



Let's Drive !



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Bits and Pieces – Club Information

**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

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A Board Meeting was held on June 27, 2019 and the minutes from May as well as the May and June treasury reports were approved as written. A Spring Show Wrap Up was presented by Show Chairman Pam Gray. Even though there were seventeen turnouts, participation continues to be one of the biggest concerns for shows. Many clubs are experiencing low

turnout, with some even cancelling, so this is not exclusive to our club. Several ideas were proposed for consideration, including Driven TREC (tests of driving skills for recreational drivers), a Driving Derby, and/or a Combined Test. A committee has been formed to explore these ideas as well as researching other possible

venues as the cost of renting the Caroline County 4-H Park has recently doubled. If you would like to join and assist this committee, please call Pam Gray at 410-819-6113, Linda Thomas at 410-430-6943, or Sherry Harris at 410-482-2402.

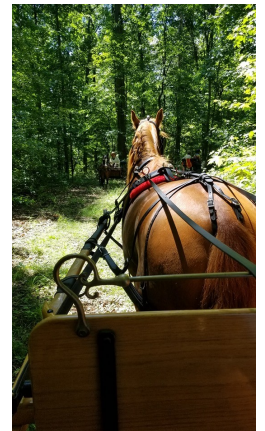
The DDC sincerely thanks the Delaware Equine Council for their

Pleasure Drive held at Blackbird Forest

On Saturday, June 22nd, DDC Members Sherry Harris, Carol Bush, Diane and Rick Savage, Martha Zimmerman, Alan Poole, and Shannon Gandee traveled the trails of Blackbird Forest near Smyrna, Delaware. Due to some significant storms in the last 48 hours, there were some unexpected obstacles (downed branches/limbs and water puddles of varying sizes) which everyone was able to conquer! Shannon Gandee was especially pleased with her horse since this was his first big line drive (and he did well). Michele Novack and her Cleveland Bay named Libby were also present and ready to participate, however Michele's truck decided not to cooperate and they had to miss the drive in order to get her truck started.

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, September 5, 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#



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generous donation in support of our May Show! Their donation helps keep the sport of pleasure driving alive.

Since it is difficult to plan and schedule drives during July and August (due to the weather, etc.), we are encouraging members to 'Quick Call' each other. Ideas for Fall drives include Fair Hill, C & D Canal, Pocomoke Forest, etc. Another possible event is a presentation on

Coaching and the perils and dangers of driving in the 'olden days'. A General Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Delaware Equine Council's Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive on September 29th. (Details in Upcoming Events) If you would like to host a drive or event, don't hesitate to call any Board Member.

It has come to our attention that several members have not renewed their memberships. Sherry Harris and Linda Thomas will be reaching out to them in order to invite them to rejoin the Club and our events.

CAA—New York Trip

On June 13th thru 15th, the Carriage Association of America took members on a New York City tour and five DDC members were able to participate. They were able to enjoy a special tour of the original Brewster & Company drawings housed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art-Drawings & Prints Department. Also included was a viewing of Fashionable Turnouts exhibition, a tour of the American Wing to learn more about Brewster & Company's prestigious clients, and dinners in an authentic carriage house and at the National Arts Club, (which was the former Gilded Age home of Governor Samuel Tilden). The group was treated to a special concert by 10 male and female opera singers with piano accompaniment at the National Arts Club. Another treat was the group was able to view portraits of people who are ancestors of some CAA members, like Mary Stokes Waller. The photo below is the CAA group standing beneath the recently cleaned painting of Washington crossing the Delaware River. In the photo are members Michele Novack, Anne and Harry Hassan, and Bill and Liz Venditta. This photo is courtesy of Merri Ferrell.

Members Harry and Anne Hassan and Bill and Liz Venditta also went for a carriage ride in Central Park in a very unattractive purple carriage! If you see them, ask for details—it's a great story!!!



Frontier Town

Anyone that has grown up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland has most likely heard of and/or been to Frontier Town near Ocean City, Maryland. This family friendly amusement park is celebrating their 60th season. The park is a replica of a Western Town circa 1880 and features a stagecoach ride, train ride, Native American Dancing, and an arena show called the Great Western Stampede (which features chuck wagon racing, mounted shooting, roman riding, etc.). It's a pretty nice tribute to the horse and carriage. One of the neatest things there is the pony swing - it is one of the few left in the United States. The swing is a type of carousel, however it has no platform; the swings hang from chains and fly out from the centrifugal force of the spinning mechanism which is powered by a pony walking in a circle, driven by a handler. Hence the equine is used as 'the motor' to power a swing ride for children!



**The Pony Swing
powered by a
Haflinger**

**The Frontier Town
Stagecoach**



Members Out and About



Judge Bill Venditta at the recent South Jersey Carriage Club Show

Linda Thomas and Randy in the Ocean City Fireman's Parade pulling a 1909 Chemical Wagon.



Frances Baker driving Cooter, Duke, Dundee, and Kenny



Judith Hartman training her young Welsh pony Marigold using a travois

Members Out and About continued



Charlie Purnell driving her Shetland Primrose
← while her foal observes



Diane Savage driving Benjamin, Martha Zimmerman &, Shannon Gandee driving Beau, and Carol Bush in the background driving at Blackbird Forest



John Layton (on left) and Colleen Layton (fourth entry from left, wearing the red hat) being judged by Bill Venditta at the South Jersey Carriage Club Classic Show



Judith Hartman driving Holly at a Welsh Show

Accidents Happen—Safety Doesn't

20 Hot Weather Trailering Tips to Consider

Horse Prep

1 Decrease the risk of stress-related immune problems by supplementing with vitamins C and E, both of which are antioxidants. Administer 1,000 to 3,000 IU per day of vitamin E three weeks prior to hauling, as it takes that long to build up enough of a store to become additionally effective, or throughout the show season if you haul often. Give about 7-10 grams of vitamin C daily for a day or two before hauling and for three to four days after hauling.

2 Use caution if providing electrolytes to address excess sweating during the trip or to encourage more drinking of water. When using electrolytes, make sure to provide water every couple of hours. You could actually increase the severity of dehydration if you provide electrolytes, but not enough water, or if your horse doesn't drink while on a trailer. If your horse doesn't drink while trailering, discontinue electrolyte use until the horse is rested overnight or safely at its destination.

3 Teach your horse to load and unload calmly. A horse that's already stressed out from loading is more susceptible to the stresses of heat and travel.

4 If possible, transport horses only when they're in good health. Transport stresses compromise the immune system of sick horses. This is true for horses of all ages.

5 Check and record your horse's resting vital signs before departure to use as a comparison, if needed, while en route.

6 If possible, acclimate your horses to trailering and see how they react to trailering by trying shorter trips in hot weather before embarking on a longer trip.

7 Skip the sheet or lightweight blanket. They can help keep the horse clean and dust-free, but sheets and blankets also compromise the horse's ability to dissipate heat.

Trailer Prep

8 Ventilate the trailer. Prior to loading, open all windows and roof vents and turn on fans to help cool the trailer. You can install oscillating fans on the same circuit as the interior lights with a remote switch to activate them.

9 Make modifications, if needed, by having windows and screens installed by a fabrication company or a body shop. Remove head dividers (if they're not needed) and lower center dividers to improve airflow. For trailers without screens on the doors, put fly masks on the horses to protect their eyes.

10 Make sure your trailer's tires are fully inflated—in hot weather, fully inflated tires flex less, therefore ride cooler, keeping them less likely to blow on hot roads.

11 Put down two rubber mats where the horse stands. Two mats really help keep the heat off the horse's legs.

12 Leave the horse's head unrestricted and don't put him in cross-ties. Studies have found that cross-tied horses were more likely to suffer from dehydration and immune system dysfunction, during and after travel, than horses moved in box stalls without head restraint.

13 Install a thermometer or two inside the trailer (and check them every three or four hours while on the road).

14 Carry ample drinking water for your horse while en route.

15 Load everything else first, horses last, and depart immediately after loading in order to avoid heat buildup in the trailer.

En Route

16 Drive at night or during the cooler parts of the day when the sun isn't adding extra heat and discomfort to the horses.

Accidents Happen—Safety Doesn't continued

En Route

17 Periodically stop and check your horse's demeanor and vital signs—a pinch test for dehydration, capillary refill time, pulse, and temperature. Keep in mind that horses can be sweating profusely, but dry off quickly because of the ventilation, so it may not be apparent how much they're sweating. (See Heat Stress below)

18 Stop and offer water every four to five hours, as some horses don't drink as much or at all on a moving trailer.

19 Consider periodically stopping and unloading your horses. However make sure you do so in a secure area to avoid loose horses or the chance they might not want to reload. How often depends on individual circumstances—Is the horse acclimated to trailering?, Is he an athlete or sedentary horse?, and Is he traveling with other horses that are calm and cool?

20 Avoid stopping and leaving the horses on the trailer, especially in the sun. Heat builds up incrementally the longer the duration that you're stopped. Anytime you can, try to park the in the shade.

By taking a few precautions and practicing a little common sense, you can help ensure that your horse arrives at his destination in the best shape and health as possible.

Signs and Symptoms of Heat Stress

Heat stress is the response of the horse's body to increased dehydration, high heat, and electrolyte loss. If unaddressed, heat stress can lead to heat exhaustion and circulatory collapse.

In extreme dry heat horses can sweat off so much moisture that they become dehydrated due to loss of fluids and electrolytes. In contrast, a working horse in hot and humid conditions doesn't evaporate much sweat because there's so much water in the air already; consequently, the horse gets no cooling effects from evaporation and continues to sweat, resulting in loss of electrolytes and fluids.

Signs of mild heat stress include a temperature above 103°F and an increased capillary refill time (more than two seconds). Signs of serious heat stress include a temperature of 106°F or above, elevated heart rate, dehydration, thready pulse, pale or brown-red gums, depression, lack of appetite, and a lack of thirst in spite of dehydration.

If your horse appears to be suffering from mild heat stress:

1. Move him to a shady, well-ventilated spot.
2. Cool him off by sponging or hosing him, particularly on the undersides, the limbs, and the neck, with lots of cool or cold water.
3. Walk him for a few minutes (this helps move the heat away from the muscles).
4. Cool him off again with water.

If your horse appears to show signs of serious heat stress, immediately contact a veterinarian, then apply the above cooling techniques while waiting for the veterinarian's arrival.

Upcoming Events

- 07/12/19 Horse Pull at Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show in Easton, Maryland. Starts at 7 pm
- 07/15/19 I Love Horses Night at Ocean Downs Racetrack near Ocean City, Maryland. Suttler Post Farm 6 Horse Clydesdale Hitch will perform and R & B Ranch will be providing free carriage rides. Starts at 7 pm
- 07/19-21/19 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION - Lorenzo State Historic Site • 17 Rippleton Road • Cazenovia , NY 13035; Website: www.lorenzodriving.org
- 07/20/19 Carriage Driving Fun Day at Dr. and Mrs. W E Riddle Jr.'s Canvasback Farm 1380 Hopewell Rd, Port Deposit, MD 21904 This event is sponsored by Brandywine Valley Driving Club and is open to all Driving Clubs and guests. Activities start at 8:30 am and the cost is \$30. Pre-registration is required—questions: Call Mary Nelson at 973-271-2816 or email at: mgn136@gmail.com
- 08/08-11/19 ORLETON FARM DRIVING COMPETITION - Orleton Farm, 31 Prospect Hill Rd, West Stockbridge, MA 01266 - Website: ColonialCarriage.org
- 09/12-15/19 MARD (Mid Atlantic Regional Drive) - large recreational drive held at Fair Hill, Maryland—details on ADS Omnibus
- 09/21/19 Beginner Driven Dressage Clinic (driven Dressage for Dummies) 8:30am-5:30pm; Location: 330 Fergeson Ave Franklinville NJ 08322 Sign up info coming soon...
- 09/29/19 Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at Redden Forest—Details to follow
- 10/27/19 BVDC TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC HDT - Location: Fair Hill NRMA, Elkton, MD. Maximum 25 entries. Entries will open 9/16 and close 10/16.

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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