



Let's Drive !

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**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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A DDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 and the minutes of the January 7th Board Meeting were approved. The December –January Treasury report had a starting balance of \$7,133.41. Expenses were \$279.34 and deposits totaled \$855.00, leaving an ending balance of \$7,719.07. The report was accepted as presented.

The Show Committee reported that the Prize List has been completed and published on the DDC Webpage as well as on Facebook. Solicitation for advertising, sponsorships, and awards has also begun. The Show date has been publicized in such places as the ADS Whip, the Delaware Equine Council, and numerous horse/equine related markets. As always volunteers are

welcome and there are jobs for everyone! Please contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or pgray59@hughes.net if you have any questions or would like to help. An updated DDC Membership Roster will be distributed by March 15 via email and the postal service. Since Covid is still making the planning of events difficult, members can use their Roster to contact each other and plan spontaneous events. Phishing, an email that is likely a scam, is still being received by our Board Members. In order to protect the Board's personal emails and stop this practice, the DDC has decided to utilize a Club email. This is a great centralized way to do business! The new Club email name will be shared once it is established. There will be no change in the way you receive email, it will just have a name that members will associate with as a familiar and trusted

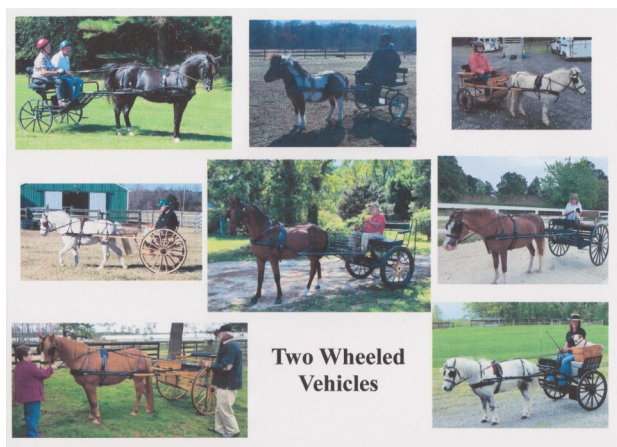
source. All Board Members personal emails will be removed from the Webpage and the Newsletter and replaced with the new Club email. The Club secretary will check the Club email regularly and forward mail appropriately. A Zoom Meeting refers to a video conferencing meeting that's hosted using Zoom. You can also participate in a Zoom meeting via a phone. Due to Covid, we have been forced to change the way we do many things. Zoom has allowed us 'to gather'. Hence the Club will purchase a Zoom package in order to hold meetings, share programs, etc. Watch for the date of our next club Zoom presentation (on Commercial Carriage Driving) and be sure to join in.

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021. 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#

DDC Hosts first Zoom Talk

The DDC has embraced Zoom technology by holding our first Zoom Talk entitled 'Tack Talk—Pros and Cons of a Two Wheeled Vehicle versus a Four Wheeled Vehicle'. The twelve (12) participants were able to offer their thoughts and opinions as well as view different turnouts utilized by Club Members. As a bonus, there was a video demonstrating different harness styles and their use with two and four wheeled vehicles. Many thanks go to Kim Baklarz and Rich Graves for allowing us to use their Zoom account and act as the technical wizards. Thanks also go to Frances Baker, Michele Brauning, George Parris, and Linda Thomas for making the video possible. If you would like to have another Zoom Talk, contact a Board Member!



Membership Update

There are currently 32 Individual, 16 Family, and 3 perpetual DDC members. To help members stay in touch, our 2021 Membership Roster will be available next week via email and the postal service mail. We would like to welcome our new members and are glad to have several past members return to the group.

Martha Duchnowski has had life long involvement with horses and now loves and drives 'minis'. Welcome back Martha



Phoebe Drury enjoys driving (and riding) with her family. Welcome back Phoebe

Welcome New Member **Kate Pantelione!** She was introduced to driving by DDC Members John & Colleen Layton in 2019. She has now become a driver in her own right; participating in the 2020DDC Show, the Turkey Trot, and as a navigator for John Layton at the Hard Rock HDT! She is a Junior Driver!



Welcome New Member **Julianne Simpson**—she is fairly new to driving and we met her driving at the 2020 DDC Show. Julianne just purchased Julie and is now on 'foal watch'!

Welcome All!



Members Out and About



DDC Member George Parris driving DDC Member Frances Baker's Canadian Crossbred Kenny around Frances' farm.



DDC Member Charlie Purnell and her dog Foxy enjoying a carriage drive on her farm



Member Judith Hartman driving Marigold



DDC Members Diane and Rick Savage enjoying the 'best of Country Living with their ponies

Members Out and About (cont.)



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:

Heartfelt Sympathy was sent to: George Parris —his sister passed away and James Wood—his who 30 year old horse named Willow crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

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.

Best 'Barn Hacks'

Folding bike hangers (from Lowes or Home Depot) are a great way to manage multiple wet blankets.



Each horse has room for a rain sheet and heavier blanket. They stick out about 12 inches, so even in an entryway it's not too much. Blankets dried much better than folded over blanket bars or rods.



The bike hangers flip up when not needed.



Best 'Barn Hacks'



Here's an easy way to hook up your gooseneck trailer on the first back! Simply place a toilet plunger over the ball in the bed of the truck and back up. You can even paint the wooden handle of the plunger a bright color to be even more visible



Tired of spilling water on yourself in frigid weather carrying buckets of water? Put a garbage bag in your bucket, then fill it with water. Tie the top of the bag or use twine to close the bag—no more wet pants legs or boots! It's even handy to haul inside your trailer, on your four wheeler or gator!

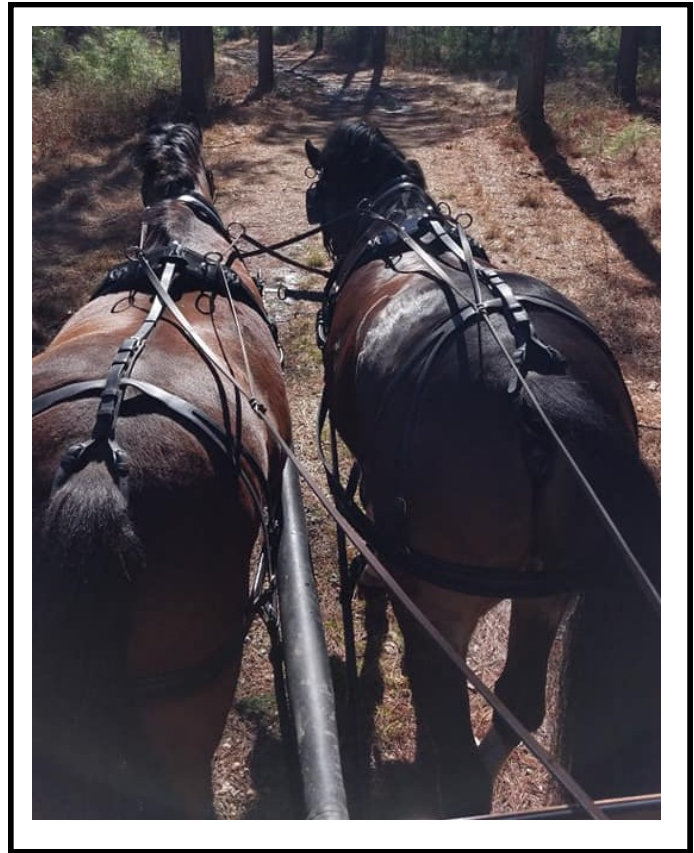


Upcoming Events

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.

- 3/12/21 Friday Night Webinar at 7 pm with the Carriage Association of America— Fitness of the Equine: Horse, Pony, and Mini with Dr. Tom Burgess. This is free for CAA Members (see the weekly newsletter), however anyone can join in for \$9.99 (check the CAA Facebook page for details)
- 3/15/21- EQUINE DENTISTRY LECTURE - Hosted by BVDC. Virtual (Zoom) - Presented by Amanda Compton. 7:00-8:00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7176 4328 Participant ID / Passcode (password): 393932 Zoom Join Link (for computers & smartphones): <https://us02web.zoom.us> Note: You can use this link to access the web browser version of Zoom if you don't already have a Zoom client installed on your device. Phone # for audio only: +1 646 876 9923 Contact for questions: Tracey Freeman TCVF@me.com or 484-437-5200
- 3/27/21 Open Driving Schooling at the Horse Park of New Jersey from 9 am to 2 pm Cost is free to Horse Park of NJ Members and \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required—check the Horse Park webpage to register
- 4/11/21 Open Driving Schooling at the Horse Park of New Jersey from 10 am to 2:30 pm Cost is free to Horse Park of NJ Members and \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required—check the Horse Park webpage to register
- 4/23/21 Martin's 50th Anniversary Spring Carriage Auction in Lebanon, PA. The auction will be both online and in person. For more information, check out their website: www.martinauctioneers.com
- 5/8/21 14th Annual DDC Pleasure Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. Check out Facebook, Instagram, or the DDC webpage: www.delmarvadivingclub.com for more information. Or call Pam Gray, Show Manager at 410-819-6113

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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and Instagram!
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