



Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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No one knows when we will be able to get back to meeting and driving again in person, but hopefully 2021 will bring positive changes. Now is a good opportunity to review where we've been and where we're going. Before our lives changed in March 2020, members met at Frances and Wayne Baker's home in January to enjoy the 'Acadia Experience'. The Baker's were able to share highlights of their experiences in Acadia, Maine via a video presentation and discussion. In February members were able to

enjoy a 'Fun Day to Drive' at Ann Luke's Holly Ridge Equestrian Center in Willards, Maryland. In May, the Club held a photo contest 'for bragging rights' to celebrate National Carriage and Driving Month! In June, some areas were able to satisfy criteria in order to allow members to drive in organized events and drive they did! Small Driving Divisions were held at several local Pleasure Shows and many of our members were faithful competitors. Others were able to compete in 'Virtual Shows'! Several members were able to drive at home

and work on their ADS Hours to Drive Challenge. In September, Frances and Wayne Baker generously shared their Hollyville Farm for a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Show. With so many positive comments following this competition, maybe this event will become an Annual Affair! Even with the challenges from Covid, the DDC was able to host our Annual Pleasure Driving Show on October 24th. It was a wonderful Show with 21 entries. The DDC wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday season and we look forward to driving events in 2021!

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021. 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#

Volunteer Opportunity

The Pleasure Show Committee is already hard at work planning for the 2021 Show, tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2021. Pam Gray is the Show Manager and is looking for interested volunteers. There are no special skills needed, just the desire to help promote the Pleasure Driving Show. At present, meetings are held via Conference Call and the next meeting is scheduled for **December 10th at 7:30 pm**. Simply dial 1-877-216-1555, enter 290535# when prompted, and announce yourself. Contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 if you have any additional questions.



Don't Forget to Renew Your DDC Membership!

It's that time of year again to renew your membership in the Delmarva Driving Club! We hope you'll be back to join in and enjoy the many activities that we are working on for 2021. Once again we will offer our Pleasure Driving Show in May as well as many other educational, recreational, and social activities. Some benefits of this group are: informative monthly newsletter, active Facebook and web page, and a great way to meet and interact with other carriage driving enthusiasts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deb Dawkins, Membership Chair at 410-310-9569 or email her at: pulling4u2@gmail.com

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

For continuing 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 a member, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. Copies of the by-laws may be downloaded from the Club website. Newsletters are distributed monthly by email. Please 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 (\$15 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 _____ Horse Show Volunteer
 _____ Clinic Volunteers _____ Administrative help
 (e.g. Serving on a committee, mailing, printing and sending show information out, etc.)
 _____ Serving as a member of the DDC Board or future Officer
 _____ Hosting a clinic (on any equine related subject)

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

<http://www.delmarvadrivingclub.com>

Members Out and About



← Pam Gray driving Ellie



↑ Colleen Layton and KC the VSE after the Turkey Trot



John Layton and Mr. Magic at the Hard Rock HDT



↑ Frances and Wayne Baker's team enjoy a day at the Cape Henlopen Beach



Linda Thomas and Big Jim helping another couple 'tie the knot'

Members Out and About, continued



Frances and Wayne Baker and their friends enjoy a drive at Cape Henlopen Park



↑ Mary Pines driving the 'corn wagon'

↓ Judith Hartman has Marigold in training!



↑ Shannon Gandee and Beau enjoying a drive

Don Stewart and his Cougars participating in a Safari Drive →





Sunshine Corner

The Sunshine Corner is Back! It was established to express congratulations, sympathy or concern to members of our Club in the event of illness, bereavement or milestone events. Frances Baker has graciously volunteered to be our Sunshine Coordinator—if you know of someone needing “Sunshine”, please contact Frances at 302-381-2979 or email her at francesbaker65@gmail.com. This month **Sunshine** has been sent to:

Heartfelt Sympathy was sent to Jess, Rainier, and Millie Tanglao on the loss of their ‘heart horse’ Dante

Feel Better Wishes were sent to Pam Gray as she was sore following an auto accident.

Please know the DDC is concerned about all our members during this trying time of the Covid 19 virus. Stay safe and do your part to slow the spread of the virus by washing your hands often and practicing social distancing. If you’re working on the front lines during this crisis, thank you for your role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. This event will pass and we will get back to enjoying our equines with each other.

Winter Water Consumption

Water remains as important for your horse in the winter as it is in the summer. As a matter of fact, decreased water consumption in the winter is thought to be the primary inducing factor for impaction colic — although there are other predisposing factors such as poor hay quality, lack of exercise, internal parasites and dental problems. Impaction colic is essentially constipation and most often includes the accumulation of hard, dry fecal material in the colon. The usual signs of impending impaction colic are depression, a decreased appetite, and decreased production and dryness of manure. Studies demonstrate that you can increase your horse's winter water consumption if you provide access to heated water, but **ONLY** if that is the only source of water available. Back in the mid-90’s, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine conducted a series of studies to determine whether horses would drink more water during cold weather if it was heated. In the first study, researchers provided one group of horses with water that was near freezing (32-38 degrees Fahrenheit) and the other group with water that was heated (66 degrees Fahrenheit). What they found was that during cold weather, horses drank 40 percent more water when the water was heated. But *only* if that was the only source of water available. If there was icy water available, they drank almost exclusively from the icy water and drank less volume than if they had only warm water available. So the important conclusion is that your horses will drink more water during cold weather if it is heated but no other source of water should be available. In the study, the researchers also observed some interesting aspects of horse drinking behavior. For example, horses in the stalls that are fed hay and grain will do most of their drinking within a few minutes after eating the grain and within an hour or so after they are given hay, regardless of water temperature. They also noted that in all horses, whether or not they were stalled, 82 percent of the drinks took place within three hours after feeding. So, if we are using buckets that need to be refilled, it’s important that we refill them at or just after feeding twice a day. Remember, that the average 1,200 –pound horse will drink seven to 10 gallons of water a day, so a five-gallon bucket of water twice a day is adequate in most cases unless the horse is exercising and sweating heavily. You can read more on winter water consumption on the American Association of Equine Practitioners’ website at <https://aaep.org/horsehealth/winter-water-consumption> .



Awards, Awards, Awards

Admittedly Covid-19 presented quite a few challenges this year. However many of Members rose to the challenge and were able to enjoy showing their horses. Now there is a new challenge—how do members display all their successes? (members figured that out too!).



↑ Year End Winners for the C.E.S.H.S. circuit



The Layton's Trophy display



The Layton's Miss Cora was a winner in the 2020 National Standardbred Horse Show held in New Jersey



Bill Venditta's Bullet and Bandit received their fourth place rosette win from the Virtual Royal Windsor 2020 Horse Show (UK).



John Layton won the new Super Reinsmanship Trophy at the DDC Show



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