

Delmarva Driving Lines

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DDC Meeting Schedule

BOD meeting May 11, after the horse show setup.

BOD meeting June 6 Redden Carriage House

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Come to the Horse Show on May 12th!! Support the Delmarva Driving Club and cheer for your friends. This year - club run food booth! Youth class and Novice division.

DDC Youth Day II

April 21st, the Youth Group of DDC had their second Youth Clinic for 2007. After battling cold and wind at the first clinic, warm calm weather was really appreciated.

The clinic was hosted by Bonnie Forgacs at High Hopes Farm in Denton, MD. Bonnie Forgacs and Sharon Little organized, George Parris presented 'harness techniques and safety tips', Carl Zimmerman gave driving lessons and cones course advice, Sherry Harris provided insight to 'soon to be driving horse-moms' on the safety and proper methods of 'heading' your driving pony and Sharon Little and Hot Cocoa gave lessons and rides.

Bonnie designed a wonderful obstacle course for our young drivers. Following a brief evaluation and instruction, Bonnie allowed the young driver to take the lines and drive! Each driver got the opportunity to learn on the go. The kids really enjoyed the day. The older kids asked lots of good questions and seemed really ready to take up driving; the younger ones thought the cones course was really cool (it may take Bonnie a day or two to sort out the new course design set up by several 6-year-olds). Once everyone had a chance to drive one or more ponies, the instructors put on a driving demo. Bonnie with Bernie Mac, Carl with Conner and George with Rocky, demonstrated the 3 trots called for in a pleasure show. Questions were asked and hopefully answered!

Ages ranged from 2 to 16. The "Kids Cart, Craft & Canter Club" ate lots of cookies and drank lemonade. Parents seemed very interested in having an Intro to Driving clinic of their own.

In attendance were DDC members: Bonnie Forgacs, Carl Zimmerman, George & Elizabeth Parris, Sherry and Anne Harris, Sharon, Larry, Christie & Claudia Little, Kris Penrod and Garth, and Linda Lesser.

Guests were:

Laura & Emily Joseph, Edie, Karen, Jordan and Cameron Dennis, Susan, Leigh and Jack Killen, Audrey, Jared, Jacob and Calvin Adkins, Kelsey & Bartley Trumbull and Christianna Saelens.

In all, the clinic had over 14 adults and 14 children attending. Thank you to Bonnie for allowing us to use your beautiful facility. The kids were able to observe/participate in different driving events AND to see a pristine hunt course.

Thank you Carl and George and Sherry for helping make this day possible. Also, a special Thank You to Dawn Kohland for lending Conner to the club. Our driving club continues to support all aspects of driving and family recreation. Thanks DDC for being the center of so many fun filled learning events.

Next for the Youth Club - A day on the Track. Learn about race horse training and driving. Details to follow.

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Delmarva Driving Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 4, 2007 John Bolinski, secretary

Meeting Time: 6:11 pm to 7:30 pm
Present: Carolyn Fox; Peg Koster, Francis Baker, Kay Mildon, Sherry Harris, Donna Hurst, John Bolinski
Absent: None
Visitors: Mary Bolnak, Paula Barto

The following reflects subjects discussed:

1. Minutes of Last Meeting - the board approved the minutes as written in the newsletter
2. Treasurer Report - The board approved the February and March 2007 treasurer's reports as written by Donna Hurst. The total balance at the end of March was \$12,057.52. This includes an additional CD that was recommended by George Parris.
3. Sunshine Report - Nothing to report at this time.
4. Membership Renewals - To date we have 23 Individual and 16 family (35 members) renewals for a total membership of 58 individuals. 8 families and 23 individuals have yet to renew for 2007. The board voted to add a bright colored flier to the newsletter to remind members to send in their response.
5. By-Laws - A special letter has been sent out on the by-law changes and the vote will be held after the drive at the Redden Jester Tract on April 22, 2007.
6. Next Board Meeting - The next BOD meeting will be held on 5/11/07 after the setup for the horse show at the Denton 4H Park.
7. May 12 Horse Show - Orders are in for trophies and ribbons. We still need sponsors and volunteers to work the show. The food committee met for a short meeting after the BOD meeting.
8. DEC Dinner Dance - Paula and Peg reported the event was very successful and generated approximately \$7,000 profit in support of their club's efforts.
9. DEC Expo - Paula and Peg reported that approximately 5,000 people came through the expo, which had 12 clinicians and lots of participation in the show of breeds. Looking forward to another one next year.
10. Dick Chance - Kay brought the BOD up to speed on Dick's condition. He has had a stint put in and is presently

coming along in the Corsica Rehab and Nursing Home in Centerville at 205 N. Armstrong Ave.

11. MD Horse Council Mtg. - Many horse groups from the area will get a chance to explain what their groups do at an April 18th meeting at the Tuckahoe Equine Center. Sherry Harris volunteered to make a presentation for the DDC.
12. New Club Address - The board voted to change the address to John Bolinski's at 986 Irishtown Rd., North East, MD 21901-4404. Since John is secretary and also handles the taxes and insurance, the board felt it made sense.
13. Redden Drive April 22, 2007 - The drive is still on. Kay will lead, Paula will navigate and Peg will procure the keys. George and/or Carl will once again be asked to do a safety check. A short membership meeting will be held after the drive. Everyone is asked to take their trash and manure home with them.
14. Youth Drive Clinic - Sharon Little is coordinating a driving clinic for our youth members at Bonnie Forgac's house. It will include some lessons on harness and demo's. Details are in the April newsletter. John was asked to notify our insurance company.
15. Youth Class at May 12 Show - Carolyn will coordinate with Carl to add a youth class to this year's show, even if the turnout is small.
16. Maintaining Redden - Everyone needs to remember that any time we use Redden as a club or as individuals, we must take everything home that we brought. This includes trash and manure and bedding. We do not want to lose our privileges.
17. Francis Baker Drive - Francis volunteered to hold a drive on her 1000-acre farm on either October 27 or 28. Donna and Sherry will design several trails to use and a fried chicken dinner will follow the drive. More details to come.
18. Revised DDC Handout - The one page flyer describing the DDC was revised by Martie Bolinski. Copies can be gotten from either Martie or John Bolinski or from Sherry Harris.
19. DDC History - The detailed history of the DDC, written by Lois Evans, was updated to include 2006. Heidi will be asked to post 2006 on the website and if anyone wants a full copy, they can contact Martie or John Bolinski
20. DDC Roster - In accordance with

the by-laws, John presented the board with an up-to-date roster of members.

21. ADS Dues - The BOD elected to maintain its affiliation with the American Driving Society, based on the many gains we get as members. John will mail the renewal in the next week.
22. Virginia Draft Horse Association - A thank you note was received for the \$40.00 contribution we made to this organization. The letter will be filed in the DDC secretary's file.
23. Silent Auction Items - Anyone having items for the silent auction to be held at the May 12, 2007 Horse Show should get them to Donna or Sherry.

Adjourn 7:30 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes April 22, 2007 John Bolinski, secretary

Meeting Time: 4:04 pm to 4:35 pm
Location: Redden State Forest

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The following items reflect subjects discussed.

1. Treasurer's Report - The report was accepted as printed in the last newsletter.
2. Horse Show May 12, 2007 - George Parris gave an update on the show. Everything is going well. Carl Zimmerman will be at the fairgrounds at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 11th to set up. We can use all the help we can get to set up. Donna Hurst will bring the club trailer on Friday at 4:00 pm. Steve Ferguson will serve as photographer and Mary Pines as Ring Master. We still need lots of volunteers for Saturday as timers, hazard judges and ribbon runners.
3. Membership Renewals - John Bolinski reported we are up to 15 family (34 individuals) and 28 individual memberships for a total of 62 members. We still have 5 family and 18 individuals to renew. We also have 2 new members to add to this number.

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Sunshine: *Lois Evans*

Omitted from April newsletter (sorry) Balance in Sunshine fund: \$55.63.

Cards were sent to Dick Chance and Kay Mildon for hospitalization and to Mary Pines for surgery.

Out and About - Members News

Melissa Steward, our past president has announced that she and Philip Andrew Deitrich are engaged and looking towards a June 2008 wedding in Smyrna DE.

Heidi Ferguson, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitationist, has most recently rescued a pair of fox cubs who lost their mother. She plans on reintroducing them to their natural habitat later this spring.

Members Classified:

Please send your classified information to bolinsj@dol.net or Martie Bolinski 410-398-0257

Wanted: Pony Show Harness. One to fit a 10 to 11 hand pony. Will consider leather or synthetic. One to fit a 12.2 hand pony. Need leather in show condition. Also looking for good quality child's English saddle. Contact Dawn at DMKOHLLAND@aol.com or 302-270-1995

Redden Drive, Jester Tract April 22nd. - Martie Bolinski

Wow! You couldn't ask for nicer weather for a drive! There were 7 horses and many friends. After a safety check by George Parris, we drove for about 2 1/2 hours. I was fortunate enough to drive with George Paris, his wife, Elizabeth and Carolyn Fox with 'Zipper'. Sand was deep in a couple places, but traffic was light and we were able to do a lot of driving on the roads. After a fun, sunny drive, we unhitched and had a picnic lunch in the pavilion followed by our 2nd quarterly membership meeting.

Let's do it again!

Dana Bright Clinic March 3rd - Anna Klump

Fortunately, the day was sunny and fairly warm. Dana arrived at Cair Paravelle just before 9 am and the first participant was on time. The rest of the day ran smoothly and well with 8 participants, all but one from the Delmarva Driving Club. Also, some auditors did show up and Sherry, Donna and Moose generously offered to take two of them for a short carriage ride prior to Moose's lesson.

One lesson that kept repeating was to 'lose the plow rings' on the top of the breeching. More than one participant, myself included, had their plow rings removed so that better contact could be made with the horse's mouth. Most of the participants drove singles, and most worked on better control of their horses and relaxing into the bit. Heidi brought her pair and the day finished with hooking up her pair. Both were a pleasure to watch as they strutted their stuff.

I have just received the photos for everyone participating in the clinic and will be sending out copies very soon.

Participants were: Anna Klump (hostess), Paulin Hatch, Mary Pines, Sherry Harris, Donna Hurst, Heidi Ferguson, Martha Zimmerman. The only non-club member was Judy Tudman, DMV. Since that time, Dr. Judy has had an accident fox hunting and has a broken hip. Since she had a great time with Max, driving, perhaps she will remember that and, when she is back on her farm, will decide to take up driving and join a great group of people and become a club member.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DDC items are in BOLD.

More information about activities will be available in future issues. Check for changes and additions. If you plan to attend a DDC sponsored event, **PLEASE contact** the host before the event.

* *Please note that all of the 'monthly' club drives will start off at 2:00 pm. and are bring your own picnic unless otherwise noted.*

- **May 3-6** - Garden State CDE, Horse Park of NJ, Allen Town, NJ. Training, prelim, interm, adv. phone Heather Walker 908-439-3171, 908-343-6476 or email walkers_whimsea@yahoo.com
- **May 6-7** - **Wilson's Carriage Drive and Auction Weekend. Sunday May 6, Drive and preview. Drive off at 1. May 7, Auction. 4:00 harness etc, 6:00 horses, 7:00 vehicles. 302-42203454**
- **May 11** - **DDC Carriage Show setup starting at 2:00 pm**
- **May 12** - **DDC Carriage Driving Show - info - Carl Zimmerman 410-632-1191, George Parris 302-846-2189**
- **May 17-19** - **The Big Perry Sale, Perry GA. Jim Rhodes 706-592-2834, www.bigperrysale.com.**
- **May 18-20** - **Gayla Bluegrass CDE, Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown KY. Leslie Hernandez 502-863-5113, 502-867-3098 gayla3329@aol.com**
- **May 20 - 25th Annual My Lady's Manor Pleasure Driving Show; Spring Valley Park, Wintertown PA. Novice, Open,**

VSE, Horse/pony. Pam Schneider 717-776-9748 pjschn@aol.com

- **May 24-June 3** - Devon Horse Show and Country Fair. paulnordan@alltel.net
- **June 2-3** Carriage Classic in the Pines Pinehurst Harness Track, Pinehurst NC. Novice whip, pony/horse, open pony/horse, multiples Linda Long 910-692-0943, 910-639-2359 llong6@nc.rr.com
- **June 9-10** - Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program 2007 Benefit Ride-a-Thon at Fair Hills 410-378-3617
- **June 10** - Brandywine Carriage Driving Show, Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA. Bobbi Hager 973-627-2263
- **June 15-25** Acadia National Park Drive/Ride Weekend, Bar Harbor, ME Linda Stebbins 603-778-1196
- **June 16** - Fourth Annual Poker Drive and BBG, Buck's County Horse Park, Revere PA. Teri Lewis 610-847-8077
- **June 16-17** - Elk Creek CDE, Fair Hill MD. Pat Shipley 302-378-4520, 302-593-3175 or email Xdreamer@aol.com
- **June 24, July 27, Aug 5, Oct 14** - Carriage Driving Shows, DVHA 222.dvha.org, 609-397-8080
- **June 29** - 8th Annual Lancaster County Carriage & Antiques Auction at Elam Petersheim Farm. Gordonville, PA 717-661-8712 voicemail.
- **September 30** - Bucks County Horse Park, ADS driving show. 610-847-8597
- **October 28 - Tentative - Frances Baker Drive. More information to follow.**

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4. Silent Auction at Show - Sherry Harris gave a report on the silent auction. We have gotten really great support from Chick's. All members are encouraged to bring items for the auction to the show.
5. Youth Clinic April 21, 2007 - Anne Harris gave a report on the youth clinic. There were approximately 14 youth learning about types of harness and fitting. Volunteers were given the chance to ride or drive, under supervision. The clinic was put on by Sharon Little and Bonnie Forgacs. Sharon will write an article for the next newsletter.
6. Drive Times - A motion was made and passed to change our drive times from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in order to give our members more time to go to church and still get to the drive on time.
7. Bylaw Changes - All 3 bylaw changes proposed in a letter to the membership were voted on and passed. A summary of the changes follows:
 - A. New membership applications will be voted on by the Board, not the membership.
 - B. In addition to the treasurer, another member of the board will be authorized to sign checks, not just the president.
 - C. Should the membership, by majority vote, decide to dissolve the club, all monies and property will be dispersed to other exempt organizations in accordance with Federal Publication 557 for a 501 (c) 7 organization
8. President's Comments - Even though our bylaws now address dissolution, our president, Carolyn Fox, wanted everyone to know that our club is in great shape, we have a lot of activities on our agenda, including the new youth effort and she sees a great future for the club.
9. Drawing for Calendar Door Prize - A drawing was held for a "Draft Horse" calendar and was won by John Bolinski
10. New Memberships - Two new club membership applications were made by Donna Hurst and accepted. Welcome to Betty Thompson and Linda Lesser.

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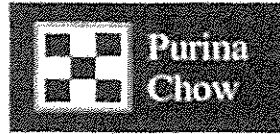
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If any member of DDC has questions or concerns for the ADS, please contact Dana, who will answer or direct you to the correct person or committee. The ADS is always interested in input from the membership.



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B) Budgets

1. Prior to the December meeting, the outgoing Board will prepare a proposed budget for the upcoming year. At minimum, the budget will include all anticipated operational expenses, such as insurance costs, newsletter expenses, etc., and the estimated income from membership dues. The proposed budget will be presented at the December meeting and must be approved by the incoming Board.

2. Prior to the February meeting, the new Board will prepare a revised budget to reflect the estimated costs for non-routine activities and events for the year, and the amount and sources of income needed to pay those costs. The revised budget will be presented at the February meeting after being approved by the Board.

3. A budget will be prepared for all activities or events not included in the approved annual budget where the estimated cost exceeds \$200.00. All activity budgets require approval by the Board prior to the expenditure of funds.

C) Expenditure of Funds

All expenditures of Club funds require approval by the Board, except as explicitly described by the following:

1. The host or organizer of a Club-sponsored pleasure drive may be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the event for up to \$100.00 without prior approval. Receipts or other proof of money spent is required.

2. The Board is authorized to pay any and all normal and/or recurring Club bills included in the approved budget for the year. All such expenditures will be reported to the general membership at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

3. The Board, by majority vote, is authorized to expend Club funds to pay one-time or non-recurring operational expenses not included in the approved budget up to \$200.00. All such expenditures will be reported to the general membership at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

4. The Board, by majority vote, may expend up to \$200.00 per month to conduct business directly related to the Club's purpose and objectives. All such expenditures will be reported to the general membership at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

5. Should the membership decide by majority vote to dissolve the Club, all monies and property will be dispersed to other exempt organizations in accordance with Federal Publication 557 for a 501(C)7 organization

Article V - Officers

The officers of the Club are: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and three directors. Together this is considered the Board.

A) Each officer will serve a one-year term and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination.

B) Each director is elected for a two-year term, and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination.

C) Elections will be held during each December meeting. In preparations for this elections, a nominating committee will be named by the president, and the slate must be presented to the membership via the newsletter at least one month prior to the December meeting. Additional nominations for each office may be made at the meeting.

D) No proxy or absentee votes are permitted.

E) Voting is done by ballot.

F) A vacancy occurring in any office except the presidency is filled by appointment by the Board and will be effective for the remaining unexpired term.

G) Any officer or director absent for two meetings per year may be relieved of the responsibilities of that office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and a replacement shall be appointed as directed in the above clause.

H) Upon the vacancy of the office of president, the vice-president assumes the position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

I) An officer or director may resign from office by submitting a written resignation to the Board.

J) Minimum duties of each office follow. Additional duties may be assigned.

1. President: Preside at all business meetings, voting only as a tiebreaker. Set committee chairpersons, appoint the nominating committee, and perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.

STANDING RULES

The president shall solicit volunteers to handle such duties as newsletter editor/publisher' education leader, safety officer, pleasure drives coordinator, nominations committee, trailer towing and storage overseer, sunshine correspondent, and historian.

A membership roster is to be prepared and distributed to members as soon after January 31 as possible.

Members may borrow Club-owned reference materials and tapes, but must first sign them out through the vice-president, who is in charge of and responsible for Club assets and supplies.

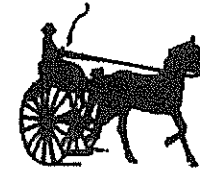
Members using the Club trailer for show or event appearances and displays and selling items are expected to keep the inventory up-to-date. Store all equipment and supplies neatly before returning the trailer to its designated storage location.

Archives shall be stored in the trailer, except for those items that are heat or cold sensitive, such as video tapes and photographs. The vice-president is in charge of all these items.

All members are given a copy of Club by-laws and a membership roster immediately upon becoming a member or as soon after as is possible. Members who do not have a copy of the by-laws should contact the secretary to receive their copy.

The Club shall acknowledge a member's illness, death or other concern with an appropriate card. Exceptions to this rule shall be voted upon by the general membership or directors as occasions arise.

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