



Let's Drive !



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**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Attention!!

* **DDC General Membership Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m** via Zoom technology—an invitation will be emailed one week prior. A DDC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm 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 5, 2023 and the minutes from the December 3rd General Membership Meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$11,131.67 on December 1st. Expenses totaled \$547.37 and deposits were \$465.00, leaving an ending balance of \$11,067.30. The report was accepted as presented. The Board reviewed and approved the 2023 Budget for presentation at the February General Membership Meeting. A Treasury Audit will be completed by February 1st.

Show Chairman Michele Brauning reported that plans are progressing for the May 13th Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center. The next Show Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023 will

where the Class List be finalized. Volunteers are needed for set up on May 12th and for the day of the show. Members are asked to start selling ads and solicit sponsorships for the show. These items are an integral part of the Show. Forms will be available in the next several newsletters, on Facebook, and the DDC webpage. As always volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please contact Show Manager if you would like to help with the Show Committee.

Frances Baker, Chair of the Sunshine Committee, has sent many cards to members for both happy and sad happenings in their lives. These cards have been most appreciated.

The DDC will be renewing their 2023 membership for the following organizations: The American Driving Society, The Carriage Association of America, Delaware Equine Council and the

MD Horse Council.

The DDC revisited the idea of providing educational Zoom Talks throughout the winter months. Members will be polled via email regarding their interest as well as what pertinent topics should be considered.

A discussion ensued on using an electronic payment system for dues and payments. Information will be presented at the February General Membership on several choices (Paypal, Venmo, and Square) for consideration.

Clinics are a great method for learning and feedback from our members is requested. What is your interest in clinics? and What are you willing to pay for a clinic? Please let a Board member know how you would answer these questions.

Remember to rejoin the DDC by January 31st!

Happy New Year

Annual Membership Meeting & Christmas Party

On December 3rd, Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE was the site of the December General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party. Members were able to enjoy both a 'face to face' and an 'electronic' gathering and everyone thoroughly enjoyed catching up with each other. Frances and Wayne Baker's Carriage Room was turned into a festive setting and there was an abundant amount of appetizing food and desserts available. During the business meeting, Officers and Directors for 2023 were elected and ideas were discussed for upcoming events.



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 2023. 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.

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2023 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

2022 — Year in Review



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.

On Saturday, May 14th the Delmarva Driving Club held its Annual Pleasure Driving Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. Even though the weather wasn't the most cooperative, the Show went off without a hitch!. There were many exceptional entries, which made Judge Jessica Axelsson's job very challenging. The entries came from Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut and ranged from VSEs (very small equines) to large Draft Horses. This year the Show was dedicated to the memory of long time member George Parris.



On Saturday, June 18th, DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker welcomed the Delmarva Driving Club to their Hollyville Farm Trail Drive. Everything was fantastic - from the weather to the well marked and fun to drive trails to the participants and their equines. The most adorable part of the day was watching the toddlers present enjoy the event—they are the future of driving. Nine carriages enjoyed a 4.2 mile across the farm into a well marked loop through wooded trails. Several of the drivers opted to drive longer on various other open trails as well. For another challenge, drivers got a chance to try driving a small cones course in the Baker's natural arena. After the drive, the equines enjoyed carrots while the humans enjoyed fried chicken and 'fixin's'. Thank you Frances and Wayne for sharing your farm and your love of driving!



2022 Year in Review, cont.

On Saturday 25, 2022 was the 9th Annual Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive. It was a beautiful day and there were 8 carriages that enjoyed a 5 mile loop around the Redden State Forest outside Georgetown, DE. Following the drive everyone enjoyed lunch provided by Shorty's Catering. A DDC General Membership Meeting was also held in conjunction with this event and there was a great Member turnout!!!



On December 3rd, Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE was the site of the December General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party. The Delmarva Driving Club had a fabulous year and is looking forward to many events in 2023!

Drive On!!

Members Out and About

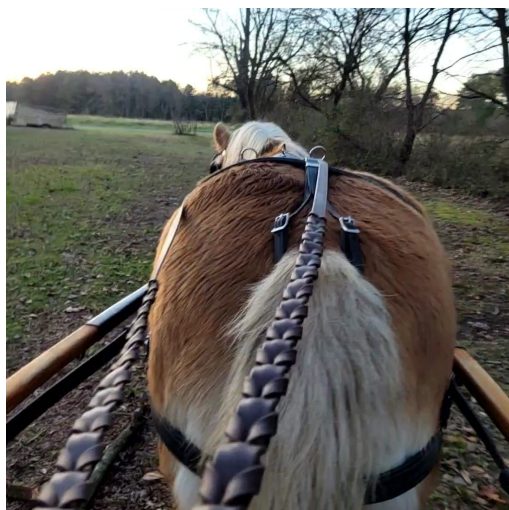


Martha Zimmerman and Belle



Anna Klumpp and Ditty

Linda Thomas and Flush



Rainier Tanglao and his new horse



**Tammy Carpenter
riding one of her
Clydesdales**



**Howie getting
ready to go to
work**



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:

Kaye Purnell was feeling under the weather for a few days, but she's now out and about again. Harry Hassan has experienced some significant health issues, but he is now on the mend. Mary Pines was feeling under the weather for several days.

Congratulations were sent to: Adriane Baker graduated from Law School; Tammy Carpenter is a grandmother to a healthy little girl; Michele Novack received an USDF All Breeds Achievement Medal in Dressage for her Cleveland Bay; Anna Klumpp has been able to drive her VSEs twice now after some ongoing health issues; Both Jess and Rainier Tanglao got horses for Christmas; Josh and Erin Gale welcomed a new Standardbred family member

Sympathy was sent to: Pam Gray on the loss of her beloved horse Ellie, Deb Dawkins on the loss of her Mother

Welcome New Members



Welcome Back **Carol Seilor**—she has been involved with horses for many years as well as being active in the DDC on and off for years.

Faye Brewster and her family are from Culpepper, VA and She enjoys both riding and driving, especially showing VSEs

Mary Dougherty and Ken Lehberger are from New Jersey and enjoy many horse related activities. They both enjoy pleasure driving as well as showing. They are also actively involved with organizing and showing at Atlantic County 4-H



Brooke, Matt, and Mayvis Baker are from Harbeson, DE and they enjoy carriage driving with family members Wayne and Frances Baker



Congratulations to John Layton

On December 21, 2022, the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) announced they awarded their 2022 USEF Combined Driving Volunteer of the Year and it is our very own, John Layton! This award is given to a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to support USEF Combined Driving competitions.

DDC Member Erin Gale, who is a Board Member of the Horse Park of New Jersey wrote the following regarding the Horse Park's nomination of John :

John was instrumental in the Garden State CDE this year and helped us organize the largest event we've had to date. I personally am in awe of his dedication to the driving community and appreciate the driving enthusiasm he brings to the Horse Park.

Below is the USEF write up on John:

John Layton attended the Gladstone 1993 World Pairs Championship in New Jersey, and was inspired by what he saw that day, never imagining that he would be someday able to become involved and compete himself as well as help other novices get started. John was driving a Hackney pony in 2021, and found him to be an agile and game competitor in the hazards and cones. An active member of Delmarva Driving Club, John was showing at local events on the eastern seaboard and started to wonder if combined driving was really out of reach. John fulfilled his dream in competing in his first combined driving event at Elk Creek CDE in June of 2021 placing second in training level single pony. While at that event, he got to know Gladstone member John Hoffner, whom he continues to work with today to restore the Gladstone grounds to their former glory and host events again. In the fall of 2021, Covid sadly prevented John from competing in and assisting at Garden State Combined Driving Event. Having enjoyed his first year competing, he decided to move up to a bigger horse, and now competes with a Cleveland Bay mare, Eris K who also finished well at Elk Creek in 2022, winning both the CT and CDE in training level single horse. While serving on the board of the Horse Park of New Jersey and as part of the organizing committee for the Garden State Combined Driving Event, John was struck by how many people, like himself, had an interest in combined driving as a sport but weren't sure how to get started. Seeing the driving community struggling to gather support and entries for events, he decided to make it a priority to help others get started in the sport. When the Horse Park of New Jersey approached him with the idea of creating an exhibition division for Standardbreds, he eagerly accepted the challenge. Having had experience at the Standardbred National Horse Show at the Horse Park, he found the breed to be a good fit for the rigors of the combined driving event, and worked tirelessly to not only recruit competitors but to educate them over the months leading up to the CDE so that they could be prepared to successfully compete. For months prior to the event, John arranged for local farms to host events where prospective competitors could learn to navigate cones courses and hazards, school driven dressage tests, and get their horses working in a ring with other horses to assist in the continuation of nonracing evaluation and schooling. John was able to help the exhibition division succeed, assisting seven entries to compete in and successfully finish that division, with the help of USEF officials and the Horse Park of New Jersey. John continues to help many of those same competitors further network, and locate resources and equipment, to continue their driving careers off the track and find local events in which to compete. John Layton continues to work hard to bring more competitors to the sport of combined driving, and provide a bridge for the novice competitors to enjoy it as he has. He looks forward to a long future of bringing more enthusiasts on board as both volunteers and competitors.

Please join me in congratulating John in this great success!
Thank you, John for all you do for the Horse Park and the driving community!



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.

- 2/25/23 Tail to Mane—Newbie Driving Clinic in Ellendale, DE with Clinician Laura DeFazio—see more information on page 14
- 3/2-5/23 Horse World Expo and Theatre Equus at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. For more information: <http://www.horseworldexpo.com>
- 4/21/23 Martin's 52nd Annual Spring Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 5/13-14/23 GLADSTONE Horse Driving Trial, Gladstone, NJ. Contact: joshilohjo@yahoo.com
- 5/13/23 Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show will be held at the Wicomico County Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. The Judge will be Craig Kellogg**
- 6/2-4/23 ELK CREEK CT & CDE, Fair Hill NRMA, MD. Check out ADS Omnibus link: <https://americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1041691> for more information
- 6/24-25/23 CAA SPORTING DAY OF TRADITIONAL DRIVING, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA. Info: <https://www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/travel-with-the-cao/>
- 7/14-16/23 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION, Cazenovia, NY. Check out ADS Omnibus link: <https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1038061>

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.

Upcoming Zoom Presentations

Zoom Technology is a neat and interesting way to learn from the comfort of your own home! Listed below are upcoming equine related talks that may interest you. The DDC will soon be hosting a few of their own 'talks'. Look for our schedule soon!

- 1/10/23 LECTURE: DOES MY HORSE NEED SUPPLEMENTS - Dr. Carey Williams, Rutgers Equine Science Center. Sponsored by GSH&CS driving club. Free to attend but require a Zoom access code and password; to get this info send e-mail to reinslady@gmail.com and the information will be e-mailed to you.
- 1/18/23 BVDC LECTURE: INTRO TO DRIVING DERBY COMPETITIONS - 7:00 pm Online Zoom Presentation by Debby Donovan. No RSVP req'd. More info: Debby Donovan (856-981-1868 or debby.donovan@comcast.net).
- 2/7/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: SUBTLE SIGNS OF STRESS: WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND HOW TO HELP - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Sue McDonnell. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- 2/8/23 VIRTUAL HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES - 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Rutgers Equine Science Center. Topic TBA. Info: Email carey.williams@rutgers.edu
- 2/14/23 LECTURE: TOPIC TBA - Sponsored by GSH&CS driving club. Free to attend but require a Zoom access code and password; to get this info send e-mail to reinslady@gmail.com and the information will be emailed to you.
- 2/14/23 LECTURE: "LET'S GET MOVING! REGENERATIVE MEDICINE FOR ORTHOPEDIC INJURIES" . Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/89425271455>
- 2/15/23 BVDC LECTURE: GREGG HUNT: HOW TO FIT A HARNESS - 7:00 pm Online Zoom Presentation. No RSVP req'd. More info: Tracey Freeman TCVF@me.com or 484-437-5200
- 2/15/23 VIRTUAL HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES - 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Rutgers Equine Science Center. Topic TBA. Info: Email carey.williams@rutgers.edu
- 2/22/23 VIRTUAL HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES - 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Rutgers Equine Science Center. Topic TBA. Info: Email carey.williams@rutgers.edu
- 3/7/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: 24/7 CRITICAL CARE: WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Janet Johnston. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- 3/14/23 LECTURE: "THE SCOOP ON LOOSE POOP: EQUINE DIARRHEA" 7:00 pm. Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87322791180>
- 3/15/23 BVDC LECTURE: THE CARRIAGE DRIVING PICNIC CLASS - 7:00 pm Online Zoom Presentation by Gail Aumiller. No RSVP required



Guilt Free Advice



Pool Noodles make excellent winter hoses that won't freeze

4 Easy ways to Ice Proof Your Horse's Hooves



Let your horse go barefoot. Coming into contact with the cold metal of a shoe encourages wet slush to freeze solid. If you won't be doing much driving in the cold months, consider leaving your horse barefoot over the winter. Snow and ice can still build up on unshod hooves, but the accumulations tend to be smaller and easier to remove.

Add anti-snowball pads. If your horse wears shoes throughout the winter, ask your farrier about anti-snowball pads. There are two types: One is a heavy plastic or rubber insert that covers the horse's sole and features a convex "bubble" that forces the snow and slush out with each step. The other, called a rim pad or tube pad, consists of a raised rubber tube that circles around the inner perimeter of the shoe but does not cover the frog or sole. Both are about equally effective at keeping out the snow and ice, but you'll need to be diligent about cleaning your horse's feet because mud and manure may build up under the pads.

Try a home remedy. These home remedies are not as effective or long lasting as anti-snowball pads, but they may be helpful at times, especially if ice is only an occasional problem where you live. Thick, sticky preparations, such as Vaseline or Crisco, are more effective than thinner ones, such as cooking spray or baby oil. However, avoid using motor oil, WD-40 or other potentially caustic or hazardous substances. If you wouldn't want it on your own skin, do not apply it to your horse's feet.

Get your horse hoof boots. If your horse tends to accumulate snowballs on your winter drives, hoof boots can help keep his feet clean and dry. Make sure you choose boots that fit your horse well, without rubbing, and that the treads provide the right amount of traction for the terrain where you drive. If your horse is shod, choose a model designed to be worn over shoes.

WHY SPONSOR OR ADVERTISE?

By becoming an advertiser or a class sponsor for the Delmarva Driving Club Pleasure Show, you are allowing yourself or your business to gain exposure with an important market group and become affiliated with equine customers who are loyal to quality brands and services that support their sport and horses.

What actual benefits do you receive from your donation?

Show Program: The Show Program is an official competition publication. The publication includes competition information, schedules, facility rules and regulations, and advertising opportunities for sponsors. These programs are mailed to trainers and competitors, made available to stores, shows, events, and areas where equine customers frequent, and can be downloaded from the Delmarva Driving Club website. Through these methods, carriage/horse enthusiasts are reached in a multi-state area which includes Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Website: Sponsor Logos and their website links will be placed on the home page of the Delmarva Driving Club website for one month prior to and after the Driving Show.

Social Media: Delmarva Driving Club utilizes Facebook and Instagram (Delmarva_Driving_Club) to inform carriage drivers, horse enthusiasts, businesses, and spectators of horse show news, special event information and sponsorship announcements. Beginning at least one month prior to the Show, your information will be displayed on our pages.

At the Showgrounds:

Signage: Custom signage will be displayed in a highly visible area of the horse show facility, next to the competition ring or pavilion.

Vendor Space: Complimentary vendor space will be available in vendor row for those sponsors seeking product advertising and sales.

Public Address Announcements: The Show Announcer will make several public address announcements regarding your information throughout the day of the competition.

Arena Banner: small approved banners (2x6 or 3x8) can be displayed on the fencing of Ring 1.

Any questions, please feel free to call Michele Brauning, Show Manager at 410-422-3387

The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc

cordially invites you to advertise in our Annual Pleasure Driving Show



On Saturday, May 13, 2023 the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. will host its Annual Pleasure Driving Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. This traditional driving show features divisions for VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples, and Novice Driver as well as several additional classes. The event draws competitors from the Delmarva region and beyond! Each participant receives a professionally printed, distinctive brochure which provides the advertiser an opportunity to reach diverse members of the equine community with their message.

While we believe that your advertising and sponsorship is the best way for you to reach the equestrian market, your contribution is also helping to keep the sport of pleasure driving shows alive. We appreciate your support in this effort.

The following ad sizes are available:

- ¼ page (Business card size = \$25;**
- ½ page (approximately 5" x 4") = \$50;**
- Full page (approximately 5" x 8") = \$75.**
- Class Sponsorship = \$10**

Please complete the attached advertising agreement and return it along with your camera-ready artwork or send a digital file of your artwork to:

Linda Thomas
31384 Melson Road
Delmar, Maryland 21875
Email: glassmanlpt@aol.com

If you need assistance with artwork or have other questions, please feel free to call me at 410-430-6943 or Pamela Gray at 410-819-6113.

All ads must be received by April 20, 2023.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc

Advertising Agreement

Advertisement for:

Business or Individual Name

Name of person placing advertisement

Mailing Address

Email:

Phone:

Size of Advertisement: _____ 1/4 page _____ 1/2 page _____ Full Page

Class Sponsorship:

Turnout: _____ VSE _____ Pony _____ Horse _____ Multiple

Super Reinsmanship

_____ VSE _____ Pony _____ Horse _____ Multiple

Working

_____ VSE _____ Pony _____ Horse _____ Multiple

Cones

_____ VSE _____ Pony _____ Horse _____ Multiple

Cross Country

_____ VSE _____ Pony _____ Horse _____ Multiple

Gambler's Choice

_____ VSE _____ Pony _____ Horse _____ Multiple

Green Horse and Green Driver

_____ Turnout _____ Working _____ Cones _____ Cross Country

_____ Gamblers Choice

_____ Command Class _____ Ladies to Drive Class

_____ Gentlemen to Drive _____ Carriage Dog Class

Total Cost of Ads and Sponsorships: \$ _____

Please attach advertisement copy and/or graphics and return with payment to:

Linda Thomas 31384 Melson Road Delmar, Maryland 21875

Make Checks payable to: **Delmarva Driving Club**

All Advertisements must be received no later than April 21, 2023

From Tail to Mane

A Newbie Clinic

Sponsored by the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc.

When: Saturday, February 25, 2023 beginning at 10 am

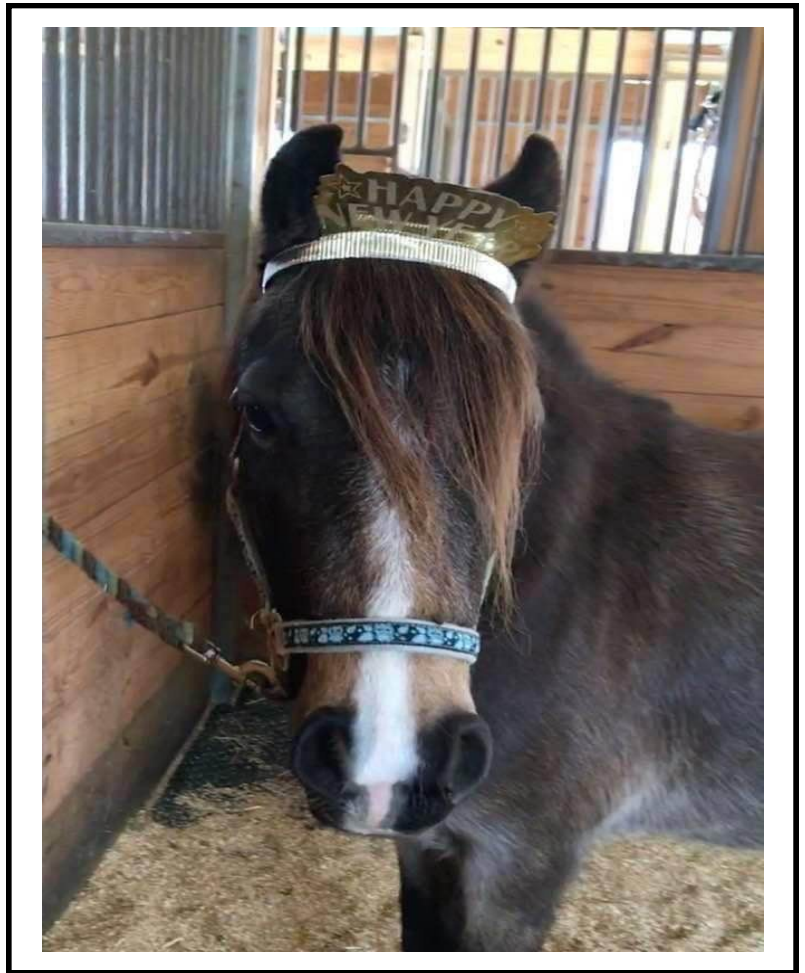
Where: The Indoor Arena at Stan and Laura Vonasek's Farm
22146 Reynolds Pond Road
Ellendale, DE 19941

What: Interested in learning how to drive your horse? Or do you have a horse broke to drive and are a beginner? The DDC is offering a Newbie/Refresher Driving Clinic. The Clinic will review harness parts, harness fitting, learning to handle the lines, line driving, safety measures, hooking to a cart, and so much more.

The Clinician is Laura DeFazio from Whistle Hill Farm in West Grove, PA.

Cost: No Charge to current DDC Members, \$20 for non-members





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and Instagram!
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If you need to contact the Board of Directors/Officers or Committee Chairs, please use our new Club Email: delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com