



# 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, September 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** 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 July 7, 2022 and the minutes from the May 5th Board meeting were approved as submitted. As of June 29th, the current balance of the treasury was \$10,129.55. The Annual Audit of the Treasury for 2021 has been completed and no concerns or problems were noted. Hence there is no need to amend the 2022 DDC budget at this time. The report was accepted as presented.

The 2022 DDC Pleasure Show was successful and showed a profit of \$1049.00. Now the Show Committee is beginning to plan for the 2023 Show. A Show Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12th at 7 pm via Zoom. Volunteers are needed and appreciated, so if you are interested, please contact Michele Brauning at 410-422-3387. The 2023 Show

will be held at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD on May 13th. The next step is to secure a Judge. The Show Committee will also be tasked with the organization and storage location of the DDC Trailer.

The DDC By-Laws need to be updated to reflect our actual practices. Several Board Members volunteered to serve on a By-Laws Review Committee and their recommendations and suggestions will be presented upon completion of the review.

On September 25th the Delaware Equine Council will sponsor a Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at Redden Forest (north of Georgetown, DE). There will be a DDC General Membership Meeting following this event.

Plans are in the works for the following Club Events:

Diane and Rick Savage are considering a possible summer get together (Seafood Boil with Corn Bread). This would be a non-horse event with plenty of socialization and possibly a speaker on a pertinent 'horse topic'.

Anna Klumpp would like to host another Fun Day of Driving Event at her farm in the fall.

Frances Baker would like to offer a Traditional Day of Driving at her Hollyville Farm.

If you are interested in hosting or planning a drive or event, please contact any Board Member to make it a reality!





## Driving at Hollyville Farm

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!



Stan Vonasek driving York



Zina and Roxanne Hense



Christina Dayton-Wahl & Grace driving Rosie



# Driving at Hollyville Farm, cont.



Helen  
Heinzer  
and Red



Linda Thomas,  
Charlie Purnell,  
and Allison Kirk  
with Dundee

Katelin  
McConkey  
Cook,  
Quinnie  
and Freya  
the pony



Mark and  
Marcey Eades  
with Merlin



Diane Savage and Benjamin



Frances Baker and her team of Expo and Kenny with Kim Kaklarz & Laurie Vonasek

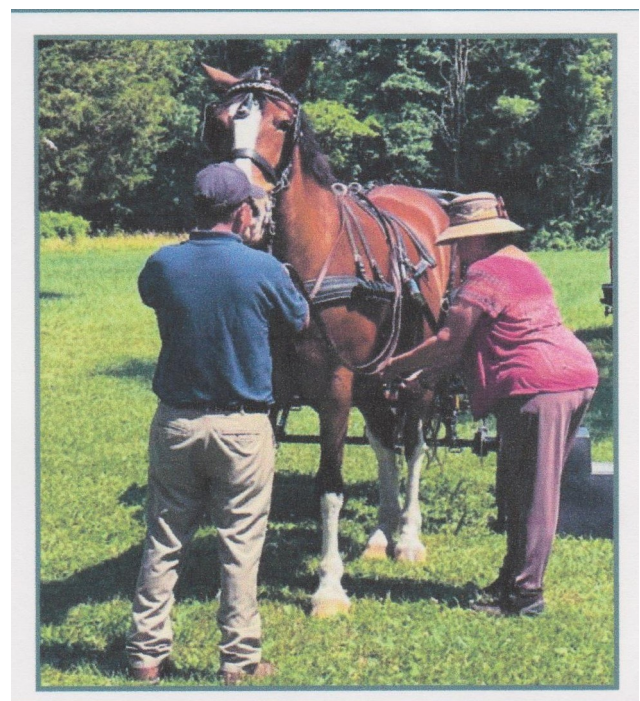


## Members Sharing their Knowledge

On Saturday, June 18th, DDC Member Don Stewart, Jr. was the Clinician for the South Jersey Driving Club's Cones Clinic. The course was full with both drivers and auditors who had the opportunity to learn about the variety of driving classes that involve cones. Don was able to share his knowledge on how to understand a cones course plus the points of walking a course. This was followed by Don coaching the drivers through independent evaluations. DDC Member Mike Pontz participated in the Clinic with his Fell Pony named Porter. (Photos courtesy of Dawn Pontz)



On Saturday, June 25th DDC Member Frances Baker was the leader for one of the Brandywine Valley Driving Club's CAA Driver Proficiency Prep Program Clinics. This event was held at Fair Hill with approximately 20 people attending. There are three Levels of the Driver Proficiency Program and Frances has attained her Level III status. The Prep Clinic consisted of both discussions and demonstrations. Frances brought her Canadian Crossbred named Dundee to demonstrate a simulated Road Test which included a Railroad Crossing, a Pedestrian Crosswalk, and a Round-a-About. She emphasized the importance of being able to have your horse stop and stand when encountering some of these elements. Frances also illustrated 'turn signals' through the use of the whip. DDC James Wood also attended the Clinic. Photos courtesy of Brandywine Valley Driving Club.





# Members Out and About



Frances Baker's hitch caught the eye of several Nuns in NY



Michele Brauning driving her Dr.'s Buggy



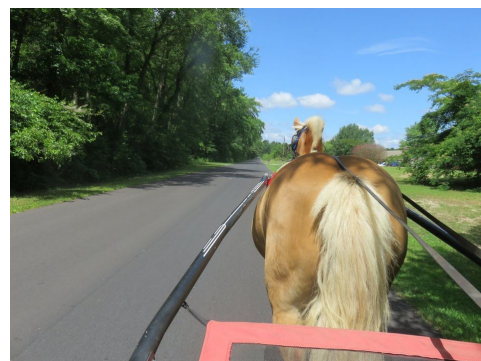
Paul Maye driving Ayrshire Farms Unicorn entry in the Lexington Carriage Classic



Katelin McConkey Cook driving for Jess Tanglao's Carriage Company



John & Colleen Layton competing at Elk Creek CDE in Fair Hill



Linda Thomas driving Bonnie the Haflinger



Members Out and About, cont.



Josh Gale and Wendy Hale driving standardbreds

Michele Brauning driving her 4-in-hand team



Frances Baker in Wethersfield, NY



Martha Duchnowski in an Obstacle Class







## 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:** Charlie Purnell—her pony named Benlea Minny had a serious bout with Colic, but has since recovered. However Minny is now officially retired from a very successful career of showing. Jess Tanglao’s mare Savannah aborted her baby, Rainier Tanglao has been feeling ‘under the weather’, Kevin Wallis is in the Snow Hill Nursing Home recovering from a stroke and a broken leg and Colleen Layton’s father suffered a traumatic fall and is in serious condition

**Congratulations were sent to:** Michele Brauning, Martha Duchnowski, Judith Hartman, Claire Lacey and Erin Gale for all their successes in the recent Horse Shows they have participated in. Kaiya Baker and Kate Pantelione graduated from High School. Kaiya just published a song and will soon be entering the Military. Kate is working with the Hales and Gales at Galesway Farm.

**Sympathy was sent to:** Charlie Purnell who had to euthanize her horse Mel



## Let's Get Quizzical!

Just for fun—answer the question below without using the internet!!! Question supplied by Anna Klumpp (answer can be found in this newsletter)

**What's the largest Equestrian Statue in the world?**



## 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.

- 7/7-10/22 Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show on Rt. 50 in Easton, MD
- 7/10/22 Ladew Polo Grounds 3633 Fallston Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084 Drivers will circle the polo field and line up in front of the main tent so that spectators can stop by and talk with drivers and see the turn-outs. After driving and before the match starts, drivers will return to the trailers. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Paige Horine phorine1812@comcast.net or 410-409-8633
- 7/15- 17/22 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION - Lorenzo, NY. Info: ADS Omnibus
- 7/22/-24/22 National Standardbred Horse Show at the Horse Park of New Jersey (Driving classes are on July 24th)
- 7/24/22 Conesapalooza at Stafford carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ. Additional information and registration materials are available at <http://www.staffordcarriagedriving.com/Stafford/Events.html> or email: ponydrivers@aol.com
- 8/11-14/22 Orleton Farm Driving Competition—Stockbridge, MA. For information email:westgate@taconic.net
- 8/27/22 Harlequin Farm Driving Derby in Purcellville, VA
- 9/8—11/22 MID-ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL DRIVE (MARD) - Fair Hill, MD
- 9/9-11/22 Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Prairie du Chien, WI Find more details at [www.CarriageClassic.com](http://www.CarriageClassic.com)
- 9/25/22 Delaware Equine Council's Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at the Redden Forest (north of Georgetown, DE) A **DDC General Membership Meeting** will be held following this event
- 9/25/22 Buxmont 2022 Driving Show—the Judge is Jessica Axelsson For more information and a Prize List check out their website: [www.buxmontridingclub.com](http://www.buxmontridingclub.com)
- 10/6-9/22 Garden State Combined Driving Event at the Horse Park of New Jersey

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.





## Summer Horse Health Tips

**#1 Hydration:** On average, horses need at least 5 gallons of water per day for body maintenance. This can easily double or triple when they're working hard in hot weather. Bring water from home when traveling, as some horses are picky about unfamiliar-tasting water, or acclimate your horse to water flavored with a little apple juice or Gatorade ahead of time. These can effectively mask strange-tasting water while on the road. If a horse is exhausted or very hot, offer one gallon of water every 15 minutes until he has had his fill. Electrolytes can also help encourage water consumption and replace losses from sweating. Talk to your veterinarian about electrolyte dose and frequency, and always offer unlimited water after giving electrolytes because they can potentially worsen dehydration.

**#2 Heat exhaustion:** Body temperatures can quickly rise above 104 degrees Fahrenheit when exercising in heat and humidity, particularly if sweat isn't evaporating. Other risk factors for overheating include obesity or poor fitness, heavy muscling or a dark coat. For an overheated horse, find shade, if possible, and repeatedly douse him with copious cool water, using a scraper to remove it immediately. Continue until his temperature drops to 101 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

**#3 Sun protection:** Horses with pink around their muzzles or eyes suffer from sunburn. Human sunscreen that does not contain para-aminobenzoic acid is generally safe for use on horses on small areas of the body. Long-term ultraviolet (UV) ray exposure can predispose horses with pink skin around their eyes to cancer, so get UV-blocking flymasks for these animals.

**#4 Trailering safety:** During travel, horses shift their weight with trailer motion. The energy they expend is almost equal to walking, so an eight-hour trailer ride is as much work as an eight-hour trail ride. Don't expect your horse to arrive at your destination fresh and ready to go; arrive the night before or allow a few hours for recuperation. Also remember that trailering stresses the immune system, which can result in "shipping fever" or, worst-case scenario, severe pneumonia. If your horse develops a cough or fever within a few days of a long trailer ride, call your veterinarian. And if the weather is hot, open all vents and windows (with appropriate bars in place), and never park your trailer in the sun for an extended period with horses inside.

**#5 Infectious disease:** Many events involve large numbers of stressed horses in small areas and/or the use of common water sources. These are ideal conditions for disease spread. Airborne virus particles, such as respiratory-disease-causing influenza, can travel more than 100 feet to infect other horses, so avoiding nose-to-nose contact is not always enough for preventing infection. Some diseases, such as strangles, also pass from apparently healthy carriers, usually via shared equipment, direct contact or human hands or clothing. Work with your veterinarian to develop a vaccination schedule for your horse. Many competitors arriving on show grounds are now required to have records of influenza and rhinopneumonitis vaccinations given every six months.

**#6 First aid:** Maintain a well-stocked first-aid kit in your barn and trailer and a smaller kit to put in your saddle bag for trail rides. Talk to your veterinarian about dispensing prescription anti-inflammatories such as phenylbutazone or flunixin meglumine, and their correct dosing and frequency. Replace anything used-up or expired each spring.

**#7 Travel documents:** Most states require a negative current Coggins (equine infectious anemia) test and health certificates prior to border entrance. A few states also require brand inspections, which you can schedule. We have entered the age of apps and electronic Coggins and health certificate forms, some of which allow veterinarians to take horses' photos rather than drawing their markings. You can keep these digital forms in your inbox for easy access. Though 30-day health certificates are required for long-distance travel through several states, many regions now allow six-month "Go Passes" good for travel to neighboring states.





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Answers to Quiz: The Statue of Genghis Khan located on the Tuul river in Mongolia—33 miles east of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The base is 33 feet tall and the statue is 130 feet tall. However it might only hold the record until October of this year when the statue of Shivaji Bhonsle, being built outside of Mumbai, India, is completed. It will be 695 feet tall including the pedestal (larger than the Statue of Liberty). The Pedestal is 212 feet, and the horse and rider are 248 feet, and the sword is 149 feet. He was also a Warrior King.