



Let's Drive !

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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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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#

A DDC Board Meeting was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 and the minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$7544.02. Deposits totaling \$450 (Show related) and expenditures (Conference Calls, Staples, and Misc.) of \$299.66, left an ending balance of \$7694.36. The report was accepted as presented. Pam Gray gave an update on the status of our Annual Pleasure Driving Show. October 24th is the new date that has been secured at the Caroline County 4-H Park. The Judge is still Mary Harrison from New Jersey and the

Class List/Prize List will remain the same. 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. We know this is a stressful time for everyone, so stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 24th. 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. Attached to this month's newsletter mailing will be a 2020 Roster of DDC Members as well as a copy of the Club By-Laws. Hopefully this will help encourage and make contact with other members easier. May has been designated as National Carriage Driving Month and the Club would like to have a virtual contest bringing attention to horse drawn carriages owned and driven by our members. Details for the contest can be found in this newsletter!

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.

Members Out and About

Our worlds are completely different than just a few short months ago. Some of you or someone you know may be experiencing significant hardships or have even been personally impacted by this pandemic. However we must remain resilient, take the right steps to stay healthy, and be grateful for what we have.



Dianne Valentine's Siri and Dutch



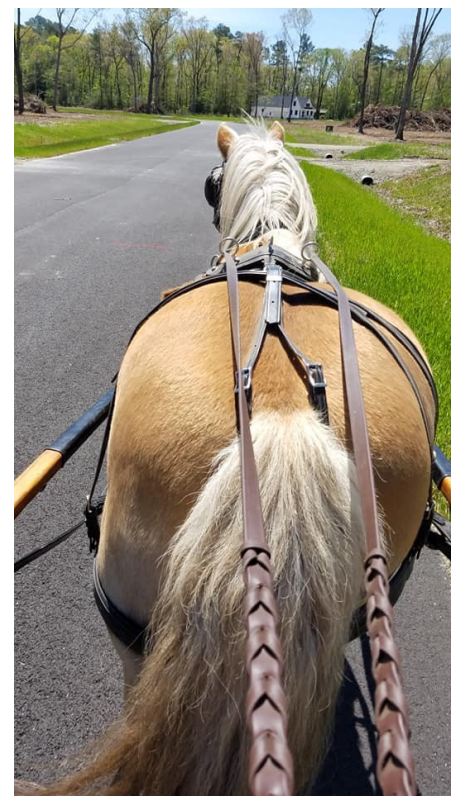
Deb Dawkins and Breezy



Tara Brauning with her new horse CJ Smoke



Kaye Purnell meeting Charlie Purnell's new driving prospect named Sonic

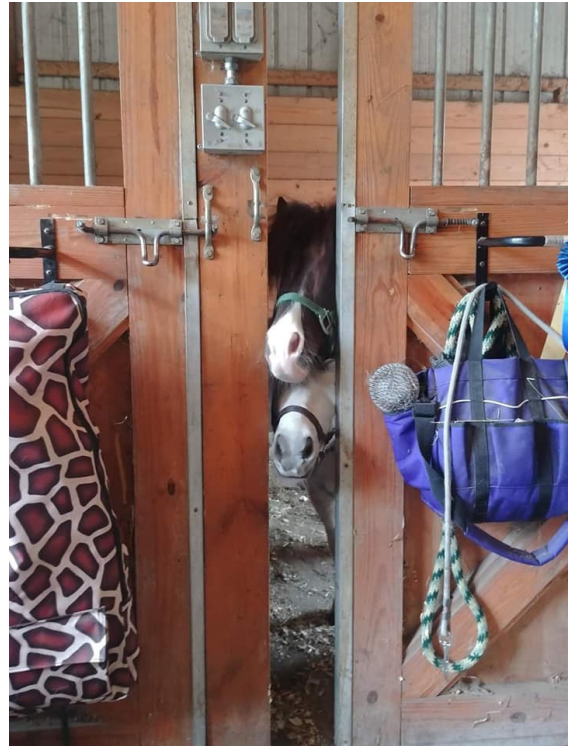


Linda Thomas' Flush

Coping with Covid



Dianne Valentine and Dutch



Maddy's Oreo and Starlight



Maddy Zacharkow and Starlight



John Layton and Miss Cora



Frances Baker's Dundee and Anibal Escalante



Welcome New Members

The DDC is thrilled to welcome the following new member! We can't wait to get to know you and look forward to having you join us at upcoming events:

Meet Helen Heinzer who lives in Chestertown, MD. She and her husband have just moved to the area and are ready to meet some local driving enthusiasts! Helen has ridden for over 30 years, however she has only been driving for 6 years. During this time, she has only owned Morgans. At present she has a 9 year old Morgan gelding named Red (Cosmos FireNice) and he is the 5th horse she's owned. Since he's new to driving, Helen and Red are taking lessons with Kim Stover. Some of her goals are to be able to drive 'off the farm' monthly and participate in a couple of driving shows. Hopefully we will see them at some of our drives and our Annual Show in October!



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 Cards were sent to Judith Hartman and Marcy and Mark Eades to cheer them while they are coping with severe health issues affecting their parents.

Congratulations to Diane and Rick Savage as they celebrate the arrival of a new great-granddaughter named Sawyer Rose Hastings

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.

A Virtual Photo Contest



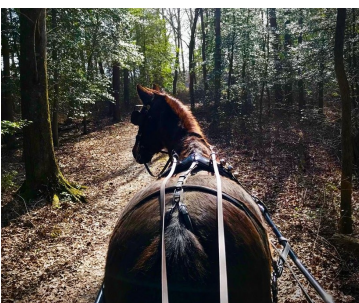
The idea for a national carriage & driving month came about through the efforts of the Carriage Association of America, the Carriage Museum of America, and the American Driving Society working together. Hence in May 2008, "National Carriage Driving Month" was declared. Since we can't celebrate this event in a group setting, we've decided to hold a virtual contest in an effort to showcase and share our member's horse-drawn carriages and their types/styles of carriage driving. And the best part of this contest is that is each member can participate by submitting photos as well as voting to select winners in the various categories!

The Rules or What We're Looking for!

Check out the categories below and then simply look through your horse and carriage photos to enter. Enter as many categories as you like, but hurry because the deadline to enter is Friday, May 22, 2020. On Saturday, May 23, 2020, the photos will be posted on the Delmarva Driving Club Facebook page for judging. Simply Like or Love a photo in each category. The last day to vote is Friday, May 29, 2020. Category Winners are based on popular vote and will be announced Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Categories:

- Category 1: Antiques, Collectibles, and Restoration Projects
- Category 2: Unique Hitch Configurations
- Category 3: Commercial Carriage Driving
- Category 4: Small but Mighty
- Category 5: Big and Powerful
- Category 6: My Driving Buddy or Prospect
- Category 7: Pleasure Shows and Drives
- Category 8: Dressage, Cones, and Marathons—CDE
- Category 9: Equine Head Shots
- Category 10: Humorous
- Category 11: Between the Ears Scenic Shots
- Category 12: Training



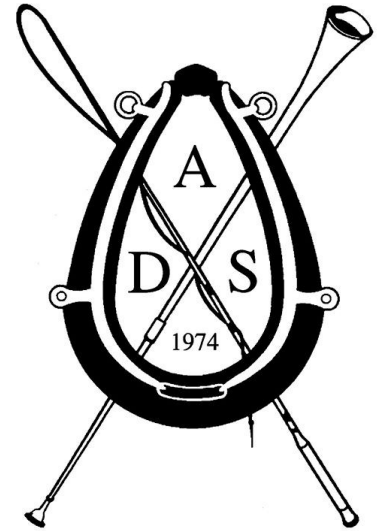
Show off your favorite equine—email your entries to: glassmanlpt@aol.com If you have questions, e-mail or call Linda at 410-430-6943.

Let's Drive !

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From the ADS President (Dan Rosenthal) to ADS Members:

We are starting to see some early relaxation of the rules that have been put in place to keep our families and neighbors safe but we simply don't know what that will bring or how the states and local governments will individually respond to what happens next. Our Board and Technical Committees have stayed in close contact and watch the changing environment with the never lessening hope that soon we will be able to find a way to engage with each other in the sport we love and then at some near term point – to actually be able to resume having competitions, group events and club activities and just go out and drive with our friends. I have been engaged in conversations with organizers, competitors and recreational drivers as well as with those who regulate the upper levels of competition at the FEI and USEF. We are looking at changes in how events would be run and how organizers can have the legal and insurance protection that they need in order to open their homes to other drivers and yet keep their own families safe. I am personally engaged with our insurance carriers to try to sort out how insurance and waivers might work in our new world. Some ideas are beginning to emerge – especially with respect to smaller single day events. Your Executive Committee, working with the Technical Committees and with the amazing supportive energy of our Executive Director Abbie Trexler has put together a survey that is being distributed. Our goal is to find out what you are thinking and expecting as well as to solicit your input on how we can and should move forward. I encourage you to complete the survey and provide your ideas – the information we get from this will help us chart a way forward for the sport of driving.



ADS Covid-19 Recovery Driver Data Collection Survey Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/201204430244033>

BVDC Clinic - Back to Basics Flat Work as a Foundation for Cones and Hazards

Clinician: Kim Stover

WHEN: Saturday, June 20th 2020 (Rain Date Sat. June 27) - (depending on the status of COVID-19 of course!)
WHERE: Kim and Jeff Stover's Singletree Farm - 1063 Massey Church Road, Smyrna, DE 19977. Grass footing.
WHO: Open to both BVDC members & non-members - Limited to 10 Singles Drivers

COST: Based on which of these 3 lesson options you choose:

- (1) 30 Minutes of Flat work - \$65 BVDC Member/\$70 Non-BVDC
- (2) 45 Minutes of Flat work or Flat work/Cones combo - \$75 BVDC Member / \$80 Non-BVDC
- (3) 60 Minutes of Flat work or Flat work/Cones or Flat work/Cones/Hazards* - \$80 BVDC Member / \$85 Non-BVDC

Audit Fee: BVDC Members \$25.00 / Non-BVDC \$30.00

Scheduling for individual lessons will be grouped by 30-45-60 minute sessions

Headsets provided for Drivers, Navigators and Auditors

REQUIREMENTS: • All horses must have proof of current negative Coggins within 1 yr and flu/rhino vaccination within 6 months. • *Hazard Drivers must have their own Navigator • All participants must sign club waiver for insurance purposes. • Anyone riding on a carriage must wear protective headgear. • Bring your own food and drinks please. • Water will be on site for the horses, please bring your own buckets. BVDC would like to maximize this fantastic opportunity to drive with a very talented driver and coach. All money raised after our cost will go to the club! For more info contact Helen Heinzer (973-219-1365 or helen.heinzer@icloud.com)

About Kim Stover: Kim has been driving competitively since 1991. She began driving under the tutelage of Lana Wright. A former USEF national champion and World Championship team member, Kim has developed her horses with a solid foundation based on correct basics. Kim is happy helping a young horse gain confidence or an inexperienced driver figure things out in the sport of combined driving.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS Saturday 6/13

REGISTRATION FORM

Back to Basics Clinic with Kim Stover 6/20/19

I plan to attend with horse/carriage, my clinic request is:

- 30 Minutes of Flat Work (\$65 Members / \$70 Non-Members)**
- 45 Minutes of Flat Work or Flat Work/Cones Combo (\$75 Members/\$80 Non-Members)**
- 60 Minutes of Flat Work or Flat Work/Cones Combo or Flat Work/Cones/Hazards (\$80 Members / \$85 Non-Members)**
- I would like to audit the clinic (\$20 Members, \$25 Non Members)**

My driving experience and focus for this clinic is: _____

My horse's experience and level of training: _____

This registration form must be accompanied by:

- A **check** in the appropriate amount, made payable to: **BVDC**
 - OR, you may pay online at www.bvdc.org using **PayPal**
- **Copy of current negative Coggins test** (within one year) and **Flu/Rhino documentation** (within 6 months) per ADS rule GR-6.3
- **Signed BVDC Release** - form available on-site or use this link to download it: <http://www.bvdc.org/BVDCRelease.pdf>

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Age if under 18 _____

Name of accompanying adult (if driver is under 18): _____

_____ Telephone: _____

Send all registration materials to:

Helen Heinzer
7712 Broad Neck Rd.
Chestertown, MD 21620

For questions or more info - contact:

Helen Heinzer
973-219-1365
helen.heinzer@icloud.com

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.

05/12/20

Martin's Spring Auction will be held online beginning at 3 pm. To bid online go to martinauctioneers.hibid.com. Updated Terms, Conditions, Photos & Descriptions of auction items will be available on the website in the near future - PICTURES CAN BE FOUND IN THE PHOTO GALLERY!

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. Look for updates as they become available—this may go to an online auction depending on restrictions in Delaware

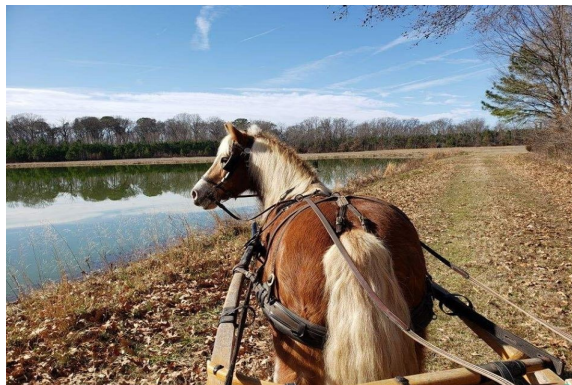
06/25 –26/20

21st Annual Carriage and Antique Auction in Bird-in-Hand, PA. Thursday evening is the early bird sale and Friday is the all day event featuring carriages, miniature horses, tools, etc. This is a Mud Sale that benefits the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company.

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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or 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.



DIY Corner

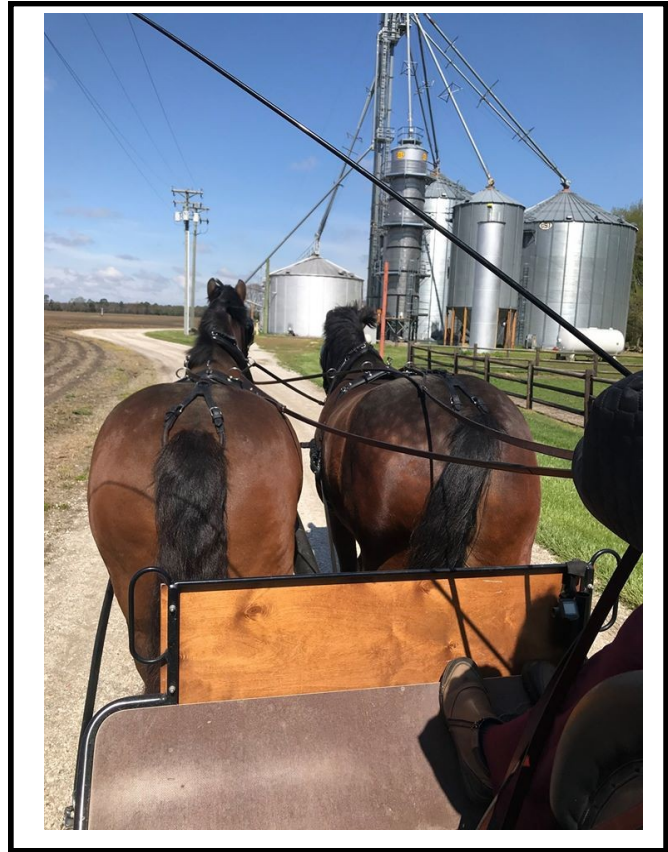


What do you do with the ends of your reins when driving? I often cringe when I see people with them dragging down at their feet or outside of the carriage. This can become a safety hazard as they could get caught in your wheels or part of the horse or vehicle or on something outside the vehicle and cause an accident. Some people hang the excess over their arm, but they don't always stay put.

Here are a couple of small driving "hacks" that are easy and may help others. The first is a stretchy band that loops over the wrist to hold reins up and off the floor of the vehicle while driving. It will break easily or come off quickly in case of accident. The second is a method that Anna Klumpp has shared—simply use the strap of your driving glove, place the rein underneath and Velcro it closed.

Tired of hay waste? Make a simple and easy to use slow feeder with a barrel, hay net, and 4 x 4 posts. There are many variations - make it to fit the needs of your equines! There are also commercial made products like a hay hoop





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