



# Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club,  
Inc

## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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### Attention!!

\* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. This will be a Zoom Meeting—look for an invitation one week prior.

A DDC General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 11th at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton, MD.** Come socialize, eat, and help decide the direction you want our club to go. Election of 2022 Officers and Board of Directors will also take place at this meeting. The Slate of Officers is:

**President**—Anna Klumpp

**Vice-President**—Frances Baker

**Secretary**—Kim Baklarz

**Treasurer**—George Parris

**Directors** -  
Michele Brauning  
Charlie Purnell  
Diane Savage  
John Layton  
Stan Vonasek

You must be present to vote and nominations

will be accepted from the floor. Just bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share - the club is providing chicken, ham, and beverages. The fun starts at 12 noon, luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. and the meeting will follow immediately after the meal. If you have any questions about the event, just contact any Board Member.

The 2022 DDC Pleasure Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. The search is still continuing for a Judge, however Porta-Potties and a Food Truck have been secured. It will soon be time to solicit for advertising and Class and Division sponsors as well as Vendors. These folks are an integral part of our Show! As always volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or pgray59@hughes.net if

you would like to help with the Show Committee. On Saturday, January 15th, 2022, Frances Baker will host a 'Refining Your Turnout' at her Hollyville Farm. This event will feature a luncheon and member participation. It will be a fun way to learn about all types of driving—from competitive to commercial. See the Flyer on page 3. The Club has merchandize such as hats, polo shirts, sweatshirts, and pins with our logo. It has been displayed at a few events and our Pleasure Show. We need Club member input on what type of Club merchandize you may be interested in. Please let the Board know of your interest. Remember to rejoin the DDC! —a membership renewal form is on page 2. The Fun Day of Driving was held on November 14th at Anna Klumpp's Cair Paravelle Farm. It was a great day of driving, learning, and fun. Hopefully this can become an annual event!



# It's Membership Renewal Time!

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 2022. 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. 2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

<p>CHANGE from last year's Renewal Form! _____ Yes _____ No</p>
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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

Don't Miss this Event!

# Refining Your Turnout

Monday

January  
15th

Join fellow DDC Members for an afternoon of interaction with different driving disciplines (Competitive, Pleasure, Coaching, Commercial, etc.)



**Where:** **Hollyville Farm**  
23450 Hollyville Road Harbeson, DE

**What:** **Program begins at 12 noon with a luncheon following the presenters**



RSVP to Frances Baker by January 8th  
phone: 302-381- 2979 or email:  
francesbaker65@gmail.com



## Fun Day of Driving at Cair Paravelle Farm

Sunday, November 14th was the Fun Day of Driving at Anna Klumpp's Cair Paravelle farm. Anna's farm was perfect for the 3k drive with both obstacles and cones incorporated along the way. DDC Members John and Colleen Layton, Diane and Rick Savage, Kim Baklarz, and Linda Thomas as well as Anne and Caitlin Adams 'VSE Brigade' enjoyed navigating around the farm. Anna Klumpp was course designer extraordinaire and orchestrated the order of go while Sherry Harris was volunteer extraordinaire. Everyone learned a lot and received a Goody Bag and Participation Ribbon. John Layton and Diane Savage tried their skill at Progressive Cones and the VSE Brigade entertained everyone with their quadrille performance. Hopefully this can become an annual event!





## The Joy of Driving



On November 4th thru the 7th, Charlie Purnell drove her Dutch Harness Horse named Illusion in the Windsor Trace Combined Driving event in Aiken, South Carolina. She was a first time participant in this type of event and entered the Training Single Horse Division. Charlie had a blast as well as learned a lot. Don Stewart, Jr. also participated in the event. He was the 'gator' or navigator for Kelly Valdes who won Reserve Championship Preliminary Single Horse at the American Driving Society National Championship.



On Friday, November 5th, Carriage Driving was featured at the Friday Night Lights Event at the Baltimore County Ag Center. Marcy and Mark Eades' pony Merlin assisted in the harnessing demonstration.



Sunday, November 7th was the 87th running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Races in Unionville, PA. In conjunction with the races, there was also a Carriage Parade which had over twelve carriages. The Carriages had a leisurely 7 mile drive from New Bolton Center to the Steeplechase grounds and then they paraded through the Steeplechase area and watched two races. Frances and Wayne Baker participated with their 4 in hand team and Linda Thomas was a passenger/groom.





## The Joy of Driving, Cont.

On Tuesday, November 9th, John and Colleen Layton were featured speakers at the Garden State Horse and Carriage Society meeting. They shared their knowledge and experience as owners of Standardbred horses with second careers. Both John and Colleen stated these horses have an amazing ability to quickly adapt to their new careers as pleasure driving and Show horses.



On November 20th, the 69th Annual Banquet for the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show was held in Salisbury, MD. Once again a Pleasure Driving Division was offered and was consistently filled with five to six drivers. Many thanks go to Michele Brauning who is a C.E.S.H.S. Board Member and helped reinstitute the Division (there was no Driving Division from 2002 through 2019). The best part was the Pleasure Driving Trophy, which was donated in 1991 by the Delmarva Driving Club, was presented to Charlie Purnell!! The other winners were Linda Thomas (Reserve Champion), Tara Bruning, and Michele Brauning.





## Members Out and About



Linda Thomas giving carriage rides

Don Stewart, Jr. participating in a Safari Drive



George Parris and Jake the Haflinger doing a funeral



Michele Brauning and her VSE 4-in-hand

Charlie Purnell and her Dutch Harness Horse





# Members Out and About, cont.



**Julianne Simpson driving her mare Julie with Jess Tanglao's Yara**

**Frances Baker driving her Coach around Hollyville Farm**



↑ **Colleen Layton and Jazz giving a young lady her first ride**



**Charlie Purnell driving Minny at her Holly Grove Farm**  
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**Rich O'Donnell playing the coach horn during a drive around the Baker's Hollyville Farm**  
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**Leslie Seidel driving her VSE pair**







## 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:

Congratulations to Michele Novack for passing the CAA Road Test

Thinking of you to Mary Pines who recently underwent serious surgery and is now recovering. We hope to see her back driving this year!

## Welcome New Member—Louisa Emerick

As early as Louisa Emerick can remember, she has had two passions...horses and photography. She foxhunted for 55 years, eventually as a whipper-in for a private pack. During the off season from foxhunting, Louisa was a competitive combined driver for 30+ years. Now that she is retired from fox hunting and competitive driving, Louisa has more time to focus on her pleasure driving and photography. Louisa lives near Fair Hill and was instrumental in designing the Fair Hill Carriage Trails Pocket Map. Her love of photography has taken her to many equestrian events from 'behind the lens'. She is an accomplished photographer, with many published pictures. Welcome to the DDC and we hope to see you and your pair at future events!!!!



## Upcoming Events

Due to the Covid 19 virus, many events have been canceled for everyone's safety. Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 12/4/21 The POPLAR HALL Christmas Market in Chesapeake City, Maryland will officially open at 9:00 AM on Sat. Dec 4th with "A CHRISTMAS PARADE of HORSES" (9am to 10am) Lana DuPont Wright's 1964 Olympic Silver Medal winning carriage will be on display, as will other local equine memorabilia.
- 12/5/21 Reindeer Run for Drivers at the Horse Park of New Jersey. Trail Drive, cones course, obstacles and prize for best holiday themed carriage. See Horse Park of New Jersey website
- 12/11/21 Suffolk Stable Christmas Show with driving division. 1418 Old Indian Mills Road, Shamong, NJ. For details call 609-346-7093 or e-mail info@suffolkstables.com
- 12/11/21 **DDC General Membership Meeting at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton, MD. See additional details on page 2**
- 12/11/21 The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade - aka - [The Lisbon Christmas Parade](#) - kicks off at 12 noon in Woodbine, MD
- 1/15/22 Refining Your Turnout (Fun Turnout Talk and Lunch) at Hollyville Farm, 23450 Hollyville Road, Harbeson, DE—see the Flyer on page 3
- 1/26-29/22 CAA INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM - Herndon, VA. For more details & registration information: <https://www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/caa-cma-international-carriage-symposium/>
- 3/3-6/22 HORSE WORLD EXPO - Harrisburg, PA. Info: <https://www.horseworldexpo.com/>

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.







We're on Facebook  
and Instagram!  
Check us out

## Board of Directors

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Kim Baklarz

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Michele Brauning

Charlotte (Charlie) Purnell

John Layton

Diane Savage

Stan Vonasek

**Facebook/Newsletter Editor**

Linda Thomas

**Membership Chair**

Deb Dawkins

**Sunshine Chair**

Frances Baker

**If you need to contact the Board of Directors/Officers or Committee Chairs, please use our new Club Email: [delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com](mailto:delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com)**