



Let's Drive !

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**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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The Inaugural Morven Park Concours International d'Attelage de Tradition was held on June 23rd thru June 25th in Leesburg, Virginia. Morven Park is a 1,000 acre historic estate which contains a world recognized equestrian center. This was a perfect setting for the event. There were twenty-two entries who competed in the three part event which consisted of: the Presentation, the Routier (a Road Drive thru the Park with Difficulties or obstacles), and Manibilite (the Cones Course). Many thanks go to the Carriage Association of America, especially Sally Armstrong, Margie Cox, and Jill Ryder, who hosted and organized the occasion as well as added so many special touches that helped commemorate this event (the ribbons, the pins, the swag bags, the beautiful prizes/awards such as Freedman's leather halters, wine, cheese boards, and an antique coaching print). The Judges were David Saunders and Steve Holm, who volunteered their time, as it is a special honor to be chosen. They were also very generous in sharing their knowledge of some of the amazing antique vehicles and the individuals who owned them. The Volunteers came from all over the country and enjoyed learning about the competition as well. The Delmarva Driving Club was well represented at this event with a large number of both competitors and volunteers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the competition and the venue was perfect.

Delmarva Driving Club competitors were:

- Frances Baker driving a pair of Canadian Crossbreds in the Heavy Horse Pairs Division (with Linda Thomas as a passenger)
- Ken Lehberger driving Big Ronda in the Heavy Horse Single Division
- Maddie Kurs driving Ezra in the Single Horse Division
- Jane Oehler driving Skye in the Single Pony Division
- Marcy Eades driving Aslan in the Single Pony Division (Mark Eades was her support person)
- Mary Dougherty driving in the VSE Division

Special Congratulations to:

Frances Baker, Ken Lehberger, and Jane Oehler who were Champions in their Divisions!

The dedicated DDC Volunteers were:

Kim Baklarz and Rich Graves, Barbara and George Clardy, Michele Novack, and Bill Venditta

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, July 13, 2023 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 Mills and Sons Gooch Wagon.

Morven Park D'Attelege de Tradition, cont.



Morven Park Mansion

The Volunteers
**Kim Baklarz, Barbara &
George Clardy, Rich Graves,
Bill Venditta, and
Michele Novack**



Morven Park D'Attelege de Tradition, cont.

← The beautiful Awards/Prizes



Jane Oehler and Skye



Mary and Ken Lehberger



Frances Baker and Linda Thomas with Duke and Echo



Marcy Eades and Aslan

Maddie Kurz and Ezra →



Members Out and About



Kate McConkey with Freya and Maddie Kurz with Ezra



Michele Brauning and her 4-in-hand



Rita Michalenko and her VSE

Adriane Baker and her Gypsy Vanner named Marley



Members Out and About



John Layton & Kate Pantelione at a recent Driving Derby



Millie Tanglao and her pony Jammie



Linda Thomas driving R & B Ranch Carriage Service
Haflingers Bonnie & Jake



Erin and Josh Gale and Wendy Hale with standardbred
Two More Dreams



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: Sherry Harris who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.; Mary Pines who has had a health setback and has now been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Congratulations were sent to: Helen Heinzer who received her Level 1 Driving Proficiency from the Carriage Association of America; Adriane and Dennis Baker of Scotchmans Glen Gypsies who have had a very successful time introducing their Gypsy named Marly to various equines disciplines and their Gypsy mare Gidget had a beautiful colt in June. (In her spare time, Adriane is also busy making cavaletis and custom sunshirts). Erin Gale has been busy successfully showing her Quarter Horse Mare I'm Willy Hot (or Winnie) in Western Dressage and Gales Way Farm's Two More Dreams standardbred has had a couple of successful harness races. Martha Duchnoski is having a very successful show season with her VSEs especially her 'sorrel team'. Charlie Purnell's welsh stallion named Lonwind Swagger (or Bobby) received a Double Grand Champion Cob and a Double Supreme Champion and Champion in the Carriage Division in a recent New York Welsh Show. Judith Hartman's welsh pony Severn Rainbow performed a first ever exhibition freestyle driven dressage test at the PVDA Ride For Life Benefit Show. (To get to the indoor ring, Rainbow had to go down a steep ramp and through a tunnel. This was her first time in an indoor and her first time driving to music on a sound system. She handled everything like a pro and did a great job in her test. To cap off a great experience, they got a 3rd in the vote (people vote by donating money).



From the President

Hello everyone!

2023 is almost half over and we have had a tremendous driving season so far. Our annual Club Show was extremely successful and planning has already started for the 2024 Show. (Volunteers are always welcome and needed—this is a great opportunity to learn while supporting the Club). Many other driving activities are in the planning stage as well, so watch the Upcoming Events and your email for information. Our next event is a Trot the Trails with a bonus instructional session on cones and obstacles at

Frances and Wayne Baker's Hollyville Farm in Delaware. Join us for this educational and fun experience by either participating, volunteering, or watching! As our Club Logo says, “Come Drive with Us!” This year is also the 40th Anniversary of our Club.

Upcoming Events

Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held

- 7/13-15/23 Talbot County Fair in Easton, MD would like the DDC to provide information on or do a carriage demonstration—Contact Deb Dawkins @ 410-310-9569 if you are interested
- 7/15/23 Driving Derby at Rocky Ridge Stables 887 Narvon Rd, Narvon. Entry fee is \$40—call Aaron Jay Fisher 717-475-5917 or John Layton—609-556-9749 for more information
- 7/14-16/23 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION, Cazenovia, NY. Check out ADS Omnibus link: <https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1038061>
- 7/22-23/23 Driving Clinic with Tracy Morgan at the Pine Meadow Showgrounds in Gladstone, NJ For more information, contact Gail Stinson at 908-752-2653 or register at www.gladstonedriving.org
- 7/21 –29/23 Cecil County Fair will be offering driving classes for VSEs The address is 4640 Telegraph Road Elkton, MD 21921
- 7/22/23 Dressage Clinic with Dana Bright at Canvasback Farm, 1380 Hopewell Rd, Port Deposit, MD 21904; register online (preferred) at <https://www.bvdc.org/dressage-clinic-registration>
- 8/19/23 Drive and Cones Course at Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE - see information on page 8 in this newsletter
- 9/8-10/23 Villa Louis Carriage Classic - The 2023 Prize Lists are now available for this neat show in Prairie du Chien, WI Check their website for more details www.CarriageClassic.com
- 9/9/23 Driving Derby at Fair Hill, MD—sponsored by Brandywine Valley Driving Club—check their website for details
- 9/24/23 Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Trail Ride and Drive at Redden State Forest in Georgetown, DE beginning at 10 am, **the DDC General Membership Meeting will be held immediately following lunch**
- 10/5-8/23 Garden State CDE at the Horse Park of New Jersey—details to follow
- 10/7/23 Celebration of the Horse at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center—details to follow
- 10/20-21/23 Amish School Sale at 764 Winding Creek Drive Dover, DE 19904 A multitude of items are available and it's a Benefit auction to raise money for the Amish Parochial Schools

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.

Trot the Trails at

Hollyville Farm

You 're Invited!!!

to Drive and Learn

What: Travel the well marked wooded trails of Hollyville Farm. The trails vary in distance and you can drive what suits you and your equine. There will also be a Cones Course and 2 Obstacles available to test/challenge your driving skills. Awards will be given!!!

When: Saturday, August 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Frances and Wayne Baker's Hollyville Farm
23430 Hollyville Road
Harbeson, Delaware 19951

Please RSVP to Frances @ 302-381-2979

Keeping Your Horse Healthy in the Hot Weather

Summertime can be known for record-breaking heatwaves. Being mindful and planning ahead can ease your horse's adjustment to warmer weather. Here are some important tips to prevent heat-related problems in horses:

1. **Know the signs of fatigue and overheating.** These signs include:

- A high respiratory rate (>40 breaths per minute) that does not come down with 10 to 30 minutes of rest, changes in mental activity or decreased energy levels.
- Mucous membranes in the mouth become dry and lose their usual “slimy” feel.
- You may also notice a prolonged capillary refill time, indicating dehydration. To test, push on your horse's gums. They should start out pink, then blanch to white after pressure, and return to pink in one to two seconds.
- Use a stethoscope, or put your ear on your horse's flank, behind the ribs, to listen for gut sounds. Gurgling sounds are normal and good. Quiet gut sounds are a warning that your horse may be uncomfortable.

2. **Keep your horse hydrated.** Maintain hydration by allowing free access to water at all times. It is a myth that if a hot horse drinks water it will experience colic or other medical problems. If you think your horse is not drinking enough water, offer some hay to encourage drinking after eating. Soupy bran or pellet mashes are another means of getting extra water into your horse

3. **Keep a supply of water available for your horse to drink.** Obtain some clean 5-gallon cans and fill them up with water before you travel. A 1,000-pound horse not in work, not lactating and not in high heat and humidity needs a minimum of 6 gallons per day. This doubles or triples in high heat and humidity, requiring no less than 12-18 gallons per day.

4. **Provide salt and electrolytes as needed.** These may be useful if your horse has been sweating excessively. However, horses must consume water to get the maximum benefit from supplemented electrolytes and avoid dehydration. Ensure that your horse has access to plain, fresh water to encourage appropriate water intake. If you have not used electrolytes before, outline a plan with your veterinarian and be sure to use only electrolytes specifically made for horses.

5. **Limit exertion during peak heat.** Ride in the early mornings or evenings when it is cooler and keep your rides short. Remember to go slow and provide frequent breaks, in the shade whenever possible. This is done by adding the values of the temperature and humidity to get the heat index which determines whether to reduce activity.

6. **Optimize ventilation in the trailer.** Open vents and windows in the trailer, but for safety reasons don't let your horse stick its head out while on the road. Use fans if you have them or empty a bag of ice on top of the shavings on your trailer floor.

7. **Plan ahead for trailering.** Trailer in the early morning or late evening hours when it is cooler. Never leave horses in a parked trailer, especially if there is no shade. Temperatures inside a trailer can rapidly reach 140 degrees and horses can quickly develop heat stroke. Provide as much ventilation and airflow as safely possible on the road. Be very careful when hauling foals, as they are more susceptible to heat than adult horses.

8. **Provide shade.** Provide your horse with as much shade as possible. Trees, run-in sheds, and other structures with good ventilation can give your horse relief from the sun. If your horse is out during the day, a light coloured fly rug or summer sheet will work better than a dark coloured one for keeping the horse cool – white is best for reflecting the sun's heat. A sheet that has a loose weave material will allow the horse's body

Keeping Your Horse Healthy in the Hot Weather, cont.

8. **cont.** heat and sweat to escape more than a tight weave, but it will also provide less effective protection from flies, so there is a trade off to consider. If your horse is normally stabled at night and out during the day, consider reversing his turnout times to avoid the hottest temperatures and the worst of the flies. P.S.: also make sure any pink areas on your horse, particularly around the head and heel areas, are protected from the sun. Try using sun cream (horse specific cream is available or children's sunblock – but test a small area first to make sure your horse is not allergic) and a full face mask may be helpful

9. **Ensure good air circulation in barns.** Open windows and doors in barns to provide cross-ventilation. Try to arrange for more air circulation by careful placement of fans in front of the stalls or in the aisle ways. Be sure to keep electric cords out of reach of horses. Exercise caution with any electrical appliances in a barn as faulty wiring or inadequate circuits can cause a fire.

10. **To lower body temperature, hose off your horse or pour a bucket of water over your horse.** Evaporation produces cooling and continuous hosing is one of the most effective means of lowering body temperature. Use water that is cool or lukewarm, but never hot. Studies have shown that one of the best ways to cool your hot, sweaty horse is to provide a whole-body shower. Spray the horse's head, back, neck, rump and legs with a steady stream of cool water. Repeat this continuously until the horse is cool.



Contact your veterinarian immediately if you think that your horse is experiencing heat-related issues, such as dehydration, exhaustion or heat stroke, as these can lead to serious illness.

Guidelines for When it's Too Hot for Your Horse

When the temperature (Fahrenheit) is added to the humidity (%), you will have these heat stress effects and risks.

Below 130 = Most horses can thermoregulate

Over 150 = Hard for most horses to keep cool, may affect the horse's ability to sweat

Over 180 = High risk – horses are unable to cool themselves properly, dangerous conditions

While it's important to be careful on hot, humid days, that doesn't mean you can't enjoy time with your horse! Just be mindful of the signs that your horse is becoming overheated and call your vet immediately if your horse is unable to cool himself. Take it slow and remember that when you're feeling hot, your horse is hotter.



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