



# Let's Drive !

November, 2018



**Delmarva Driving Club,  
Inc**

## Bits and Pieces – Club Information

**Inside this issue:**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Members Out and About                            | 2 |
| Anna Klumpp and Ditty are Champions              | 3 |
| Introducing Young People to Horses and Carriages | 3 |
| A Weekend of Coaching in Newport                 | 4 |
| Upcoming Events                                  | 5 |
| DIY Corner                                       | 6 |
| Teddy Bears Picnic                               | 6 |
| Your Club Needs You                              | 7 |
| Coaching in the Berkshires                       | 7 |

**Attention!!**

**Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at the Ruthsburg Community Center 105 Damsontown Rd, Queen Anne, MD 21657**

The Annual General Membership Meeting and Holiday Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 1st at the Ruthsburg Community Center in Queen Anne, MD. During this meeting the annual election of club officers takes place. In preparation for this, the membership is presented a Slate of Officers. As per our Bylaws, the officers of the Club are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors. Each officer will serve a one-year term and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination. 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. The nominating committee, consisting of Diane Savage, Nancy Offen, and Linda Thomas, have submitted the following slate for consideration to the membership.

Additional nominations for each office can also be made at the meeting. No proxy or absentee votes are permitted.

**Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors:**

- President: Anna Klumpp
- Vice-President: Sherry Harris
- Secretary: Kim Baklarz
- Treasurer: Carol Bush
- Directors: *Need to elect 3*  
 Pamela Gray  
 Frances Baker  
 Charlie Purnell  
 Harry Hassan  
 George Parris

A Social Hour, with appetizers, will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at noon. Upon completion of the meeting, lunch will be served. The Club will provide the meat (ham and chicken) and beverages and members should bring a dish to share. If you have a

specialty or favorite, please bring that. Otherwise the club suggests the following:  
 If your last name begins with:  
 A–H: please bring a veggie/side dish  
 I–P: please bring a dessert  
 Q–Z: please bring an appetizer  
 Make sure you RSVP to Kim Baklarz at [kimbaklarz@yahoo.com](mailto:kimbaklarz@yahoo.com) or 410-490-6548, no later than November 26th. If you would like to be one of Kim’s elves, please arrive at 10 am to help with setup.  
*Mark this important event on your calendar, as the Club needs you!!*  
 Be sure to renew your DDC Membership too!



## Members Out and About



Judith Hartman competing with her newly formed pair

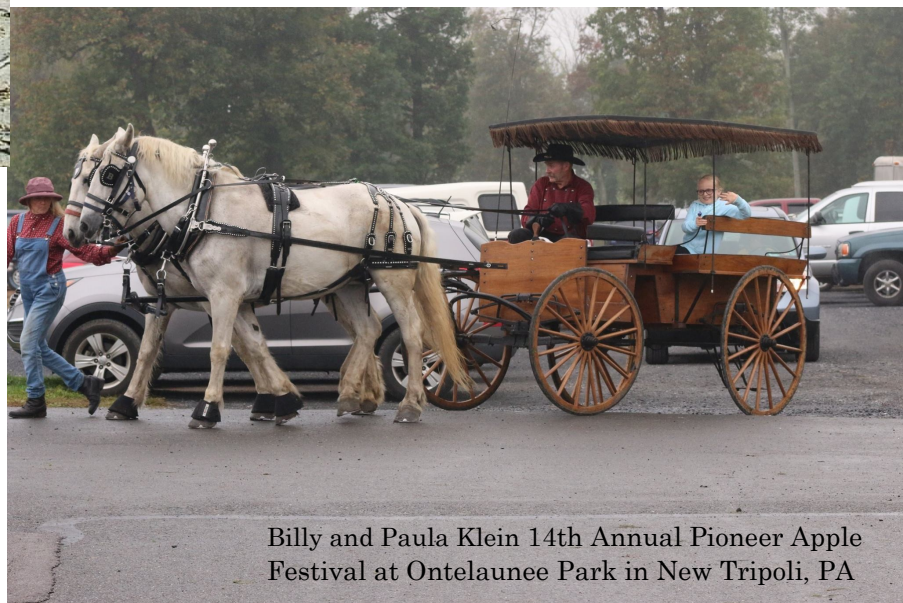


Bill Venditta and Don Stewart, Jr. enjoying a pleasure drive around Bill's home

Charlie Purnell driving Primrose, her American Shetland Pony



Sherry Harris and Linda Thomas enjoying a pleasure drive at Idylwild WMA



Billy and Paula Klein 14th Annual Pioneer Apple Festival at Ontelaunee Park in New Tripoli, PA

## Anna Klumpp and Ditty are Champions!

During October 12th thru 14th, DDC President Anna Klumpp traveled to New Jersey for a shot at winning a National Title. The Garden State Combined Driving Event (CDE) welcomed 21 entrants across six USEF Preliminary Combined Driving National Championship divisions. The idea behind the preliminary national championships, which made their debut in 2018, was to act as a catalyst to ignite further interest in the combined driving discipline. Anna took Mighty Aphrodite (aka Ditty) and on the 14th they won the USEF 2018 Preliminary CDE Champion VSE . Ditty is one awesome little horse and Anna one heck of a driver! Way to go Anna & Ditty!



Anna & Ditty in the Water Obstacle



Ditty sporting her 'Bling'



On the Cones portion of the event

### Introduction to Horses and Carriages

with Frances Baker  
Photos by Linda Thomas

**T**welve lucky campers recently visited the Delaware farm of Wayne and Frances Baker. They were given a carriage tour through the working farm using the Baker's Clydesdale/Hackney crosses. Frances introduced the campers to basic horse care, the coach house and then took them for a drive using two different types of carriages. During lunch the campers were surrounded by different types of harness which they were encouraged to explore.

The youngest camper was five, with the majority being tweens. The campers responded very positively, they particularly enjoyed climbing on the coach and feeding the horses carrots as they said goodbye.

Linda Thomas, Hannah Beck, Anibal Escalate and Dawn Beach assisted with the outing.

#### YOUTH EDUCATION



## Introducing Young People to Horses and Carriages

For the second summer in a row, Frances and Wayne Baker opened their farm for a field trip from campers at a nearby equestrian summer camp. The campers were able to learn first hand about carriages by actually going for a carriage ride. They also learned about basic horse care, types of harness, and different styles of carriages. This event was shared with the Carriage Association of America, who published an article in the October, 2018 Carriage Journal.



## A Weekend of Coaching in Newport

This event happens every three years in Newport, Rhode Island and celebrates a century old tradition. The Preservation Society of Newport County invited ten teams who drove through the streets of Newport and the grounds of the Newport Mansions. Frances and Wayne Baker were invited to attend this prestigious event and were watched by a crowd of over 3,000 during a coaching skills exhibition performed at the Elms. Below are a few photos from the event.



## Upcoming Events!

- 11/8/18 Be a part of History—the Return Day Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in this neat event. On the Thursday after Election Day, the winners and losers ride together in carriages around the circle in Georgetown, DE. Contact Frances Baker, Linda Thomas or Bill Lawson (302-856-1535) for more information.
- 11/11/18 Member Dave Wilson and Wilson's Auction will host their Annual Carriage Drive which begins at 1 pm. Their carriage and tack auction starts at 4 pm on Monday, November 12th. The event will be held at Wilson's Auction 10120 Dupont Blvd Lincoln, Delaware
- 11/17/18 Pleasure Drive at Idylwild. Since this is a 1,500 acre tract, it will be a two hour line drive with a start time of 10:30 am. This drive is just under seven miles and has an area of deep sand. It's best to bring single hitches and your equine needs to be able to go through water. Due to parking, Please RSVP to Sherry Harris - 410-482-2402 at least one week prior to the event. Directions from Route 404 - turn South onto Adamsville Road which turns into Bloomery Rd (once in Maryland) - turn left onto Noble Road (J & R Country Store is on the corner) - go over the small bridge and the Parking Lot is on the right (Large sign identifies it). Please bring your own lunch and be sure to dress for the weather. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sherry Harris.
- 12/1/18 DDC General Membership, Elections, and Holiday Luncheon at the Ruthsburg Community Center, 105 Damsontown Rd, Queen Anne, MD. Full details can be found on page one of this newsletter. Make sure you mark this important date on the calendar as we plan the future of the Club.
- 12/9/18 Pleasure Drive at Holly Ridge Equestrian Center (36609 Purnell Crossing Rd, Willards, Maryland 21874) —come have fun on the many trails or practice your arena driving. Host Ann Luke states there is a cross country course with some fun and easy obstacles as well as a trail loop in the woods, 10 acres of a hay field to drive on, and both indoor and outdoor arenas for use. This is the perfect place for both novice horses and drivers to practice their driving skills as it is all on private property (no hunters or traffic). There is ample parking with water available. Bring your own lunch - beverages provided. Call 410-430-1228 if you need more

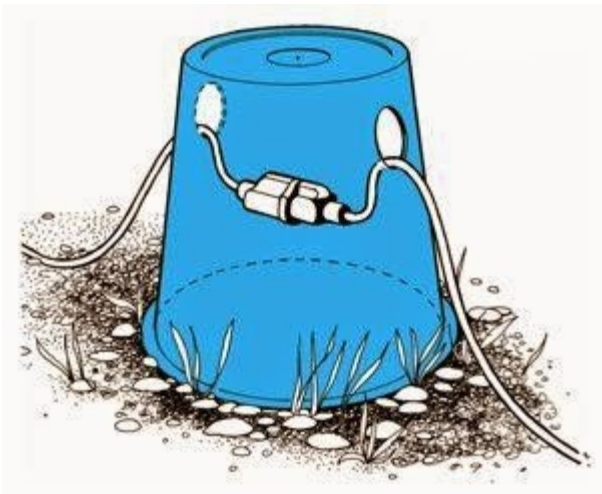


## DIY Corner

### Protect Power Cords

Drill two small holes in a overturned bucket to protect your power cord connections from rain and snow.

This also makes it easier to find them after a big snow fall.



### Monitor Trailer Temperature

Get an inexpensive [indoor/outdoor thermometer](#) to keep tabs on the temperature inside your trailer (without pulling over every 10 min!).

Put the outdoor portion in the trailer and keep the reader inside the cab of the truck. Great for piece of mind while travelling, especially during extreme weather.



## Teddy Bears Picnic

The Teddy Bears Picnic Combined Test & the Teddy Bear Trot was held at Fair Hill on Sunday, November 4th. It was a gorgeous day to drive and many DDC Members competed— Anna Klumpp (with two entries), Donna Hurst, Sherry Harris, Debby Donovan, and Judith Hartman. Linda Thomas and Mary Nelson were seen volunteering. What a fun event!



## Your Club Needs You

The DDC Annual Pleasure Driving Show is slated for May, 2019 at the Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton, MD. This has been a successful show for many years, however it depends on volunteers for its success. What can you do? Simply contact any Board Member and there is a job for you. There are no specific skills required and everyone is welcome. We especially need a Show Manager— there is already a great team of volunteers in the wings. Planning starts early—so join the team today!!!!

Since 2019 is right around the corner, it's time to start planning our club activities and drives. Put on your thinking cap and let the Board know what equine things you would like to participate in. As in previous years, we will once again hold a 'Newbie Driving Clinic'. Several other clinic ideas are also in the works. The club is constantly looking for both hosts and new places to hold pleasure drives—if this is something you would like to do—contact any Board Member. Think about what aspects of carriage driving (collecting, restoration, competitive driving, commercial work, etc.) you would like to explore and make a suggestion to a Board Member. Our club was formed due to our common interest in driving— hence the Board of Directors attempt to provide a variety of opportunities for all persons, all members and all levels. We can't offer exactly the same opportunities each year but hopefully we can schedule clinics, talks (on a variety of subjects) and/or a drive almost every month. **But we need your help and input!**

We hope to see you at one of our events!

## Coaching in the Berkshires



Frances and Wayne Baker enjoyed the Berkshire Coaching Weekend this October. The event takes place in the Berkshires in the western part of Massachusetts every two years. This area is known for its natural beauty and it provided a favorite coaching setting for many members of the Coaching Club of New York at the turn of the century. The Astors, Vanderbilts, Fields, Morgans, Carnegies, and Westinghouses were some of the famous families that built large opulent 'Cottages' and the Berkshires became known as the 'Inland Newport'.

This year there were 12 coaches which traveled the roads of The Berkshires from the Orleton Farm through the village of Stockbridge to the Elm Court Estate



We're on  
Facebook!  
Check us out

## Board of Directors

### President

Anna Klumpp (410) 708-3588

montalmax@hotmail.com

### Vice President

Jane Bailey (443) 988-1395

andovermeadow@gmail.com

### Treasurer

Carol Bush (443) 553-6186

clbush2@yahoo.com

### Secretary

Kim Baklarz (410) 490 -6548

kim@qalibrary.org or kimbaklarz@yahoo.com

### Board Members:

George Parris (302) 846-2189

gigiparris@version.net

Nancy Offen (302) 228-7612

nvoffenlit@juno.com

Michele Novack (202) 841-0019

cbhwhip@gmail.com

Diane Savage (410) 641-1837

savagpearl@aol.com

Carol Seiler (443)-466-5043

carol.seiler@live.com

### Facebook/Newsletter Editor

Linda Thomas (410)-430-6943

glassmanlpt@aol.com

### Membership Chair

Deb Dawkins (410)-310-9569

pulling4u2@gmail.com

### Sunshine Chair:

Darlene Logan (410)-200-0960

maneship@yahoo.com