



# 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 4, 2021. 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#

A DDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 and the minutes of the November 5th Board /General Membership Meeting were approved. The Treasury report (from November, since the December statement has not yet been received) had a starting balance of \$7,324.98. Expenses were \$291.57 and deposits totaled \$100.00, leaving an ending balance of \$7133.41. The report was accepted as presented. The 2021 Budget was also approved by the Board. The Club recently received notification from the IRS that our non-profit status was accepted. Member Rich Graves was thanked for his efforts in making this happen.

Pam Gray, Show Manager, shared that the 14th Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show

will be held at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. This venue has two dedicated grass rings, plenty of parking and warm up areas, and an existing Sound System. The Show Committee is meeting regularly and welcomes volunteers. There is no experience needed and there are jobs for everyone! The committee is beginning to promote the Show through social media and equestrian related calendar sites. If you would like to help or need additional information, please contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or email: pgray59@hughes.net. Once again it is time to renew your DDC Membership and there is a renewal form on page 4. At the beginning of March, Members will receive their updated Membership Roster via email.

Since its onset, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many aspects of our lives. As we wait on

the safe re-opening of events and gatherings, the DDC is embracing Zoom technology in order to 'stay in touch' with our Members. In the near future, we will be offering a Zoom program on Harnessing the Single Horse to a Two and Four Wheeled Vehicle. Look for all the details via email. Also in the planning stage is a Zoom presentation on Understanding a Gambler's Choice Course (tentative timeframe is March, 2021). Depending on Covid restrictions, Anna Klumpp wants to explore having a joint 'fun day' venture with another Driving Club and Frances Baker would like to host another Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Show at Hollyville Farm in the fall. Please contact any Board Member if you have any suggestions for future events.

# Happy New Year

## DDC Pleasure Show Moves to a New Venue

After nineteen years at Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton, MD, the Annual Delmarva Driving Club Pleasure Show (scheduled for May 8, 2021) will be moving to the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. The Equestrian Center, encompassing 18 acres, has 4 large rings - 2 of which are irrigated grass and 2 are sand. The grass rings are approximately 60,000 square feet a piece with separate schooling areas. There are two barns – the main barn has 42 stalls with pine walls, sliding doors and rubber flooring and the other barn has 10 stalls with metal gates. The grounds also include an integrated sound system, event registration building, parking for numerous horse trailers and vendors, and 8 electric hook-ups for campers. This year the Judge will be Jessica Axelsson. Look for the Show Class List/Prize List by the end of January. If you have any questions, please call Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or email her at pgray59@hughes.net.



## DDC Winners in the BVDC Photo Contest

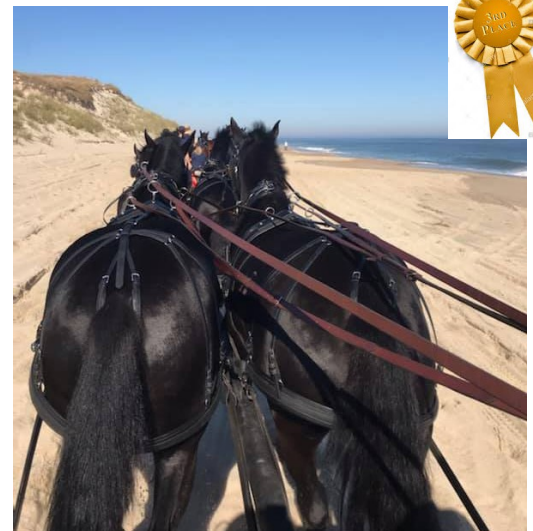


Frances Baker's photo of her daughter and Paxton the cat



Judith Hartman driving Holly—her Welsh Mountain Pony

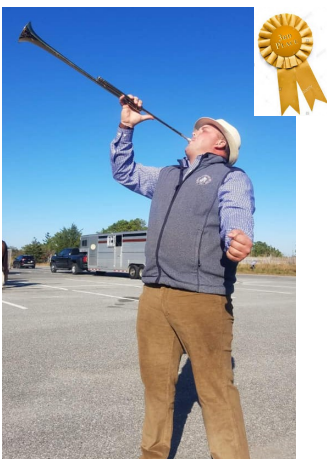
Linda Thomas submitted her photo of Jonathan Martin learning to play a Coach Horn



Linda Thomas submitted Jonathan Martin's team driving at Cape Henlopen



Frances Baker's granddaughter driving the tractor



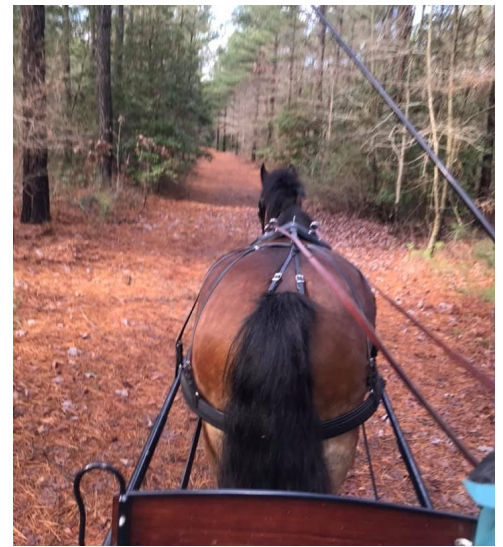
# Members Out and About



Ann Sanders' Micky Finn



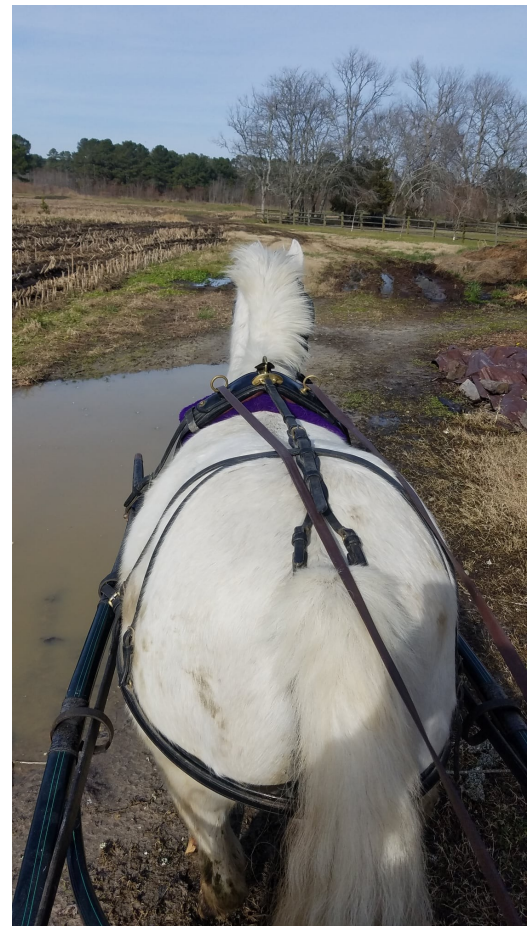
George Parris driving Frances Baker's Echo



Frances Baker's horse Kenny



George Parris working with Charlie Purnell's yearling named 'Slick'



Charlie Purnell's view during a drive with Olive Oyl

John & Colleen Layton driving Miss Cora during a festive pre-Christmas drive



## Don't Forget to Renew Your DDC Membership!

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 2021. 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. 2021 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

<http://www.delmarvadrivingclub.com>



## 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:

Heartfelt Sympathy was sent to: Shannon Gandee—her mother-in-law passed away and a close relative of Marcy and Mark Eades passed away

Get Well wishes were sent to Linda Thomas who fractured her shin bone, Anna Klumpp who is recovering from Covid, and Donna Hurst who is recovering from foot surgery

Congratulations to Jessica Tanglao who just acquired two new horses.

Please know the DDC is concerned about all our members during this trying time of the Covid 19 virus. Stay safe and do your part to slow the spread of the virus by washing your hands often and practicing social distancing. If you're working on the front lines during this crisis, thank you for your role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. This event will pass and we will get back to enjoying our equines with each other.

## Cold Weather Horse Care Tips

Here are seven important considerations for keeping your horse(s) healthy and safe during the icy days of winter.

1. **Provide adequate shelter**—Horses can do fine living outside through the winter as long as they are metabolically healthy, receive enough calories, develop a nice winter hair coat, and have appropriate shelter. Cold temperatures alone don't generally make horses uncomfortable, but wind and moisture can be difficult for them to tolerate, so they must be able to escape the elements. The best solution is a structural shelter that is big enough to allow all of the horses in that field to safely get out of the weather.
2. **Provide adequate calories** - Horses expend significantly more calories keeping warm in the winter than they do any other time of year. High-quality hay should be the staple of any winter diet, especially for horses that are turned out a lot. They should have dry, fresh hay available at all times to keep their caloric losses less than their gains. Older horses, or horses with significant dental disease that cannot eat hay productively, need to receive calories more frequently in a form that they can use, such as senior feeds.
3. **Water - not ice!** - Providing water is a relatively easy way to prevent a common winter colic that could end tragically. Technology has provided us with excellent solutions to that problem: heated water tubs and non-freezing automatic watering systems. If horses are outside, it is well worth the expense to run electricity to the fields for these devices to ensure a constant source of fresh water. Snow is not a sufficient substitute for water, as the horse cannot physically eat enough snow to meet its water requirement. Ideally, the water temperature should be between 45- and 65-degrees Fahrenheit.

## Cold Weather Horse Care Tips, cont.

4. **If you Blanket consistently—check frequently!** - Things can lurk under a blanket that can create a problem if not detected early. Bacterial skin disease, commonly known as rainrot, can occur if a horse with a thick hair coat is repeatedly sweating and then drying under a blanket. Changes in body condition, such as a horse that is losing weight rapidly, can also be missed if the blanket isn't removed frequently to check.
5. **Be Smart about Clipping** -Horses have a thick winter hair coat designed to protect them. Many people who drive throughout the winter find it helpful to clip their horses to remove heavy hair that slows drying time after a drive. It is fine to turn out appropriately blanketed, clipped horses in the winter weather. However, you should be very cautious about clipping horses that live outside through the winter because you must be very diligent about blanketing as temperatures fluctuate. It isn't fair to a horse to remove his winter woolies and then not blanket him well enough.
6. **Pay Attention to Footing**—Horses do just fine in any amount of snow, but ice is another story. Be very cautious about ice on surfaces where the horses walk, either to get to turnout or within their turnout. Fractured bones or "down" horses can be a sad consequence of dicey footing. Keep large amounts of snow/ice melt handy for when ice develops. (But don't forget to watch out for your cats and dogs that might not tolerate rock salt on their pads!) If your horse is shod and you live in snowy regions, check with your farrier about applying a special pad to prevent the balling-up of snow inside their shoes. These snowballs can create 4-inch stilettos that are very unstable and can lead to injury. Freeze/thaw cycles and muddy or wet conditions can lead to thrush in the hooves and "scratches," or, pastern dermatitis, on the legs. Your best protection against these diseases is keeping the horse in as clean and dry surroundings as possible, picking his feet frequently, and keeping the lower limbs trimmed of hair. With ice and snow, make sure that your farrier and veterinarian have good access to your horses: plowing/salting driveways is very important to providing care, especially in an emergency situation.
7. **Ensure a good Air Flow if you stall your Horse** - Shutting the doors and windows in your barn is far more likely to cause problems than prevent them. Horses kept in barns are quite prone to developing respiratory problems. Ammonia fumes from urine are a constant presence in horse barns and another major contributor to equine respiratory disease . Even if it means your horses are exposed to cooler temperatures and some drafts, you can always blanket the horses if necessary (it is worth it if it means you can keep the barn air fresh). Keep in mind that given a choice, most horses prefer to be outside rather than indoors, even when it is cold and windy, so that little breeze you wouldn't want trickling down your neck is not likely to bother them in the same way .

**Hopefully these tips will help you keep your horse(s) in optimal health and comfort this winter.**



## 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.

- 1/12/21 7:30 pm free Zoom Talk entitled 'Commercial Carriage Business—How much work is it?' by Rich Osborn. Email [reinslady@gmail.com](mailto:reinslady@gmail.com) to register and get the access code and password. You can download Zoom free at <https://zoom.us/download>. This is sponsored by the Garden State Horse and Carriage Society.
- 1/15/21 7 pm Zoom Talk entitled Turnout Traditions presented by the Carriage Association of America. This is free to CAA Members (costs \$9.99 for non-members—register through Facebook)
- 1/26/21 7:30 pm free Zoom Talk entitled 'Coaching in New York and New Jersey' by Jerry Trapani. Email [reinslady@gmail.com](mailto:reinslady@gmail.com) to register and get the access code and password. You can download Zoom free at <https://zoom.us/download>. This is sponsored by the Garden State Horse and Carriage Society.
- 1/29/21 7 pm Zoom Talk entitled Treasures from the CMA/CAA Library and Ken Wheeling Archives presented by the Carriage Association of America. This is free to CAA Members (costs \$9.99 for non-members—register through Facebook)
- 2/9/21 7:30 pm free Zoom Talk entitled 'Learn about ADS Judge and Clinician Mickie Bowen's Experience with Horses'. Email [reinslady@gmail.com](mailto:reinslady@gmail.com) to register and get the access code and password. You can download Zoom free at <https://zoom.us/download>. This is sponsored by the Garden State Horse and Carriage Society.
- 4/23/21 Martin's 50th Anniversary Spring Carriage Auction in Lebanon, PA. The auction will be both online and in person. For more information, check out their website: [www.martinauctioneers.com](http://www.martinauctioneers.com)
- 5/8/21 14th Annual DDC Pleasure Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. Check out Facebook, Instagram, or the DDC webpage: [www.delmarvadivingclub.com](http://www.delmarvadivingclub.com) for more information. Or call Pam Gray, Show Manager at 410-819-6113

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.



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and Instagram!  
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