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SPECIAL EDITION - DDC ACTIVITIES FOR 2003

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Meeting Schedule

February 5 DDC business meeting
7:00 pm at the Redden Forest
Carriage House

March 5 DDC business meeting
7:00 pm at the Redden Forest
Carriage House

A-la-carte - From the editor:

On a sad note, I want to let club members know of the passing of longtime DDC member, Tom O'Bryan after a long illness.

Also, I'd like to mention the recent death of former DDC member, Cliff Holland.

Both will be sorely missed.

This 20th anniversary year of the Delmarva Driving

club, we've planned a lot of activities. We hope to get as many members as possible out to our activities. With this in mind, we are presenting this special edition newsletter with a list and short writeup about each planned activity so you can mark your calendars well in advance and plan to join us! Most activities are free to members. Those that will cost are primarily geared toward training the horse and/or driver and offer expert personal assistance.

Three clinics are planned - one is the free safety clinic with Lore Homer and two are by Ann Council. More information about the clinics is inside the newsletter. **These clinics require signup and payment ahead of time** and will also be available to non-members as space allows.

There will be updated information on all of these events in followup newsletters.

We have a lot of weekend drives planned, including a repeat of the popular Fair Hill Drive. Hope to see all of you!

If you would like to host an activity that is not listed, or help out with one that is, please contact one of the officers, sponsors or directors.

Activity Schedule:

Mar 22 Lore Homer Safety Clinic
- Heidi Ferguson

Apr 5 - Newby/Tune-up Drive -
George Parris, Heidi Ferguson

Apr 12 - First Ann Council Clinic
- longlining/ground driving am;
private lessons pm.- Heidi
Ferguson

Apr 27 - Fun Day - Carl
Zimmerman, George Parris

May 10 - Anne Council Clinic -
individual sessions - Heidi
Ferguson

May 17 C&R Center Drive -
Sherry Harris

Jun 21,22 - Fair Hill Weekend
Drive - John & Martie Bolinski

Jun 29 - Draft Horse Day - Wayne
Conner & Lois Evans

Sep 27 - Wye Island Drive - DDC
20th Anniversary Celebration -
Sherry Harris

Oct 5 - Annual Redden Drive -
Heidi Ferguson

Oct 25 - Fall Harvest at
Pepperbox - Lois & Ed Evans

Nov 1 - Assateague Drive - Carl
Zimmerman

Dec 12 - DDC Christmas Party -
Sherry Harris - C&R Center

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Do you have any driving or horse related articles, stories, photos, pictures, web pages or other items of general information, including notices of events, you'd like to share with the DDC members through the newsletter? If so, please send them to:

Marilyn Ballou
1000 W. Main St.
Milton, DE 19966
Phone: 302-338-2411

Lore Homer Safety Clinic - Mar 22 - Heidi Ferguson - Milton Equestrian Ctr.

(directions: on Rt. 1 go south to Milton, then west on rt. 5 through Milton. Continue on rt 5 to Milton Equestrian Ctr on the right.)

Lore is a national driving judge, owner and trainer of the Morgan Horse of the Century and holds both ADS and USA Equestrian judging cards for all driving divisions; pleasure, dressage and including Minis. The clinic is designed for the driver who wants to be safe and have fun while driving alone or in company. Great for greenies, both horse and driver. Bring your horse, harness and carriage or just yourself. Lore will give constructive suggestions on safety, fit and adjustment of equipment, suitability of horse and carriage, turnout, way of going, presentation and much more. She can make recommendations for improving your driving experience. Questions are encouraged. Following individual attention to each participant's harness and hitching, Lore will work with small groups of drivers in an instructional ring setting, working on topics of the driver's choice or needs. This will be a generalized timeframe with no structured hourly schedule other than a noon break. **Preregistration is required.** See clinic form in this issue.

Bring a lunch and plan on spending the day. Light refreshments will be offered by a vendor. This clinic is free to DDC members. Non members fee \$40 w/horse; \$10 w/o horse audit. Entries close March 8.

******* Anne Council Combined Clinic - April 12 - Heidi Ferguson - Francis Baker's Farm**

Anne has been an ADS "r" judge in dressage, CD and pleasure for almost 10 years. She has trained horses professionally for 25 years and bred Morgans. She started her eventing career in the lat 80's at the original Gladstone Driving Event. She competed at the advanced level until a long bout with Lyme disease sidelined her competitive career. She recently moved to PA and is teaching, doing clinics and developing Driving in Birch Hollow, her new 118 acre driving center in Stewartstown PA.

The April clinic will be divided into two sessions. The morning session will consist of approximately 20 minute sessions per participant on longlining/ground driving. This is an essential tool for any driven animal, no matter what their discipline (draft, mini, pleasure, CDE, etc.). This session will last approximately 4 hours with space available for 6-8 individuals. Following lunch break, the afternoon session will consist of pairs of drivers applying their knowledge to a driven application with the horse put to a vehicle. This session will also last about 4 hours and be primarily filled with the morning participants, with some exceptions occurring as time and space allow. See clinic form in this issue

Full Day Fee \$40 member w/horse; \$50 non-member w/horse

Half Day Fee (either session; time/space permitting) \$20 member w/horse; \$25 non-member w/horse. Auditors \$10 for full day. Time preferences will be given to full day participants. Entries close April 5th.

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Spring Newby/Safety Checkout Drive - April 5 - George Parris & Heidi Ferguson

This is a great drive for green drivers or green horses. There will be experienced people to help you with harnessing, hitching and driving if you require it. If you are an experienced driver, please join us and help the newcomers. The drive will be at Redden. More information to follow.

Fun Day - April 27 - George Parris & Carl Zimmerman - 302-846-2189 (GP) 410-632-1192 (CZ)

Cancelled last year because of bad weather, join us this year for a day of fun horse activities, including a no pressure opportunity to see what showing and competing is all about. The emphasis will be on having fun and 'learning the ropes' of showing safely and correctly. **Registration is required but there is no charge for members.** More information plus sign up sheets will appear in future newsletter.

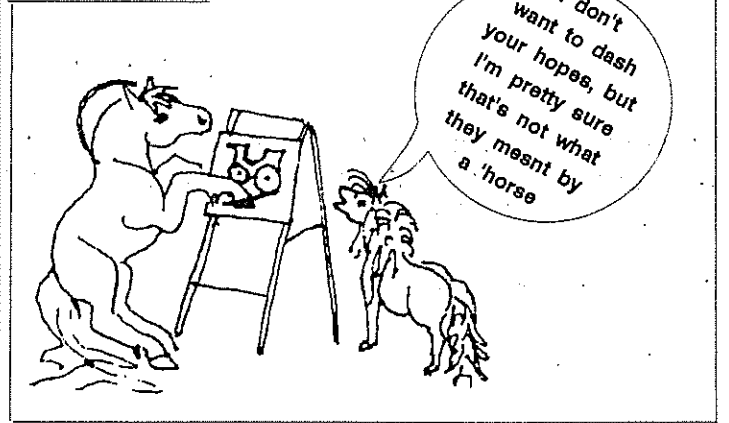
Refreshments will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share if you wish. We can always use volunteers to help with setup and clean up.

C&R Center Drive - May 17, 2003 - Sherry Harris

Drive at the Norman Wilder Wildlife Area in Petersburg DE. More info in future newsletters.



Reminder - information for the March/April newsletter is due by March 1st. Send us your stories/helpful hints/activity information/sales information/photos etc. Its your newsletter - we can't print it unless we know about it. 410-398-0257 bollinsj@do1.net



Anne Council Follow-up Clinic - May 10 - Heidi Ferguson -Frances Baker's Farm

This will be an open clinic for drivers wanting private or semi-private sessions. Prior Combined Clinic attendance is not required. Improve your driving skills or learn new ones.

A great place to start a new horse or fine tune an older one. **Registration is required.** See clinic forms in this issue.

Fee \$40 member private; \$50 non-member private; semi-private \$25 (2-3 horses in the ring at the same time). Enties close April 26th.

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Fair Hill Weekend Drive - June 21 & 22 - John & Martie Bolinski

Drive two days in beautiful Fair Hill State Park. We have 20 stalls reserved for those who want to stay overnight on Saturday. There will be a formal driveoff on both days plus time for individuals to explore on their own. Bring your own refreshments and join your friends. **Reservations required if you need a stall.** There is a stall fee of \$10 per night. Reservations suggested as a head count even if you don't plan to sleep over.

Fair Hill is a 5,613 acre Natural Resources Management Area in the northeast corner of Cecil County Maryland, bordered by PA and DE. Attractions include the Fair Hill Training Center (race horses) and a turf course where both steeplechase and flat races are held. All areas of the park are open to the public from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted. The Fair Hill Nature and Environmental Center is also located on the property, with educational tours and summer day camps.

You will be sharing the trails with hikers, bikers, horsebackriders and others so please keep a careful eye out.

Horses must have proof of negative Coggins test for all activities.

Visit the webpage at

<http://www.homestead.com/delmarvadrivingclub/> for updates and forms.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Membership Renewal is due now. Please fill in this form and return with your 2003 dues (\$20 per person). Make checks payable to Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. and mail to Pam Savage, 27547 Martins Farm Rd., Milton, DE 19968

Number of memberships: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name of members: _____,
_____,
_____, _____

Address (for newsletter) _____ phone _____
_____ email _____

Are you willing to accept your newsletters as an email or webpage connection? If so, please provide your email address.

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Draft Horse Day - June 29 - Wayne Conner & Lois Evans

See the big guys working! There will be log pulls and other timed contests, demonstrations of different hitches/wagons/farm implements. In the afternoon, we'll drive through the orchard. Bring the light horses as well. You can ride/drive. We will also have some contests set up that the light horses can compete in. Maybe a test on the longlining skills you picked up at the Ann Council Clinic in April? Refreshments will be available. Learn more about the draft horse, his history and uses. More information to follow.

Wye Island Drive & DDC 20th Anniversary Celebration - September 27 - Sherry Harris

Drive at Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area, 2,450 acres, mostly agricultural with 30 miles of shoreline. More information in future newsletters.

Annual Redden Drive - October 5 - Heidi Ferguson

Join us at the Redden State Forest, Jester Tract, for our annual drive. Bring a covered dish to share if you like or have a picnic afterwards. More information to follow.

Fall Harvest at Pepperbox - October 25 - Lois & Ed Evans

Join the group for an 'old fashioned fun' day. Visit the museums, watch the sawyers with their portable sawmills, pet the farm animals, grab some kettle corn and just enjoy the day. Taste some of the wonderful food prepared by our club members! Lots of crafts, antique tractors and engine displays. Lots of different old-time demonstrations. Entertainment. Buggy rides. Fun for the entire family! Free admission. More information to follow.

Assateague Drive - November 1 - Carl Zimmerman

4-5 miles on paved road at the Assateague Island National Seashore, MD District. 1:00 pm driveoff. Refreshments after drive. More information to follow.

DDC Christmas Party - December 12 - Sherry Harris - C&R Center

More news about the party later. We were unable to get the Lodge at Redden for this year, so Sherry has made arrangements at the C&R Center. We need volunteers to help with planning, setup, decorating etc. Give Sherry a call if you would like to help out or have ideas to make our Christmas Party the best ever.

More information later as plans gel.

to view photos of past activities, visit the

webpage at

<http://www.homestead.com/delmarvadrivingclub/>

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One entry form is required for each clinic you wish to attend. If you need additional copies, please contact the sponsor, feel free to make additional copies yourself, or download a copy from the website. You must send clinic fee plus proof of negative Coggins to reserve your spot.

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**Delmarva Driving Club
Clinic Entry Form
One per turnout, please**

DRIVING CLUB INC.

Participant: _____ Groom: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Horse's name: _____ Breed: _____ Sex: _____
Color: _____

Clinician: _____
Driving Goals: _____

Goals for clinic: _____

Liability Disclaimer: I understand that neither the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. it officers, directors, officials, organizers, members, volunteers nor the property owners accept any responsibility for accidents, damage, injury or illness to me or my animals in connection with this event. I hereby express my knowledge that horse sports, including spectators, drivers and/or riders involves inherent dangerous risks of injury or loss and I agree to hold harmless above mentioned parties from any and all claims.

I have read all of the above and agree to its terms.
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please fill in all information and return with copy of current coggins (if bringing a horse), check made out to DDC Inc. for appropriate fees to:

Heidi Ferguson
2686 Canterbury Rd.
Milford, DE 19963

*Clinic entries will close two weeks prior to scheduled date. Openings accepted on a first come, first served basis with priority given to current DDC members. No reservations without payment and proof of negative Coggins.

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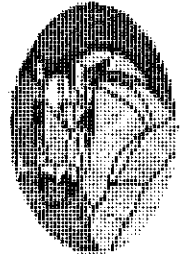
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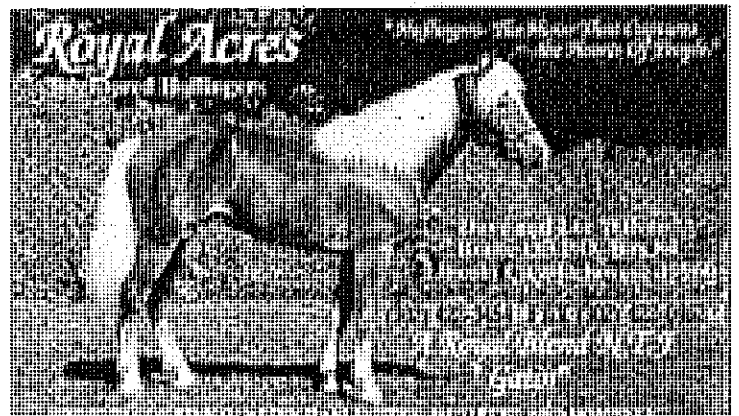


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