

Delmarva Driving Lines

Newsletter of the Delmarva
Driving Club, Inc.

January & February, 2003

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Meeting Schedule

NOTE - change in meeting location for January

January 8 DDC monthly business
meeting. 7:00 pm at the Redden
Forest LODGE

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

President's Message

*From the (former) President, Carl
Zimmerman*

2002 was a challenging year for the DDC. Some difficult times, but also some very good ones. The Romantic Carriage Ride fundraiser proved that new events can generate a lot of interest (and \$), while Fall Harvest showed the value of a tried and true formula for success. From my perspective, that's what makes the DDC a unique organization. Lots of different people with diverse interests, and lots of opportunities to experience different things. Oh what a boring world it would be if we all enjoyed only the same things. Thank goodness for differences.

It was a privilege serving as DDC President for the second half of 2002. I hope that you'll provide John Bolinski with the same support you gave me. Here's to a great 2003! Safe driving.

*From the incoming President
John Bolinski*

Let me start by saying that I hope that you and your families had the best of holiday seasons and that 2003 will bring you good health and prosperity.

For those of you present at the December elections, I would like to thank you for the confidence you have shown in my ability to lead such a diverse, outstanding organization.

President's message - continued

As I reflected to many of you, I was hoping to serve as your VP for at least another year so I could get to know more members and learn, first hand, just how

our club does its business.

Since this was not possible, I agreed to take on the position of President and I promise to give it my best effort. I truly appreciate all the positive comments and advice I have received since the elections and I look forward to leading our organization into its 20th anniversary year. I encourage every member of the club to let me know your feelings, concerns or comments on how we can improve our organization. Feel free to contact me on Email, regular mail or phone.

As my first official act, I would like to thank Cyndi Wolfe and her little elves, Kay Mildon, Pam Savage and Wayne Conner for a truly outstanding Christmas weekend. The fellowship we shared as we broke bread together at the Redden State Forest Lodge was fantastic and the dancing afterwards and the drive the following day made it a truly fun holiday. Thanks guys, you did good! A special thanks to Kathy Clausen for taking pictures for both events.

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Information Please!

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

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North East, MD 21901
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DDC 12/4/02 General Meeting Minutes

President Carl Zimmerman called the Dec 4, '02 meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Redden Forest Carriage House.

There were 18 members present and 2 guests.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Previous balance of Nov 6, 02 \$3,881.75. There was no deposit for the November meeting.

Expenses: \$256.43 Total checking account balance as of Dec 4, 02 -- \$3,625.32. Treasurer's report approved as read.

Sunshine: Martie reported the balance in sunshine is \$32.61. Cards were sent to Francis Bartsch, Linda Thomas and Ed Massey.

Paula reported that our DDC meetings for 03 will be held at the Redden Lodge beginning in January 03 until we are notified of the change. Funds have been approved for the Pavillion at the Jester Tract. Junior mentioned they may need help with the roof. Beginning Dec 7, 2002, Saturday and Sundays the gates will be open at 7:00 AM until dusk. This is on a temporary basis only. The Park would appreciate if people would let them know when/how/many use the park during these times. Paula also reported that the Delaware Equine Council would be touring the Carriage Place Jan 25, 03 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Memberships: Kay received an application, but no check was received and Sherry will contact this person. Kay will also add to the application a place for an email address and place for the amount to pay for dues.

minutes continued:

Christmas Dinner: Cyndi gave an up-date of the Christmas Dinner. Cyndi mentioned having a DJ and getting some Poinsettias for door prizes. Ed Evans motioned to give \$200 for these expenses. Seconded by Paula Barto. It was also decided to change the deadline to Dec 11 for all money to be in for guests.

Elected Officers for 2003:

President -- John Bolinski

Vice President - Sherry Harris

Secretary -- Kay Mildon

Treasurer -- Pam Savage

Directors -- Wayne Conner, Martie Bolinski

Our past president, Carl Zimmerman made a very nice speech and the members thanked him for the great job he has done.

President Bolinski began with discussing the proposed 2003 budget presented by Treasurer, Pam Savage. George Parris motioned to accept as submitted. Seconded by MJ Taylor.

Volunteer Positions:

Sunshine -- Lois Evans

Newsletter Editor -- Martie Bolinski

Activities/Drive Coordinator -- Heidi Ferguson

Historian -- Lois Evans

Web Master -- Marcha Groton

We need volunteers to fill positions of Education Coordinator and Safety Officer.

Let John Bolinski if you are interested.

2003 Events and Activities:

Fun Day, Fall Harvest, Fair Hill, C/R Canal, Assateague Drive, Draft Horse Day, Step Back in Time, Tuckahoe, Redden Drive.

Peggy Kostner mentioned it is the DDC's 20th anniversary year.

50/50 won by Ed Evans \$8.00

Refreshments: by Kathy Clausen and was enjoyed by all.

Adjournment: Hearing no further business, Ed Evans Motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Cyndi Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Mildon, Secretary

FUN DAY - Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for us this year and Fun Day was canceled at the last minute. We are hoping to reschedule for this spring. Keep your calendars open.

Cost Containment

If you have an email account and would like to receive your newsletter online, it would save the club postage, copy and paper costs. Please send your email address to Martie Bolinski at bolinsj@dol.net This would allow us to go back to 12 newsletters per year.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

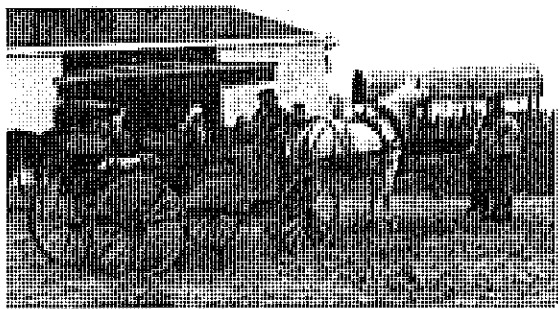
This year will be the 20th anniversary of the start of the Delmarva Driving Club! If you have any ideas how to celebrate the occasion, let any of your officers or directors know! Let's make it a great, safe, driving oriented year.

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Items for Sale

Horse for sale - 4 yr (2003)
Standardbred filly, black, sound, very
mild mannered, \$1000 firm. Retired
from training (not fast enough for
racing). Contact Grier Stayton,
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cob size pole. Top is easily removable.
Located in Church Hill. All reasonable
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carriage with 15h horse. Contact lola
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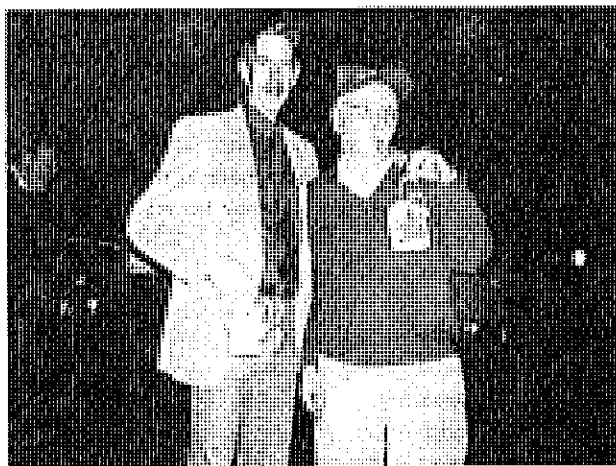


If you have items to sell, please
contact Martie Bolinski
email bolinsj@dol.net
phone 410-398-0257

DDC Christmas Party

The Christmas party, held on December 21st at Redden
Headquarters was a great event. There were 42 people in
attendance. The food, by House of Sweets was excellent and
the DJs, Debra Ann and Johnny Martin got the crowd dancing
and tapping their toes. The beautiful poinsettias, which were
given as door prizes, were donated by Sam Yoder & Son
Quality Meats. A big thank you to Mr. Yoder,
the DJs, the caterer, and especially to Cyndi Wolfe and her
decorating team, Cyndi Wolfe, Kay Mildon, Pam Savage &
Wayne Conner. There were so many door prizes that almost
everyone was a winner. And thank you to Kathy Clausen, who
took the wonderful photos.

The drive at Redden the day after the party was attended by a
number of folks who all enjoyed a safe fun ride and drive.



*Interested in hosting a drive? Organizing an activity? Ideas
for events or clinics? Or perhaps you'd just like to help out at
a scheduled event? If so, please contact DDC's Activities
Coordinator and discuss your interests.*

Heidi Ferguson

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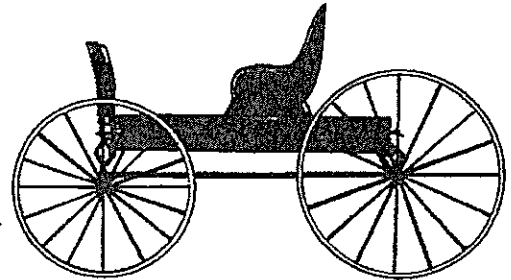
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Drive Smartly - Drive Safely Sound Advice from the CCA

Editor's note: The following is the third in a series of articles presenting portions of the Carriage Association of America's excellent publication, "Drive Smartly, Drive Safely"

The Ten Most Common Causes of Accidents and Ways of Avoiding Them:

- 1) Lack of ability on the part of the Driver
- 2) Carelessness and overconfidence of the driver
- 3) The driver's lack of understanding of horses, or lack of horse sense.
- 4) **Inadequate or improper training of the horse or horses**
- 5) The unsuitability as to size or temperament of the horse(s)
- 6) Failure of equipment
- 7) Poor fitting of the harness
- 8) Lack of skilled assistance
- 9) Disturbance of the horse(s) from outside causes
- 10) Failure of the driver to anticipate and plan for emergencies



4) **Inadequate or improper training of the horse or horses**

Training a horse for driving should proceed by careful stages. A saddle horse may be ridden before his mouth has been fully educated but a harness horse must be taught to respond to signals through the reins before he is put between the shafts of a vehicle. A mishap in harness during training may have a long-lasting effect on a horse's behavior. A horse that runs away with a broken carriage at his heels may never be safe to drive again.

It can be dangerous to assume that a horse that has behaved quietly under saddle for a long time will be equally quiet in harness. Such a horse must first become used to wearing a winker bridle, then driven with it in long lines until he is fully at ease with it. When he is considered ready to be driven in a breaking cart, he should be put to and driven with as much care as a young horse.

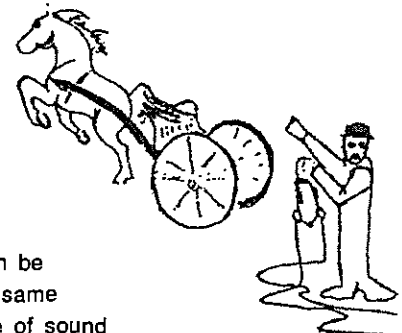
It pays to devote a great deal of time to training horses to become familiar with all of the sights and sounds they are likely to encounter on an organized carriage drive. The natural reaction of horses is to bolt or leap sideways when startled by an unexpected sound or object; perhaps causing them to plunge headlong into coming traffic. Experienced drivers spend a lot of time and go to a great deal of trouble to prepare their horses to remain calm at all times. The following is an incomplete list of things that alarm horses:

- Brightly colored traffic lines
- Manhole covers
- Wooden plank bridges
- Bridge decks of metal grating
- Small streams of water
- Pot-holes in the road
- Clear plastic whipping in the air
- Farm machinery
- Motorcycles and diesel trucks
- Air brakes
- Ambulance and police sirens
- Marching bands
- Barking dogs
- Horses running in an open field
- Noisy crowds.



WEE WILLY SAYS

Never remove the bridle before you unhitch the horse



Horses can be introduced at home to some of these frightening sights, and they can be made familiar with unusual sounds by playing them loud and often in the stable while at the same time petting the horses and perhaps feeding them small treats. Cassettes with a great range of sound effects can be bought at many record stores. In this way horses will come to associate the sounds with a pleasant experience.

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Last date for articles, pictures, advertising for the next (March/April) newsletter are due by April 1, 2003.

A-la-cart - Thoughts From the Editor

First, as the new editor of the Driving Lines, I'd like to really thank Carl Zimmerman for his tremendous efforts on behalf of the club! Not only the newsletter, but President of the club last year! I know that I will not be able to fill his shoes on the newsletter for some time to come, so I humbly ask you to bear with me while I learn the ropes (and more importantly, learn the software) and get a grip on this newsletter thing. Please be patient with the change in format. My computer does not speak to the files Carl provided, so this newsletter is 'from scratch'. I hope to do better with the next one.

So - congratulations and thank you to the new officers and directors! and to all who volunteered (and will volunteer when the time comes) - for the events in 2003. I am looking forward to a great new year!

Other equine events:

Jan 16-19, 2003 Horse World Expo - MD state fairgrounds, Timonium

Feb 14-16, 2003 Horse World Expr NJ convention & exposition Center at Raritan Center, Edison, JN

Feb 28-Mar2, 2003 Horse World Expo. PA farm show complex, Harrisburg PA

World Expo tickets can be ordered in advance on-line at www.horseworldexpo.com

Jan 10-11, 2003 Carriage & Driving Horse Sale, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA. toll-free (888)828-7653, email www.tumbullbrokerage.com

Feb 4-5 41st Annual Eastern States Draft Horse Sale, Ohio Exposition Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH. Contact Crissy Steinbrick (419)734-2013 email belgian@cros.net

Feb 14-16, 2003 - ADS Winter Meeting and Organizers Clinic, Washington, DC. Contact Ann Pringle (810)664-8666; email ann@americandrivingsociety.org

Other equine events, cont'

April 26-27, 2003 CDE Lord Stirling Stable Combined Driving Event. Basking Ridge, NJ contact Eric Sanders (732)247-5748

May 9-11 Garden State CDE, Horse Park of NJ, Allentown, NJ. contact Heather Walker (908)439-3171, email walkershimsea@hotmail.com

May 18, 2003 21st Annual My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show. Spring Valley Park, Winterstown, PA. contact Marjorie Richmond (410)323-3827 email bart_richmond@yahoo.com

May 31-June 1, 2003 Winmill Pleasure Show, Morven Park Equestrian Ctr, Leesburg, VA. contact Betsy Smith (540)347-3015, email firesmithdals@erols.com

Jun 6-7, 2003 Oak Hill Pleasure Driving Show. Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA. contact ? Robert Reel (540)463-2194 www.horsecenter.org

Jun 7-8, 2003 Brandywine Carriage Driving Show. Willowdale Race Course, Kennett Square, PA. contact Claire Reid (610)486-6670 website info www.BVDC.org

DDC SPONSORED CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TENTATIVE

Schedule of events for 2003?

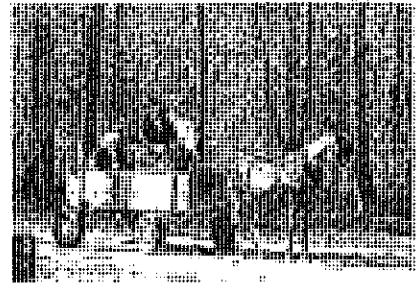
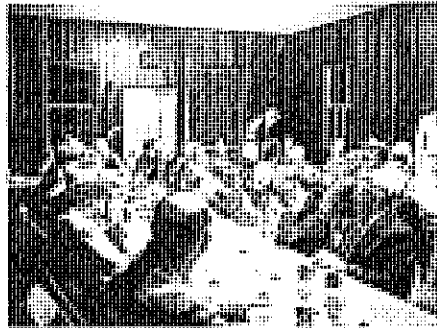
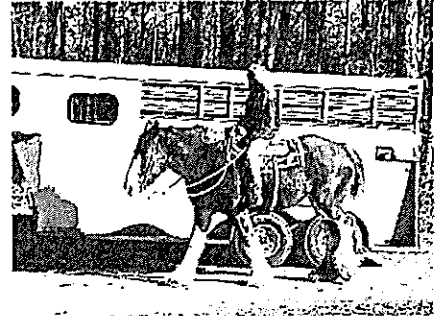
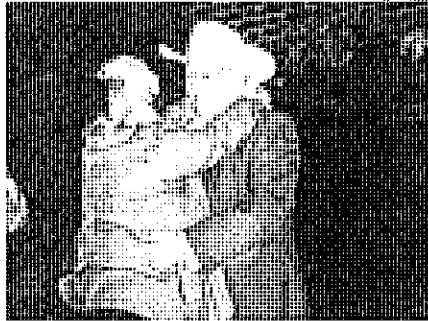
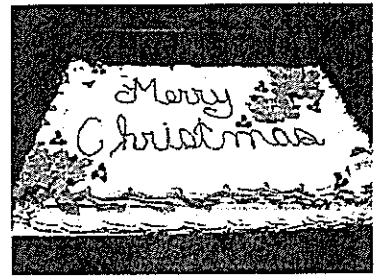
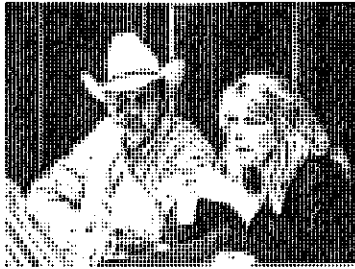
All items below are still tentative. We will have more information soon. If you can volunteer for any of these events, or have other events to suggest, please contact Heidi Ferguson. Don't be bashful - we need your input and your support! There will be no activity unless it has a 'sponsor' As you can see, there are several events below without sponsors. If you can help out, let us know.

- Fun Day April?? Carl Zimmerman & George Parris Redden Drive October NEED SPONSOR
- Spring tune-up drive (Newbie Drive?) NEED DATE AND SPONSOR
- Safety clinics/Safety Drive NEED DATE Heidi Ferguson
- C&R Center drive May or June Sherry Harris
 - Wye Island NEED DATE AND SPONSOR?
 - Fall Harvest at Pepperbox last Saturday in October Lois & Ed Evans
 - Fair Hill Drive June John & Martie Bolinski
 - Assateague Drive November NEED SPONSOR
 - Step Back in Time May? NEED SPONSOR
 - Draft Horse Day May NEED SPONSOR
 - Any ideas for July/August?

Any additional events you would like to see? Contact Heidi.

Pictures from the DDC Christmas Party 12/21/02

photos by Kathy Clausen



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

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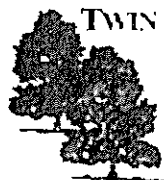
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