



Let's Drive !

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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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A DDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 and the minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$7,640.96. Expenses were \$171.53 and deposits totaled \$250, leaving an ending balance of \$7719.43. The report was accepted as presented. Pam Gray, Show Chairman, gave an update on the status of our Annual Pleasure Driving Show. The new show date is October 24th and it will still be held at the Caroline County 4-H Park. The Judge is Mary Harrison from New Jersey and at the moment, the Class List/Prize List will

remain the same. How registration may have to be handled differently. The Show Committee will continue to monitor the guidelines regarding Covid and make any updates as necessary. Make sure to watch for these changes and updates thru email, Facebook and on the DDC webpage. Please note that all Show Information is located on the Delmarva Driving Club webpage and you can call Pam Gray, Show Manager, at 410-819-6113 for any questions or clarification. We will continue to solicit advertising and sponsorships thru September and volunteers are always welcome.

Due to social distancing restrictions, the Club will

adapt a wait and see attitude towards holding our Fall General Membership Meeting. (A Zoom or Conference Call type meeting may have to be considered). This also applies to the scheduling of drives and other club events at this time. When things change, hopefully missed events and new events can be scheduled. Watch your newsletter, Facebook, and email for information. However to help reduce the feelings of social isolation, the Carriage Association of America has offered some unique ways 'to get together' online. They have held quizzes (now they have quizzes on their Facebook page), a online Book Club, and offered webinars (for their members only).

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2020. 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#

Volunteer Opportunity

The Pleasure Show Committee is working hard to plan for the 2021 Show, tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2021. No special skills are needed, just the desire to help promote the Pleasure Driving Show. At present, meetings are held via Conference Call. So if you're interested, contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113. We also need volunteers to assist with the October 24th Show—call Pam or any Board Member for additional details!!! See you at the Show on October 24th!

The Suffolk Stables Show Has Driving!!!

Suffolk Stables, located in Shamong, New Jersey is now offering a Driving Division at their Shows! Their first Show was held on Sunday, June 28th and had five entries—two of which were DDC Members!!! The Show followed ADS guidelines and offered the following classes: Working Pleasure, Reinsmanship, Cones, and Dressage (ADS Test A). **Upcoming Shows with a Driving Division are scheduled for July 12th, September 13th, and October 11th.** Congratulations Maddy Zacharkow (driving Starlight) and John Layton (driving Magic)!



Let's Drive! Members Out and About



**Bill Venditta and his Gelderlanders
Bullet and Bandit**



John & Colleen Layton with their new carriage



**A lovely view of Frances Baker's 4-in-hand
team consisting of Cooter, Duke, Faith, and
Dundee**



Judith Hartman driving her Welsh pony Rainbow



**Ann Sanders
and her VSE
Gambler
encouraging a
Junior Driver**



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:

A Sympathy Card was sent to Ed and Lois Evans:

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to DDC Members Ed and Lois Evans for the sudden loss of their daughter, Sharon. Ed and Lois were founding members of the Delmarva Driving Club and their entire family was active in many of our Club Events. Sharon was very outgoing and loved to give hugs! Carriage driving allowed her to be a part of the horse world and she loved where it took her family and what they did. The Evans Family's lives have changed drastically in the last several years, but the DDC was a great part of their life. We wish Ed and Lois and their entire family strength and peace during this hard time.



Congratulations to Billy and Paula Klein on their 2 new equine family members! They traveled to Mississippi and came home with a team of Haflingers. Hopefully we'll meet them at a future Club event.



Congratulations to Michele Brauning on her new equine family member named Domingo. She's already had him on the Show Circuit!



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.

Lexington Carriage Classic Becomes A Virtual Show

When the Lexington Carriage Classic was forced to cancel because of the pandemic, they decided to have a virtual show in order to make up for the real one. And it was a success!!! There were 30 Classes and they received over 520 entries from all over the world. DDC Members Frances Baker, Wayne Baker, Marcy Eades, Ann Sanders, Linda Thomas, and Bill Venditta participated and won!!! To see all the classes and entries, check out Lexington Carriage Classic on Facebook. Here are photos of DDC winning entries!!!



Lexington Carriage Classic, continued



Lexington Carriage Classic, continued



Upcoming Events

Due to the Covid 19 virus, many events have been canceled for everyone's safety. Our DDC Pleasure Show has now been moved to Saturday, October 24th. Call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 7/12/20 Suffolk Stables Show Series is offering a Driving Division at this Show. It consists of a Working Pleasure Class, Reinsmanship Class, Cones, and Dressage (ADS Test A). Classes begin around 12 noon and Suffolk Stables is located in Shamong, NJ. For more information, check out their Facebook page or their website—www.suffolkstables.com
- July & September The Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD is also offering Driving Classes at several of their upcoming shows. The classes consist of Pleasure Driving Open, Turnout, and Reinsmanship. For more information, check out their webpage—www.wicomicoequestriancenter.org
- 07/25/20 Martin's Auction will hold an on site (as well as online) carriage auction (which includes carriages, harness, appointments, clothing, trucks, trailers and much more) from Prospect Stables in Florida. More information as well as photos will soon be available on www.martinauctioneers.com and in the AuctionZip photo gallery. There will be a preview of all the items on Friday, July 24th from 3 pm to 7 pm.
- 7/26/20 Conesapalooza at Stafford Carriage Driving located in Franklinville, NJ beginning at 10 am. This is a low key competition to test your cones driving skills. For more information, check out Stafford Carriage Driving on Facebook or email Suzy at ponydriverss@aol.com
- 8/8/20 Martin's Auction will auction over a 100 vehicles from the late DDC Member Richard Calhoun's collection beginning at 10 am. The auction site is on Zoar Road in Georgetown, DE. Check www.martinauctioneers.com for photos and additional information.
- 9/20/20 Buxmont Driving Show in Tylersport, PA. The Judge is Kail Palmer—Miller
- 10/24/20 DDC Pleasure Driving Show at the Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton, MD. The Judge is Mary Harrison and the Prize List and Class List can be found on the DDC webpage: www.delmarvadivingclub.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or pgray59@hughes.net

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.

DIY Corner

Nice idea for the summer months: freeze gallon jugs of water and place them in horse's water tanks to keep drinking water cool.



Good Trailer Cooling Idea—a large PVC elbow and a heavy duty zip tie will scoop in lots of air which can be directed right at the horse(s). They can be turned to send fast air all over the trailer and help cool horses along the way. If you're worried about debris—simply put a screen wire or nylon over the intake. You should make sure your horse has a mask on as well in open stock trailers



Four Things to Know about Showing in the Pleasure Driving Ring

Summer is here and so is the pleasure driving show season (in a few places)! Just getting started in carriage driving? Here are a few things to know before you go to your first carriage driving show.

1. "Brown or russet harness is appropriate for vehicles of natural wood finish, black harness with painted vehicles." In all cases your lines are not dyed (they should be brown).
2. The metal on the harness should match the metal on the carriage. For example, the brass turret rings on your harness saddle should be matched with a brass rein rail on the carriage. The horse's bit is not required to match the rest of the metal.
3. There are three things that every driver should have – a driving apron or lap robe, gloves and a hat. Your gloves should be brown leather. Helmets are encouraged. A driver's summer apron is made long enough to reach from a little below the waist to just above the ankles and wide enough to be tucked under the legs at both sides.
4. Driving whips are required. A proper whip should reach the horse's shoulder when the driver is seated. The whip should be in the driver's hand, not left in the whip holder. (A well balanced whip is worth investing in!)

Tips:

- Be sure to clean and polish your harness, carriage and horse! Even if you don't have the most expensive turnout in the ring you can catch the judge's eye by having a really polished turnout.
- Read the show's rules. They can and do differ from organization to organization.
- **Good luck and have fun!**



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