



Let's Drive !



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Bits and Pieces — Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club,

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Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019 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#

Don't forget to RSVP to the Baker's in order to participate in the interactive discussion entitled 'Accidents Hurt—Safety Doesn't' on Saturday, February 9th. The intent of this program is not to lecture on safety requirements and techniques, but to share knowledge learned from personal experiences. Hope to see you there—more details can be found in the Upcoming Events.

DDC Member Pam Gray has agreed to be the Show Manager for our Annual Pleasure Driving Show on Saturday, May 11th. If you would like to become involved in the Show's planning process, please call her at 410-819-6113.

Volunteers are welcome and needed! Assistance is needed with everything from Advertising to the Prize List. The Show Committee has met and many new ideas have been discussed. One idea is to have a **Show Food Manager**. If this position interests you, please contact Pam. If you like cones classes, a Gambler's Choice Course will be added this year. The popular Cross Country Class will be returning and offered to all Divisions.

Help us plan the Driving Calendar!! Give us your input by contacting any Board Member. Tentative drives are being planned at Wye Island, Blackbird

Blackbird State Forest, Pocomoke Forest, Wells Tract, Idylewild, Redden State Forest and possibly at the farms of Anna Klumpp and Frances Baker.

Don't forget to **renew your membership!** You will be receiving an updated Membership Roster shortly, so that you can interact and share with other members of the club. Don't hesitate to become involved—Let's Drive in 2019!

Carriage Association Learning Weekend

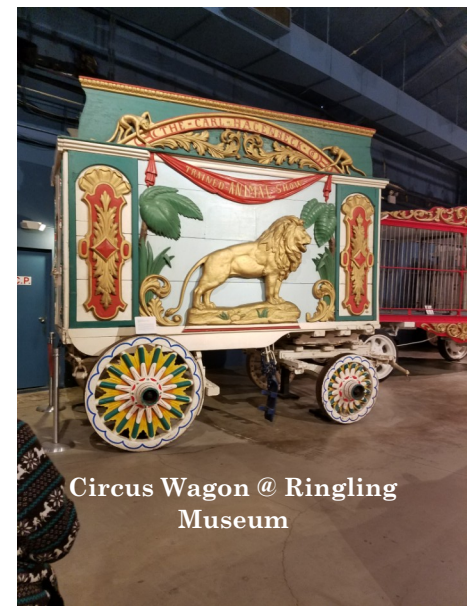
The Carriage Association of America (CAA) was founded in 1960 and is the oldest and largest international organization of its type. Their mission is to be a source for the exchange of information regarding all aspects and use of animal-drawn vehicles and an accurate source of technical information for the benefit of members and the general public. The CAA hosts Learning Weekends in a variety of locations, packed full of seminars, hands-on demonstrations, and social activities. On January 24th thru January 26th, DDC Members Frances Baker, Bill Venditta, and Linda Thomas attended one of these events in Sarasota, Florida. There were members from

Carriage Association Learning Weekend held in Sarasota, FL (cont.)

twenty-two (22) states, England, and Canada present. Since Sarasota, Florida was the winter home to the Ringling Brothers Circus, many of the lectures/talks focused on the history of the circus wagons and the importance of horses to the circus. In the 1920's Ringling Brothers Circus had approximately 335 horses and used 92 railroad cars to transport the circus from location to location. The Weekend closed with a trip to the Ringling Circus Museum and Museum of Art. This is definitely a Bucket List item! Another speaker was Desiree Herrmann, who is an up and coming carriage driver competing with everything from a single horse to a four-in-hand and coach. Desiree drives and rides Friesians for Prospect Stables in Sarasota, Florida and her family has had a long history with horses—her father assisted General Patton in the rescue of the Lipizzan Stallions from Vienna, Austria and performed with these horses in America and many members of her family have performed with the circus. As part of the Learning Weekend, participants had the privilege to view Prospect Stables Carriage Collection as well as watch Desiree and her sisters perform on Friesian Stallions. By training the horses in classical dressage movements, they seemed to be 'dancing'. Desiree even demonstrated riding tandem with two stallions and then performed a Pas de Trois, where three stallions are presented in a drill of grace and precision. However the highlight of the event was meeting two of the World Equestrian Games Gold Medal Winners at a 'Celebration Party' - Misdee Wrigley Miller and Chester Weber (Jimmy Fairclough was unable to participate due to the weather). Even more exciting was these two four-in-hand drivers were competing at a nearby CDE, so Misdee brought along her coach—Boyd Excell! The weekend was a wonderful way to learn, meet new friends, and have fun.



Misdee Wrigley Miller and Chester Weber



Circus Wagon @ Ringling Museum



Boyd Excell



Hearse which is a part of Prospect Stable Collection



Desiree Herrmann riding tandem with 2 stallions

Carriage Association Business Meeting

Important business was also conducted as part of the Learning Weekend. DDC Member Bill Venditta was elected as one of the three Vice Presidents of the CCA—Congratulations Bill. The Delmarva Driving Club was recognized as the winner of the electronic Newsletter category and Reserve Champion of the Overall Newsletter Contest—Congratulations—Linda Thomas, Newsletter Editor.



Vice President Bill Venditta with Misdee Wrigley Miller



Linda Thomas receiving awards from the Newsletter Contest



The DDC was presented awards for winning the Electronic Newsletter Division and Reserve Champion in the Overall Newsletter Division



Don't Forget to Renew Your DDC Membership

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2019 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 _____

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
- (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
- _____ Offering a clinic on an equine related subject
- _____ Horse Show Volunteer
- _____ Administrative help

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 trying out her 'riding skills' at the Ringling Circus Museum in Florida



Frances Baker, Wayne Baker, and Bill Vendetta attending a meeting at the Philadelphia Four-in-Hand Club



Michele Brauning enjoying the recent snow with her VSE Chance

Shannon Gandee having another first on her driving horse Beau



DIY Corner



With the extreme variation in temperatures that have been occurring—here is a simple solution to help prevent your yard hydrant from freezing. Use shipping boots with a heat tape.



Here's a neat slow feeder idea as well as keeping waste to a minimum.



Sunshine News

Darlene Logan reported the following Sunshine sent:

If you would like to send a card to Lois Evans, her current address is:

Mrs. Lois Evans

Lofland Nursing Home, Room 115

715 E. King Street

Seaford, DE 19973



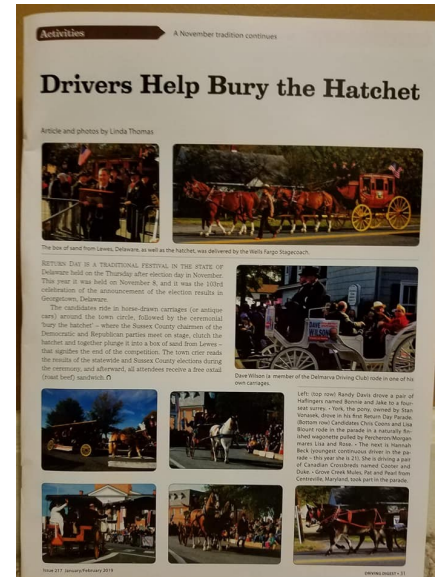
Call Darlene at 410-200-0960 or email her at maneship@yahoo.com to have Sunshine sent!

Congratulations Corner

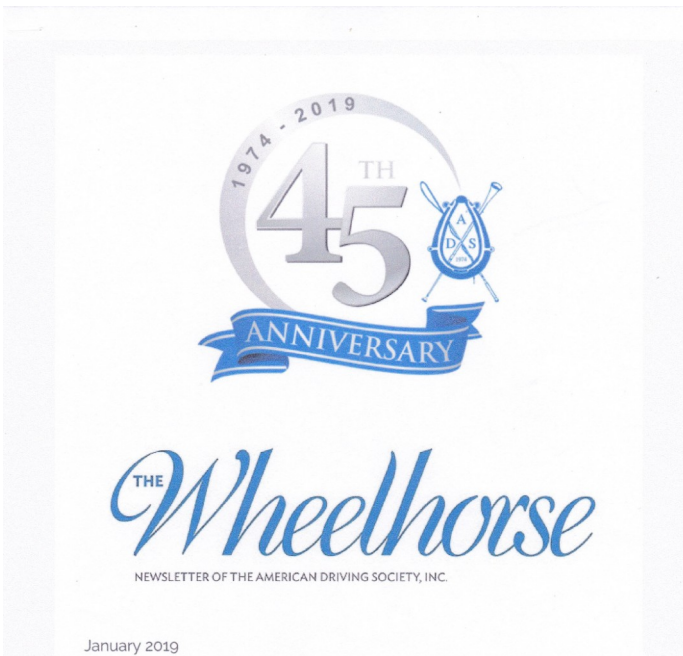


DDC Members were mentioned in an article in The Driving Digest—an international magazine:

On page 31 of the January/February, 2019 issue of the Driving Digest, Delmarva Driving Club members are featured in an article about the Sussex County Return Day Parade which occurred in Georgetown, Delaware on November 8th.



An article about DDC Drivers was also in the January issue of the American Driving Society Newsletter—The Wheelhorse



The lower Eastern Shore of Maryland is lucky to have so many wonderful public land areas on which to drive carriages for pleasure. There is no traffic and minimal changes in terrain (really flat), but there are many opportunities to view nature at its best - from trees and vegetation to water as well as several types of wildlife. DDC Members Sherry Harris and Linda Thomas try to plan weekly drives to these areas: Idylwild Nature Area is fairly large Wildlife Management Area located on the Maryland-Delaware border, just north of Federalsburg, MD and part of the Marshyhope Creek watershed; Wye Island is 2,450 acres in Queen Anne's county, managed by the Department of Natural Resources in order to provide recreation, agriculture and a suitable habitat for wintering waterfowl populations and other native wildlife; Demonstration Forest in Wicomico County has six marked trails that can accommodate carriages; and the Pocomoke Forest in Worcester County. What a relaxing way to enjoy nature while driving a horse!

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to Frances Baker for making the winning bid for Jimmy Fairclough's (one of the three Gold Medal Winners at the 2018 World Equestrian Games) raffle of a three day training session with him at his New Jersey farm. Frances is also going to have the opportunity to make some new friends from Texas and Oklahoma. During the Silent Auction at the Learning Weekend in Sarasota, Florida, two ladies won Frances' offer of a carriage drive with her in Delaware!

Welcome Back Members:

Michele Brauning is a practicing dentist in Worcester County, Maryland. She currently drives VSE's (minis) in multiple hitch formations (from single to four-in-hand) and enjoys both pleasure driving and showing.



Joan Smith has several favorite driving equines—from a VSE to a Mustang. She enjoys pleasure driving and competitive showing



Hope to see these members at some of our events in 2019!

Upcoming Events

- 02/09/19 Accidents Hurt—Safety Doesn't—Come join the DDC at Frances and Wayne Baker's Hollyville Farm to participate in this interactive and informative presentation on carriage driving safety (based on the TV Show Family Feud). The event will start at noon with lunch provided by the Bakers. Immediately following lunch, the safety program, as well as a panel discussion, will begin. This event will be held indoors, however not all areas are heated, so please dress appropriately. In case of bad weather, the event will be held on February 16th. The address is Hollyville Farm 23430 Hollyville Road Harbeson, DE 19951 Please call Frances Baker at 302-381-2979 to RSVP or for additional information.
- 02/28 thru 03/03/19 Horse World Expo and Theatre Equus in Harrisburg, PA
- 4/6/19 Mt. Hermon Plow Days—See real horsepower at work in Salisbury, MD
- 04/26—27/19 Martin's Spring Carriage Auction in Lebanon, PA
- 05/11/19 The 12th Annual Pleasure Driving Show, scheduled for May 11th, is a traditional driving show featuring divisions for VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples, and Novice Driver. Some additional classes included are Costume Class, Ride and Drive Class, Carriage Dog Class, Cones Course, In Hand Class, Cross Country Course, and Command Class. Division Championships and Reserve Championships will be awarded. This year's judge is Kail Palmer-Miller from PA. Stabling and camping are available on the grounds and there is a hotel nearby. Volunteers are always needed!! Updates will be posted - also watch the DDC newsletter and Facebook for additional updates/information.
- 6/1/19 Morven Park Carriage Driving Show and Arena Driving Trial in Leesburg, VA
- 6/14/19 Elk Creek Combined driving Event at Fair Hill, MD

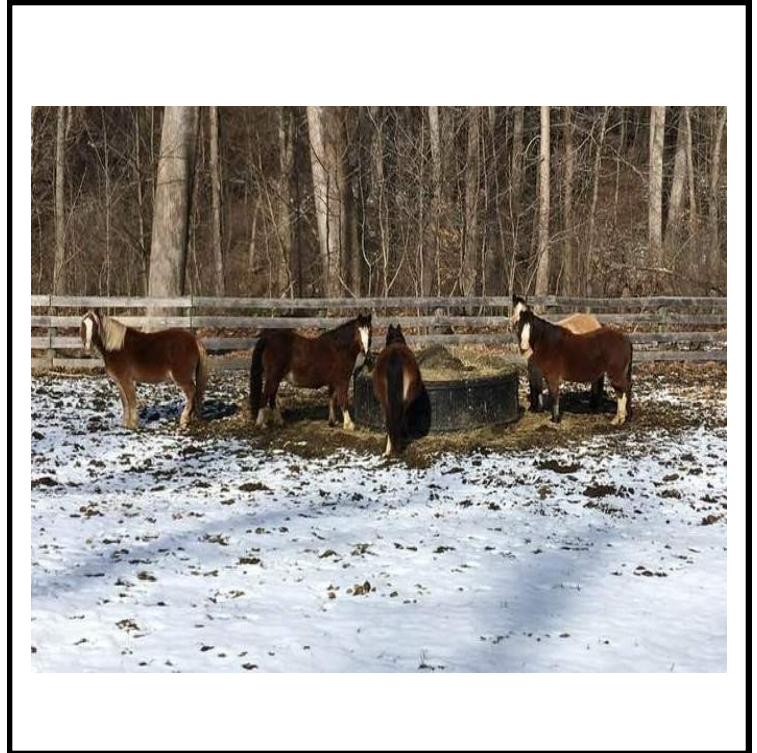
Please help us fill in the Upcoming Events page with things you would like to see the club participate in. All you need to do is contact any Board Member or the Editor of the Newsletter/Facebook and we can help make your idea a reality. We have club members with experience that can help you plan/host a drive or event. This is your club—so let your voice and ideas be heard. We also have many volunteer positions, such as photocopying the Newsletter, submitting topics of driving interest for publication in the newsletter or on Facebook, assisting with planning and volunteering at the Annual DDC Show, etc. **Get involved and Let's Drive in 2019!**



Frances Baker and Linda Thomas standing next to one of the Ringling Circus Bandwagons



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