



# Let's Drive !



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## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

### Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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The month of May was the Celebration of National Carriage and Driving Month. The Delmarva Driving Club acknowledged this event by holding a photo contest. The contest showed the wide diversity of driving interests that our club members have. It was fun to view all the different equines, hitches, and vehicles and many people expressed what wonderful memories were conjured up from all the photos. The list of winners can be found in this Newsletter on pages 3 and 4. They can also be found on the DDC Facebook page.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the DDC

Annual Pleasure Driving Show which is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th beginning at 9am. The Show will still be held at the Caroline County 4-H Park and the Judge is Mary Harrison. There is no change in the Class List/Prize List. Hopefully the Coronavirus will not cause any other changes! Watch for updates thru email, Facebook and on the DDC webpage. Please note that all Show Information is located on the 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 and needed!!!

Due to the current restrictions on group gatherings, we have not been able to schedule any club drives at this time. When things change, hopefully missed events and new events can be scheduled. Watch your newsletter, Facebook, and email for information. You can always use your DDC Membership Roster to stay in touch with fellow drivers. In other countries this has become the next great evolution in carriage design. Hopefully we can get back to a more normal before having to do this.



#### Attention!!

\* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2020 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#

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Pleasure Show Committee is gearing up to start planning for the 2021 Show, tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2021. If you're interested, contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113. The next meeting, done via Conference Call, is scheduled for **June 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm.** No special skills are needed, just the desire to help promote the Pleasure Driving Show. We'd love to have your help and input!!!!

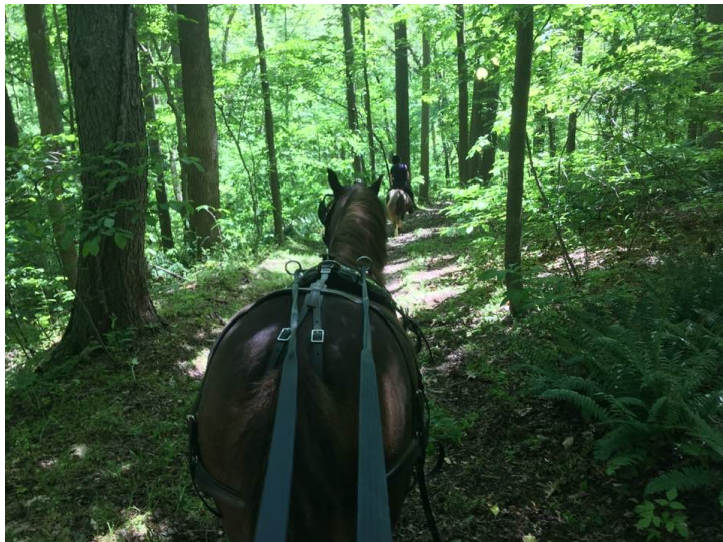
## Members Out and About

America is now starting to open up again. For States and Regions that satisfy the criteria, they have been able to move into Phase 1 Recovery which allows equestrians to ride and drive again (except in limited numbers). But our members are making the best of it!

John Layton having fun at the Jesse Chew House in New Jersey



Charlie Purnell having fun with Minnie



Judith Hartman and her Welsh Pony Marigold enjoying a trail drive

Frances Baker driving Echo



George Parris driving Shannon Gandee's horse Beau

## Photo Contest Gives Bragging Rights!

The results for our May National Carriage and Driving Month Photo Contest are in! You all made this competition interesting and so much fun. I hope everyone learned from it and enjoyed participating in it as much as we enjoyed holding it. Even though everyone is a winner, Bragging Rights go to the following:

**Category 1:** Antiques, Collectibles, and Restoration Projects - **Frances and Wayne Baker** and their 1902 restored Brewster Road Coach

**Category 2:** Unique Hitch Configurations - **Anna Klumpp** driving her VSEs Three Abreast **and Frances Baker** driving her Canadian Crossbreds in a Pickaxe configuration  tied with 7 votes each

**Category 3:** Commercial Carriage Driving - **Ann Sanders** driving Mickey Finn and **Linda Thomas** driving Big Jim to a hearse were  tied with 7 votes each.

**Category 4:** Small but Mighty - **Michele Brauning** driving her 4-in-hand

**Category 5:** Big and Powerful - **Bill Venditta** driving his team of Gelderlanders - Bullet, Bandit, Ben and Elvis

**Category 6:** My Driving Buddy - **Frances Baker**'s photos of her driving her horses Echo and Kenny single, tied with 7 votes each

**Category 7:** Pleasure Shows and Drives: **James Wood** driving Zeus

**Category 8:** Dressage, Cones, and Marathon - **James Wood** driving his pair of VSE stallions

**Category 9:** Equine Head Shots - **Bill Venditta**'s Bullet and Bandit

**Category 10:** Humorous - **Maddy Zacharkow**'s VSEs Oreo and Starlight begging for peppermints. *This photo was the most popular picture of the entire contest!*

**Category 11:** Between the Ears Scenic Shots - **Linda Thomas**' Haflinger Flush surveying the Wye River

**Category 12:** Training - **John Layton** and Hocus doing line driving and desensitization training



## More 'Bragging Rights' Photos



## Other Great Entries



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## 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.

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.

## Are you Prepared for an Emergency with your Equine?

Because if there is something horses can get into, they absolutely will. While you cannot house your horse in a padded room or blanket him in bubble wrap, you can be prepared to stabilize any injuries he incurs until your veterinarian can get there by maintaining a conveniently located equine first-aid kit. One reason for designating a specific well-stocked container for first aid is because in an emergency, time is critical and you don't want to waste a lot of it hunting around for a thermometer, sterile wraps or other necessities. With a kit that you regularly check and update, you'll know you have what you need when you need it. You can store extra products and replacements for your kit in a larger medicine cabinet or chest. It's also a good place to include a human first-aid kit as well, which you can buy ready-made or stock with simple items from a pharmacy, such as band-aids, triple antibiotic ointment, aspirin, hand sanitizer, etc. As you gather the supplies and equipment, consider the type of storage you'll need. An equine first-aid kit must be portable, well organized and ideally divided into various compartments to store and separate all the medical supplies and equipment needed for quick retrieval in an emergency. A compact tool box, large fishing-tackle box or a tight-sealing plastic container is a good option. Whatever you choose, make sure it's clean, airtight and waterproof to ensure the contents stay sterile and ready to use. Keep in mind that during extreme weather conditions, you may need to move your kit to another location to keep its contents from freezing or overheating.

### Equipment

- Flashlight (with working batteries) to effectively care for your horse on a dark night or dimly lit stall
- Rectal thermometer—a plastic digital version is safer around the barn than a typical glass model and gives faster readings
- Small jar of Vaseline or other lubricant to help insert thermometers
- Stethoscope to check heart rate and listen to gut sounds
- Box of surgical latex gloves to help prevent wound contamination and keep your hands clean
- Roll of duct tape
- Bandage scissors with rounded ends to avoid cutting your horse when removing a bandage
- Hemostats or tweezers—handy to help remove a splinter or tick
- Wire cutters to free a horse from a fence
- Sharp pocket knife to use if a horse is tied down in the trailer, tangled in the cross-ties or has a foot stuck in a hay net
- Cold pack to reduce swelling from an injury. A chemical pack that creates an “instant cold” is handy when ice or cold hosing isn't available (you can wrap it around the injured area, if possible), though you can also invest in an ice wrap or boot designed for horses.
- Clean bucket to soak bruised or abscessed hooves or wash a wound
- Clean bath-size towel to use as a large wound compression or to spread out as a sanitary field for small items

## Equine Emergency Info. Cont.

- [Twitch](#)
- [Chain shank](#)/extra [lead rope](#)/extra [halter](#)
- First-aid booklet
- [60-cc dose syringes](#) with a catheter tip for administering oral medications as well as [10-cc syringes](#) and hypodermic needles for injections.

### Wound Treatments

Horses can suffer a variety of wounds, and whether the situation requires an immediate call to your vet or is something you can treat yourself at home, you need supplies to quickly and gently clean and disinfect the wound. They include:

- [16-ounce bottle of antiseptic scrub](#) such as [Betadine](#) (povidone iodine) or [Nolvasan](#) (chlorhexidine) for washing/disinfecting the wound
- [16-ounce bottle of hydrogen peroxide](#) (useful for cleaning dirt or other debris out of a wound)
- [Antiseptic wound cream](#), powder or [spray-on](#) treatment to prevent infection and encourage healing—but after cleaning a wound, always seek veterinary advice before applying a product.
- [16-ounce bottle of rubbing alcohol](#) to sterilize instruments such as scissors or thermometers
- Package of [premoistened alcohol swabs](#) to clean small wounds and sites for injections
- [10-ounce bottle of saline solution](#) (a bottle of contact-lens solution with a nozzle works well) for flushing hard to-reach, delicate wounds, such as near an eye
- Small tube of triple-antibiotic eye ointment (nonsteroidal) that can be obtained from your veterinarian.

### Bandages

Once a wound is initially cleaned, you need various bandaging materials to cover it and keep it clean. You also want them on hand to stop bleeding quickly, which, depending on severity, you might need to get under control even before cleaning. Bandaging items include:

- Box of [200 nonstick sterile gauze squares](#) (preferably 4-by-4 inch to clean and cover small wounds)
- Two rolls of self-sticking bandages— such as [Vetrap™](#)—used to keep the gauze squares in place
- Roll of [elastikon](#) (strong, elastic cloth tape with a rubber-based adhesive)
- [4-inch gauze rolls](#) for padding
- 2 rolls of [cast padding](#) (polyester padding for protection, comfort and to keep the bandaged area dry)
- 1–2 rolls of absorbent [sterile sheet cotton](#) or gamgee (a type of cotton field wrap sandwiched between two gauze sheets). Both of these typically come in 12-inch sizes and can be used as padding under a wrap or as a pressure pad to stop bleeding. Cotton should not be applied directly to an injury because it will stick. It is also useful to have on hand to help clean a wound.
- A clean set of [pillow wraps](#) and [bandages](#) for an outer protective and supportive wrap over an already bandaged wound or, when used in conjunction with [poultice](#), to reduce heat and inflammation in a leg
- 2 thick [sanitary napkins](#) or [diapers](#), useful for padding a wrapped foot.

### Medications

Depending on your experience and comfort level administering medications, there are some that are good to have in your first-aid kit. Even if you have given the medications previously, always consult with your vet first. If they can get to your horse quickly, they might not want you to administer anything so they has a clearer idea of the extent of the issue. Also, giving an intravenous (directly into the vein) shot can be dangerous if done incorrectly. The good news is many medications for pain or sedation are now available in oral form.

- Phenylbutazone (“bute”) and flunixin meglumine (Banamine) are nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory pain relievers. Both are available as an oral paste in premeasured doses, though bute also comes in powder form and can be given orally. Confer with your vet to get the correct dosage.
- Dormosedan gel is a mild standing sedative that is given orally. Check the instructions for the correct dosage and wear gloves, as humans are sensitive to the drug and it can be absorbed through the skin.
- [Electrolyte paste](#) for treating dehydration. While this is not a medication, it is an oral supplement proven to be effective to encourage horses to drink.

You may decide there are other supplies you want to include in your first-aid kit. Or you can buy a premade kit

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and take the stress out of stocking one on your own. Whichever you choose, know that because of the time and effort you spend now, you will be better able to help your horse while waiting for your vet to arrive.

### Vet Communication is Key

No matter how extensive your first-aid kit is, it should never replace a call to your veterinarian in an emergency—or even if you're not sure if you have an emergency. Serious symptoms like puffy eyes, sudden lameness or reluctance to walk, profuse bleeding, breathing problems and signs of colic (such as pawing, depression, excessive sweating, etc.) always warrant an immediate phone call. That doesn't mean the vet has to come out. Just describe the symptoms - if you can handle the treatment, great. If not, have the veterinarian come out.

### 6 Things to Do Before an Emergency

- Post emergency contact information for your vet and farrier in the barn and save it in your phone.
- Know how to take your horse's temperature, pulse and respiration and be aware of these typical resting vital signs.
- Check your first-aid kit monthly and toss out and replace expired medication.
- Replace anything you take out of your first-aid kit as soon as possible.
- Educate yourself. Make sure you know how to use everything in your kit or have your veterinarian show you. Practice wrapping your horse's leg before a stressful emergency situation.
- Keep your horse's health records up to date and handy so you can answer any questions your vet might have about his medical history.





## 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. Events such as The Devon Horse Show, Elk Creek CDE, The National Drive, etc. have all been canceled.

- 6/20/20 **POSTPONED**—Auction of over a 100 Sleighs, Carriages, and accessories from the estate of the late Richard Calhoun will be held in Georgetown, DE. Martins Auction will be coordinating the sale. Look for updates as they become available—this may go to an online auction depending on restrictions in Delaware
- 06/25 –26/20 **CANCELLED**—21st Annual Carriage and Antique Auction in Bird-in-Hand, PA.
- 09/20/20 BUXMONT RIDING CLUB - 2020 CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW - For Directions call Robert Shettsline 215-896-5094 For prize list and/or registration questions email: [buxmontridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:buxmontridingclub@gmail.com)
- 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](http://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](mailto: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.



## Useful Information from Yonies Harness

Here is a great list from Yonies Harness with all kinds of links. If you want more information or would like to have something added to the list, call Yonies at 610-273-7370 or visit their website at [www.yonies.com](http://www.yonies.com). They also have a Facebook page.

<http://forms.yonies.com> this link takes you to the main page of our online library. The rest of these links go to one item only.

[http://forms.yonies.com/Harness%20Measuring%20Chart%20with%20New%20Harness%20Order%20Form.pdf?fbclid=IwAR25xBoZIymDnbAUMLMe2juoAEk1Af\\_DSsWx\\_NIWpoufV2-onOCJ6GGxD\\_Q](http://forms.yonies.com/Harness%20Measuring%20Chart%20with%20New%20Harness%20Order%20Form.pdf?fbclid=IwAR25xBoZIymDnbAUMLMe2juoAEk1Af_DSsWx_NIWpoufV2-onOCJ6GGxD_Q)  
This is for the new harness measuring chart with the harness measuring form.

<http://catalog.yonies.com> This goes to our latest master catalog only.

[http://forms.yonies.com/Conversion%20kits/?fbclid=IwAR11jJnC27Cty1VdrSLfTkvXY2M674\\_HK-R7KRErUHYRfh9tHBKU-ynYAk](http://forms.yonies.com/Conversion%20kits/?fbclid=IwAR11jJnC27Cty1VdrSLfTkvXY2M674_HK-R7KRErUHYRfh9tHBKU-ynYAk) This link takes you to a folder that has quite a few different ways of hitching on them. It gives you a list of parts that you will most likely need to make the conversions that are suggested here.

<http://forms.yonies.com/Synthetic%20materials%20that%20are%20used%20to%20make%20harnesses%20BioThane%20Family%20Tree.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1JuUz4VttRaOY4wOKzEqci2qVGlys5m2vgcUUFiLBViWBzwJh4bNak8> This link takes you to the biothane family tree. Please be aware that this does not say what we use where. Most of this is just to give you a basic idea of what all is part of the biothane company. We try to use the product that we think will hold up the best and yet is easier to use and adjust.

And then best of all is the videos. They are on YouTube so you can share it online if you want to.

Harness Fit & Adjustment by ADS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t4KagTsoEs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1iVTmQTKUZsRD8oARpRlg29PZurMg4-MRpN4p3tP9rWGtFSHiUpRf4PhE>

How to put on a single Marathon Harness by ADS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-IOEpGhVPw>

Difference Between Yonies Pleasure and Padded harnesses:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoUmn5jlv3Y&t>

Showing padded harness:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4GiLLRoEok&t>

Showing the reinforcement on the breastcollars:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dMoGROuiVg>



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