



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, March 5, 2020 and the minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$6974.02 and there were 4 deposits totaling \$965 and \$215 in expenses, leaving a final balance of \$8152.02. A Pleasure Show update was given and all members are encouraged to either participate, sponsor classes, or secure advertisements.

Ribbons have been ordered and the Super Reinsmanship trophy is a stoneware plate. Due to the poor condition of Ring 2, scheduled classes will be moved to a mowed grass area. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the show, please call Pam Gray at 410-819-6113. Frances Baker shared information about a recent seminar she and Linda Thomas attended in Weirsdale, Florida (more information about this

event can be found on page 4—A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving).

Due to an oversight, the Club's 501(c)3 tax status had lapsed. However forms for reinstatement have been filed.

Delmarva Driving Club is now active on Instagram under delmarva_driving_club. You can also find us on Facebook and on our web page: www.delmarvadrivingclub.com.

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 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#

Fun Day to Drive

On Saturday, February 8th, DDC Member Ann Luke hosted the Fun Day to Drive event at her Holly Ridge Equestrian Center in Willards, MD. Six carriages filled with members and friends enjoyed driving around the farm, through the wooded trails, across the hay fields, and maneuvering around obstacles. After driving, everyone headed to the 'Club Room' for socialization and treats. Thanks again Ann for hosting such a nice event! Many folks asked if they could come back and drive again!!!!



Fun Day to Drive (continued)



George Parris & Alison Kirk driving Freddie



Sherry Harris driving her Haflinger Smarty



Michele Brauning & Charlie Purnell



Kevin Watkins driving his VSE



Diane Savage and Benjamin



Shannon & David Gandee driving Beau

Members Out and About

Ann Sanders & Gambler

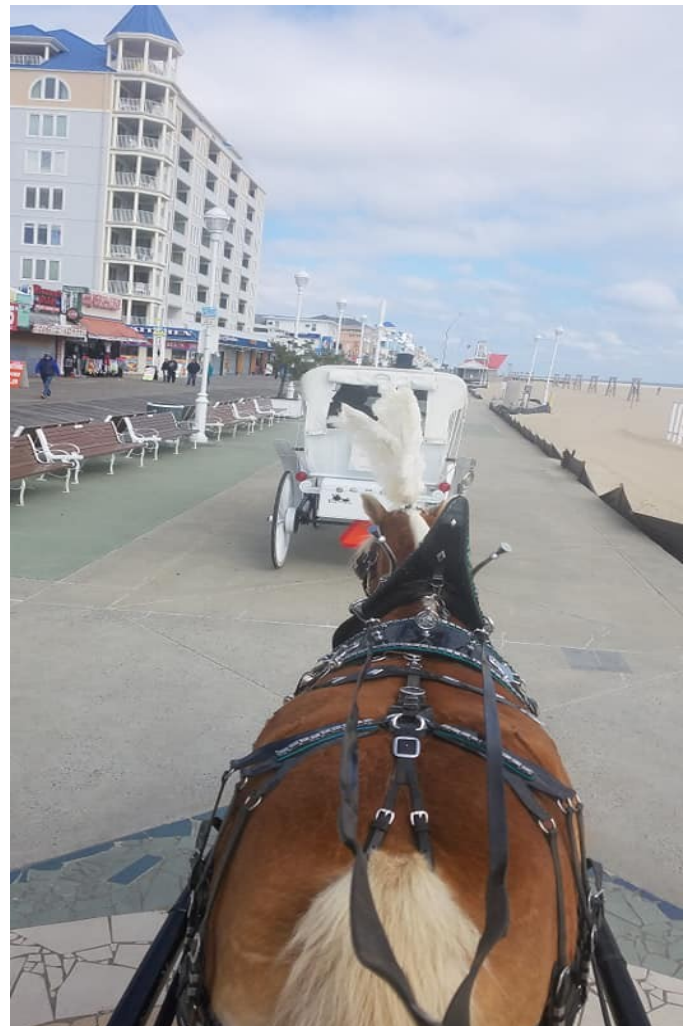


Dianne Valentine enjoying a scenic drive



Smarty—Sherry Harris' Haflinger at Wye Island

Linda Thomas driving Bonnie the Haflinger on the Ocean City Boardwalk



Mary Nelson driving Roo at Fair Hill

A Traditional Day of Sporting Driving

A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving was set up as a way to celebrate the bygone days of driving. During the day competitors are judged on horsemanship, good judgment, and quick decision making while driving. Turnouts are also judged on the preservation of the carriage, the suitability of the harness, and of course good sportsmanship. The Carriage Association of America introduced the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving over 15 years ago to North America (based on the very popular European event). On February 27 thru 29, 2020, DDC Members Frances Baker, Linda Thomas, and Bill Venditta attended a seminar at Gloria Austin's Stables in Weirsdale, Florida in order to learn about organizing, participating in and judging a CAA Sporting Day of Traditional Driving. Speakers were Gloria Austin, who has participated in and judged these events in both North America and Europe (she also has a wonderful carriage collection, horses, harness, a library and appointments that added tremendously to the seminar), Raimundo Coral Rubiales, International Judge from Spain, David Saunders, professional Coachman, and Eric and Mary Jenson from Colorado (who have hosted this type of event for 14 years). They shared a wealth of knowledge through hands-on and interactive learning methods. Our members learned that judging is done by one, two or three judges and they view the competitor at the halt as well as on the move. The event is comprised of three sections: a Turnout Inspection, a Country Drive (between 3 to 7 miles with 5 simple driving tests that are performed along the way), and a Cones Course (called Skilled Driving). The sections each have a point value from which deductions are taken—highest score takes first place. Hopefully this type of event can be organized in our area with participation from other clubs! Frances Baker and Linda Thomas are looking forward to hosting an introductory seminar to this type of event in the near future. Watch for updates!





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: Michele Brauning to cheer her up as she recovers from recent surgery; Charlie Purnell to comfort her on the recent loss of her pony named Primrose; Martha Zimmerman and Alan Poole on their new equine family member named Snaptoit; Ed Evans—thinking of him as he continues to recover from heart surgery; Deb Dawkins to cheer her up following a second shoulder surgery which will not allow her to return to riding and driving for months; and Marcy Eades—sending thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery for her father.

Driving Opportunity—Request from Deb Dawkins

DDC Member Deb Dawkins has had the misfortune to undergo shoulder surgery not once, but twice! This has resulted in her not being able to ride or drive her ponies for months. She would like to welcome any interested members who would like to come to her home and give them a little attention and work. Their training and temperaments range from Wifi who may be ridden or driven by beginners to well trained, but spirited ponies named Abby and Breezy. Joy has had a lot of training, but no work for years. The two geldings only ride, but they have been ‘pasture potatoes’ since her husband gave up riding. The seventh pony is Atta Girl who is in remedial training since she was loaned out to person who abused her. We are building trust. Anyone who would like to visit, please give Deb at call at 410-310-9569.



Left to Right: under the tree--Abby (20), reclining--Rocky (22), showing her best side--Wildfire (23), center--Breezy (20), grey--Pi (21) bay--Atta (16) and Joy (18).

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To be considered for membership, submit this completed application each year, with a check made payable to The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. or cash in the amount of the current annual membership dues payment to the address shown below. As an applicant, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. You will be notified of your acceptance, at which time you will receive your copy of the by-laws, a membership roster and newsletter. Feel free to join in the Club activities while your membership is being processed. Your signature below shall serve as consent to allow your photographic image taken at any DDC event to be used on any and all DDC publications.

Type of memberships: _____ (\$20/individual or _____ \$30 family)

Name of member _____

Farm Name _____

USPS address _____

CHANGE from last year's Renewal Form! _____yes _____ No

Newsletters will arrive via Email unless otherwise indicated:

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I do not/cannot receive my newsletter via email and thus request a hard copy be mailed (donation suggested to defray mailing costs). _____

The best number to reach me by phone is _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Delmarva Driving Club.

VOLUNTEERS: Please mark as many items for which you are interested in volunteering. This information will be used by the various event coordinators to reach out for your help!!

- _____ Leading a Casual Drive
 - _____ Clinic Volunteers
 - _____ Serving as a member of the DDC Board or future Officer
 - _____ Hosting a clinic (on any equine related subject)
 - _____ Horse Show Volunteer
 - _____ Administrative help
- (e.g. Serving on a committee, mailing, printing and sending show information out, etc.)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
Make check payable to Delmarva Driving Club Inc. in the amount of \$20.00 per individual/ \$30 family. **C/o Deborah Dawkins (Membership Chair) 25460 Dodd Lane Denton, MD 21629**

Upcoming Events

- 3/14/20 VSE and Pony Measuring Clinic beginning at 10:30 am at Fair Hill Saddlery 5930 Telegraph Road in Elkton, MD. This clinic is designed to learn about the new ADS rule that requires all ponies and VSEs to have measurement cards prior to competing in any ADS recognized event as of July 1, 2020.
- 4/4/20 Mt. Hermon Plow Days at the Adkins Market in Salisbury, MD. The purpose of this event is to increase interest in the knowledge of how farm work was done with horses and mules in past years. Plowing is the highlighted work demonstration, with teams coming from as many as five states.
- 4/24/20 Martins Spring Auction 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, Pa 17042. Website: [http:// www.martinauctioneers.com/auctions/views](http://www.martinauctioneers.com/auctions/views)
- 5/9/20 DDC Pleasure Driving Show at Caroline Co. 4-H Park. Look at the Class List and Prize List on the DDC website—www.delmarvadivingclub.com. Call Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 for more information. Volunteers are needed and spectators are welcome.
- 6/20/20 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.

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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