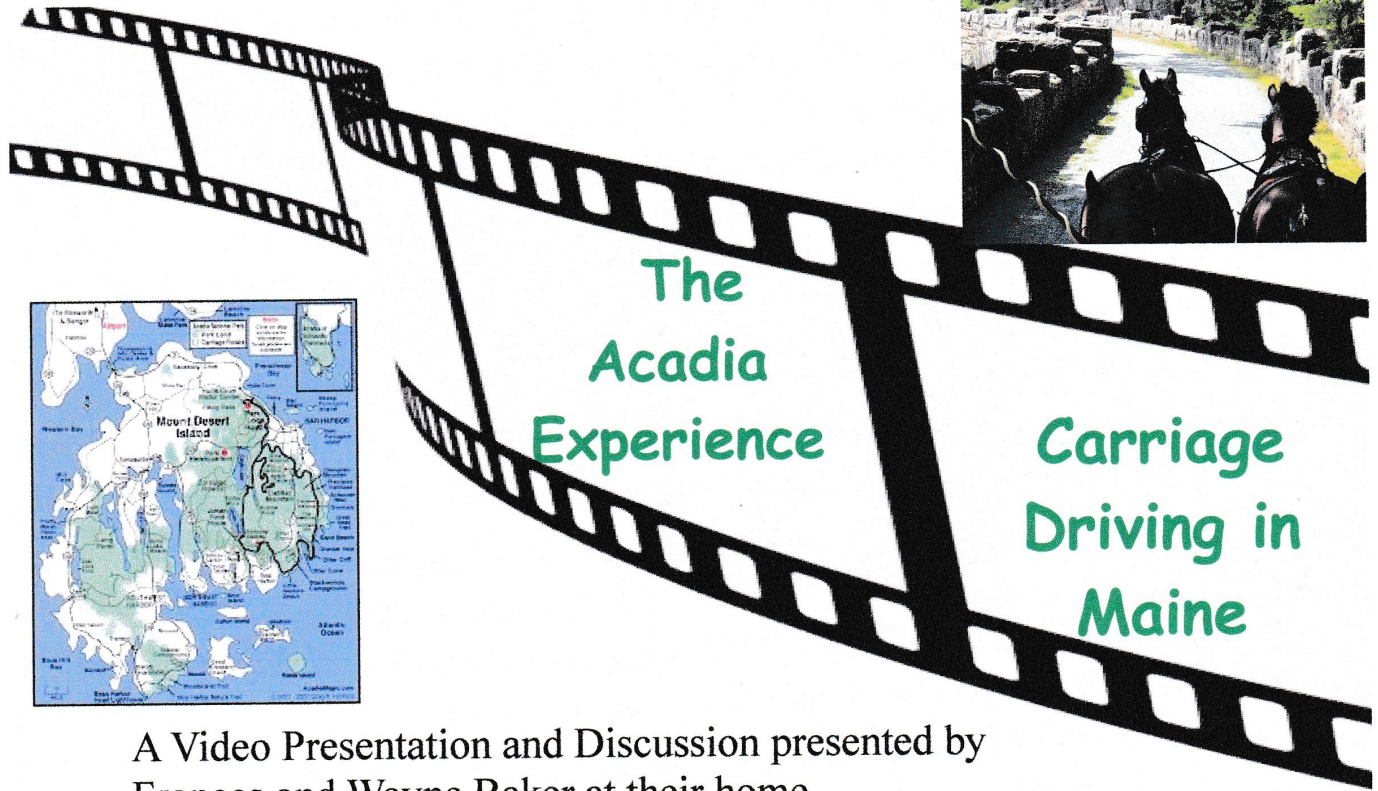


Drive to Learn Event

On November 9th, the Drive to Learn Event was held at Anna Klumpp's Cair Paravel Farm in Still Pond, MD. This event offered drivers the ability to try a Cones Course, Gambler's Choice Course, several different obstacles, and a Cross Country Course in a relaxed and informal setting. Dressage tests of all levels were offered and Jessica Axelsson was the judge for the driven Dressage. She provided informative comments for the drivers trying out the Dressage arena. All the drivers had a great time and really appreciated Jessica's help with their dressage movements, especially when so much improvement was noted with everyone!

Participants included: Sherry Harris and her Haflinger Smarty, Maddy Zacharkow and her VSE Oreo, Diane Savage and her Welsh Pony Benjamin, Stephanie French and VSE Jerry, and Anna Klumpp drove both a pair of VSEs and a single VSE (Sky). Pam Gray, Mary Nelson, Deb Dawkins, and Linda Thomas volunteered with setup, etc. and Alison Kirk was an auditor. It was truly a wonderful day to drive to learn! Thanks again Anna for the use of your wonderful farm!





A Video Presentation and Discussion presented by Frances and Wayne Baker at their home.

When: Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 12 noon

Where: 17420 Minos Conaway Road, Lewes, DE 19958

What: After a lunch provided by the Bakers, learn about the 57 miles of carriage roads in Acadia, Maine and how you can plan and enjoy a trip to this fabulous location

For more information and to RSVP: call Frances Baker at 302-381-2979 or email her at: Francesbaker65@gmail.com



Members Out and About



Michele Brauning with Ace at Wilson's Drive



Charlie Purnell, George Parris, and Michele Brauning

Michele Brauning



John Layton and Miss Cora



Kevin Wallis, Mary Pines, and Linda Thomas with Nui at Wilson's Drive

Members Out and About, cont.



Colleen Layton and Jazz at the Turkey Trot



Ray Banks giving rides with Judy and Jane the Haflingers



Linda Thomas driving Nui in Chestertown Dickens of a Christmas



Dianne Walsh Valentine—sunset drive with her new guy



Maddy Zacharkow driving Starlight

Sunshine News

We are sending **Get Well Wishes/Speedy Recovery** to Frances Baker who is recovering from pneumonia, to Pam Gray's horse Ellie (her feet are finally improving), to Ed Evans who is recovering from heart surgery, and to Carol Seiler who is finally recovering from multiple surgeries!!! Sympathy sent to Marcy and Mark Eades on the loss of their Fjord BDF Laureate.



DIY Barn Projects

Every year, horse trailers are stolen right off towing vehicles, some from trailheads. In fact, trailheads are a good place for thieves to look for trailers, since they're often in remote areas with no one around to witness the theft. The degree of theft risk doesn't depend on your trailer type or model. Everything from two-horse bumper pulls to four-horse goosenecks with living quarters are routinely stolen. Thieves simply unhitch the trailer and attach it to their own towing vehicle. Here, we'll give you the steps to take to deter trailer theft from a trailhead.

Step 1: Paint Your Trailer: When thieves size up your trailer to decide whether it's worth stealing, one of their first considerations is its appearance. Trailers that are easy to identify are less appealing, because they're easy to spot on the road. If your trailer is white and generic-looking, it says "steal me." Think of how many white trailers are sold and used each year. Can you tell one from another at a glance? Do anything you can to make your trailer visually stand out from the crowd. By painting your ranch name/brand/logo, your horse's name, a rustic scene, or just about anything else on your trailer, you can make it unique and a lot less desirable to steal. Painting it a unique color is another way to make it stand out. Consider adding decals and stickers to the outside of your rig or reflective stripes, signs and murals are another option. This serves two purposes: discouraging thieves, while making your trailer safer as it's tooling down the road.

Step 2: Invest in Security Devices

Another way to make your trailer unattractive to thieves is to use security devices. These include locks, alarms, and tracking devices. **Hitch locks.** These work by making it impossible for a thief to attach his or her vehicle to your trailer. The lock fits into your hitch and is secured with the turn of a key. Although some people use a padlock instead of an actual hitch lock, a well-equipped thief can easily cut through a padlock. The downside to these locks is that you have to unhitch your trailer from your towing vehicle to put the lock in place. You also have to make sure you don't lose the key while you're on the trail. Find a safe, secure place for the key, such as a zippered pocket. **Tongue locks.** These allow you to include the trailer chains when securing the hitch. In some situations, thieves have literally dragged the trailer away by the chains if they couldn't use the hitch. **Coupler locks.** You can usually use these while your trailer is still hitched to your vehicle, depending on the design. They prevent the thief from being able to hook up to the coupler. **Trailer-wheel locks.** You attach these devices on the outside of the tires. When trailer-wheel locks are in place, thieves find it nearly impossible to move the trailer. Well-designed models are easy to install and remove. **Alarms.** Trailer alarms are similar to car alarms. Sensors attached to the trailer doors will sound if the door is opened. Some alarms are equipped with sensors that are designed to go off if someone tries to move the trailer or tamper with the locks. Thieves hate noise. When shopping for an alarm, choose one that includes an LED system you can place on the outside of the trailer. This will send a message to thieves that the trailer is protected, and may thwart any attempts to take it. **Tracking devices.** Although tracking devices don't necessarily deter theft, they'll make it easier to find your trailer if it's stolen. Tracking devices use global positioning system (GPS) technology to tell you where your trailer is located. In most cases, you'll need to subscribe to a tracking service, which will allow you to locate your trailer online.

Step 3: Insure Your Trailer

You've taken steps to deter thieves and avoid having your trailer stolen. Your next step is to have the trailer insured so if the worst happens, you're covered. Although your trailer is automatically insured on your towing vehicle's policy in the event of an accident, theft is another matter—.If you want theft coverage for your trailer, you have to request an addition to your auto policy.

Step 4: Document Your Trailer

If your trailer is stolen, keeping the right documentation and records in your files will help law-enforcement officials track it down. Take photos of your trailer from all sides, so you can show police what your trailer looks like and make lost-trailer flyers. Record and keep handy a complete description of your trailer's model number, along with details on the type of windows, ramp, and interior. Your trailer's vehicle identification number (VIN) is an important piece of information; you'll find it on your trailer-registration card. Keep this card on your person when you are on a ride, along with a photo of your trailer. That way if your trailer is stolen, you'll not only prevent thieves from having the registration card, but you'll also have the necessary information ready to immediately provide to police.

Step 5: Park Safely Park in areas that are open, have lighting, or park with other horse trailers or that have activity

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To be considered for membership, submit this completed application each year, with a check made payable to The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. or cash in the amount of the current annual membership dues payment to the address shown below. As an applicant, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. You will be notified of your acceptance, at which time you will receive your copy of the by-laws, a membership roster and newsletter. Feel free to join in the Club activities while your membership is being processed. Your signature below shall serve as consent to allow your photographic image taken at any DDC event to be used on any and all DDC publications.

Type of memberships: _____ (\$20/individual or _____ \$30 family)

Name of member _____

Farm Name _____

USPS address _____

CHANGE from last year's Renewal Form! _____yes _____ No

Newsletters will arrive via Email unless otherwise indicated:

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I do not/cannot receive my newsletter via email and thus request a hard copy be mailed (donation suggested to defray mailing costs). _____

The best number to reach me by phone is _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Delmarva Driving Club.

VOLUNTEERS: Please mark as many items for which you are interested in volunteering. This information will be used by the various event coordinators to reach out for your help!!

- _____ Leading a Casual Drive
 - _____ Clinic Volunteers
 - _____ Serving as a member of the DDC Board or future Officer
 - _____ Hosting a clinic (on any equine related subject)
 - _____ Horse Show Volunteer
 - _____ Administrative help
- (e.g. Serving on a committee, mailing, printing and sending show information out, etc.)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
Make check payable to Delmarva Driving Club Inc. in the amount of \$20.00 per individual/ \$30 family. **C/o Deborah Dawkins (Membership Chair) 25460 Dodd Lane Denton, MD 21629**

Upcoming Events

1/11/20

Frances and Wayne Baker will host a talk about their Driving Experience in Acadia, Maine. Bad weather date is 1/18/20. See the flyer in this newsletter.

1/23-25/20

CAA Carriage Symposium will be held in Herndon, VA. This will include tours of the National Sporting Library, the Winmill Carriage Museum and Whitestone Farm. This is in addition to the ten international and domestic speakers. Go to the Carriage Association of America website for more information.

2/8/2020

A Get Together is being planned at Ann Luke's in Willards, MD

Please help us fill in the Upcoming Events page with things you would like to see the club participate in. All you need to do is contact any Board Member or the Editor of the Newsletter/Facebook and we can help make your idea a reality. We have club members with experience that can help you plan/host a drive or event. This is your club—so let your voice and ideas be heard.

Fun Ladies to Drive Day

Recently Frances and Wayne Baker purchased a Mendyka Roof Seat Break at an auction. What better way to 'test drive' the vehicle than invite some 'Ladies to Drive'. On November 13th, Frances invited some friends and hitched her 4-in-hand team of Canadian Crossbreds to the Roof Seat Break. Following a 'To the Road Toast', the ladies (decked out in fine hats) enjoyed a ride thru the wooded trails of the Baker's Hollyville Farm. After the drive, the ladies enjoyed lunch in the track room. What a great way to spend with friends and driving. Linda Thomas and Anibal Escalante were the Grooms.





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Facebook!
Check us out



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