



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, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 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 Board Meeting was held on January 6, 2022 and new Board Members were welcomed. The minutes from meetings on November 4th and December 11, 2021 were approved as submitted. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$7,707.62. Expenses totaled \$125.00 and deposits were \$860.00, leaving an ending balance of \$8442.62. An annual Treasury Audit will be completed by March 1, 2022. The report was accepted as presented.

The proposed Club budget for 2022 was presented and after a discussion it was determined the budget will require amending since the Club is considering some new merchandise. Michele Brauning will evaluate the existing inventory, make a proposal regarding adding a wider variety of items, and present it at the

next Board Meeting. The Board voted to join the Maryland Horse Council and this expense will also need to be added to the Budget. Plans for the May 14th Show are moving along. The show committee has determined that there will be no "In Hand" class for the 2022 show and the registration fees for classes will be as follows: \$10 per class for pre-entries and \$15 per class the day of the show. Junior Drivers participate for free. It has been suggested that an awards ceremony for champion and reserve champion ribbons be scheduled 30 minutes after the last class is completed. The Prize List for the Show is now available. Please contact Pam Gray for a copy. All club members are encouraged to solicit advertising and sponsorships. These forms are now available on the DDC web page and will be available in the next several newsletters.

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. The Board reviewed the Club By-Laws and it was suggested to change the term of the DDC officers to two years rather than one. This could include staggering the terms. This change must be voted on by the general membership. However the by-laws were approved as they stand until the next General Membership meeting.

Since Covid continues to make in person events more difficult, the Board decided to utilize our Zoom account to help keep members engaged and informed. Other clubs have had great success with these informal chats with time for questions. Possible topics include: horse photography, new careers for retired racehorses, nutrition for older equines, etc.

Refining Your Turnout Program was an Overwhelming Success



On Saturday, January 15th, the Delmarva Driving Club Driving demonstrated just how versatile and complex carriage driving can be. From one July weekend in 1983, this club has grown from seven charter members getting together for an overnight pleasure drive to a large group with diverse interests and backgrounds. Frances and Wayne Baker showcased these interests by hosting a “Refining Your Turnout” program at their Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE. Club Members were able to see, touch, and interact with different turnouts and equipment used in such disciplines as: Competitive Driving, Commercial Driving, Pleasure Showing, Coaching, and even what to wear to a driving lesson. The highlight of the day was a coaching horn demonstration by Rich O’Donnell. This fantastic exhibition showed how the coach horn is used to announce a coach or act as a communication system. It also entertained the passengers. Each call is authentic and carries a message like: we have arrived, get ready and let's go, we need lodging, or even I'm thirsty. Rich brought 5 different horns and

showed the great skill needed to play while standing on a moving carriage. He also wore a traditional Guard uniform, explaining the difference between the winter and summer uniform as well as how to properly shine the Beaver Hat. (He also explained why the uniform was red and how all the components of the outfit had a specific purpose – thick half chaps to protect his legs from the wheels, heavy gloves for protection, and even his tie could be used as a tourniquet if needed). Other Club members knowledgeable in different driving disciplines shared their thoughts and equipment. John Layton’s hackney pony has helped him cultivate his interest in Competitive Driving, so John shared his safety equipment including his protective driving vest, helmet, and marathon clothing. Linda Thomas has been a Commercial Carriage driver since 1989 and she showed various attire worn to participate in weddings and funerals. She also showed how commercial harness has a lot more ‘bling’ and embellishments than pleasure or competition harness. George Parris shared his thoughts on how to dress for a driving lesson. However the most

impressive visuals were the Baker’s 1902 Brewster Private Road Coach and their Mendyka Park Drag which were displayed side by side. The Brewster has been presented at The Devon Horse Show in Pennsylvania, won the 2017 Carriage Association of America Sidney Latham Award in Lexington, Kentucky (this award is given for the best antique vehicle over 30 years old still in use), and participated in the Coaching Weekend in Newport, Rhode Island in 2018. The Bakers had several friends and family members dressed for coaching. Even their two year old granddaughter, Mayvis, participated and showed great interest in the coaches. Hopefully she will be a future Coaching Whip (driver). Her grooms were attired in suits with Bowler hats, while the Full Livery was displayed on mannequins next to the Park Drag. The Park Drag’s rear boot showed an array of refreshments that would have been served during a stop. At the end of the presentation, several of the attendees even ‘climbed up’ on the Coach for the exposure to the impressive vehicle and a couple of folks attempted to ‘tootle’. Thank you Frances and Wayne for hosting this informative way to share how great this sport is.



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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 _____

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)

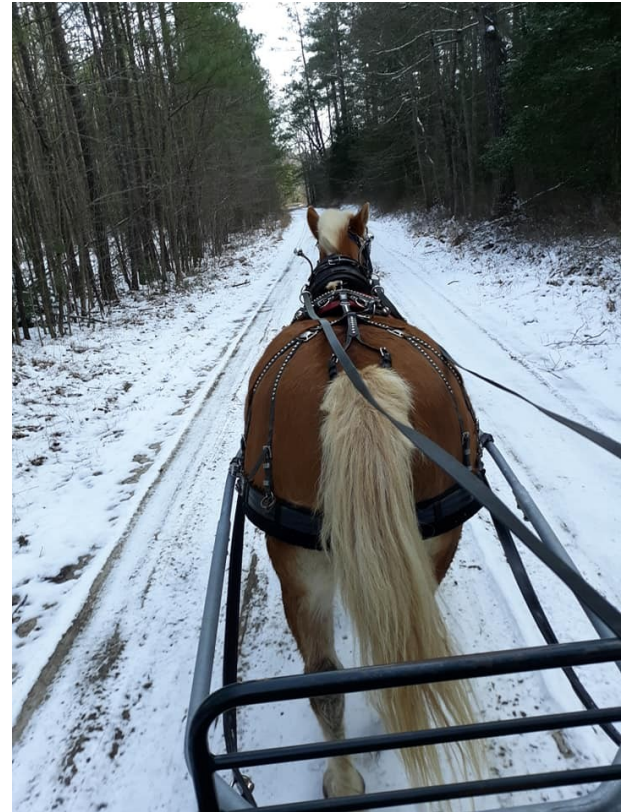
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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

Members Out and About



Frances Baker driving Duke and Cooter to a Bob Sled



Linda Thomas driving Big Butt Betty



Jess Tanglao driving Savannah, Dancer, Hans, and Kurt



Charlie Purnell and her pony Minny

Members Out and About, cont.



Charlie Purnell's 'furry family' in her sleigh



Katelin McConkey Cook and Millie Tanglao with Freya



Laurie Vonasek and Sol



Frances Baker taking her granddaughter Mayvis for a sleigh ride



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:

Thinking of you/Get Well Wishes were sent to:

Mary Pines— her Haflinger Admiral is quite ill and the Club continues to send Mary thinking of you wishes as she continues her cancer fight.

Martha Zimmerman had a carriage accident last fall and is almost ready to drive again. Her pony Snap-To-It (Snappy) is now enjoying retirement.

Congratulations were sent to:

Judith Hartman on her new foal—Copper Beech Double Double (Dots). This foal is her first homebred Welsh pony (bred from two ponies she bred)

Charlie Purnell got a new pony named Ace. Also a pony named H. G. Mud Puddles (which she and her mother Kaye Purnell bred) recently won the Small Pony Hunter Division at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center .

Pam and Steve Gray’s new house is just about move in ready! They’ve been waiting for this a **LONG** time!

Katelin McConkey Cook is expecting a daughter in July



Welcome New Members

Dawn and Mike Pontz have a small hobby farm in South Jersey where they have started driving their Fell Ponies named Porter and Rosie. They are exploring various activities with them and are enjoying the sport and tradition of driving as well as meeting and making new friends.



Erin & Josh Gale and Wendy & Wade Hale are new members from New Jersey. The Gales and the Hales all help with Gales Way Farm, a 126 acre farm in Wrightstown, NJ. This farm is a family run operation where every horse is treated as part of the family and they are able to accommodate most every equine discipline. They have a full size dressage ring, a 1/2 mile training track, cross country fences, and miles of trails. Wendy Hale is the resident trainer. She is an accredited horsewomen with over 35 years experience. Wendy specializes in dressage, equitation, and driving and has shown on the USDF, DVHA, and NJQHA circuits.



Welcome New Members, cont.

Welcome back Tammy Carpenter. She is from Milton, DE and is all about Clydesdales. Her family owns The Farmer's Porch which is a nickname used by the farm to accommodate different DE businesses within our Carpenter Family; JC Beef, JC Popcorn, & Spiritual Synergy Gifts. It is also the home to her Clydesdales.



Welcome back Bonnie Forgacs. She lives in Dover, DE and has been involved in many equine disciplines, from English riding/jumping instructor to being a carriage enthusiast for many years. At present she has VSEs which she successfully shows.

What is the Horse Council and How can it Help You?

By Stan Vonasek

The American Horse Council formed in the late 1960s and by 1970 they became the Coalition of State Horse Councils with 43 states participating. Now they lobby before Congress and Federal agencies for the interests of the horse industry and they serve as a unified voice for the horse industry. Both Maryland and Delaware have State Equine Councils which represent, educate, and connect all segments of their State horse industries.

The Delmarva Driving Club has been a member and supporter of the Delaware Equine Council for many years and have been entitled to the many benefits of DEC membership. Besides receiving an informative DEC Newsletter six times, you automatically gain some of the benefits of membership in the American Horse Council as well as gain access to discounts on liability insurance, rental cars, marketing tools, communication tools, etc.

Recently the DDC Board voted to join the Maryland Horse Council where their core mission is to lobby state and local government for sensible and economically sound positions, and to provide educational and business networking resources for the Maryland horse community. The MHC publishes a free monthly publication called *The Equiery*, which provides the Maryland horse community with horse industry news, educational articles, photos, and profiles on horse businesses and horse people, as well as a service directory for businesses that serve the Maryland horse industry. All membership levels of the Maryland Horse Council are eligible for significant savings on nationally known select products and services. Benefits for both of the organizations are listed on their webpages.

Through these two organizations, our Club will benefit from the programs and policies designed to protect horse health and safety, foster a vibrant horse industry and safeguard equestrian lands for farms, competitions and riding in both Delaware and Maryland.

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.

- 2/20/22 Mid Winter Barn Sizzle 2002 - The South Jersey Carriage Club is sponsoring this Tack Swap at Stoney Acres Ranch Indoor Arena from 10 am to 3 pm. The address is 117 Old Burlington Rd, Bridgeton, NJ. There will be vehicles, harness, tack, saddles, Show clothes, and so much more. Check out the South Jersey Carriage Club Facebook page to see some of the items.
- 3/3-6/22 HORSE WORLD EXPO - Harrisburg, PA. Info: <https://www.horseworldexpo.com/>
- 3/24/22 DDC General Membership Meeting
- 4/8-10/22 SOUTHERN PINES CT & CDE - Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC - Info: Omnibus 04-04-2022 Southern Pines CDE & CT
- 4/10/22 Horse Park of New Jersey will host a Cones and Obstacle Driving Day. More details soon
- 4/16-17/22 AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC AND DRESSAGE - Aiken, SC - Info: Omnibus 04-16-2022 Aiken Carriage Classic and Dressage
- 4/22/22 Martins Auction in Lebanon, PA
- 5/14/22 **Annual DDC Pleasure Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD The Judge is Jessica Axelsson**
- 5/14/22 Harlequin Farm ADT (with a rain date of May 15th). 37720 Legard Farm Rd, Purcellville, VA
- 6/3-5/22 ELK CREEK CDE & CT - Fair Hill NRMA, MD - Info: dltrefry@gmail.com
- 6/23-24/22 Lancaster County Carriage and Antique Auction in Bird-in-Hand, PA—Mud Sale

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.

Auction at Refining Your Turnout Event Benefits Our Pleasure Show



Auctioneer Rich Graves

A Live Auction, with DDC Auctioneer Rich Graves, was held in conjunction with the Refining Your Turnout Event on January 15, 2022. Frances Baker generously donated a D D Rapps Ladies Rain Hat, which after a lively auction, was purchased by Charlie Purnell. The money from this auction will go towards our Annual Pleasure Driving Show on Saturday, May 14th. Thanks to both Frances Baker and Charlie Purnell.



Charlie Purnell—Winner of the Rain



Michele Brauning—Hat Model for the Auction



The Hat

Winter Barn Ventilation Guide

Resist the urge to close up the barn during cold weather

Closing even a few barn doors and windows to make the barn warm and "cozy" can cause a significant decline in air quality as dust and other particulates build up in the air. A horse with heaves will be especially sensitive to this, but any horse can be adversely affected if kept in a tightly closed space.



To avoid wintertime ventilation mistakes, remember that it's wind and precipitation you are shielding the horses from—not cold air. Horses don't mind the cold as much as we do. Plus, a blanket can provide the extra warmth a horse needs without putting his respiratory health at risk.

Your barn isn't well ventilated if:



The temperature inside is more than **10 degrees higher** than the barn outside



You can detect **the odor of ammonia**. (This also means your stall-cleaning effort needs work.)



Condensation forms on the inside of windows or other surfaces

Remember...

Most healthy, unclipped horses can live outside comfortably in sub-zero temperatures with only a windbreak shelter and plenty of hay.



Protect your horse from wind and precipitation

If it's not windy or raining or snowing, leave all the barn doors and windows open—no matter the temperature. If wind and precipitation are a concern, close only those openings necessary to block them, which typically means windows and doors on the windward side.

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